

HM GREETES KING OF JORDAN

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to King Abdullah II of Jordan on the anniversary of his accession to the throne. In the cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere greetings and best wishes of good health, happiness and a long life to King Abdullah II. His Majesty also prayed to the Almighty Allah for the return of this and similar occasions on the King of Jordan while the brotherly people of Jordan realize aspirations of progress and prosperity. **-ONA**



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HM CONDOLES PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of condolences to President Dr. Arif Alvi of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on victims of the train collision in Sindh province. In the cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere condolences and sympathy to President Alvi, families of the victims and the friendly people of Pakistan. His Majesty prayed to Allah the Almighty to rest the victims' souls in peace in paradise and grant their families patience, wishing the injured a quick recovery. **-ONA**



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HH SAYYID FAHD RECEIVES KSA AMBASSADOR

His Highness Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmoud Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for the Council of Ministers yesterday received Abdullah Saud Al Anzi, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) appointed to the Sultanate. **>A4**

DECISION ISSUED

Sayyid Theyazin forms panel for electronic games, sports

MUSCAT: His Highness Sayyid Theyazin bin Haitham Al Said, Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth, yesterday issued a decision announcing the Oman Committee for Electronic Games and Sports (OCEGS) and forming its board of directors.

Keenness

The decision reflects the minister's keenness to develop the capabilities of Omani youth in all spheres to enable them to contest regional and international competitions and achieve high rankings.

The OCEGS will specialise in regulating administrative, finan-



His Highness Sayyid Theyazin bin Haitham Al Said, Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth

cial and technical affairs of electronic games and sports in line with plans and programmes endorsed by the ministry. It will also draft plans and programmes necessary for publishing electronic sports in the Sultanate, besides developing them technically by consulting international systems and principles.

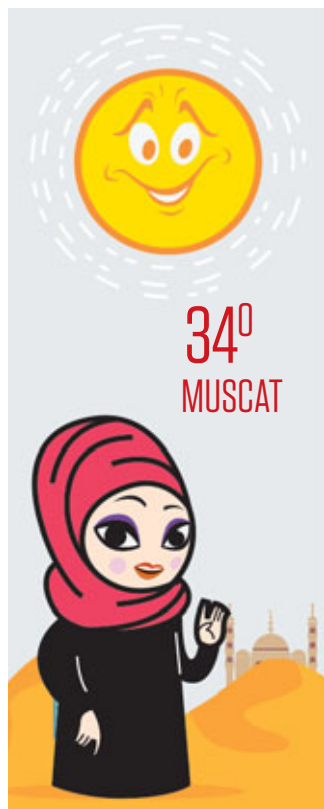
The Committee will also be entrusted with organising competitions and championships, devising necessary rules, terms and conditions, granting titles and according awards and positions after obtaining the Ministry's approval in all cases. **>A2**



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IMMUNITY FROM COVID IN SIGHT



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With Oman likely to receive five million vaccines by October, the country is expected to become immune to the virus within a period of six months

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman is expected to reach immunity against COVID-19 in six months, if vaccines continue to be delivered at the current rate, a specialist on infectious diseases in the



335,866

people, which is about 9.3 per cent of the population of Oman, have been vaccinated against the COVID-19. Among them, 57 per cent have been provided their first dose, while 43 per cent have received second one as well

country has said.

Dr Zaid Al Hinai, Consultant on Infectious Diseases at Sultan Qaboos University Hospital, encouraged people who are eligible for the vaccine to get themselves jabbed at the earliest, with the country scheduled to receive nearly five million doses of the COVID-19 by October 2021.

This was made possible due to agreements signed with vaccine producers, and through the Global Vaccine Alliance (GAVI), said Badar Al Rawahi, the Director of Infectious Disease Control at the Ministry of Health.

"This week, we received 210,000 doses of the vaccine from Pfizer, and 205,000 from the

same company last week," he told Oman TV.

"We will finish immunising 30 per cent of Oman's population before the end of July 2021, if we continue receiving the supply of vaccines at the current rate which is 1.25 million doses monthly, of which a quarter of a million are distributed weekly." **>A3**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

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ICU admissions due to COVID-19 top 300

Over 300 people with COVID-19 are currently in intensive care units in Oman, according to Ministry of Health data. There are at present 303 COVID-19 patients in ICUs, up from the 297 on 7 June, and the 290 on 6 June. **>A3**

OMAN

Muscat venue of GCC Statistics Centre

An agreement on designating the premises of the GCC Statistics Centre in Muscat has been signed. Sayyid Badr signed the agreement on behalf of the government of the Sultanate and Al-Hajraf on behalf of the GCC Secretariat General. **>A5**

MARKET

Carbon-neutral LNG cargo pact inked

Attesting to its robust efforts in delivering clean and reliable energy, Oman LNG has signed a pivotal agreement with Shell to deliver the Middle East first carbon-neutral LNG cargo from Oman LNG's facility in Sur. **>B1**

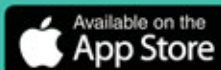
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ICU admissions due to COVID-19 exceed 300

With 206,026 of the total of 226,648 people infected by the disease having recovered, the recovery rate stands at about 91 per cent

Times News Service

MUSCAT: More than 300 people with COVID-19 are currently in intensive care units across Oman, figures released by the Ministry of Health show.

There are currently 303 COVID patients in ICUs, a significant rise from the 297 people who were in intensive care as of Monday, 7 June, and the 290 reported on Sunday, 6 June.

There are also about 983 patients with the coronavirus admitted to hospitals, of whom 129 were admitted in the last 24 hours. 2,434 people have also unfortunately died from the disease since the start of the pandemic.

Total COVID caseload
Oman's total COVID caseload stands at 226,648, with 206,026 people having recovered from the disease, or about 91 per cent of all those who have been infected by it. The Ministry of Health continues to remind people to adopt the precautionary measures to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the country.

These including avoiding group activities and gatherings, wearing a mask, maintaining social dis-

REMINDER: The Ministry of Health continues to remind people to adopt the precautionary measures to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the country. -File photo

tancing, regularly and thoroughly washing hands with soap and sanitisers, avoid touching one's face, mouth, nose, and eyes, following healthy habits while sneezing or coughing, and committing to isolation if you have symptoms of COVID-19, or have come into contact with those who have the disease.

"With our commitment to wearing a mask and maintaining social and physical distancing, we will prevent ourselves, our families, and our community from the spread of the coronavirus," said the ministry in its advisory.

To bring down case numbers and hospital admission rates in the country, people currently eligible for their second dose of the COVID vaccine have been asked to get vaccinated at the earliest.

Second dose
The General Directorate of Health Services in Muscat announced it would "start giving the second dose of COVID-19 vaccines for those who have received the first dose, and have completed 10 weeks or more, as per prior scheduled appointment."

Depending on where they live, those who need to get second dose can go to the Al Nubaha School for Basic Education in Seeb, Quriyat Polyclinic, Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex in Boushar, the office of the Governor of Al Amerat, and Imam Jaber bin Zaid School for people in Muscat and Muttrah.

All of these centres are open from 8am to 2pm on weekdays and are closed on weekends, with the exception of Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex, which will see vaccine recipients between 9am and 4pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

HIRING

1,400 Omanis take exams for Public Prosecution jobs

Times News Service

MUSCAT: 1,400 Omanis have written exams organised by the Public Prosecution as part of the hiring process for the post of public prosecution assistant.

Candidates who wrote the exam had BAs in Sharia Law or above, and were split into two groups, a precautionary measure to curb the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, in line with the medical protocol that needs to be followed in such cases. The sorting of candidates will be processed electronically, per a programme created by the Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) to assess tests taken in government institutions.

Nasr Khamis Al Sawa'ee, the Attorney General, went on an inspection tour to follow up efforts made to conduct the tests, held at the SQU labs via computing systems monitored by the SQU's Community Service and Ongoing Education Centre.

The Public Prosecution Department's efforts to hire more Omanis is part of attempts to employ more nationals from the labour force. A number of companies across different areas of operations, both in the private and public sector, have announced vacancies for qualified applicants.

