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OF AMITY AND COOPERATION
IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**

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US COMMENDS OMAN'S ROLE IN SECURING TRUCE IN YEMEN

US President Biden has expressed his gratitude to the Sultanate of Oman for its role in advancing peace in Yemen

WASHINGTON: The central role played by the Sultanate of Oman, under the leadership of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, in securing the extension of truce in the Republic of Yemen, has been hailed by President Joe Biden of the United States of America (USA).

In a statement issued by the White House, President Biden expressed his gratitude to Oman for its role in advancing peace in Yemen through talks among Sayyid Badr Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister and his Ameri-



can counterpart Antony Blinken and Rashad Al Alimi, President of the Yemeni Presidential Leadership Council.

UN Special Envoy for Yemen, Hans Grundberg said the agreement also includes continued

and extensive contacts between the concerned parties so that an expanded agreement could be reached in future.

The United Nations had announced yesterday that the Yemeni parties had reached an agree-



ment to extend the truce for two more months.

Arab Parliament

Meanwhile, the Arab Parliament has welcomed the decision to extend the truce for two more months, including a commitment from all parties to intensify negotiations to reach a broad agreement as soon as possible.

In a statement, the Arab Parliament affirmed that the decision to extend the truce contributes to advancing efforts to reach a comprehensive settlement of the Yemeni crisis, and support

initiatives for a political solution, based on the relevant Security Council resolutions, the Gulf initiative and its executive mechanisms and the outcomes of the comprehensive national dialogue that would preserve Yemen's unity and independence as also the security, stability and prosperity of Yemen and its people.

In the statement, the Arab Parliament urged the parties to build on this positive step to achieve progress in the political process, which would lead to an end of the crisis in Yemen. **-ONA**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES



**OMAN
10m-trees MoU inked**

1 The Environment Authority yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Sohar Aluminium company on supporting the "National 10-million-tree initiative" in the Governorate of Musandam. **>A5**

**WORLD
Beirut silos collapse**

2 Days ahead of the second anniversary of the Beirut port blast, which killed 216 people and injured 6,000, part of the northern grain silos collapsed with a loud crash. This time, nobody was killed. **>A6**

**MARKET
IPOs raise \$13.5bn**

3 The Mena region witnessed a 500 per cent year-on-year increase in the number of companies listing during the first half of 2022 with 24 IPOs raising proceeds of \$13.5 billion – an increase of 2,952 per cent in value when compared to the same period in 2021. **>B1**



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INVESTMENT

OIA successfully develops real estate project in Düsseldorf

MUSCAT: Oman Investment Authority (OIA) announced the success of its Eclipse Tower development in the German city of Düsseldorf, a real estate project which has been successfully sold to Union Investment, a renowned Germany-based institutional investor months before the completion date, despite the challenges facing global supply chain of building materials.

Opportunities

Ibrahim Said Al Eisri, Director General of Private Equity at OIA, said that OIA always looks for investment opportunities in promising areas that promote economic diversity and contribute to the maximisation of revenues to be used in forming reserves and savings for future generations and realising financial sustainability.

OIA's investments are cur-



international partners to attract FDI to the Sultanate of Oman.

Alejandro Obermeier, Head of Investment Management at Union Investment which bought the Tower, said: "By buying Eclipse Tower, we now own a well-known and competitive building with high quality, modern and flexible office space and high sustainability."

Remarkable location

Eclipse Tower, to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2022, enjoys a remarkable location that connects Düsseldorf city centre with the airport. It is characterised by its triangular shape and consists of 16 floors covering about 27,500 square metres of leased space with contemporary offices, multi-purpose rooms, and terraces with panoramic views. The tower enjoys an attractive architectural and structural design. **>A3**

rently distributed sector-wise and geographically over more than 40 countries across the globe. Moreover, OIA's investment directives are aligned with the government vision to strengthen areas of economic cooperation with other countries with the aim of maintaining joint interest and finding

RESTORATION

Top officials visit South Al Batinah to assess damage from rains

MUSCAT: The Secretary General of the Ministry of Finance, Nasser Khamis Al Jashmi, accompanied by a number of undersecretaries, went on a field visit to villages in South Al Batinah Governorate where the recent heavy rains caused damage to people's homes and properties.

The officials followed up efforts undertaken to restore basic services disrupted during the rains and wadi floods. The visit covered the villages of Wadi Bani Kharous in the Wilayat of Al Awabi and Wadi Bani Auf, Al Ghashab and Al Lateekha in the Wilayat of A'Rustaq.

Preliminary assessments indicated that 100 houses suffered dam-

ages in the Wilayat of A'Rustaq, Governorate of South Al Batinah, and that most of the impacts occurred to the buildings' infrastructure, said Al Jashmi.

He added that the impacts also included power and water disconnections and that contacts were made with specialist to get the services restored as soon as possible. Roads were opened and traffic flow was facilitated, he said.

Dr. Ali Amir Al Shidhani, Communications and Information Technology Undersecretary at the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology, told Oman News Agency and Oman TV that the ministry is

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opening alternative roads for the impacted areas at a time specialised department are working to restore normalcy.

Meanwhile, Shaikh Rashid Ahmed Al Shamsi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Development, told Oman News Agency and Oman TV that the field visit capped up efforts to inventory damages in the aftermath of the wet weather.

This was also affirmed by Shaikh Saleh Diab Al Rubai'ee, Wali of A'Rustaq, who told ONA that restoration work undertaken by government departments is in full swing in the impacted areas. This, he said, can be observed in the wilayats of A'Rustaq and Al Awabi, where basic services like power, water, telecommunications and traffic are being restored at a steady pace. **-ONA**





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AL MOUJ MUSCAT

Positioning Oman at the pinnacle of Asia Pacific’s real estate market

MUSCAT: Oman's premium life-style destination Al Mouj Muscat has received regional recognition at the Real Estate Asia Awards 2022, winning two titles in a prestigious awards programme that celebrates the most innovative real estate developments and companies across the Asia Pacific region.

Al Mouj Muscat's magnificent Zunairah mansions received the Luxury Residential Development of the Year, and Beyond Dreams, a promotional campaign for its exclusive collection of contemporary Golf Beach Residences won Marketing & Brand Initiative of the Year. The awards programme recognises major breakthroughs, innovations as well as key players across the real estate industry with the two awards providing external affirmation that Al Mouj has set a new benchmark for unparalleled and luxury living. Its CEO Nasser bin Masoud Al Sheibani says: "We are delighted with these awards as they honour excellence and endorse our ability to creating products that meet buyers' aspirations."

"Thanks to our guiding philosophy of Placemaking, our premium properties nurture a deep connection between people and what's around them and it is fantastic to be recognised by Real Estate Asia as an innovator both in relation to our homes and how we communicate and engage with customers."

Marketing & Brand Initiative of the Year

Golf Beach Residences' Beyond Dreams campaign impressed judges through an unconventional creative approach that was extremely effective as, in addition to the high number of hits on digital platforms. It generated over 38 million video views and became the most watched video in Oman and over 1,300 sales leads, resulting in 90 per cent of the villas selling within four weeks of launch.



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Al Mouj Muscat Celebrates Winning Two Prestigious Titles at Real Estate Asia Awards

Salma Al Hashmi
Vice President of Marketing

Sales for the sophisticated five-bedroom homes exceeded initial targets and, as Salma Al Hashmi, Vice President of Marketing explains: "The high-end design of the villas meant we needed to capture the imagination of the most discerning customers and so we built on the insight that to 'live in luxury' today extends beyond the physical product to a desire for unique experiences and emotional equilibrium."

"It is why the campaign tells a fairy-tale about a gentle-yet-bold female protagonist and her connection with a mythical unicorn which inspired by the legend of the Arabian Oryx, is a metaphor for the rarity, beauty and prestige of Golf Beach Residences' premium offering."

Luxury Residential Development of the Year

As to Zunairah winning the Luxury Residential Development of the Year, Al Sheibani credits this to a number of factors including listening to customers, understanding changing aspirations and creating homes with a focus on sustainability. He says: "A true sense of luxury is the ability to live in harmony in a place where life can be lived at its best. That sense of being able to determine what you want from each day whether it is adventure or privacy, homes for a large gathering or for quiet reflection."

Zunairah is a limited collection of opulent ocean view mansions set in a private gated precinct



within the Shatti district which is at the center of Al Mouj Muscat so within easy reach of all of the ITC's leisure and lifestyle amenities. Six-bedrooms and light-filled owing to a central double height atrium, they are triumphs of contemporary design, created by a hand-picked team of internationally acclaimed architects whose brief was to create the ultimate beachside family home.

Explains Al Sheibani: "With Zunairah, we set out to create homes that offer spaces that families can adapt as they grow, along with formal and informal areas, and with Smart technology built-in. The layout is open plan and free flowing, seamlessly connect-

ing with the landscaped beauty outside. Some designs include a garden suite, a fully customisable space to be used as a luxurious home office, a home cinema or gym which is a feature that proved to have enormous appeal to buyers."

Al Mouj Muscat is the Sultanate's leading leisure and lifestyle destination, a joint venture between Majid Al Futtaim Properties, OMRAN and Tanmia. It attracts over 3.9 million visitors to its boulevard style, world-class retail, dining and leisure experiences, including a 400-berth marina and an award-winning championship golf course.

Al Sheibani concludes: "It is

very gratifying to see that our hard work and commitment to customers is recognised by awards of this caliber and I very much hope to see our products and campaigns go on to be considered for more accolades in future."

Al Mouj is Oman's first Integrated Tourism Complex (ITC), a master-planned lifestyle community with an oceanside setting that since 2006 has become home to 8,000 people from 85 nationalities. Now 75 per cent complete, through a mix of elegant residential properties, world-class golf course and marina, dining and retail amenities, and a strong sense of belonging, it has redefined urban living in the Sultanate.

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OMAN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY

< FROM **A1** Rooftop solar power used in OIA’s Eclipse Tower building

The building uses a rooftop solar power system that supplies eco-friendly electricity to common areas of the office tower; in addition to 46 electronic charging poles in the underground car parking and bicycle parking. The building is controlled by smart building technology. Oman Investment Authority is targeting investments in the real estate sector according to a strategy that focuses on geographical diversity and striking partnerships with countries and investors who demonstrate great expertise/experience in this sector. OIA's real estate portfolio is spread across numerous developments projects, value-added projects and key long-term projects; aiming to achieve good returns and mitigate risk rate in the long term.

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WEATHER

Heavy rains recorded over a number of wilayats in Oman

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Wilayat of Al-Awabi in the Governorate of South Al-Batinah recorded the highest amount of precipitation in the Sultanate exceeding 290 millimetres on August 1 and August 2.

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries Wealth and Water Resources said: "The distribution of rainfall in different wilayats of the Sultanate of Oman on August 1 and August 2 was as follows: Wilayat of Al-Awabi in South Al-Batinah Governorate recorded the highest amount of rainfall at 291 mm, followed by the wilayat of Al-Hamra in Al-Dakhiliyah Governorate at 160 mm, wilayat of Bahla in the same Governorate at 50 mm, wilayat of Ibra in Al-Dakhiliyah Governorate at 45 mm, wilayat of Manah in the same governorate at 38 mm."

Wilayat of Al-Mudhaibi

Wilayat of Al-Mudhaibi in North Al-Sharqiyah Governorate received 35 millimetres of rainfall, followed by the wilayat of Nizwa in Al-Dakhiliyah receiving slightly less at 33 mm. The wilayats Saham and Samail recorded the lowest



amount of rainfall in the Sultanate at just 3 mm.

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) said that local formation clouds over the Al-Hajar Mountains and neighbouring areas led to rainfall with varying intensity accompanied by strong winds and hail in the north of Al-Sharqiyah in Al-Qabil, Al-Mudhaibi and Ibra, Al-Dakhiliyah in Al-Hamra, Bahla and Nizwa, Al-Dhahirah in Dhank, Ibri and Yanqul, Al-Buraimi and Mahdah.

The statement added that "the thunderstorms were accompanied by active winds that led to

decreased visibility and volatilisation of unstable materials. Therefore, utmost care and caution must be taken and approach near streams of valleys should be avoided."

The Civil Defence and Ambulance Authority (CDAA) also said that "in view of the heavy rains expected in the governorates of North and South Al-Batinah, Al-Dakhiliyah, Al-Buraimi, Al-Dhahirah and North Al-Sharqiyah, the authority calls on everyone to adhere to safety guidelines that guarantee the safety of lives and property."

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/2023

Unified admission system

MUSCAT: A total of 38,513 male and female students successfully applied through the unified admission system. The time given for change of students' interests for the academic year 2022/2023 ended on Monday, where students had the opportunity for amending their study programmes.

For the start of personal interviews and Admission tests for the academic year 2022/2023, the Unified Admission Centre at the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation announced via its website and its social media

accounts the schedule for conducting personal interviews, admission tests and medical examinations for the study programme as a step for conducting such tests from Sunday 7 August to Thursday 11 August.

Students can acquaint through the schedule with each study programme as per the venue and timing set by the educational institutions and the contact details of institutions, provided that students present the institutions with copies of their general education diploma certificate or its

equivalent, original ID card and the documents and other requirements stipulated for each study programme.

Nearly 4,000 students would be nominated for 1,317 seats in 44 study programmes. The Unified Admission Centre will send SMS to the candidates for the tests and personal interviews. Students may also access their registration page in the Unified Admission System in order to acquaint with the result of nomination.

Full story @ timesofoman.com/xxxxxx

SHABAB OMAN II ARRIVES AT AALBORG PORT

The Royal Navy of Oman (RNO) vessel, Shabab Oman II, arrived at the Port of Aalborg in the Kingdom of Denmark as part of its sixth international voyage themed 'Oman, Land of Peace'. For five days, Shabab Oman II, will welcome visitors to introduce them to the vessel's message of friendship and fraternity between Oman and different countries of the world. While on the go, the vessel highlights Omani culture, maritime history and centuries-old heritage. — OMA



Sultanate joins Treaty of Amity and Cooperation

The signing ceremony took place on the sidelines of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) meeting of foreign ministers



MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman yesterday signed the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) in a bid to consolidate common cooperation and boost strategic partnership.

The agreement was signed by Sheikh Khalifa Ali Al Harthy, Undersecretary of the Foreign Ministry for Diplomatic Affairs.

The signing ceremony took place on the sidelines of the Asso-



ciation of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) meeting of foreign ministers, currently held in Cambodia's capital city Phnom Penh.

40 countries

The treaty, which brings together 40 countries that are partners with ASEAN nations, seeks to achieve principles of amity and enhance cooperation and peace between member states. — OMA

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The Maghrib Minute video news wrap had 854 views and 38 likes on Instagram.

SULTAN'S ARMED FORCES

SAF continues to fight effects of heavy rains across Oman

MUSCAT: The Sultan's Armed Forces (SAF), represented by the Royal Army of Oman (RAO), Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) and the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO) is maintaining technical efforts and backup operations to support local communities that got the brunt of the recent heavy rains.

The RAO provided technical, humanitarian and social support to impacted areas in a number of wilayats in the Governorate of South Al-Batinah Governorate.

Meanwhile, the Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) conducted medical evacuation of patients who had to be airlifted to A'Rustaq Hospital due to the inability of their respective health centres (in Hatt, Balad Sayt, and Al-Taikha) to continue to support them during the wet spell. The RAFO transported a team of medical personnel and a consignment of medical supplies to Wadi Bani Auf area in the Wilayat of A'Rustaq.

In the meantime, the Defence Ministry's Engineering Services division offered technical assistance by opening main roads in the Wilayat of Nakhl and Wadi Al-Ma'awil in the rain aftermath, replicating its experience in the Governorate of Musandam. — OMA



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ENVIRONMENT AUTHORITY

MoU for ‘10m-tree initiative’

KHASAB: The Environment Authority yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Sohar Aluminium company on supporting the “National 10-million-tree initiative” in the Governorate of Musandam.

The MoU seeks to develop degrading areas, safeguard biodiversity and augment green cover as a source of relaxation for society.

The MoU, signed under the auspices of Musandam’s Governor Sayyid Ibrahim Said Al Busaidi, was signed by Musallam Mubarak Al Mahri, Acting Director of the Environment Department in the Governorate of Musandam, and Ahmed Mohammed Al Kharousi, Sohar Aluminium’s General Man-



ager, HR and Corporate Affairs.

According to the MoU, the company will meet financial obligations related to the planting of 100,000 tree Musandam, as well as any other direct consultancy services, depending on the agreed budgets and cultivation sites. -**ONA**

‘HEALTH AND LIFE STYLE’

Governorates marathon 1st edition unveiled

SALALAH: The Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth and Sabco Sports company have outlined the first edition of “Governorates Marathon”—which reflects the ministry’s keenness in encouraging the society to take up this sport and make it a ‘health and life style’.

The details were disclosed during a briefing held on Wednesday at Sultan Qaboos Youth Complex for Culture and Entertainment. The briefing was attended by officials, media personnel and members of the public interested in the sector of sports and youth.

The Governorates Marathon is being organised in implementation of a decision issued by HH Sayyid Theyazin bin Haitham Al



Said, Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth. He issued instructions to form the supervising committee tasked with developing “a professional tourist sport” and establish such a popular sports extravaganza in all governorates of the Sultanate of Oman. This comes within the framework of an envisaged local competition that responds to the aspirations of Omani runners and contributes to the goals of Oman Vision 2040.

Mohammed Ahmed Al Aamri, Director General of Sports Activities at the Ministry, gave a speech in which he declared that “the Governorates Marathon will kick off for the first time in the Sultanate of Oman. -**ONA**

AL DAKHILIYAH

Recent rains replenish many dams



NIZWA: Eng. Nasser Abdullah Al Salmi, Director of Water Resources at the Directorate General of Agriculture and Water Resources, Governorate of Al Dakhiliyah, said that recharge dams falling in the course of three wadis in the Wilayat of Nizwa were fully replenished during recent heavy rains.

The Wilayat of Nizwa has three main dams, which are the Wadi Al Mu’aydin Dam, Tanouf Dam and Wadi Al Masla Dam, said Al Salmi.

Wadi Tanouf Dam

He explained that the Wadi Al Mu’aydin Dam collected 2.5 million cubic metres of water (exceeding its full-mark by 20 cm). Wadi Tanouf Dam was replenished with 680,000 cubic metres (rising 80 cm above full-mark), while Wadi Al Masla surged by 2 metres above full-mark. -**ONA**



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REF: OFM/TD-22/-016
Tender for Land Borders Clearing Agents (Rub'a Al Khali/ Buraimi/ Hatta & Khatmat Malaha)

Oman Flour Mills SAOG, (OFM) invites specialized contractors to participate in our tender for the “Land Borders Clearing Agents (Rub'a Al Khali/ Buraimi/ Hatta & Khatmat Malaha)” as per the scope of work.

Tender Documents: Bidders wishing to participate in this tender are required to provide all details of their company, contact details and bank details no later than the date shown below via email: tender3@omanflourmills.com

Oman Flour Mills SAOG, (OFM) will send all the tender documents to participants after receiving a tender fee depositing receipt copy via email.

Tender fee shall be deposited directly to the Oman Flour Mills SAOG bank account as mentioned below.

Account Name: Oman Flour Mills Company SAOG
Bank Name: Sohar International
Bank Account Number: 001020032407, Swift Code: BSHROMRUXXX

Tender Ref no.	OFM/TD-22/-016
Tender subject	Land Borders Clearing Agents (Rub'a Al Khali/ Buraimi/ Hatta & Khatmat Malaha)
Tender fee	RO.25/- (non-refundable)
Start date for tender collection	02.08.2022
Last date for tender collection	04.08.2022
Last date for receiving the technical queries	09.08.2022
Closing date of the tender	11.08.2022
Mode of payment of tender fee	By Bank Transfer
Email address for communication	tender3@omanflourmills.com
Mode of submission	All bidders are required to submit their proposals addressed to the Chairman of Tender Committee and deposited in the tender box located at the reception of our Atyab Investment building on the 11 August 2022.

- Vendor selection will be based on “**best and final offer**”. OFM is not bound to select the lowest bidder.
- All tender communication must be addressed to: tender3@omanflourmills.com
- Notwithstanding the specific terms in the Tender Documents, Tender fee is not refundable
- Bids submittal shall consist of 2 separate sealed envelopes (Technical) & (Commercial), with bidder name on each and tender reference number (OFM/TD-22/-016 (Land Borders Clearing Agents (Rub'a Al Khali/ Buraimi/ Hatta & Khatmat Malaha)).





REF: OFM/TD-22/-017
Tender For Supplying Kitchen and Cleaning Items

Oman Flour Mills SAOG, (OFM) invites specialized contractors to participate in our tender for “Supplying kitchen and Cleaning Items)” as per the scope of work.

Tender Documents: Bidders wishing to participate in this tender are required to provide all details of their company, contact details and bank details no later than the date shown below via email: tender3@omanflourmills.com

Oman Flour Mills SAOG, (OFM) will send all the tender documents to participants after receiving a tender fee depositing receipt copy via email.

Tender fee shall be deposited directly to the Oman Flour Mills SAOG bank account as mentioned below.

Account Name: Oman Flour Mills Company SAOG
Bank Name: Sohar International
Bank Account Number: 001020032407
Swift Code: BSHROMRUXXX

Tender Ref no.	OFM/TD-22/-017
Tender subject	Supplying kitchen and cleaning items
Tender fee	RO.25/- (non-refundable)
Start date for tender collection	02.08.2022
Last date for tender collection	04.08.2022
Last date for receiving the technical queries	09.08.2022
Closing date of the tender	11.08.2022
Mode of payment of tender fee	By Bank Transfer
Email address for communication	tender3@omanflourmills.com
Mode of submission	All bidders are required to submit their proposals addressed to the Chairman of Tender Committee and deposited in the tender box located at the reception of our Atyab Investment building on the 11 August 2022.

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- All tender communication must be addressed to: tender3@omanflourmills.com
- Notwithstanding the specific terms in the Tender Documents, Tender fee is not refundable
- Bids submittal shall consist of 2 separate sealed envelopes (Technical) & (Commercial), with bidder name on each and tender reference number (OFM/TD-22/-017 (Supplying kitchen and cleaning items)).





REF: OFM/TD-22/-018
Tender for Oman Flour Mill All Building's Roof Water Proofing Works

Oman Flour Mills SAOG, (OFM) invites specialized contractors to participate in our tender for “For Oman Flour Mill All Building's Roof Water Proofing Works)” as per the scope of work.

Tender Documents: Bidders wishing to participate in this tender are required to provide all details of their company, contact details and bank details no later than the date shown below via email: tender-civil@omanflourmills.com

Oman Flour Mills SAOG, (OFM) will send all the tender documents to participants after receiving a tender fee depositing receipt copy via email.

Tender fee shall be deposited directly to the Oman Flour Mills SAOG bank account as mentioned below.

Account Name: Oman Flour Mills Company SAOG
Bank: Sohar International,
Account Number: 001020032407,
Swift code: BSHROMRUXXX

Tender Ref no.	OFM/TD-22/-018
Tender subject	For Oman flour mill All Building's Roof Water Proofing Works
Tender fee	RO.25/- (non-refundable)
Start date for tender collection	02.08.2022
Last date for tender collection	04.08.2022
Site visit	07.08.2022
Last date for receiving the technical queries	09.08.2022
Closing date of the tender	11.08.2022
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- All tender communication must be addressed to: tender-civil@omanflourmills.com
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HACKING ALERT

Voting for UK’s next Prime Minister delayed after warning of hacking

LONDON: The voting for the next Prime Minister election was delayed after Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) warned that cyber hackers could alter the people's ballot, according to various media reports.

The postal ballots were due to be sent out from Monday to the around 160,000 Tory members but members have now been warned they could arrive as late as Aug 11. Earlier, the Conservative Party members were going to be given a postal ballot which had a code with it, and they could select their preferred PM between Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak by post or online but the advice of the National Cyber Security Centre changed their plan.