11 positions, for example, have been announced by a key financial institution in the country, for which applicants have to submit the necessary documentation by 18 June. A leading tourism development firm has also called on IT specialists and programmers to join them.

A number of jobs have been made available at nationwide environmental services, facilities providers, and utility companies, while a prominent telecommunications firm, through its graduate

hiring programme, is looking to give jobs to 140 Omanis. Those who wish to apply under this programme will need to send their CVs to the company in question before 21 June, after which they will be reviewed, with successful candidates moving to the next stage of evaluation.

Successful candidates will be inducted into a six-month training programme, which is set to begin in August 2021, and will be provided a monthly allowance.

"During the programme, you will deliver on agreed KPIs and will be assessed on the usage of digital applications, customer experience and cultural fit," said the company, explaining the hiring process. "We will offer employment opportunity to those who excel during the training programme in customer service and retail. All programme attendees will be awarded an accredited certificate for completing the programme."

An architecture and design firm in Muscat is also keen on having recent graduates and final-year students train with them, to provide them work experience that will help them develop their careers. A number of jobs in retail and vocational training, as well as a number of specialised maintenance roles as technicians and engineers have also opened up for Omanis. Furthermore, monthly stipends will also be provided to those willing to train in graphic design, and marketing, as part of a youth skills development scheme in the Governorate of Al Dhahirah.

Interviews have also taken place for candidates keen on contributing to the oil and gas sector, while more opportunities are to be made available in the coming weeks.

FIGHTING PANDEMIC

<FROM A1 National vaccination strategy has target groups identified

"Within the national vaccination strategy, we have identified a number of target groups, and we aspire to achieve a vaccination rate of 70 per cent of the people within these groups by July," he added. "The current stage of vaccination includes workers in the government and security fields, and those aged 45 and above."

Currently, some 9.3 per cent of the population of Oman (335,866 people) have been vaccinated against the disease, according to Oman News Agency. Among them, 57 per cent have been provided their first dose, while 43 per cent have received second doses.

Should the pace of vaccines continue at their current rate, school and university students are also in line to be vaccinated soon. It is likely that being vaccinated could become a prerequisite for those who wish to enter educational facilities. The longer-term objectives of the vaccination campaign are to vaccinate all those in the country above the age of 12.

Al Rawahi added that people in some parts of the country were reluctant to take the vaccines, because of rumours spread about its alleged effects, but he hoped the vaccination rate among those who are sceptical about receiving it increases in the coming days.

"Vaccination rates have reached only 40 per cent in Dhofar, for example, while in Muscat Governorate, it is at 100 per cent,

as is the case in Al Dakhliyah and Al Dhahirah," explained Al Rawahi. "The vaccine is safe. It has been chosen by a committee specialised for this task, and we urge everyone to take it."

Adding to this, Dr Zaid Al Hinai said that vaccines are the best way to stop the spread of COVID-19.

"Vaccines are the best weapon against this disease, and we receive large batches of the vaccine, we can distribute them to 15 to 20 percent of the country's population per month," he explained. "If we reach 100 per cent vaccination coverage among the elderly, we can reach community immunity quickly, but we must continue to take precautions and maintain the current safety protocols so we can protect everyone from the disease, at least for the next six months. In the meantime, I ask everyone to step forward and take the vaccine as soon as they are able to."

The current phase of Oman's vaccination programme is split into three phases, according to the Ministry of Health.

The first stage, which began on 26 May, saw vaccines given to students undergoing their final general education diploma, and their supervisors, as well healthcare workers, the Royal Oman Police, and the armed forces. A number of vaccines have also been distributed to private health centres. These have also been used to give second doses of the vaccine to people in Musandam, and those in the country who have had a 10 week gap after their initial shot.

The second stage, expected to start on 21 June, will see people above 45 years vaccinated, while stage three, which is scheduled to start in the first half of July, will see students and staff in higher education institutions vaccinated.



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HIS HIGHNESS SAYYID FAHD RECEIVES AMBASSADOR OF KSA

MUSCAT: His Highness Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmoud Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for the Council of Ministers on Tuesday received Abdullah Saud Al Anzi, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) appointed to the Sultanate.

Sayyid Fahd welcomed the ambassador, wishing him success in his assignments.

Conversation during the meeting reviewed the fraternal relations and means of developing them to serve interests of the two countries' brotherly peoples and enhance the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) march.

The ambassador expressed satisfaction of his country's government over the growing relations between the two countries.

He commended the Sultanate's constant efforts to promote joint understanding and cooperation.

He also pointed out that the leadership of the KSA accords appreciation and respect for the Sultanate and its balanced respect at the regional and international levels.

The meeting was attended by Sheikh Al Fadhl Mohammed Al Harthy, Secretary General of the Council of Ministers. - **ONA**

UNIQUE BIODIVERSITY AT AL SALEEL NATIONAL PARK





AL SALEEL NATIONAL PARK in the Wilayat of Al Kamil Wal Wafi, South Al Sharqiyah Governorate and a few kilometres from Sur is one of the most fascinating natural sanctuaries in the Sultanate with frequent seasonal rain. The sanctuary's area is a plain land at Wadi Bani Khalid.

The sanctuary, which has a unique biodiversity, represents a habitat of over 100 flora and fauna species, mainly Acacia Ehrenbergiana, Acacia Tortilis, Ziziphus spina-christi and Maerua Crassifolia Forssk. The area also hosts various mammals

such as the Arabian gazelle, Arabian tahar, red fox and Arabian hare among others.

Eight species of reptiles have been recorded along with 166 insects. The sanctuary is also a habitat for wild birds including migrating birds and other birds that have settled in the area.

Old archeological graves have been discovered on plain land at the eastern part of the sanctuary, which dated back to the third century BC.

A majority of the Bedouin community are engaged in herding the animals settled in the sanctuary and the surrounding areas.





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INTERIOR MINISTER MEETS GCC SECRETARY GENERAL

Sayyid Hamoud Faisal Al-Busaidi, Minister of Interior received yesterday Dr. Nayef Falah Al-Hajraf, GCC Secretary General. The meeting reviewed several matters relevant to the GCC march in supporting the security work, as well as efforts of the GCC Secretariat General to foster cooperation and strengthen existing ties of brotherliness. — ONA



MEETING

Oman, Yemen review relations

MUSCAT: Sheikh Abdulmalik Abdullah Al-Khalili, Chairman of the State Council today received Dr. Ahmad Awad Mubarak, Minister for Foreign and Expatriates Affairs in the Republic of Yemen, within the framework of his current visit to the Sultanate.

The meeting reviewed the bilateral relations between the two brotherly countries and means of enhancing them, as well as discussing the current regional situations.

Sheikh Abdulmalik hoped this visit would achieve its desired goals, wishing for Yemen security, peace and stability.

On his turn, the Yemeni guest hailed the Sultanate's constant stands towards supporting secu-



rity, stability and unity of Yemen, in addition to its role in backing peace process and ending conflicts in the region.

The meeting was attended by

Mohammed Yousef Al-Zarafi, member of the State Council, the Secretary General of the State Council and the Yemeni Ambassador to the Sultanate. — ONA

MEETING

Muscat selected as venue for GCC Statistics Centre



MUSCAT: Sayyid Badr Hamad Al-Busaidi, Foreign Minister yesterday received Dr. Nayef Falah Al-Hajraf, GCC Secretary-General, who is currently visiting the Sultanate.

The meeting dealt with ways of upgrading GCC cooperation and boosting joint future projects. During the meeting, an agreement on designating the premises of the GCC Statistics Centre was signed by Sayyid Badr on behalf of the government of the Sultanate while Al-Hajraf signed on behalf of the GCC Secretariat General.