A UK-based publication referring to an email on Tuesday evening said, “Your ballot is now on the way - but it will arrive with you a little later than we originally said. “Please do not worry. This is



because we have taken some time to add some additional security to our ballot process, which has delayed us slightly,” it adds.

Under the first online voting system, cyber hackers would possibly amend a large number of ballots online near the end of the contest. Additionally, there was a chance that someone who completed a postal vote and put a picture of their ballot online could be vulnerable to it being changed if there was a visible code on it.

Truss and Sunak, both contenders have to undergo bouts of 12 nationwide events as the first bout took place in Leeds, Northern England as the members elect a new leader. The result will be announced on Sept 5.

According to Smarkets, British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss is leading the race to replace Boris Johnson as UK's next PM by 90.91 per cent whereas Rishi Sunak's chance of becoming the next UK PM has shrunk to 9.09 per cent.

Sunak's support shrunk as his party members believed that Sunak has stabbed Boris Johnson in the back. Tory members who back Truss and want her to build the cabinet include Jacob Rees-Mogg, Nadine Dorries and Boris Johnson. On the other hand, Tory members who support Sunak include Tom Tugendhat, Michael Gove, Sajid Javid and Jeremy Hunt, according to the latest YouGov survey.

Notably, Truss and Sunak who are fighting for the UK Prime Minister post have gone head-to-head in a debate in their first official grilling in the presence of conservative party members in Leeds on Thursday. Former Chancellor Sunak faced a tough evening during the hustings for his lifestyle and dishonesty towards PM Boris Johnson whereas Truss had a fairly good time as she was backed by maximum support for the Prime Ministerial candidature. **ANI**



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CLASHES

Gunmen clash with Taliban

KABUL: Clashes between gunmen and the Taliban broke out in the Karta-e-Sakhi area of Kabul. “Gunmen have engaged in clashes with Islamic Emirate forces in the Karta-e-Sakhi area of Kabul city,” tweeted Tolo News. Earlier Kabul security department spokesman Khalid Zadran said security forces were conducting a clearing operation when gunfire came from a house.

He said the residence was surrounded by the Taliban forces, reported Tolo News. The residents said that the clashes are ongoing and the two sides are using heavy and light weapons. Meanwhile, the security officials have yet to provide a comment on the number of casualties. Notably, security conditions have deteriorated in Afghanistan since the Taliban took control. **ANI**



Invitation to the Extraordinary General Meeting

The Board of Directors of Sohar International Bank SAOG (hereinafter referred to as the “Company”) is pleased to invite the shareholders to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting (“EGM”) of the Company, to be held at 3 pm on Thursday 18th of August 2022 at Crown Plaza Hotel – Qurum – Mandalon Hall and via the electronic platform for convening General Meetings which can be accessed through Muscat Clearing and Depository’s website (www.mcd.gov.om).

In the event the legal quorum for the EGM is not met, a second EGM will be held at 3pm on Thursday 25th of August 2022 at Crown Plaza Hotel - Qurum - Mandolan Hall and via the electronic platform for convening General Meetings which can be accessed through Muscat Clearing and Depository’s website (www.mcd.gov.om), to discuss the following agenda:

EGM agenda:

- To approve increasing the authorised share capital of the Company from OMR 400,000,000 to OMR 1,000,000,000 (One Billion Omani Rial) and amending Article 5 of the Articles of Association accordingly (as per annexure 1).
- To approve the issuance of up to 75,000 Additional Tier I Capital Instruments in the form of perpetual bonds comprising of an issue of up to 50,000 bonds with a Green Shoe Option up to an additional 25,000 bonds on a private placement basis, at a price of OMR 1,000 per bond, aggregating up to OMR 75 million (as per annexure 2), after obtaining all required regulatory approvals (Tier 1 Issue).
- To authorise the Board of Directors to determine the other terms of issuance in relation to the Tier 1 Issue and take any and all necessary procedures and actions to complete the Tier 1 Issue.

As per the Company’s Articles of Association and the regulations for convening general meetings through modern electronic platforms issued by the Capital Market Authority, we would like to attract your kind attention to the following:

- only juristic persons may authorise a natural person to attend the EGM and vote on their behalf through the electronic systems, provided that the authorised natural person has an investor number at Muscat Clearing and Depository Company.
- voting on any items listed in the agenda shall begin 3 days prior to the date of the EGM and ends on the date of the meeting. If the shareholder’s balance of shares increases or decreases, his/her voting will be cancelled and they should vote again on the date of the EGM.

For more information, please contact the Board Secretary on telephone number +96824761789.

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BEIRUT PORT EXPLOSION

Two years on, hope for justice in Beirut port blast fading

BEIRUT: The timing couldn't have been worse. Just a few days ahead of the second anniversary of the Beirut port explosion, which killed 216 people, injured 6,000 and shattered the homes of some 300,000 people in the surrounding neighbourhoods, part of the northern grain silos gave in and collapsed with a loud crash.

Only this time, nobody was killed. But the sound resembled an explosion, and together with the smoke and the fire, it rekindled the trauma caused when 2,750 metric tonnes (3,031 US tons) of unsecured ammonium nitrate detonated at the port on August 4, 2020.

“I don’t feel that two years have passed at all,” William Noun in Beirut told DW after the latest collapse.

He lost his brother Joe Noun in the 2020 explosion. “I still feel the same heartbreak as the first day,” he added.

The collapse of the 50-metre (164 feet) high silos came after a weeks-long fire triggered by grains that had fermented and ignited in the summer heat. In an interview with DW in Beirut, Lebanon’s Minister of Public Works and Transport Ali Hamieh, who is in charge of the port, rejected accusations that the government had failed to take action when the fire broke out three weeks ago.

“Experts told us that is impossible to take the wheat out due to the fragile structure of the silo,” Hamieh said, adding that the government will still try to preserve the more secure parts of the remaining structure.

The silos, which had shielded parts of Beirut during the 2020 blast, have stirred controversy. In April, the Lebanese government approved the demolition of the silos after a survey found they could collapse in the coming months.

But many survivors and families of the victims had argued that the silos could contain evidence for the judicial probe into the 2020 blast. Many also wanted the silos to remain as a memorial.

The 2020 blast is widely seen



by many Lebanese as a symbol of corruption and cronyism by a ruling elite that has also driven the country into a devastating financial disaster.

Economically, the Lebanese pound (also called lira) has been in free fall, with an inflation rate of up to 90%. In turn, large parts of the population have become impoverished, and as a result of the war in Ukraine, the wheat-importing country might also have to face a significant shortfall of the commodity in the near future.

“We are already seeing a long queue outside bakeries,” Anna Fleischer, head of the Heinrich Böll Foundation’s office in Beirut, told DW.

For her, it is obvious that Lebanon is not in the middle of a crisis but is experiencing a “full collapse,” for which far-reaching reforms are needed and not “light cosmetic measures.”

However, the political landscape in Lebanon would first need to change for citizens to regain some kind of trust in the ruling class.

“But on the second anniversary of the Beirut blast, the Lebanese crisis is worse, economically, politically and judicially,” Mohamad Hage Ali, director of communications and fellow at the Malcolm H. Kerr Carnegie Middle East Center in London, told DW, and added that “politically, the 2022 elections resulted in a hung parliament, which is poised to in-

crease delays in forming a new government, and perhaps even electing a new president.”

He doubts the next Lebanese president would be interested in pursuing the port blast investigation at all. “The most likely candidate so far, Soleiman Frangieh, is protecting the former Lebanese Public Works and Transportation Minister Youssef Fenianos, who is wanted in the port blast investigation,” Hage Ali said.

Over the past two years, the probe into the port blast has been dogged by allegations of systematic political obstruction. The country’s strong political and military group Hezbollah and its allies have reportedly been on the forefront of efforts to derail the investigation.

Hage Ali fears that’s unlikely to change. “As someone who spent a good number of years writing on the victims of Lebanon’s civil war and their pursuit of justice and closure, I just can see stark similarities in the ongoing treatment of the victims and families of victims of the August 4 blast. The Lebanese political class remains closed, and unreformable,” he told DW.

The first investigative judge, Fadi Sawan, was ousted after he charged then-caretaker Prime Minister Hassan Diab and three former ministers with “intentional killing and negligence that led to the deaths of dozens of people” following the port blast. **dw**

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TAIWAN VISIT

Nancy Pelosi meets Taiwan’s President, says US will always support Taipei

TAIPEI: US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Wednesday morning met with Taiwan’s President, Tsai Ing-wen and reiterated Washington’s support to the island country and said that the US’ determination to preserve Taiwan’s sovereignty is “iron-clad”.

“America has made a bedrock promise to always stand with Taiwan. On this strong foundation, we’ve a thriving partnership grounded in self-government and self-determination focused on mutual security in the region and the world committed to economic prosperity,” Pelosi said.

The US House Speaker had touched down in Taiwan on Tuesday night. During her meeting with Tsai Ing-wen at the presidential office in Taipei, Pelosi termed Taiwan as a flourishing country and said that Taipei had proved the world that hope, courage and determination can build peaceful and prosperous future despite challenges that the country faced.

“Now, more than ever, America’s solidarity with Taiwan is crucial, that’s the message we bring in today,” she added.

“Today the world faces a choice between democracy and autocracy,” Pelosi said adding “America’s determination to preserve democracy here in Taiwan and around the world remains ironclad.”

Pelosi visited Taiwan’s parliament and also held a meeting with Tsai Chi-chang, the deputy speaker. During the meeting, she said, “We come in friendship to Taiwan, we come in peace for the region.”

Over the US-Taiwan economic cooperation, Pelosi said that her new US legislation aimed



at strengthening the American chip industry in Taiwan.

“Now we look forward to our conversation about how we can work together to save the planet from the climate crisis. We thank you for your leadership and we want the world to recognise it. Our visit was about human rights, unfair trade practices, security issues,” she added. Pelosi further said that she is here to listen and learn from Taiwanese people as to how can they come together. She also congratulated Taiwan for addressing the issue of Covid. “We congratulate you on successfully addressing the issue of Covid which is also an issue of health, economy, security & governance,” Pelosi said.

Taking to Twitter, upon her arrival, Pelosi said, “Our Congressional delegation’s visit to Taiwan honours America’s unwavering commitment to supporting Taiwan’s vibrant Democracy.” “Our visit is part of our broader trip to the Indo-Pacific -- including Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea and Japan -- focused on mutual security, economic partnership and democratic governance. Our discussions with Taiwan leadership will focus on reaffirming our support for our partner and on promoting our shared interests, including advancing a free and open Indo-Pacific region,” she added. **rw**

NEW SANCTIONS

US blacklists Putin’s rumoured girlfriend in latest round of sanctions

WASHINGTON: The United States has sanctioned Russian President Vladimir Putin’s rumoured girlfriend Alina Maratovna Kabaeva in a fresh round of sanctions targeting Russian elites over Moscow’s actions in Ukraine.

According to the Treasury Department, the 39-year-old Kabaeva was in a “close relationship to Putin.” She is a former member of the

State Duma and is the current head of the National Media Group, a pro-Kremlin empire of television, radio, and print organizations.

“Kabaeva was designated today pursuant to E.O. 14024 for being or having been a leader, official, senior executive officer, or member of the board of directors of the Government of the Russian Federation. Kabaeva has a close relationship

to Putin and is the current head of the National Media Group, a pro-Kremlin empire of television, radio, and print organisations. She has also been sanctioned by the EU and the UK,” a Treasury Department statement said on Tuesday (local time). CNN reported citing the Wall Street Journal, that sanctioning Kabaeva was under consideration by the US, but there was

concern that such a move would inflame tensions given her close proximity to Putin.

Earlier in May, Kabaeva was blacklisted by the European Union and the United Kingdom.

Supporters of jailed Russian human rights campaigner Alexey Navalny have been calling for sanctions against Kabaeva for her campaign against Ukraine. **ANI**

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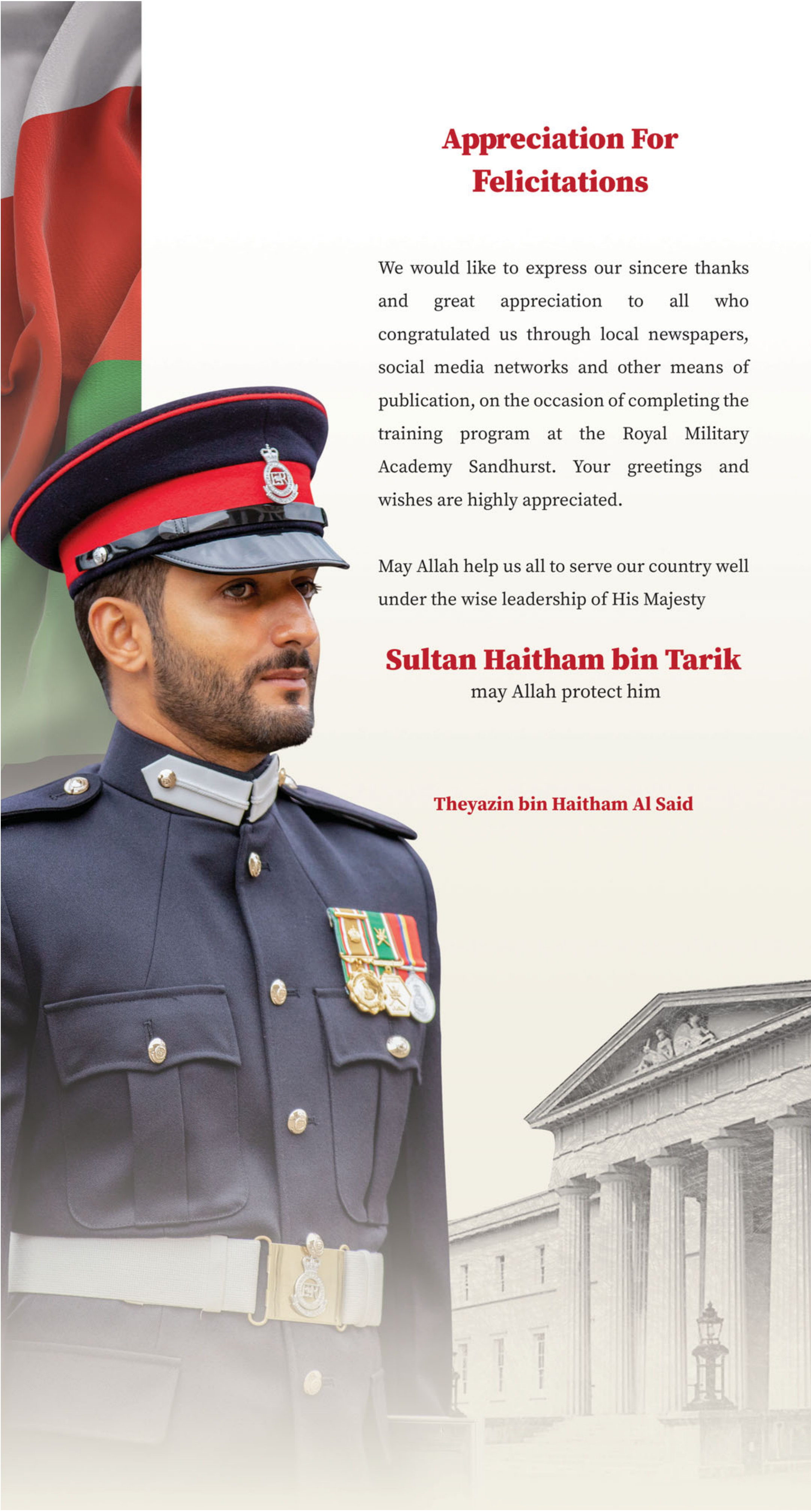
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24 regional IPOs raise \$13.5bn in 2022 first half

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Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Mena region witnessed a 500 per cent year-on-year increase in the number of companies listing during the first half of 2022 with 24 IPOs raising proceeds of \$13.5 billion – an increase of 2,952 per cent in value when compared to the same period in 2021, according to a new report.

“During the second quarter of 2022, the Middle East and North Africa (Mena) initial public offering (IPO) markets saw nine IPOs raise approximately \$9 billion in proceeds. Although the number of IPOs decreased by 40 per cent when compared with the first quarter of 2022, the proceeds raised increased by 133 per cent,” according to the latest EY Mena IPO Eye report.

Globally, 630 IPOs raised \$95.4 billion in proceeds during the first half (H1) 2022, which is a significant drop of 46 per cent in the number of IPOs and 58 per cent in the proceeds raised, as compared to H1 2021.

“Heightened volatility caused by geopolitical tensions and macroeconomic factors, declining valuation and poor post-IPO share price performance led to the postponement



of many global IPOs during the first half of 2022,” the report added.

“Mena IPO activity continues to defy global trends and remains a bright spot in a challenging market. The number and value of deals in the second quarter of this year confirms that investors still have an appetite for growth, yield and diversification,” Brad Watson, EY Mena Strategy and Transactions Leader, said. “Several Mena listings from a range of sectors were oversubscribed, which is encouraging for companies looking to list during the second half of this year,” he added.

UAE IPO listing

In the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA) raised over \$6 billion, becoming the biggest IPO in Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA) since 2019 and the largest IPO to date in the UAE. The order book was oversubscribed by 37 times.

Borouge, the second-largest IPO during H1 2022, raised \$2 billion with an aggregate over-subscription of almost 42 times. TECOM Group raised \$454 million and saw an over-subscription level of more than 21 times.

ADC Acquisition Corp became the first special purpose acquisition company (SPAC) to ever be listed in the Mena region, rais-

ing \$99.9 million with its listing on the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX). ADC was established by ADQ through its Alpha Oryx special purpose vehicle and Chimera Investment as a SPAC to identify and acquire one or more businesses.

Saudi Arabia

In Saudi Arabia, the Saudi Home Loans Company was listed on the Tadawul during the second quarter (Q2) of 2022 and raised \$160 million, with the book being oversubscribed by 50 times. Retal Urban Development Company raised \$384 million with its institutional order book being 62 times oversubscribed.

The Nomu-Parallel Market witnessed three IPOs during Q2 2022 which raised \$40.8 million in total. The proceeds came from the listings of the Arabian Food & Dairy Factories Company, Ladun Investment Company, and Amwj International Company.

There were also six direct listings reported in Q2 2022, with a total of 12 announced during the first half of the year.

Three direct listings took place on the Nomu-Parallel Market during Q2 2022. They were Naseej for Communication and Information Technology Company, Agaseem Factory for Chemicals and Plastics Company and National Environ-

mental Recycling Company.

Elsewhere, Ali Alghanim and Sons Automotive Company raised new capital of \$323 million through a private placement before listing on Boursa Kuwait. The private placement was oversubscribed approximately 11 times.

On the ADX, GFH Financial Group BSC completed its fourth regional listing, with its shares already listed on the Bahrain Bourse, Boursa Kuwait and the Dubai Financial Market (DFM). In April 2022, the ADX rebranded its Second Market into the Growth Market, with the Invictus Investment Company becoming the thirteenth company to be listed on the Growth Market during Q2 2022.

Gregory Hughes, EY Mena IPO and Transaction Diligence Leader, said: “The second quarter of 2022 continued the momentum of the first quarter, with Saudi Arabia and the UAE leading IPO activity in the Mena region. Despite concern from investors regarding the risk of a global recession, there remains a healthy pipeline of IPO candidates from KSA and the UAE, as well as quieter IPO markets such as Oman, Qatar, and Kuwait, looking to come to market in the future.”

“As part of their IPO readiness assessments, businesses are focusing even more on the impact of the changing regulatory environment, particularly around the environment, social and governance (ESG) requirements. ESG will continue to be a key theme for investors and potential candidates. As the global climate continues to change and the constraint on energy supplies increases, companies that have embedded ESG into their core business values and operations should attract more investors and higher valuations,” he added.

Global IPO market

Globally, Q2 2022 saw a dramatic slowdown in IPO activity due to increasing market volatility, which led to the postponement of many IPOs. While most major markets experienced a fall in overall IPO activity, the Middle East and India both experienced a strong quarter.

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FOOD DELIVERY

Zomato shares delivered around 20% gains as net loss narrows

NEW DELHI: Shares of food aggregator and delivery company Zomato soared around 18-20 per cent after the company reported its net losses narrowing during the first quarter of 2022-23 (April-June).

During the quarter, the company's net losses were Rs185.7 crore, as against Rs343.1 crore same period last financial year.

Revenue from operations rose 67 per cent during the quarter to Rs1,413.9 crore as against Rs844.4 crore same quarter last year. Revenue growth was driven by a rise in order values.

This morning, the shares, however, traded nearly 2 per cent lower. July marked Zomato's completion of its first year as a new-age company listed on Indian stock exchanges. Listed on July 23, 2021, the food aggregator's initial public offering was a success as it was subscribed 38.25 times. -ANI

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MSX index ends higher

The trading value on Wednesday stood at OMR5,997,413, comprising a drop of 11.7 per cent, compared to the last session



MUSCAT: Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) general index (30) gained 18.9 points, comprising a rise of 0.41 per cent to close at 4664.77 points, compared to the last session, which stood at 4645.87 points.

The trading value on Wednesday stood at OMR5,997,413, comprising a drop of 11.7 per cent, compared to the last session, which stood at OMR6,790,320.

The report released by MSX

pointed out that the market value went up by 0.249 per cent to reach about OMR23.24 billion.

The report added that the value of shares bought by non-Omani investors reached OMR618,000, comprising 10.31 per cent. The value of shares sold by non-Omani investors reached OMR1,718,000, comprising 28.64 per cent. The net non-Omani investment decreased by 18.34 per cent to OMR1,099,000. — **ONA**