The fact that Muscat has been endorsed as venue for the GCC Statistics Centre reflects the Sultanate's keenness to promote joint GCC action. The Centre aims to build capacities of GCC institutions to keep pace with modern statistical requirements. It will also help develop joint working programmes, unify GCC national statistical strategies and standardise them in line with the best international practices and enhancing proper use of statistical data in making decisions and devising policies. — ONA

UNITED NATIONS

Oman wins UN membership of Economic and Social Council

NEW YORK: The Sultanate on Tuesday won membership to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the period (2022-2024) after receiving the majority of votes when UN member states convened here last night.

Dr Mohammed Awadh Al Hassan, the Sultanate's Permanent

Representative at the UN, said in a statement to Oman News Agency (ONA) that "This is yet another podium ascended by the Sultanate in the international arena. The opportunity will be utilised to develop economic and social sectors in the Sultanate within the context of Oman Vision 2040." — ONA

NCSI

Over one million passengers used Oman's airports till March 2021

MUSCAT: The total number of passengers travelling through airports in the Sultanate (Muscat International, Salalah, Sohar and Duqm) until the end of March 2021 reached 1,003,762 compared to 3,571,647 passengers as at the end of March 2020, comprising a decline by 71.9 percent.

According to preliminary data released by the National Centre for Statistics and information (NCSI), the number of flights till the end of March 2021 stood at 8,191 (including 5,865 international flights, 2,326 domestic flights), compared to the same period in 2020, which



TRAVELLERS: The number of Indian passengers stood at 334,131 (arrivals 288,565, departures 45,566). Bangladeshi passengers stood at 108,605 (arrivals 89,102, departures 19,503). — ONA

stood at 27,535 flights, (23,815 international flights, 3,720 domestic flights).

Nationalities of India, Bangladesh and Pakistan topped the total number of passengers in the Sultanate's airports till the end of March 2021.

The number of Indian passengers stood at 334,131 (arrivals 288,565 and departures 45,566). Bangladeshi passengers stood at 108,605 (arrivals 89,102 and departures 19,503).

Meanwhile, the Pakistani passengers stood at 99,670 (arrivals 89,338 and departures 10,332). — ONA





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Biden, Stoltenberg hold meeting ahead of NATO summit

Stoltenberg briefed reporters outside the White House following a meeting with Biden

WASHINGTON: US President Joe Biden and NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg agreed on Monday that strengthening the trans-Atlantic alliance was essential in such time of global competition.

Stoltenberg briefed reporters outside the White House following a meeting with Biden, who will attend his first NATO summit as US president next week, soon after the G7 summit from June 11-13.

"We agree that in a more competitive world, we need to strengthen NATO, and we need to face security challenges, which no ally can face alone. So, therefore, we need to stand together as NATO," the alliance's secretary general said.

Their meeting was centered around preparing for next week's summit. Stoltenberg had called on NATO allies to "invest more" to strengthen the alliance's defense, "and that's what we are doing," he said.

The two also discussed how to reinforce the alliance in the face of challenges, including global terrorism and climate change, as well as strained ties with Russia and China.



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A 'dual-track approach' with Russia

Stoltenberg said he agreed with Biden on a "dual-track approach" of "deterrence, defense and dialogue" with Russia.

"Dialogue with Russia is not a sign of weakness... even if we don't believe in a better relationship with Russia, we need to manage a difficult relationship with Russia," he said. On Biden's first foreign trip as president, he will also attend a highly anticipated meeting with Russia's President Vladimir Putin in Geneva, following the NATO and G7 leaders' summits.

US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said the timing of the Biden-Putin summit guaranteed that the US president would

have "the wind in his back" as he will have consulted with allies in Europe.

Sullivan stressed that Biden was not meeting Putin "despite" their differences, but because of them.

China doesn't 'share our values'

Stoltenberg acknowledged that cooperation with China offered opportunities for the Western economies, but there remained issues that paved the way for a difficult relationship with Beijing.

He condemned China's "coercive" policies toward Taiwan, Uyghurs and Hong Kong protesters, but said NATO allies needed to discuss with China issues like climate change and arms control.

"China will soon have the biggest economy in the world — they already have the second-largest defense budget, the biggest navy, they are investing heavily in advanced military capabilities, and they don't share our values," Stoltenberg said.

Next week, Biden and leaders of the G7 nations would announce "a new initiative to provide financing for physical, digital and health infrastructure in the developing world. A high standard, climate friendly, transparent and rules-based alternative to what China is offering," Sullivan told reporters, seemingly alluding to China's Belt and Road Initiative, among other international development projects funded from Beijing. **AW**

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MORE DATA

Can't compel China to give more info on COVID-19 origins, says WHO official



GENEVA : A top World Health Organization official on Monday said that the WHO cannot compel China to divulge more data on the origins of COVID-19.

Mike Ryan, Director of the agency's emergencies programme, said at a news conference that the "WHO doesn't have the power to compel anyone in this regard", reported Al Jazeera. Meanwhile, he expected full 'cooperation' from member states. "We fully expect cooperation, input and support of all of our member states in that endeavour," Ryan said. He also proposed that studies are needed to take understanding of where the virus emerged to the "next level".

There are competing theories that the virus jumped from animals, possibly starting with bats,

to humans, or that it escaped from a laboratory in Wuhan, China, reported Al Jazeera.

The Wuhan lab leak theory has recently become the subject of renewed public debate after several prominent scientists called for a full investigation into the origins of the virus.

The hypothesis that the virus was accidentally leaked from the lab was largely disregarded by scientists in the early stages of the coronavirus outbreak. China has repeatedly denied that the lab was responsible for the outbreak.

Members of a WHO team that visited China earlier this year hunting for COVID-19's origins have said they did not have access to all data, driving continued debate about the country's transparency, reported Al Jazeera. **ANI**

NEW SHEPARD

Amazon founder Jeff Bezos to fly to space next month

WASHINGTON: Amazon founder Jeff Bezos on Monday announced that he will be flying to space on the first crewed flight of the New Shepard, the rocket ship made by his space company, Blue Origin next month.

The information about his space travel was shared through Bezos' Instagram post that ended with Blue Origin's Latin motto, Gradatim Ferociter - which the company translates as "step by step ferociously." The flight is scheduled for July 20, just a couple of weeks after Bezos plans to resign as Amazon's CEO. Amazon's new incoming CEO is Andy Jassy.

The date also marks the 52nd anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing.

Blue Origin announced that Jeff Bezos and his brother Mark will join the auction winner on New Shepard's first human flight on July 20th.

Auction bidding is already at USD 2.8 million with nearly 6,000 participants from 143 countries.

Bidding is underway now at BlueOrigin.com and will conclude with a live online auction on June 12. The winning bidder will fly to space on New



Shepard's first human flight on July 20.

The winning bid amount will be donated to Blue Origin's foundation, Club for the Future, whose mission is to inspire future generations to pursue careers in STEM and to help invent the future of life in space, said an official release.

Bezos isn't alone in spending some of his enormous wealth on

space exploration.

Elon Musk's SpaceX Crew Dragon now regularly carries astronauts to and from the International Space Station. And in May, a test flight by Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic reached an altitude of 55 miles, marking its third human spaceflight.

But neither Musk nor Branson has traveled to space yet in their companies' aircraft. **ANI**

DECLINING CASES

India reports 86,498 new COVID-19 cases after 63 days

NEW DELHI : India reported less than 100,000 new COVID-19 cases for the first time after 63 days in the last 24 hours, said the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on Tuesday.

With 86,498 new cases reported in the last 24 hours, the daily COVID cases are the lowest in 66 days. On Monday, the country had reported 100,636 new COVID-19 cases. The COVID case tally in India has now reached

28,996,473. According to Union Health Ministry, as many as 182,282 patients recovered from the disease in the last 24 hours taking the total number of recoveries to 27,341,462. Meanwhile, the active number of COVID cases in the country stands at 1,303,702. With 2,123 new fatalities in the last 24 hours, the COVID death toll in the country mounted to 351,309.

As many as 36.80 crore sam-

ples have been tested in the country up to June 7, informed the Indian Council of Medical Research.