OMAN STOCKS																
MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE																
INDICES																
Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%										
MSX 30 INDEX	4,668.03	4,629.16	4,664.77	4,645.87	18.91	0.41										
FINANCIAL INDEX	7,383.10	7,331.95	7,368.75	7,375.01	-6.26	-0.08										
Industry Index	5,791.69	5,751.34	5,784.56	5,778.69	5.87	0.10										
Services Index	1,711.51	1,688.09	1,711.51	1,687.13	24.38	1.44										
MSX Shariah Index	468.30	463.86	466.00	464.86	1.15	0.25										
MSX TR INDEX	5,887.46	5,838.44	5,883.36	5,859.52	23.84	0.41										
FINANCIAL TR IDX	7,725.58	7,672.06	7,710.57	7,717.12	-6.55	-0.08										
SERVICES TR IDX	1,777.25	1,752.93	1,777.25	1,751.93	25.32	1.45										
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	6,010.80	5,968.92	6,003.40	5,997.31	6.09	0.10										
Trading Summary																
Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap.	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded									
21,418,960	5,997,413	876	23,241,943,577	15	18	24	57									
SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3																
RIN	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PD	LAST BD	LAST OFFER	PDA VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM00000003224	RENAISSANCE SER	994,649	507,681	27	0.500	0.520	0.490	0.510	0.494	0.016	3.239	0.510	0.490	0.510	0.100	120,569,100
OM0000003968	COREDOO	2,780,391	1,158,180	56	0.414	0.420	0.412	0.420	0.412	0.008	1.942	0.420	0.420	0.420	0.100	273,396,577
OM0000002226	ALAZZERA SERVICES	42,000	126,056	64	0.298	0.300	0.292	0.300	0.296	0.004	1.351	0.300	0.298	0.300	0.100	18,961,285
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	1,609,769	1,132,506	77	0.616	0.640	0.616	0.624	0.616	0.008	1.299	0.624	0.624	0.624	0.100	2,341,995,883
OM0000000188	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	514,241	204,537	16	0.398	0.412	0.394	0.412	0.410	0.002	0.488	0.412	0.410	0.412	0.100	30,640,000
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSUR.	13,114	3,934	5	0.300	0.300	0.298	0.300	0.300	0.000	0.000	0.300	0.299	0.300	0.100	30,000,000
OM0000001153	OMAN NAT. ENG.	452,886	51,692	49	0.113	0.116	0.113	0.113	0.113	0.000	0.000	0.113	0.113	0.113	0.100	15,820,000
OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	1,035	590	3	0.570	0.570	0.570	0.570	0.570	0.000	0.000	0.570	0.570	0.570	0.100	89,775,000
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	310,588	92,411	23	0.295	0.300	0.294	0.295	0.295	0.000	0.000	0.295	0.288	0.295	0.100	97,907,449
OM0000000200	AHLI BANK	389,457	44,129	1	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.000	0.000	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.100	253,455,471
OM0000003000	AI MAHA MARKTING	200	145	1	0.724	0.724	0.724	0.724	0.724	0.000	0.000	0.724	0.724	0.724	0.100	49,856,000
OM0000000026	OMAN TELECOM	755,289	723,034	37	0.956	0.964	0.940	0.956	0.956	0.000	0.000	0.956	0.940	0.956	0.100	717,000,000
OM0000003398	SOHAR INT. BANK	3,725,640	425,055	42	0.115	0.115	0.113	0.115	0.115	0.000	0.000	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.100	343,857,163
OM0000007407	DHOOFAR GENERATING	400	28	1	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.000	0.000	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.100	15,334,560
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDSTR	4,159	3,735	5	0.900	0.900	0.896	0.896	0.900	-0.004	-0.444	0.896	0.896	0.968	0.100	80,371,200
OM0000001333	OMINVEST	320,959	110,121	21	0.340	0.344	0.340	0.342	0.344	-0.002	-0.581	0.342	0.344	0.342	0.100	228,580,976
OM0000002175	JAZZERA STEEL PROD.	20,000	6,000	2	0.300	0.302	0.300	0.302	0.304	-0.002	-0.658	0.302	0.308	0.302	0.100	37,710,184
OM00000001525	OMAN INVST&FIN.	377,450	50,398	28	0.134	0.134	0.133	0.133	0.134	-0.001	-0.748	0.133	0.133	0.134	0.100	31,521,000
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	420,591	109,354	13	0.260	0.260	0.260	0.260	0.263	-0.003	-1.141	0.260	0.260	0.260	0.100	422,746,053
OM0000003281	TARGET FINANCE	47,612	4,419	14	0.103	0.103	0.101	0.101	0.102	-0.002	-1.945	0.101	0.101	0.101	0.100	26,124,842
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV. H.	6,721	437	1	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.067	-0.002	-2.985	0.065	0.065	0.066	0.100	13,000,000
OM0000000505	ALMAHA CERAMICS	1,026,950	451,759	17	0.460	0.460	0.430	0.430	0.460	-0.030	-6.522	0.430	0.420	0.440	0.100	23,650,000
Total		22	14,344,003	5,206,621	503											
Parallel Market																
OM00000001418	RAYSUT CEMENT	624,123	105,643	72	0.165	0.175	0.165	0.175	0.163	0.012	7.362	0.175	0.175	0.175	0.100	35,000,000
OM0000004735	SEMOB CORP. SALALAH	100	8	2	0.072	0.077	0.072	0.077	0.072	0.005	6.944	0.077	0.077	0.077	0.100	73,502,040
OM0000001301	DHOOFAR CATTLE	10,235	397	3	0.069	0.080	0.069	0.080	0.075	0.005	6.667	0.080	0.075	0.080	0.100	6,468,000
OM00000005260	OMAN ARAB BANK	3,000	960	1	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.114	0.006	5.263	0.120	0.119	0.125	0.100	200,329,200
OM00000002275	SHELL OMAN MKK.	100	92	1	0.920	0.920	0.920	0.920	0.880	0.040	4.545	0.920	0.900	0.880	0.100	87,400,000
OM00000003821	GALFAR ENGINEER	2,119,611	283,192	42	0.136	0.140	0.131	0.140	0.136	0.004	2.941	0.140	0.137	0.140	0.100	28,418,102
OM00000002549	BANK DHOOFAR	2,228	269	2	0.134	0.134	0.134	0.134	0.131	0.003	2.290	0.134	0.131	0.134	0.100	401,511,092
OM0000007084	MCT DESALINATE	2,989	210	5	0.115	0.117	0.113	0.117	0.115	0.002	1.738	0.117	0.113	0.117	0.100	18,989,397
OM00000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	191,000	16,487	12	0.086	0.087	0.086	0.086	0.085	0.001	1.179	0.086	0.078	0.086	0.100	2,887,145
OM00000004420	BANK NIZWA	1,359,978	136,643	26	0.101	0.102	0.101	0.102	0.101	0.001	0.990	0.102	0.102	0.104	0.100	228,169,209
OM0000001020	OMAN CHEMITE	224	578	1	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.000	0.000	0.240	0.240	0.275	1.000	741,000
OM00000001160	NATIONAL GAS	11,708	1,592	2	0.136	0.136	0.136	0.136	0.136	0.000	0.000	0.136	0.135	0.140	0.100	11,560,000
OM00000001517	HISBC BANK OMAN	34,025	53,364	18	0.157	0.157	0.156	0.157	0.157	0.000	0.000	0.157	0.152	0.157	0.100	314,048,108
OM00000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	5,772	1,072	1	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.000	0.000	0.068	0.064	0.068	0.100	20,885,950
OM00000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	512,914	46,087	23	0.089	0.090	0.089	0.090	0.090	0.000	0.000	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.100	10,968,750
OM00000001772	ALANWAH INVESTMENT	9,280	705	2	0.076	0.076	0.076	0.076	0.076	0.000	0.000	0.076	0.075	0.076	0.100	15,200,000
OM00000002572	OMAN OIL MARKETING	4,165	3,665	3	0.880	0.880	0.880	0.880	0.880	0.000	0.000	0.880	0.880	0.880	0.100	53,922,000
OM00000002648	NATIONAL FINANCE	36,000	4,140	2	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.000	0.000	0.115	0.112	0.116	0.100	62,241,502
OM00000002804	ASAFPA FOODS	6,715	1,074	5	0.160	0.160	0.160	0.160	0.160	0.000	0.000	0.160	0.145	0.159	0.100	19,200,000
OM00000004669	SHARQIYA DESALIN.	590	68	1	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.000	0.000	0.115	0.107	0.115	0.100	11,247,248
OM00000005963	PHOENIX POWER	3,674	173	2	0.048	0.048	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.000	0.000	0.047	0.047	0.048	0.100	68,742,269
OM00000008710	BARKA DESALINATION	56,113	7,687	4	0.137	0.137	0.137	0.137	0.137	0.000	0.000	0.137	0.137	0.137	0.100	13,346,514
OM00000001566	OMAN FISHERIES	32,000	3,614	7	0.112	0.113	0.112	0.112	0.113	-0.001	-0.885	0.112	0.112	0.113	0.100	20,392,781
OM00000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	119,457	10,632	10	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.000	0.000	0.089	0.089	0.090	0.100	15,575,000
OM00000003036	Muscat Fresh MILL	7,405	4,323	2	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.000	0.000	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.100	1,100,000
OM00000008447	OMAN REIT FUND	5,000	346	2	0.070	0.070	0.069	0.069	0.070	-0.001	-1.429	0.069	0.069	0.070	0.100	32,551,861
OM00000004663	AL SUWADI POWER	165,646	16,624	12	0.047	0.047	0.046	0.046	0.047	0.001	2.122	0.046	0.045	0.046	0.100	32,862,693
OM00000004925	ALBATRAH POWER	753,680	34,338	30	0.046	0.047	0.045	0.045	0.046	-0.001	-1.274	0.045	0.042	0.045	0.100	30,369,934
OM00000004248	SMN POWER HOLDING	7,469	314	1	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.043	-0.001	-2.328	0.042	0.042	0.045	0.100	8,394,695
OM00000002682	MOJIBAT ENERGY	3,008	30	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.100	1,410,000
OM00000001388	CONSTRUCTION M.	16,447	1,260	3	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.000	0.000	0.078	0.076	0.078	0.100	4,750,000
OM00000002374	UNITED FINANCE	653,330	56,473	38	0.090	0.090	0.088	0.088	0.095	-0.009	-9.474	0.088	0.088	0.102	0.100	30,026,419
Total		32	7,064,281	780,769	367											



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SPORTS

South American nations launch 2030 FIFA World Cup bid

Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Chile officially launched their candidacy to stage the centenary edition of football's showpiece tournament

MONTEVIDEO: A joint South American bid to host the 2030 FIFA World Cup represents "the dream of an entire continent," the region's top football official said on Tuesday.

The comments came as Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Chile officially launched their candidacy to stage the centenary edition of football's showpiece tournament at a ceremony in the Uruguayan capital Montevideo.

"This is the dream of a continent," Alejandro Dominguez, the



president of the South American Football Confederation (CONMEBOL), told a news conference at Estadio Centenario, which staged the first World Cup final in 1930.

"South America understands that football has to recognize tradition. There will be more World Cups, but 100 years anniversaries only occur once. This is the iconic place where [World Cup] history started."

The South American bid faces competition from a joint Iberian proposal comprising Spain and Portugal.

Chile staged the World Cup in 1962 and the last time the competition was held in South America was in Brazil eight years ago.

Argentina hosted it in 1978 while Uruguay have not held the quadrennial event since the inaugural edition. Paraguay is aiming to hold

World Cup matches for the first time.

Uruguayan Football Association (AUF) president Ignacio Alonso said he was confident the South American candidacy would be successful.

"Uruguay had the courage to organize the first edition 100 years ago," he said during the ceremony. "It would only be fair that the centenary edition be held where it all began." **Xinhua**

ICC T20I MEN'S PLAYER RANKINGS

Suryakumar Yadav achieves career-best second position

NEW DELHI: After an astonishing knock in the third T20I match against West Indies, Indian batter Suryakumar Yadav achieved his career-best ranking of the second spot in ICC T20I men's player rankings.

India batter Suryakumar Yadav and South Africa spinner Tabraiz Shamsi have made remarkable gains in the ICC Men's T20I Player Rankings, surging up to grab the second spot for batters and bowlers, respectively, in the latest weekly update. Yadav has moved up three spots to within two rating points of top-ranked Babar Azam after a dazzling 44-ball knock of 76 that won him the Player of the Match award and sees him lead the batting aggregate with 111 runs from three matches in the series against the West Indies which his side leads 2-1.

Shamsi, who was top-ranked for most of the period from April to October last year, has advanced



one slot to take second position but remains 64 rating points adrift of top-ranked Josh Hazlewood, who is on 792 rating points. The left-arm wrist-spinner's eight wickets, which included a match-winning five for 24 in the final match, helped win the series against England 2-1 and gain 19 rating points.

South Africa batter Reeza Hendricks, who notched half-centuries in all three matches against England, has moved up 16 slots to 15th position while West Indies batter Brandon King (up 29 places to 27th), England's Jonny Bairstow (up 13 places to 31st) and South Africa's Rilee Rossouw (joint-37th) have also made notable gains among batters. **ANI**

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SQUAD ANNOUNCED

Pakistan squad announced for ODI series against the Netherlands and Asia Cup

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Wednesday announced its squad for the upcoming tour of the Netherlands and the much-anticipated Asia Cup 2022.

Pakistan will tour to Netherlands for a three-match ODI series starting on August 16 onwards. A 16 players squad was announced for the same on Tuesday.

Pakistan also at the same time announced the squad for T20 Asia Cup which will be played in UAE.

Fast bowler Naseem Shah has been named in both the squads in place of Hasan Ali, while Salman Ali Agha, who toured England in 2021 for the ODIs, has been recalled. Shaheen Shah Afridi has been retained in the ODI and T20I squads, and his rehabilitation programme will be overseen by the team trainer and physiotherapist, who will also decide on his return to international cricket.

There will be five changes from the Netherlands ODI squad to the ACC T20 Asia Cup side. Abdullah Shafique, Imam-ul-Haq, Mohammad Haris, Salman Ali Agha and Zahid Mehmood will be replaced by Asif Ali, Haider Ali, Iftikhar Ahmed and Usman Qadir.

The squads for both the series are as follows:

Pakistan squad for Netherlands ODIs - Babar Azam (captain) (Central Punjab), Shadab Khan (vice-captain) (Northern), Asif Ali (Northern), Fakhar Zaman (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), Haider Ali (Northern), Haris Rauf (Northern), Iftikhar Ahmed (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), Khushdil Shah (Southern Punjab), Mohammad Nawaz (Northern), Mohammad Rizwan (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), Mohammad Wasim Jnr (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), Naseem Shah (Southern Punjab), Shaheen Shah Afridi (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), Shah Nawaz Dahani (Sindh) and Usman Qadir (Central Punjab) **ANI**

Shah (Southern Punjab), Salman Ali Agha (Southern Punjab), Shaheen Shah Afridi (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), Shah Nawaz Dahani (Sindh) and Zahid Mehmood (Sindh)

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WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Will all the euphoria and attention translate to better pay for players?

LONDON: "I hope that the hype remains, that women's football continues to develop. Mere lip service simply won't do," former West Germany striker and former Germany women's coach Horst Hrubesch told German broadcaster Sport1 recently.

In the public discourse of recent weeks in Germany, three core demands have emerged:

Minimum salary

"We players in the second division upwards should be able to earn enough money from football so that we don't have to hold down outside jobs," Lina Magull, scorer of Germany's only goal in Sunday's final said recently.

"So, we are talking about a minimum salary of €2,000 [or] €30,000 (\$2,041, €3,061) a month. That's the way to advance women's football in a sustainable way."

Magull stressed that this doesn't mean earning millions as some players in the men's game do, but at the same time she pointed to examples in other European countries. "In England, clubs are required to pay their players professionally to be allowed to play in the league. I don't know why that can't happen in Germany," she said.

In 2019 the players of the Primera Division de la Liga de Futbol Femenino reached an agreement with the league that stipulates a



minimum annual wage of €16,000, as well as maternity benefits. Previously, 49% of the players in Spain's first division received no salary whatsoever, and 31% earned less than €6,000 per year.

In England's Women's Super League, the average salary is reported to be around £30,000 (€36,000 or \$36,600) per year. This would put monthly earnings at around €3,000.

After Euro 2022, Germany

coach Martina Voss-Tecklenburg also called for a minimum salary for female German professional players, "because almost 50% of players in the Bundesliga still work on the side because they can't live on what they earn from football."

An Internet petition addressed to German Football Association (DFB) President Bernd Neundorff calling for a minimum wage of €3,000 per month in the Bundesliga had been signed by more than

17,000 people by August 2.

More media presence

The Euro 2022 final between England and Germany was watched by around 18 million people on German public television, more than ever before for a women's football match in the country.

"The successful European Championship helps the visibility and presence of women in football enormously," the DFB's manager

of marketing, Holger Blask, told the DPA news agency.

"The record ratings show that the interest is there."

But does this translate to the Bundesliga?

Last season, all Bundesliga matches were broadcast live in Germany for the first time, but only on a domestic Pay TV channel. The contract runs until mid-2023, by which time the free-to-air channel Eurosport is to broadcast one Friday match per matchday.

According to the broadcaster, an average of around 100,000 people watched the live broadcasts of Friday matches last season. German public broadcaster ARD also has the right to broadcast one match per matchday. In October 2021, as many as 1.5 million people watched the Bundesliga game between Bayern Munich and Hoffenheim. In the United Kingdom, women's games broadcast on Sky Sports reached an average of 125,000 viewers last season, and this number is climbing.

Promoting youth, professionalism

Former Germany coach Hrubesch points to grass-roots problems that still urgently need to be addressed, noting that in terms of training facilities and kickoff times there are "still problems of

fering the girls a really professional standard."

Current national team coach Voss-Tecklenburg stresses that, "we have to do more, to get into the big stadiums."

Germany player Svenja Huth would like to see "all clubs to having a good infrastructure and medical support."

So far, this has generally only been the case with women's teams affiliated with men's Bundesliga clubs - such as last season's top three, Wolfsburg, Bayern Munich and Eintracht Frankfurt. The two teams that were relegated, SC Sand and Carl-Zeiss Jena, don't have the financial backing of a men's Bundesliga outfit.

Whether moving to larger stadiums would translate into a higher number of spectators in the Bundesliga in the long term remains to be seen. So far, this has been the rare exception, like when Wolfsburg played Barcelona in the Champions League in April. That game saw 91,648 viewers attend.

The upcoming Bundesliga season opens on September 16 when Eintracht Frankfurt host Bayern Munich in the 51,500-capacity Deutsche Bank Park. Eintracht averaged 1,580 spectators per game last season. That is almost double the league's average. Still, it is clear that here too, there is still plenty of room for improvement. **DW**



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SBA extends special benefits on adventure-ready Nissan X-Terra

The vehicle delivers a robust four-wheel drive system, including a four-wheel lock, brake limited slip differential and electronic locking rear differential – while leading the class in interior room and comfort

MUSCAT: Suhail Bahwan Automobiles (SBA) is offering a special promotion on the off-reading superstar Nissan X-Terra. With exceptional capabilities the X-Terra is a catalyst for new experiences, allowing owners to connect with the people in their lives.

The vehicle delivers a robust four-wheel drive system, including a four-wheel lock, brake limited slip differential and electronic locking rear differential – while leading the class in interior room and comfort.

As part of the special scheme, Nissan X-Terra customers can enjoy a free periodic vehicle service package (3 years/60/000 km), free insurance and free registration. Customers can also avail of additional benefits on the purchase of a second Nissan in the family.

The offer, which is available on the Nissan X-Terra model purchased for personal use, will go on till August 19, 2022. Vehicles purchased with commercial registration will not be eligible for the scheme. Vehicles bought for taxi, driving school, ministries, fleet and rent-a-car usage will not be eligible for this scheme.

A spokesperson for SBA said, “Designed for adventure and the outdoors with a roomy interior and advanced technologies Nissan X-



Terra ensures safety and comfort. It is equipped with an active safety suite, which comprises blind-spot warning, lane departure warning, intelligent driver alert, and intelligent forward collision warning. The SUV also has multiple airbags and a digital rear-view mirror. The offer makes it the best time to buy X-Terra.”

EMI for popular models
Customers can avail low EMI rate as part of the offer. Starting EMI for Nissan X-Terra is OMR 138. These EMIs are calculated on the price of the base model with 20% down payment, 3 per cent rate of interest for 10 years loan tenure, through Bank Muscat. Subject to credit approvals.

All customers purchasing Nissan X-Terra will be eligible for free periodic maintenance service package for three years / 60,000 kms (whichever is earlier), limited to six services only. This offer includes only the service intervals of 10,000 km.

All customers purchasing Nissan X-Terra during this scheme period will be eligible for free first year vehicle insurance (Oman and UAE only)

All customers purchasing Nissan X-Terra during this scheme period will be eligible for free first year vehicle registration.

As per a loyalty programme, all

Nissan existing owners and their immediate family members (father, mother, son(s) and unmarried daughter(s)) will be eligible for additional benefits on purchase of a second Nissan vehicle. Additional benefits include PMS service for new car, exclusive discount on labour charges and trade-in benefits.

Impressive strength
Powering the X-Terra is a 2.5-liter four-cylinder petrol engine with a seven-speed automatic transmission. The petrol engines deliver 124kW / 165 hp and 241Nm of torque that ensures an exciting drive of speed and acceleration.

The X-Terra delivers a robust four-wheel drive system, including a four-wheel lock, brake limited slip differential and electronic locking rear differential – while leading the class in interior room and comfort.

Built on 70 years of unmatched Nissan SUV expertise, the Nissan X-Terra reflects the evolution of four-wheel adventure travel and a growing consumer desire for connection. It effortlessly combines impressive strength with bold new design and built-for-comfort roominess. Underlining this is breakthrough engineering and a suite of cutting-edge Nissan Intelligent Mobility (NIM) technologies to offer a superior driving experience and adventure-ready

confidence for drivers to explore new places.

The SUV's rugged frame facilitates its durability and practicality, while the future-forward aesthetics are exhibited in the quad LED projector lamps and a bold new V-motion grille. The revised rear and new LED taillights add to the X-Terra's athletic look, reflecting the Nissan Design team's dynamic and modern philosophy.

The styling of the X-Terra was developed at the Global Design studio in Japan. At 4.9m in length, 1.9m in height and just over 2.1m in width – with a ground clearance of 243 mm – the X-Terra looks right at home next to its bigger sibling, the Patrol, and borrows some design elements.

The front face resembles the Patrol with the powerful new V-motion grille, with its thick frame contrasting with the refined horizontal chrome bars within. The proportions of the X-Terra are strong and bold. The hood is tall and horizontal, the body is muscular, and the driver sits up high for a commanding road presence. The overall image is imposing and rugged, but designers have also added expressions of sophistication and technology. This is underlined by the unique C-shaped LED signature headlamps, similar to those of the Patrol, but evolved and interpreted in a new way for the

X-Terra. The quad LED projector lamps, like ice-cubes, have a high-tech vibe. Each one is intricately framed in its own bezel, showing off an attention to detail.

The front bumper with its unique layers overlapping each other creates an overall protected, yet sophisticated feeling. Combined with sleek, high tech headlamps and a powerful grill creates a distinctive front face that looks tough, modern and upscale. In the rear, the width of the vehicle is highlighted by the strong horizontal movement of the tail lamps. The wide LED signature rear lamps and the characteristic chrome centre finisher further emphasize its strength and width. Like its Patrol sibling, the rear bumper uses squared-off shapes to show that the X-Terra is well protected.

Taking a closer look at the wheels, the titanium grade models will come equipped with 17-inch alloy wheels, while the platinum grade will come with a set of 18-inch machine cut alloys. Chrome side steps and a chrome auto folding mirrors complement the overall look, alongside the fender vent and smart roof rail.

The X-Terra is available in seven exterior colours, including bright brown and burgundy. The upscale exterior is matched by premium black and light grey interior colours that add to the richness of the vehicle, along with a choice of cloth or leather seat fabrics, depending on the grade.

Drive with confidence
While it was important to make the Nissan X-Terra look rugged, it was vital that the capability underneath the skin lived up to its design. It is indeed the most capable in its class in a number of categories including acceleration, while achieving a competitive fuel economy of 11.4km/L.

The X-Terra is equipped with a versatile ladder-frame chassis, reinforced to give it greater rigidity for an authentic off-road drive. It also features a five-link coil spring rear suspension system and rigid rear-wheel axle, ensuring that comfort and convenience are not compromised by its strength and durability. The SUV features a dial on the system that allows drivers to quickly shift from two-wheel drive to a 4x4 drive – providing maxi-

mum fuel efficiency on the highway to confidence and control during adverse weather conditions.

To give you full control and maximum confidence, a number of features have been included in the X-Terra including Hill Start Assist and Hill Descent Control. Additional Smart features like Brake Limited Slip Differential, and Electronic Locking Rear Differential will give drivers the courage to start any adventure.

First-class treatment
Having a strong and dependable SUV doesn't mean passengers miss out on comfort and modern features. From the Zero Gravity seats to the stadium seat layout of the second and third row, families and large groups can ride comfortably with best in class interior volume.

The first-class treatment continues with individual climate controls for each row to help passengers always stay cool, along with the subtle glow of ambient lighting. At high speeds, the cabin stays quiet thanks to significant sound deadening efforts around the engine compartment, while wind and road noise is kept in check due to acoustic glass on both the windshield and side windows.

It was also important to make it as easy as possible for young and old alike to get in and out of the rear seats with a remote fold-down second row feature, while the third row has a single action fold-down to easily convert to more cargo space.

The X-Terra's 60/40 split-folding second row and a 50/50 split third row give plenty of cargo-carrying options, while folded-down second and third rows creates a completely flat cargo floor.

Drivers are treated to an upscale centre console and dashboard with brilliant displays. A 7-inch TFT Meter is located in the centre of the instrument cluster and allows for access to navigation, audio, car settings and five other information screens including an off-road meter that helps the driver quickly see the tilt of the vehicle and tire angle. The TFT also displays English and Arabic languages. Across the region, an 8-inch centre display screen and infotainment system are standard for the Titanium grade, while a 9-inch infotainment system with navigation is available for the Platinum grade.

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What makes Huawei MateBook X Pro most elegant high-performance flagship laptop this year in Oman?

MUSCAT: Flagship laptops are for those who want a laptop that doesn't compromise on anything. What separates the flagship laptop from other good laptops is how it balances performance, efficiency, portability, and comfort.