The national Recovery Rate has increased to 94.29 per cent. Meanwhile, the weekly positivity rate stands at 5.94 per cent.

More than 23.61 crore (23,61,98,726) COVID vaccine doses have been administered so far in the nationwide vaccination drive. **ANI**

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Death toll from train collision in Pakistan’s Sindh reaches 62

The accident occurred after the coaches of one train, the Millat Express, derailed and fell across the opposite track

ISLAMABAD: The death toll from the train collision in Pakistan’s Sindh province reached 62 on Tuesday as rescue operations ceased and the track was restored. “The up and down track has been restored; have received orders to resume train service,” Sukkur Tariq Latif, Divisional Superintendent (DS) Railway, was quoted as saying by The News International. The track had been closed for 27 hours. The accident occurred after the coaches of one train, the Millat Express, derailed and fell across the opposite track, where they were hit by another train, the Sir Syed Express, Geo News reported citing a spokesperson for Pakistan Railways statement. According to the Pakistani newspaper, the train accident took place after a weld-



TRAIN COLLISION: According to the Pakistani newspaper, the train accident took place after a welding joint of the track broke.

ing joint of the track broke. The welding joint of the up track’s right side broke, causing 12 coaches of the Millat Express to crash onto a down track. The report further said the engine of Karachi-bound Syed Express and four coaches derailed as a result of the accident. Now, the experts are busy retrieving data from the black boxes of both trains. On Monday, Prime Minister

Imran Khan had expressed shock at the loss of lives from the Ghotki train accident and ordered a “comprehensive investigation” into the incident. “Shocked by the horrific train accident at Ghotki early this morning leaving 30 passengers dead. Have asked Railway Minister to reach the site and ensure medical assistance to the injured and support for families of the dead. Ordering a comprehensive

investigation into railway safety fault lines,” he tweeted. Indian High Commission in Pakistan had also expressed grief over the train accident in Ghotki. “We are saddened at the tragic train accident that took place in Ghotki, Sindh today morning. We offer condolences to families of the deceased and wish speedy recovery to the injured,” Indian High Commission in Pakistan said in a tweet on Monday. **ANI**



Maldives FM wins presidency of 76th UN General Assembly

MALE: The Maldives on Monday won the election to the post of the President of the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (PGA), during the elections held at the UN headquarters in New York. According to a statement from Maldives’ foreign ministry, the country’s Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdulla Shahid won the election with 143 votes, out of a total of 191 votes cast. This is the first time Maldives will be occupying the office of the PGA. The Maldives had announced Shahid’s candidature in December 2018 for the Asia-Pacific Group’s turn for the session that would commence on September 14, when no other candidate was in the fray. Shahid is eminently qualified to hold the office of PGA, with vast diplomatic experience and strong credentials, especially in the multilateral fora, said sources. India announced its support for Shahid during the visit of Foreign Secretary Harsh Shringla to the Maldives in November 2020. Even at that time, he was the only candidate in the fray, according to sources. The External Affairs Minister of India, S Jaishankar also conveyed his felicitations to Shahid on this accomplishment. “Heartiest felicitations to Foreign Minister of Maldives @abdulla_shahid on his election as President for 76th UN General Assembly,” he said. “This is a testimony as much to his own stature as to the standing of Maldives. We look forward to working with him to strengthen multilateralism and its much-needed reforms,” the minister added.

In mid-January 2021, in a surprising development and with less than six months before the elections, Afghan Foreign Minister Zalmay Rassoul entered the fray. According to sources, while Rassoul also had strong credentials, by the time his candidature was announced, Maldives had already garnered extensive support. Moreover, Maldives has never held the office of PGA, while Afghanistan has held this post during the 21st GA session in 1966-67. Since India had already committed its support to the Maldives at a time when no other candidate was in the fray, India voted in favour of Maldives. In February, Jaishankar stated that the Maldivian Foreign Minister is “best equipped” to be the President of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly. “I reiterate today India’s strong support to the candidature of Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid for President of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly next year. Foreign Minister Shahid, with his vast diplomatic experience and his leadership qualities, is, in our view, the best equipped to preside over the General Assembly of 193 nations of the world,” Jaishankar said at the Joint Conference with Minister of Foreign Affairs. India remains committed to supporting the office of the PGA, as it has consistently done in previous years, said sources. Meanwhile, taking to Twitter, Maldives President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih congratulated Shahid for winning the presidency of the 76th UNGA, adding that it was a great honour for the Maldives. **ANI**

INTERNET OUTAGE

Major news websites back online as Fastly identifies issue, implements fix

WASHINGTON: Multiple websites, including that of major news organisations such as the BBC, the New York Times and CNN, have begun functioning again after they went offline due to a massive but temporary internet outage. New York Times, CNN and the UK government’s website among other international websites like Pinterest, Reddit, Twitch, Spotify and more went offline due to

the massive internet outage. Users reported receiving “Error 503 Service Unavailable” and “connection errors pages” when attempting to log on to a number of websites. On Twitter, several unverified claims have reported that Fastly Edge systems, a popular Content Delivery Network (CDN) provider, could be the reason for the outage. However, Fastly reported

that the issue has been fixed. “The issue has been identified and a fix has been applied. Customers may experience increased origin load as global services return,” the network provider said on its website. According to CNN, Fastly helps improve the time it takes for websites to load and provides other services to internet sites, apps and platforms -- including a large global server network.

Meanwhile, several websites continue to face problems even after Fastly’s announcement that the issue has been fixed. Major website and app outages happen from time to time and typically don’t last long as internet service providers, content delivery networks and other hosting services are built with multiple redundancies and a global network of backup servers, reported CNN. **ANI**



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Fans vote 2020-21 Border-Gavaskar Trophy as ‘Ultimate Test Series’

2020-21 Border-Gavaskar Trophy was fighting it out against the 1999 series between India and Pakistan

DUBAI: The 2020-21 Border-Gavaskar Trophy contest between India and Australia was on Tuesday adjudged as the ‘Ultimate Test Series’.

“Ahead of the #WTC21 final, we set out to determine #TheUltimateTestSeries. After 15 head-to-heads and over seven million votes across our social channels, we have a winner... The 2020/21 Border-Gavaskar Trophy takes the crown,” the official handle of ICC tweeted. In the final, the 2020-21 Border-Gavaskar Tro-



phy was fighting it out against the 1999 series between India and Pakistan, and in the end, it was the former that got the maximum number of votes.

The 2005 Ashes between England and Australia made it to the semifinals, but it ended up losing to the 1999 series between India and Pakistan. While the 2020-21

Border-Gavaskar Trophy defeated the series between these two very sides way back in 2001 in the semifinals, The 2001 series is remembered for the epic Kolkata Test where VVS Laxman and Rahul Dravid staged a memorable comeback to hand Sourav Ganguly’s side an improbable win.

On January 19 this year, Aus-

tralia’s fortress -- The Gabba -- was finally breached. It took 32 years and two months, but the unthinkable was achieved after an injury-ravaged young Indian team defeated Australia by three wickets against all odds in the fourth Test to win the series 2-1.

The last time a visiting team came out triumphant from the Brisbane Cricket Ground was back in November 1988 when the mighty West Indian outfit under the leadership of Viv Richards thrashed Allan Border’s team by 9 wickets.

India had been bundled out for 36 in Adelaide in the first Test against Australia and the side stumbled to an eight-wicket loss. Skipper Virat Kohli also returned home after being granted paternity leave, but under Ajinkya Rahane, the team showed remarkable fight and resolve to win the series.

The visitors were also hampered by injuries throughout the tour, but this did not hamper the spirits of the team as a young side emerged triumphant in the final Test at the Gabba. **ANI**

Oman go down by a solitary goal against Qatar

DOHA: Oman slipped to a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Qatar in their match that serves as part of joint qualifiers for the 2022 FIFA World Cup and 2023 Asian Cup.

Captain Hassan Al Haydos scored the opener for Qatar with a 40th minute penalty, sending Oman goalie Faiz Al Rushaidi the wrong way.