Its display should be easy on the eyes, bright, and sharp enough that you aren't distracted by jagged edges and visible pixels. It should be powerful for the heaviest tasks from intensive video editing to advanced gaming. It should be easy to carry around from place to place, and it should be able to last all day without needing to be plugged in. So if a company its laptop with the flagship title, it must have the best of everything be it design, screen resolution, performance, etc.

As a disruptive force in the conventional PC industry, Huawei is dedicated to building premium and smart flagship laptops, represented by the MateBook X Pro, for business people who have high requirements. Here's why we think the Huawei MateBook X Pro is the most elegant high-performance flagship laptop of 2022.

A screen like no other with a 3.1K Real Color FullView Display and an ultra-slim magnesium alloy body.

The importance of having a good screen on a laptop cannot be overstated. It is the number one thing to look for in a premium high-end laptop. But the display on Huawei MateBook Pro is not just good; it exceeds expectations. The 14.2-inch OLED Huawei Real Colour Full View Display with 3.1K high resolution just makes everything look stunning. It also has a high refresh rate of 90Hz, making every interaction feel buttery smooth and nimble. But that's not all; the colour accuracy of E < 1 with support for both the

P3 and sRGB dual colour gamut means that this display is also suitable for colour-sensitive tasks like photo and video editing.

Furthermore, the Magnetically-controlled Nano Optical AR Layer available on the Premium Edition effectively reduces reflection for greater clarity, even in extremely bright environments. Huawei MateBook X Pro has received TÜV Rheinland low blue light (Hardware Solution) certification because of its innovative luminous material that reduces the amount of blue light that is harmful to your eyes.

Also, Huawei MateBook X Pro is a beauty to behold. It sports a skin-soothing metallic body, delivering a unique matte surface and offering a comfortable grip. The Premium Edition of the Huawei MateBook X Pro's body is made of lightweight and durable magnesium alloy. It has undergone a Micro-arc Oxidation Coating process, which not only increases the hardness and wear-resistance of the product body but also makes it environmentally friendly. The surface of the cover has a unique matte finish that delivers a warm and comfortable touch. The laptop weighs just 1.26 kg, making it highly portable. You can choose from the two brand-new colours of the Premium Edition, Ink Blue and White, as well as the Space Grey of the other edition.

Performance is front and centre
Huawei MateBook X Pro is designed to give you the best and most ultimate performance to help you breeze through your workload. It has the powerful 12th Gen Intel® Core processor in its lightweight and stylish chassis and is powered by the advanced Intel Core™ i7-



1260P. The latest generation processor uses a hybrid architecture that efficiently handles complex tasks. Moreover, the laptop allows you to switch to the 30W Performance Mode when you need the extra boost by pressing the Fn + P key. This mode allows you to smoothly run multiple complex tasks at the same time.

The Intel® Iris® Xe graphics card provides outstanding graphics processing performance, making complex graphics processing effortless and smooth. The laptop comes with 16 GB LPDDR5 5200 MHz dual-channel high-speed memory and supports up to 1 TB NVMe PCIe SSD.

In addition, the upgraded Super Turbo technology facilitates in-depth optimisation at the system level for a quicker and smoother response. This contributes to a better experience, especially in video conferencing and heavy office scenarios

Take it to the next level with Super Device features

The Huawei MateBook X Pro take multi-device collaboration to a whole new level, thanks to the Super Device extraordinary features. It lets you effortlessly connect to other Huawei devices nearby and collaborate between them all. Simply place your Huawei FreeBuds Pro 2, mouse, keyboard, speakers and printers close to the Huawei MateBook X Pro, and the laptop will automatically discover them and provide a prompt for quick and easy pairing.

In addition, with smartphones like the newly launched Huawei Mate Xs 2 and tablets like the new Huawei MatePad Pro, it is even more useful. Once you have wirelessly connected your phone, you will see its UI (User Interface) appear on your laptop screen, so you can operate it as if your smartphone and laptop are one device. You can access and edit your files,

use and manage up to three phone app windows simultaneously, take video or audio calls from your phone through the Huawei MateBook X Pro, and even use your mouse and keyboard to control your smartphone.

In Mirror Mode, the laptop screen is projected onto the tablet, with both devices showing the same content: the tablet can benefit from the laptop's incredible performance; while the laptop can access the tablet's stylus, making drawing even easier. With Extend Mode, the laptop display is extended to the tablet, allowing the tablet to serve as an external monitor so you can scroll and browse easily between the two – perfect for making notes during a class or meeting. Finally, Collaborate Mode lets you share content between the devices via a simple drag and drop, so anything left on one can easily be transferred to the other.

The Huawei MateBook X Pro can also connect to a Huawei MateView monitor, so you can see your work on an even larger screen. The laptop also supports multi-device file management and AI search; the former enables users to easily search across their connected devices, while the latter supports quick search of files and images on the PC, the Internet, and other interconnected devices for greater flexibility.

A touchpad of perfection

With Huawei MateBook X Pro, Huawei has ensured a premium experience in every aspect of the laptop, including the touchpad as it responds to your taps instantly. This laptop also enlarges the multi-gesture touchpad's control area improving accuracy, avoiding accidental touch, and giving you more freedom. You don't need another mouse with this

to unleash your creativity.

Smart video conferencing with AI Camera

The Huawei MateBook X Pro comes with an HD camera on the top narrow bezel, which integrates the AI Camera features to support the video effects of Beauty, Virtual Background, FollowCam, and Eye Contact. It supports any video software.

Huawei SuperCharge makes it a powerhouse

Huawei MateBook X Pro features a 60Wh (rated capacity) super large battery and a compact 90W charger supporting Huawei SuperCharge. There is plenty of ports, too. The laptop has a 3.5 mm earphone jack and two Thunderbolt™ 4 ports on the left. On the right side, it is equipped with 2 full-function USB-C ports.

What you say matters

To pick up your voice the best way possible, Huawei MateBook X Pro features a quad-mic setup placed along the laptop's edges. Combined with the Huawei-developed algorithms to provide outstanding sound pick-up and playback effects, it provides a Pro-level conference equipment experience.

Uncompromising sound quality

The Huawei MateBook X Pro is equipped with six speakers. The four woofers feature a back-to-back design to create stunning bass and clear trebles without increasing thickness. The sound system, in combination with Huawei's Targeted Sound Field technology, brings impressive stereo sound with clear sound layers and a sense of direction.



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Majliya extends its unique offers to Bank Muscat card holders

Coinciding with Father's Day, Majliya has also launched its handcrafted luxury collection for men

MUSCAT: In an endeavour to reach more customers in the Sultanate of Oman, and to have them experience the brand, Majliya has collaborated with Bank Muscat and extended a number of unique promotions and offers to the bank's card holders.

Among the offers that Bank Muscat customers can enjoy is the Easy Payment Plan (EPP). This offer enables Bank Muscat credit cardholders to purchase Majliya jewellery and pay for the same in 12 monthly instalments at 0% interest. Whether it is shopping for a wedding or being the proud owner of a piece of heritage that one can cherish for years to come, this amazing offer not only makes buying Majliya jewellery affordable but turns dreams into reality.

In addition to the Easy Payment Plan, Bank Muscat also offers discounts to premier banking credit



card customers. With this offer, clients can avail of a flat 17% discount on the total invoice value with their Bank Muscat Private Banking Visa Infinite credit card while Asalah and Al Jawhar credit card holders can avail of a flat 13% discount on the total invoice value. Premier Banking clients will also have the added advantage of combining the deals and can benefit from the Easy Payment Plan if they wish to do so.

Coinciding with Father's Day, Majliya launched its handcrafted luxury collection for men.

The brand-new men's accessory lines – Azam Fajr and Azam

Vivid – include cufflinks, rings and walking sticks, which showcase Majliya's iconic designs, each designed to suit the individual tastes of its customers.

The Azam Fajr line is inspired by Oman's breath-taking landmarks like the Grand Mosque, Muscat Gate and the Al Alam Palace, and is a reminder to indulge in the beauty found in architecture. Amethyst, Turquoise, Lapis Lazuli and Malachite are the crowning jewels of this line, with each collection featuring a Walking Stick, Ring and Cufflinks. These masterpieces from Majliya inspire authenticity and are all one needs to make any



occasion grand.

The Azam Vivid line is inspired by the unique topography of the Sultanate and reflects the boldness of the mountains and the vivid colours of the local landscape. Designed to reflect the personality of the one it adorns, this collection embodies the unwavering calm nature and the strength attributed to men. Gems like Green Agate, Red Agate, Black Onyx and Lapis Lazuli are the charming stones of this line. What makes this collection unique, is the expert craftsmanship with which the gemstones have been hand cut by Majliya.

Commenting on Majliya's en-

deavour to reach more people in Oman by collaborating with Bank Muscat, Marco Belgrado, General Manager of Majliya, said, "In the last four decades, Majliya has become a leader in the luxury jewellery and gift segment, synonymous with uncompromising quality and passion. Through our collaboration with Bank Muscat, we aspire to take our brand experience to the next level by making our high-end collections available to more people in the Sultanate.

"With the Easy Payment Plan, we aim to make Majliya jewellery accessible, enabling our customers to discover and own a piece of

Oman's very own luxury brand."

Majliya is the story of an extraordinary Omani icon with big aspirations: Creating timeless masterpieces that honour the wishes of its clientele and are as individual in spirit as they are. With great respect for local traditions and customs, each brand element is a story itself. Colour, design lines and harmony between heritage and modernity, all contribute to the success of this eternal luxury brand that celebrates bridging history and time with a glorious future.

"The launch of our hand-crafted luxury men's collection was a timely arrival to celebrate fathers and the father figures around us. The unique craftsmanship employed in the making of the newly-launched Azam Fajr and Azam Vivid jewellery lines is undeniably a work of art. While Oman's mesmerising architecture inspires the Azam Fajr line, the Azam Vivid line reflects the beauty of Oman's unique natural landscape.

"These iconic men's luxury jewellery collections have been handcrafted with precision and care to suit the individual tastes of our customers. As patrons of high-end luxury keepsakes that present a lifetime of stories and memories, our success is unquestionable proof of the attraction of Oman's heritage to customers worldwide," Marco Belgrado added.

Bank Muscat's QR code e-payments assist merchant partners accept digital payments easily

MUSCAT: In line with its customer-centric vision and in accordance with directives from the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, Bank Muscat is offering its merchant partners a revolutionary payment experience that expedites digital payments by their customers at the checkout counter.

It is easy for businesses across the country to implement QR-code based payments.

This means that retail outlets can easily accept digital payments by customers using the mBanking app or Wallet of any bank in Oman.

Merchants can easily implement the new payment solution by downloading the Bank Muscat Merchant Wallet App and transforming their smartphones into a payment channel using either Dynamic QR or Static QR codes. Alternatively, merchants may also choose to implement Bank Muscat PoS machines, which enable QR-code based payments apart from those through regular Credit, Debit and Prepaid Cards. Most importantly, the QR-code scanning option allows merchant partners to accept e-payments from customers quickly and securely, irrespective of their bank or wallet.

Payments can be easily initiated from a customer's Mobile Banking application or Wallet application to the merchant's account by scanning a QR code. A merchant can also request money from a customer using the Mobile Payments System registered mobile number / Alias / QR code.

Abdullah Hamood Al Jufaili, Assistant General Manager, Digital Banking, Bank Muscat, said on the occasion: "The currently ongoing digital transformation will bring about a huge positive change as both businesses and customers shift to digital payments, which offers prompt and highly secure payment options that boost economic growth and development. QR-code payments enable small businesses to accept cashless transactions in secure and reliable manner in line with legal requirements.

"Merchants can easily track sales and payments, leading to better overall responsiveness and customer experience. We are delighted to have already on-boarded over 800 merchants to the QR-based payments facility and look forward to welcoming more partners in the coming days."



QR-code payments are based on the Central Bank of Oman's Mobile Payment System (MPS), which also enables customers to easily make payments, transfer funds or request funds from others. Funds can be transferred instantaneously using one of the following modes.

For person to person transfers, money can be sent or collected from the recipient's default account or wallet. 'Send money' can be initiated by using mobile number, Alias or by QR code scanning and 'collect money' can be initiated using recipient Alias / Mobile Number if both the sender and recipient are registered on MPS. Bank Muscat customers have the facility to register on the MPS via both its BM Wallet and the mBanking app.

Funds can be transferred instantly and at zero cost to both Bank Muscat and non-Bank Muscat accounts or wallets by using their MPS -registered mobile number/alias/QR code. There is no need to enter an account number.

Beneficiaries can be instead selected from one's phone contact list to initiate a payment.

As the Sultanate's largest financial services provider in Oman with 174 branches, over 800 ATMs and CDMs, and a large number of secure and convenient digital payment options that benefit its customers, Bank Muscat is committed to providing the largest portfolio of banking services that meet the varied needs of its customers.



Dynamic utility vehicle Renault Dokker available on special promotion

MUSCAT: Functional utility vehicle Renault Dokker which combines the best features of space, comfort, and dynamic performance is available on special offer.

Created to be exceedingly functional Renault Dokker is a harmonious and dynamic utility vehicle with great design. Offering easy loading, quick access to objects, side door, on-board multimedia system, and more Renault Dokker is super utility vehicle.

As part of the Renault Oman special scheme, customers who buy Renault Dokker can enjoy free registration, free periodic vehicle service package, three years/ 100,000 km manufacturer warranty, free AAA assistance card, and reference programme among others. Social media users who participate in the promotional campaign will also be eligible for attractive prizes.

The Renault promotion which has already begun will go on till August 19.

The unique offer boasts of a host of advantages for customers purchasing efficient Renault Dokker. All customers purchasing Renault Dokker from Suhail Bahwan Automobiles will be eligible to participate in the campaign scheme. Vehicles purchased with commercial registration will not be eligible for the scheme.

Vehicles bought for taxi, driving school, ministries, fleet, and rental-a-car usage will not be eligible for this scheme.

Renault Dokker Van has everything to make owner's work easier: cruise control with speed limiter, rear parking sensors, practical storage areas. To enhance efficiency, it provides owners with the 4 x 20 W radio, audio streaming and Bluetooth hands-free calling.

Its 1.6 MPI 85 hp engine is efficient both in consumption and cost of usage. The engine allows for a very dynamic driving at a cost that is amongst the most frugal.

A spokesperson for Renault Oman, from the house of Suhail Bahwan Automobiles said, "Renault Dokker is a very efficient and dynamic vehicle. This is the reason why it loved so much.

The 1.6L 85hp Euro 4 engine that powers Dokker shows consumption levels among the lowest in its class, without having to resort to expensive and complex technologies or sacrificing performance. It comes with one or two sliding side

doors and the loading width stands at 703 mm. The asymmetrical rear doors, meanwhile, open to a width of 1.08 m which is especially useful. Its lashing rings on the floor holds fragile items perfectly in place. When fully removed, it frees up extra space, increasing the loading volume to 3.9 m3.

All customers purchasing Renault Dokker Van during this scheme period will be eligible for free first year vehicle registration. Applicable to the extent of private registration only. For commercial registrations, additional amount including passing needs to be borne by customer.

All customers purchasing Renault Dokker Van during this scheme period will be eligible for Free Periodic Maintenance Service Package for two years / 30,000 km (whichever is earlier) limited to three services respectively. This offer includes only the service intervals of 10,000km.

Social Media users who will participate in the Q3 promotional campaign and other Online Challenges on Renaultoman Instagram will get fuel voucher worth of 50 OMR (3 nos.) / UV Sterilizer & wireless charger (4 nos.)

All customers purchasing Renault Dokker Van during this scheme period will be eligible for three Years / 100,000km mileage warranty (whichever is earlier).

All customers purchasing Renault vehicles during scheme period will receive Free AAA assistance card for 1st year only.

Renault will generate references of people looking to buy a car. This reference will be generated from existing Renault customers. The same person cannot refer himself but can refer multiple names.

If any of the referred persons buy a Renault car, then the person who referred him will get OMR 50 gift voucher. This gift voucher can be redeemed during vehicle service at SBA workshop, Purchase of consumables from SBA counters, Purchase of parts and accessories from SBA counters.

All such Gift Voucher winners will be declared on an ongoing basis. This gift voucher is non-transferable and cannot be redeemed for cash or exchanged for credit. The gift voucher will be valid for six months from the date of issue. The voucher needs to be redeemed fully all at once. Part redemption will not be allowed.



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ahlibank’s ‘Bancassurance’ offers peace of mind for its customers

Under the portfolio, both existing and new customers across the bank’s branches can avail comprehensive insurance solutions that include motor, travel, personal accident, family protection plans, home, home contents, against natural disasters and other policies

MUSCAT: ahlibank has continued to provide its existing and new customers with a diverse bundle of banking and financial products that stand apart from the rest. One such offering is the bank’s ‘Bancassurance’ products bouquet, which has been created in collaboration with Dhofar Insurance Company, a market leader with strong expertise and proven track record. Under the portfolio, both existing and new customers across the bank’s branches can avail comprehensive insurance solutions that include motor, travel, personal



accident, family protection plans, home, home contents, against natural disasters and other policies. Commenting on ahlibank’s Bancassurance products, Muneer Al Balushi – AGM, Head of Retail Distribution from ahlibank said, “As one of Oman’s leading finan-

cial solution providers, we are always striving to offer comprehensive and flexible solutions to customers, both existing and new. We are extremely delighted that our Bancassurance portfolio has been such a success. “By offering ‘Bancassurance’ we have not only expanded our suite of services but also strengthened the trust endowed upon us by our customers. The wide range of insurance products under this portfolio offers protection for both individual assets as well as property from any potential financial risks and liabilities. We have invested great efforts to ensure that all products are tailored to suit individual customer requirements. Both existing and new customers across the bank’s branches can avail of insurance coverage due to best rates, hassle-free documentation process, and quick turnaround time,” he added. Keeping customer centricity and

evolving needs in mind, Bancassurance provides comprehensive insurance for vehicles, personal accidents, travel, and insurance against natural disasters. Customers can also opt-in for the comprehensive family protection long-term plan that comes with extensive coverage, offering them peace of mind. Home insurance comes with complete solutions to mitigate loss and covers the building and the contents of the building and devices against any loss or damage. The bank, which was established in 2007, has a comprehensive suite of technologically advanced services across its branches in Oman. All its product offerings and account types are aimed at inculcating a culture of savings and developing financial stability. In line with its vision of being a vibrant and innovative centre of banking, the bank also offers top-class retail, commercial, and investment banking solutions.

LUXURY STAY

Pomegranate season at Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort



MUSCAT: Pomegranate harvest has arrived on Oman’s green mountain. From now until early October the mountains that surround Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar are full of bright green and pink pomegranates, a fruit packed with nutrients and antioxidants. Guests can experience the season with an interactive visit to local pomegranate farms, a spa treatment that embraces the health properties of the fruit, seasonal cocktails and menus. Situated 2,000 feet above sea level, two hours from Muscat, the area around Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar benefits from its semi-Mediterranean micro-climate that is conducive to growing pomegranates. More than 23,000 pomegranate trees grow on the mountaintop, and they are the oldest and most valuable source of income for farmers in the region. With temperatures about 15 degrees cooler than the surrounding area, it is the ideal temperature to explore the fruit farms in the nearby villages of Al Aqr, Al Ayn and Ash Shirayjah. Together with the resort’s local ‘Mountain Guru’, guests can meet farmers from now until the end of October and learn how to pick and cut the pomegranates from the tree, keeping the fruit they cut. The farmers will explain the season, the benefits of the fruit and where it can be used such

as in jam, salads, juice and pomegranate molasses. The excursion costs OMR 15 per person. Rich in antioxidants pomegranates have long been revered for their ability to regenerate, nourish and protect the skin, offering the perfect polish for a smooth and radiant body. Those in need of rejuvenation can head to the Anantara Spa for a ‘Revitalising Pomegranate Journey’, which utilises the antioxidant and anti-ageing properties in a body scrub. This is followed by a foot cleansing ritual and tailored massage. During pomegranate season the spa journey will end with a refreshing pomegranate juice. 90 minutes at OMR 85. The health benefits of pomegranates can also be experienced in Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar’s culinary offering. Guests can take part in a dedicated ‘Spice Spoons’ cookery class where they will learn how to create an organic pomegranate salad and pomegranate marinated local grouper fillet. Bella Vista restaurant will be serving the organic pomegranate salad as its dish of the month in August, whilst homemade pomegranate ice cream will be served in Al Baha courtyard café and deli and pomegranate cocktails will be served in Al Burj. The Mountain Breeze cocktail combines pomegranate liqueur, triple sec and fresh pomegranate juice.

BEST COMPANION

Explore what you love in Ford Ranger Wildtrak

MUSCAT: If you are a fan of adventure and love to explore new experiences then the powerful Ford Ranger Wildtrak is the best companion for your journeys. Built tough, the capable and dependable Range Wildtrak makes every terrain thrilling allowing you to enjoy the finest experiences on every drive. The Ford Ranger Wildtrak has an appetite for adventure. This is apparent in its high-strength steel frame ladder chassis, its tough steel body and versatile cargo box. The tough exterior design incorporates a high beltline, a raked grille and slanted windshield which give Ranger its athletic appearance and superb aerodynamics which helps cut wind noise and improve fuel economy. Off-road, Ranger’s short front and rear overhangs mean im-



pressive approach and departure angles for tackling steep terrain, while its 23cm ground clearance allows it to clear obstacles easily. Ranger is also able to navigate watery obstacles up to 800mm deep, allowing drivers to push through conditions that may stop its competitors in their tracks. Powering your journey and taking you ahead of expectations is the Ranger’s 3.2-litre turbodiesel engine that produces 196 hp and 470 Nm of torque. This is paired to a six-speed auto transmission. Ranger’s off-road capabilities are further enhanced with features like Hill Descent Control

which takes the stress out of the kind of precise driving required when tackling the technical challenges of tight and twisty mountain roads. Ford’s 4X4 Shift-On-The-Fly allows drivers to effortlessly switch between two- and four-wheel drive on the go, while an electronically controlled Locking Rear Differential gives drivers extra control and confidence on uneven terrain. With room for five people inside, a maximum towing capacity of 3.5 tons and a cargo tray capable of carrying up to 1425kg of gear, there’s no need for passengers to pack light for the journey. Ranger has enough space for everyone and everything they need to unlock the great outdoors. In Oman, Ford vehicles are brought to you by Arabian Car Marketing Co.

COLLABORATION

National University signs agreement with Hawthorn Muscat English Language Centre

MUSCAT: An agreement was signed between the National University of Science & Technology in Muscat and Hawthorn Muscat English Language Centre. The National University will be appointed as an IELTS testing venue for Hawthorn Muscat ELC. The agreement was signed by National University representatives Dr Salim Khamis Al Araiimi

the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Dr Saleem Khalfan Al Habsi the Director of the School of Foundation, Hawthorn Muscat was represented in the signing ceremony by Abdul Majid Al Majali the Managing Director and Suhail Mohammed Bahwan. The signing ceremony was also attended by executive officials from both parties.



UNTIL AUGUST END

Vodafone extends 105GB summer promotion

MUSCAT: Following the launch of the exciting RED Elite offer last month, packed with several benefits, Vodafone announced the extension of this promotion till the end of August. This step reinforces Vodafone’s commitment to providing the best possible products, services and offers to its subscribers that have never been seen before, further enhancing its position as a modern digital player within the sector. The Vodafone RED Elite offer, extends several incredible advantages for its subscribers, including 105 GB, split across

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provides customers with unlimited local minutes and SMS, 60 international minutes and the facility to take their home tariff abroad, across GCC and Vodafone

networks worldwide, at no extra cost. The RED Elite plan is valid for 4 weeks under a one-time payment of OMR 16. Vodafone continues to deliver on its brand proposition, under the slogan, “Together We Can”, highlighting the importance of having people, connectivity and technology work together to address challenges faced within society. It demonstrates the company’s profound belief that the collaboration between technology and the community can support the building of a brighter future for the nation and all its people.



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