Qatar were by far the better team in the first half, with eight shots in comparison to a solitary attempt by Oman.

The hosts’ dominance continued in the second half but the scoreline remained unchanged.

Oman continue to remain second in Group E, with the 2022 World Cup hosts ahead of them.



FRENCH OPEN



Defending champion Nadal, Novak Djokovic enter quarterfinals

PARIS : Defending champion Rafael Nadal on Monday progressed to the quarterfinals of the ongoing French Open after winning his fourth-round match.

Nadal defeated Italy’s Jannik Sinner 7-5, 6-3, 6-0 here at Court Philippe-Chatrier in the fourth-round match. The entire match lasted for 2 hours and 18 minutes. The match between Nadal and Sinner went back and forth in the first set, but in the end, the 35-year-old Nadal managed to hold his own

and he won the first set 7-5.

Sinner displayed some good winners in the second set, but Nadal showed his class to win the set 6-3 and he was just one more set away from progressing to the quarterfinals of the ongoing Grand Slam.

Going for the kill, Nadal displayed his vintage gameplay in the third set and Sinner had no answers, and in the end, the Spaniard ended up wrapping the match in straight sets. Nadal did not even

drop a single game in the third set of the match.

Earlier on Monday, world number one Novak Djokovic stormed into the quarterfinals of the ongoing French Open. Lorenzo Musetti opted out of the match in the fifth set due to an injury.

The 34-year-old Djokovic defeated Italy’s Musetti 6-7, 6-7, 6-1, 6-0, 4-0 in the fourth-round match at Court Philippe-Chatrier. With this win, the Serbian has qualified for the quarterfinals of

the French Open for the 15th time in his career.

After being two sets down, Djokovic staged a comeback in the third set and he displayed his A-game to throw Musetti off the track and as a result, the match progressed to the fourth set. The world number one displayed why he is labelled as a modern-day great and he did not drop even a single game in the fourth set, winning it 6-0, and as a result, the match went into the fifth and final set. **ANI**



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OMAN CRUDE PRICE FALLS

The price of Oman oil has decreased, with prices for delivery by August 2021 reaching \$69.60, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil declined by 75 cents from the price of Monday, which was \$70.35. - OMA

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BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

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Pact to deliver Middle East's first carbon-neutral LNG cargo inked

The agreement inked represents a long-time relation between Oman LNG and Shell

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Attesting to its robust efforts in delivering clean and reliable energy, Oman LNG has signed a pivotal agreement with Shell to deliver the Middle East first carbon-neutral LNG cargo from Oman LNG's world-class facility in Sur.

The cargo, which is expected to be delivered in the region, is the first carbon-neutral LNG from the Middle East using nature-based carbon credits to offset full lifecycle CO2 emissions generated across the LNG value chain; from exploring and producing the natural gas to its end use by the final consumer.

Nature-based projects aim to protect, transform or restore land



NATURE-BASED CARBON CREDITS: The cargo, which is expected to be delivered in the region, is the first carbon-neutral LNG from the Middle East using nature-based carbon credits to offset full lifecycle CO2 emissions generated across the LNG value chain. - Supplied picture

and enable nature to add oxygen and absorb CO2 emissions from the atmosphere. Such activities lead to the creation of 'carbon credits' where each credit represents the avoidance or removal of greenhouse gases.

With more than half of global LNG demand by 2040 expected to be from countries with net-zero emissions targets, all levers need

to be pulled to decarbonise LNG.

Speaking on this milestone, Talal Al Awfi Oman LNG's Chairman stated, "We are delighted to deliver Sultanate's first LNG carbon-neutral cargo. This forward-looking step reflects Oman LNG's commitment to be a pioneer in decarbonisation, which complements the Sultanate's Vision "Oman 2040", on the environmental preserva-

tion front. Oman LNG will continue its journey delivering world-class business performance, safety, efficiency, and decarbonisation efforts. It's great to achieve this milestone."

The current energy landscape worldwide is ever-challenging requiring mutual and intense efforts to be taken by energy companies and adopting the most efficient

practices to remain reliable and agile suppliers to customers.

The agreement inked represents a long-time history and relations between Oman LNG and Shell. Shell is a leading supplier of carbon-neutral LNG after delivering the world's first cargoes in 2019 and many more subsequently. This collaboration allows Oman LNG to tap into the knowledge and expertise of Shell while it translates Oman LNG's bold commitment towards knowledge sharing as well as exploring suitable mechanisms to reduce emissions.

Natural gas is the cleanest-burning hydrocarbon, producing half the greenhouse gas emissions and less than one-tenth of the air pollutants of coal when used to generate electricity. Using nature-based offsets in conjunction with LNG provides a unique clean energy solution.

Environmental performance tops Oman LNG's priorities since its inception. Lately, the company has initiated a number of projects to eliminate its carbon footprint such as the ongoing Power Project Plant at the site. The move to introduce the gas engine power plant is to conserve natural gas

and reduce emissions. Gas savings accumulated through this project are aimed at producing power for Oman LNG's facility with less natural gas by optimising gas resources and therefore yielding less environmental emissions.

Hamed Al Naamany, CEO of Oman LNG commented, "Oman LNG has taken major steps over the past few years such as introducing new technologies and replacing machines to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. Our role in protecting and restoring natural ecosystems could play an important role in limiting global warming. These changes ultimately ensure the efficiency and sustainability of our plant and machinery."

Walid Hadi, VP Oman and Shell Country Chair added, "Shell is proud to partner with Oman LNG on its journey in support of the energy solution.

"As a shareholder and technical service provider, we have been supporting OLANG to reduce its GHG emissions from operations, and today's announcements for the first carbon-neutral LNG cargo from Oman further strengthen the deep partnership between OLANG and Shell."

CONTAINER PORT PERFORMANCE INDEX

Port of Salalah ranked 6th globally in efficiency

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Despite the challenges posed by the ongoing global pandemic, the Port of Salalah not only finished 2020 with record-breaking container volume but also achieved world-class efficiency.

This has been recognised by the World Bank in its report on Container Port Performance Index (CPPI 2020) which has been produced by the Transport Global Practice of the World Bank, in collaboration with IHS Markit where Port of Salalah ranked 6th amongst 351 ports globally. The CPPI measures the operational efficiency with which ports receive and turn around container ships.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has underlined the critical role that ports, and their associated logistical chains, play in the global economy. It has also highlighted the need to ensure business continuity and



improve the resilience of maritime gateways, as ports play a crucial role in the global logistics system, keeping supply chains moving, economies functioning, and people employed. Ports maintain the flows of vital medical and food supplies, critical agricultural products, energy streams, and other goods and services essential to facilitate the economic life of a country," adds the

world bank report.

This has been further acknowledged and validated by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) which also rated Oman's ports as No. 1 in the world in terms of speed of container handling, as per the UNCTAD annual index 2020. According to UNCTAD's Port Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (PLS-

CI), the Port of Salalah provides the highest liner shipping connectivity in Oman (PLSCI value 55 in Q3 2020) and has continued to do so since the PLSCI statistics was first published back in Q1 2006.

The Port of Salalah, in its statement, confirmed that the port stay of a ship, or the speed with which it is turned around, is determined by various factors of which, needless to say, port productivity plays a vital role. The prompt services of the various authorities including our own Marine Services, ROP Customs and the Ministry of Health Authorities also play a critical role in all of this and for that, we express our deep appreciation.

"We are proud, through our efficient port operations, to have contributed to raising the profile of Omani ports on the global stage. This would not have been possible without the strong commitment and dedication displayed by

the staff at every level across the organization and the strong commitment of our customers, stakeholders and business partners which have helped us retain one of the top spots globally. I would like to further thanks to the Ministry of Transport, Communication and Information Technology, APM Terminals and Asyad for their continued support leading to this achievement" commented Mark Hardiman, CEO of Port of Salalah.

Scott Selman, the COO of the container terminal of Port of Salalah added, "I'm happy to see the strong efforts of the Port of Salalah team being recognised. The team has done a fantastic job deploying lean tools through our Way of Working to drive safety and efficiency for our customers. We will continue to collaborate closely with our customers to deliver world-class service."

COMEX

Digital change fuels Oman Vision 2040

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Digital transformation is fuelling Oman Vision 2040, and empowering creative individuals, the competitive economy, environmental sustainability, and responsible digital government, global technology company SAP announced during Comex 2021. In line with Comex 2021's theme of 'Reimagining Digital Transformation,' SAP returns to support Oman Vision 2040's nationwide digital transformation.

"During Comex, we are emphasising how digital transformation can support Oman's creative individuals, competitive economy, environmental sustainability, and responsible digital government," said Waheed Al Hamaid, Managing Director, SAP Oman.

BUSINESS RESTRUCTURING

Asyad restructures its business units to focus on key logistics services

MUSCAT: The Board of Directors of Asyad Group has decided to restructure its business units in line with its efforts to focus on key logistics activities, such as port services, free zones, shipping, dry-docks, e-commerce services, and last-mile delivery. The decision comes as part of Asyad's efforts to boost its local and international commercial presence, in light of its plans to grow and enhance its performance.

The restructuring of the sector will result in the dissolution of the Oman Roads and Transport Management Company (ORTMC). The Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology will supervise all transport and road responsibilities previously assigned to ORTMC according to the ministry's jurisdiction under the new state administrative apparatus.

The dissolution of ORTMC comes following a review of the company's objectives and its profitability forecasts in the future. The evaluation indicated that the activities of ORTMC do not fall within the scope of integrated logistics activities that the Asyad Group focuses on.

Asyad's Board of Directors has put into consideration that there are no negative impacts on the employees because of this decision. As such, the employees will be redeployed across Asyad Group companies, and the em-

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employees seconded to ORTMC will return to their respective companies. Contracts related to existing projects will be automatically transferred to the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology.

Looking forward, Asyad will

focus on embodying the direction of Oman Investment Authority (OIA) in cooperating with the private sector by empowering it, and partnering and integrating with it, which constitutes a fundamental pillar of its new operating model. As such, several projects for partnership with the private sector have been identified.

OIA is positive about the remarkable development in the performance of Asyad Group, which has been achieved during the short period operationally and financially, as well as the expansion of the scope of its service, which contributed to the ranking of the Sultanate's ports as the first globally in container handling.

OIA affirms its support for all efforts that would advance the Group to achieve its goals and contribute to the economic diversification efforts adopted by the Sultanate. OIA emphasises that it continues the implementation of its strategy to maximise the financial and economic returns of its entities by reviewing the organisational and operational structures. OIA works on preparing the investments of these companies for mergers, exits, partnerships with the private sector, or listing in public capital markets to promote promising industries in the Sultanate and enhance its position on the global economic map to achieve the aspirations of Oman Vision 2040. -OMA



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MSX index ends higher

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A total number of 1,185 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating turnover of OMR3 million, with more than 25 million shares changing hands. Out of 55 traded stocks, 21 advanced, 12 declined and 22 remained unchanged. At the session close, Domestic investors were net buyers for OMR254,000 while GCC & Arab investors were net sellers for OMR176,000 followed by foreign investors for

OMR78,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 6,273.67 points, up 0.51 per cent. Global Investment Holding, Al Batinah Development, United Finance, Muscat Finance and Taageer Finance were up 8.33 per cent, 7.14 per cent, 6.12 per cent, 5.45 per cent and 2.67 per cent respectively. Takaful Oman Oman & Emirates Holding, Vision Insurance and Oman United Insurance were down 1.96 per cent, 1.64 per cent, 1.37 per cent and 1.04 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 5,664.05 points, up 0.78 per cent. Gulf International Chemical, Jazeera Steel Product, Oman Cables Industry, Al Anwar Ceramic and Al Maha Ceramic were up 8.04 per cent, 2.09 per cent, 2.07 per cent, 1.74 per cent, 0.58 per cent respectively.

Services Index was up by 0.06 per cent closing at 1,684.41 points. — **United Securities**

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Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	3,983.20	3,967.39	3,981.02	3,967.11	13.91	0.35
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,277.15	6,243.85	6,273.67	6,241.87	31.80	0.51
Industry Index	5,668.80	5,623.76	5,664.06	5,620.27	43.79	0.78
Services Index	1,685.12	1,680.71	1,684.41	1,683.39	1.02	0.06
MSX Shariah Index	568.57	567.60	568.48	567.06	1.42	0.25
MSX TR INDEX	4,782.97	4,763.99	4,780.35	4,763.65	16.71	0.35

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
24,881,511	2,841,060	1,185	21,382,302,641	21	12	22	55

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 8

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST RD	LAST OFFER	P&L VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET															
OM0000001290	MUSCAT FINANCE	2,201,377	128,681	101	0.055	0.060	0.055	0.058	0.055	0.003	5.455	0.050	0.059	0.090	17,814,487
OM0000002077	AL OMANIYA FIN.	1,058,700	130,982	45	0.122	0.125	0.122	0.124	0.121	0.003	2.479	0.124	0.120	0.125	36,159,961
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	235,670	91,988	31	0.384	0.396	0.384	0.390	0.382	0.008	2.094	0.390	0.390	0.390	48,710,204
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDSTR	22,845	22,578	6	0.996	0.996	0.988	0.988	0.968	0.020	2.066	0.988	0.988	0.988	86,623,600
OM0000002440	AL SEHAJIA INV.	870,800	88,927	55	0.101	0.103	0.101	0.102	0.100	0.002	2.000	0.102	0.102	0.100	8,180,000
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	4,083,090	430,970	142	0.106	0.107	0.104	0.106	0.104	0.002	1.923	0.104	0.104	0.104	21,200,000
OM0000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	478,671	206,049	41	0.430	0.434	0.426	0.430	0.422	0.008	1.896	0.430	0.424	0.430	26,317,837
OM0000003000	AL MAHA MARKTING	5,100	3,533	5	0.640	0.692	0.640	0.652	0.640	0.012	1.875	0.652	0.652	0.706	14,888,000
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	298,567	140,044	16	0.462	0.468	0.462	0.468	0.460	0.008	1.739	0.466	0.440	0.470	102,960,000
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	888,150	363,971	41	0.404	0.410	0.404	0.410	0.406	0.004	0.985	0.410	0.408	0.410	1,000,145,534,665
OM0000003005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	139,152	47,909	22	0.342	0.346	0.340	0.344	0.342	0.002	0.385	0.346	0.340	0.346	18,920,000
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	21,950	17,429	8	0.792	0.796	0.792	0.796	0.792	0.004	0.505	0.792	0.792	0.796	597,000,000
OM0000001525	OMAN INVST&FIN.	1,616,204	170,251	52	0.105	0.106	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.000	0.000	0.105	0.103	0.105	1,000
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	9,199	2,886	4	0.314	0.314	0.314	0.314	0.314	0.000	0.000	0.314	0.312	0.314	233,640,511
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SER.	220,237	92,840	16	0.420	0.424	0.420	0.422	0.422	0.000	0.000	0.420	0.400	0.424	99,765,020
OM0000003398	SOHAR INT. BANK	229,361	21,311	9	0.093	0.093	0.092	0.093	0.093	0.000	0.000	0.093	0.091	0.094	1,000
OM0000003969	COBREDPO	1,590	621	3	0.406	0.406	0.406	0.406	0.406	0.000	0.000	0.408	0.402	0.408	1,000
OM0000001418	RAYSUT CEMENT	79,656	23,347	20	0.294	0.294	0.292	0.293	0.294	-0.001	-0.340	0.293	0.293	0.298	1,000
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	60,535	9,183	13	0.153	0.153	0.151	0.152	0.153	-0.001	-0.654	0.151	0.151	0.152	1,000
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	10,000	2,480	2	0.248	0.248	0.248	0.248	0.250	-0.002	-0.800	0.248	0.248	0.248	1,000
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSUR.	25,125	9,598	6	0.382	0.382	0.382	0.386	0.386	-0.004	-1.038	0.382	0.380	0.382	1,000
OM0000006920	VISION INSURANCE	581,970	42,138	34	0.073	0.073	0.072	0.072	0.073	-0.001	-1.370	0.072	0.071	0.072	1,000
Total	13,159,882	2,047,294	672												7,200,000

Parallel Market

OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV. H.	10,100	525	4	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.048	0.004	8.333	0.052	0.052	0.052	10,400,000
OM0000003028	GULF INT. CHEM.	112,209	18,620	17	0.115	0.122	0.115	0.121	0.112	0.009	8.036	0.120	0.112	0.122	1,000
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	6,937,724	362,307	221	0.050	0.053	0.050	0.052	0.049	0.003	6.122	0.053	0.052	0.053	18,155,509
OM0000003281	TAGEER FINANCE	1,154,010	89,907	57	0.076	0.079	0.075	0.077	0.075	0.002	2.667	0.078	0.078	0.079	1,000
OM0000007084	MCT DESALINATE	5,006	451	2	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.088	0.002	2.273	0.090	0.090	0.094	10,999,538
OM0000006979	OMAN QATAR INSUR.	55,000	5,345	5	0.097	0.099	0.097	0.097	0.095	0.002	2.105	0.099	0.090	0.100	1,000
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	602,720	58,187	25	0.097	0.097	0.096	0.097	0.096	0.001	1.942	0.096	0.094	0.097	145,500,000
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	34,787	6,729	4	0.192	0.194	0.192	0.193	0.192	0.001	0.521	0.192	0.190	0.194	1,000
OM0000001509	DHOAF INT.	50	12	1	0.246	0.246	0.246	0.267	0.267	0.000	0.000	0.246	0.000	0.245	1,000
OM0000001517	HSBC BANK OMAN	170,000	17,340	16	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.000	0.000	0.102	0.101	0.106	1,000
OM0000001897	MAJAN COLLEGE	3,000	450	1	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.000	0.000	0.150	0.150	0.000	13,500,000
OM0000001962	AL MADINA INV.	10,270	226	1	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.000	0.000	0.022	0.022	0.023	1,000
OM0000002036	Muscat Themed MLL	69	55	1	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.079	0.079	0.000	0.000	0.078	0.000	0.080	1,000
OM0000002150	FALAJ ALAMIA	100	69	1	0.692	0.692	0.692	0.692	0.692	0.000	0.000	0.692	0.000	0.692	1,000
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MIX	1,601	1,345	3	0.808	0.812	0.808	0.808	0.808	0.000	0.000	0.812	0.800	0.812	1,000
OM0000002339	SALALAH PORT SR.	220	132	1	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.000	0.000	0.600	0.000	0.600	1,000
OM0000003141	ACWA POWER BARKA	233	100	1	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.478	0.478	0.000	0.000	0.430	0.000	0.000	1,000
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	1,272	173	2	0.141	0.141	0.136	0.141	0.141	0.000	0.000	0.141	0.137	0.163	1,000
OM0000004248	SMN POWER HOLDING	235,090	15,366	7	0.065	0.066	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.000	0.000	0.066	0.066	0.069	1,000
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	1,128,458	110,765	58	0.099	0.099	0.098	0.098	0.098	0.000	0.000	0.098	0.098	0.099	1,000
OM0000005280	OMAN ARAB BANK	30,000	173	16	0.062	0.062	0.062	0.062	0.064	-0.002	-2.129	0.062	0.065	0.100	1,000
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	392,200	19,218	17	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.000	0.000	0.049	0.047	0.052	1,000
OM0000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	374,883	50,613	32	0.137	0.137	0.135	0.135	0.137	-0.002	-1.460	0.135	0.135	0.135	1,000
OM0000001881	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	205,665	12,303	16	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.061	-0.001	-1.620	0.060	0.060	0.060	1,000
OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	122,170	6,720	9	0.056	0.056	0.055	0.055	0.056	-0.001	-1.786	0.055	0.054	0.055	1,000
OM0000004776	TAKAFUL OMAN	29,920	2,992	3	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.102	-0.002	-1.961	0.100	0.092	0.106	1,000
OM0000009447	OMAN REIT FUND	20,000	1,940	1	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.094	-0.002	-2.129	0.092	0.095	0.100	0.100	1,000
OM0000007811	MUSANDAM POWER	8,000	2,512	1	0.314	0.314	0.314	0.322	-0.008	-2.484	0.314	0.290	0.000	0.100	1,000
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	67,328	3,774	8	0.058	0.058	0.056	0.056	0.058	-0.002	-3.448	0.057	0.056	0.057	1,000
Total	11,711,434	786,776	507												40,006,755

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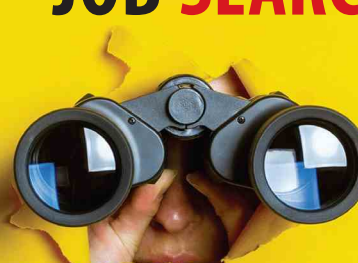
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ROUND-UP

BERLIN'S CITY GARDENS FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL

In Berlin, there are more than 70,000 individual community gardens. But thousands of these are earmarked for demolition to make way for construction — despite the huge demand for more plots and their proven benefits.

It is a bright, warm afternoon at the start of June, and at a city garden complex in the Berlin district of Tempelhof, gardeners are either hard at work tending their greens or else enjoying some respite in the shade.

Walking along, Beate Dirssiss and Thomas Koch — respectively the chair and vice chair of the site's organising committee — are constantly wading in and out of chats with their fellow gardeners. "We have become closer during the pandemic," Dirssiss says. "Especially for elderly and sick tenants, gardening is so important for their quality of life."

But the quaint community's days are numbered. Their complex has been removed from a protection list by the Berlin Senate and the gardeners have discovered that plots they have tended for decades are to be demolished to make way for a new school.

The plan may be perfectly reasonable: There is no doubt that the bustling German capital is in need of new public infrastructure. For some to give up gardens that ostensibly only benefit a few people may seem like a necessary sacrifice. But the longtime gardeners believe the plan is flawed — and that a compromise is possible.

A very German pastime

Dirssiss has been gardening at the Eschenallee complex since she was a child, when her middle-class West Berlin parents took over a plot in 1969, but the complex has been there much longer than that. Formed in 1917, it was originally a cooperative organised by workers in Tempelhof — then a separate municipality outside of Berlin. These early, largely work-

ing-class allotment keepers were mainly concerned with supplementing their food supply and having some green space, decorated with flowers and garden gnomes, to enjoy in the city. Later, the allotment was an escape for ordinary West Berlin families like hers who could not venture far from the enclave city.

Under the terms of the 1983 federal allotment law, city gardens need to give over at least one third of their space to growing fruit or vegetables and cannot exceed 400 square metres each. But modern German city gardens also typically include lawns, a seating area, a shed and often paddling pools or other recreational spaces. At larger sites, tenants even have small cabins where they sleep in the summer months.

The Berlin Senate claims that "no comparable city has such a large number of privately usable city gardens within easy reach of the city center." The procedure of transferring the lease of a city garden from one individual to the next is slow, and waiting for a Berlin plot can last about five years. In Germany, the insular city garden community has had a reputation as bastions of middle-class Germanness — and media reports in recent years show examples of xenophobia, including one site not far from Eschenallee that allegedly introduced a "quota for foreigners."

Dirssiss' site has slowly become more diverse in recent years: "Our gardeners include people with Croatian, Persian, Turkish, Korean and Polish roots and there are also several same-sex couples."

Growing demand for land

After years of negotiations, the Berlin Senate adopted a

new allotment development plan in 2019, under which 82 per cent of the city's 71,000 plots will be preserved permanently as "green areas" and a further 9.4 per cent will have guaranteed protection in their current form until 2030. This leaves about 6,000 plots that now have no protection.

And some of these sites are in line to be taken over by the city to face the "growing demand for schools, day care centers, sports fields or other social facilities," according to the Senate — including Eschenallee. In fact, Dirssiss and Koch say it was first red-lined as a potential school site back in 1959, but according to information requests they made there is not yet a concrete plan for which school building will be put on the site.

Koch, who helped organise a citizens' initiative to protest the demolition, suggested alternative sites for the school. "Our proposed alternative sites for the school were virtually swept under the carpet by the politicians," Koch says. "We believe that both options are possible — climate-friendly city gardens and new schools — but the political will to look for alternatives is missing among those responsible."

Political will

Among the politicians on their side is Daniel Buchholz, of the center-left Social Democrats, who, together with Marion Platta from the Left party, tabled a bill that would protect all existing city gardens by law. Earlier in 2021, the bill failed to be passed into law in the Berlin House of Representatives, partly because of the Green party's unwillingness to cooperate. "City gardens offer real added value for Berlin: As open spaces for flora and fauna,

places of community and nature experience, and they are important for the environment and the microclimate of the city," Buchholz told DW. In return, he believes that sites need to work harder to be more open and offer more neighbourhood cooperation. In Tempelhof, Dirssiss and Koch say they have always done this.

"We created a nature trail, flower-picking beds and applied for a 'green classroom' project so school children could come and garden — but the latter was then rejected because we were on the demolition list," Thomas added, shaking his head at the irony. Even people in the neighborhood who do not have plots get benefits from the site — not least because of the beautiful nature, but also because of the clean-air microclimate the biodiversity encourages.

Fight not over

With Berlin heading to the polls this September, a fresh attempt at a law to protect the sites is unlikely until at least after that time. Koch and Dirssiss plan to keep fighting.

Above all, they want to avoid the fate that befell the Moritzgrund site, a few kilometers up the road. After being given their notice to vacate, allotment-holders had to give up their leases in early 2020. Since then, the complex has sat empty. It is a sad site, with overgrown lawns and a series of funerary crosses placed on a locked gate by those who had lost their gardens as a sign of mourning. Some gardens had been in the same family for almost a century.

The Berlin Senate apparently has the site earmarked for a community building — but at the moment doesn't have the funding. —nw



ROUND-UP

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ISLAMIC BANKING SERVICES

Maisarah honours top-performing staff and branches for first quarter of 2021

MUSCAT: Maisarah Islamic Banking Services, the leading Islamic Banking arm of BankDhofar, conducted Q1 2021 staff and branches’ quarterly recognition programme at the bank’s Performance Academy. The programme was developed as part of the bank’s performance culture strategy to promote, recognise and reward high performance. During the function, Abdul Hakeem Al Ojaili, Chief Executive Officer of BankDhofar, expressed his appreciation and congratulated the participants and winners - both staff members and branches - for their unwavering dedication and effort in delivering consistent and sustained business performance leading to superior customer services and experience. Commenting on the programme, Kamal Al Maraza, Chief Maisarah Islamic Banking Officer, said, “We are delighted to launch this recognition program for our staff and top-performing branches. This initiative is an integral part of our people strategy to drive high-performance culture across the bank and it will be held on a quarterly basis. The programme will be enhanced continuously,” he added. “We look forward to a wider participation from all Maisarah Islamic Banking Services divisions since staff morale and motivation is a top priority and a critical element of staff engage-



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Nasser Al Bahantah
Maisarah Chief Retail Banking Officer

ment and performance culture programmes of the bank.” Delivering a message at the event, Nasser Al Bahantah, Maisarah Chief Retail Banking Officer, congratulated members of staff and branches for their contributions and high calibre that made a

real difference to the experience of stakeholders, customers, shareholders and associates, as well as the development of the Islamic banking industry in the Sultanate. Al Bahantah added that employees who were recognised for their top performance would be assigned

as top performance champions across all branches to coach and mentor their colleagues at work so that they could improve and achieve a higher performance culture across Maisarah. During the event, staff had expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the initiative and opportunity to be part of the program, affirming that it was a huge motivation to everyone in the branches. They also shared their individual stories and experiences throughout the program, expressing full commitment and dedication to the continued success of Maisarah. With an expansive network of branches Oman-wide, Maisarah Islamic Banking Services offers a broad range of Sharia-compliant financial products and solutions. Maisarah maintains a complete segregation of business activities in order to provide Sharia-compliant financial services to its valued customers in major Omani cities. As a part of its strategy, the Islamic financial services provider has maintained high standards of corporate governance, research and development, corporate social responsibility and customer service that have helped in winning various awards in local and international markets. It offers financial products and solutions in Corporate Banking, Retail Banking, Investment Banking and Treasury.

DAWOODI BOHRAS



Painting contest held to mark World Oceans Day

MUSCAT: The Dawoodi Bohras in Oman and the Middle East hosted a painting competition to mark World Oceans Day. They announced the winners of its Middle East region-wide painting competition to mark the occasion. Themed around The Ocean: Life & Livelihoods, the competition saw the participation of over 40 students between ages 5-15. A panel of judges selected a winner in each of the three age groups A: 5-9 yrs, B: 9-12 yrs, C: 12-15 yrs. A spokesperson of the Dawoodi Bohra community, coordinating the competition in Muscat, said, “It is overwhelming to see so many children participate in this competition to express their imagination about oceans and their ecosystems through their paintings. With lockdown restrictions throughout the country, the competition was held online.” All the three winners of the competition will be felicitated.

One of the judges of the competition, expressed, “These environment-led competitions help in creating awareness among children at the grassroots level while also inspiring them to take action and realise their collective responsibility towards nature and its resources.” The entire Middle East region-wide painting competition was held under the global philanthropic arm of the Dawoodi Bohra community - ‘Project Rise’. Every painting had a unique message highlighting the significance of the ocean and how it provides livelihood and support to other ecosystems on the planet. The spokesperson continued, “As part of our community’s global Turning the Tide - Against Plastic Pollution campaign, which strives to eliminate single-use plastic and rid bodies of water of plastic pollution, the Dawoodi Bohra community in Muscat continues to educate members about reducing waste and leading a circular lifestyle.”

ROUND-UP

OAB supports families affected by storm in North Al Batinah

The OAB initiative will be providing support to low-income Omani families in the governorate by taking care of house repairs via reputable local construction companies. The Ministry of Social Development will identify cases that require immediate support

velopment will identify cases that require immediate support. The initiative will also support affected OAB employees residing within the North Al Batinah Governorate, under the direct supervision of the bank's regional management.

"We always aim to organise our community initiatives in a way that will enhance sustainability and ensure our support reaches those who need it most, in the most effective way possible. OAB has created an integrated framework under which all the bank's sustainability initiatives fall. These initiatives aim to highlight our three sustainability pillars, namely community partnerships, environmental responsibility and financial inclusion.

"This particular initiative is in line with the bank's sustainability objective of enhancing community partnerships and providing support where needed - reinforcing its responsibility as one of the oldest financial institutions in the Sultanate," he added.

Oman Arab Bank has a rich and proud history as one of the first financial institutions to be established in the Sultanate. Today, the bank operates a nationwide network of 53 branches and representative offices with 160 ATMs spread across Oman. OAB provides a complete range of financial products and services through its OAB online app.

MUSCAT: Oman Arab Bank (OAB) has launched an initiative to help low-income families that have sustained damage to their homes by the recent storm in North Al Batinah Governorate. This initiative is conducted in co-ordination with the Ministry of Social Development.

Commenting on this initiative, Feras Al Farsi, Sustainability and CSR Specialist at OAB said, "We continuously strive to strengthen our relationship with the community because that is one of the main pillars of our sustainability strategy. We encourage our employees from branches across the Sultanate to follow up with any families in need within the areas they serve and to inform us of any critical cases that require immediate support. We then review these cases

and based on the analysis, take necessary action to support those that are affected.

"In this particular instance, the regional management of the bank's branches in the governorate has presented a report to the executive management, which includes suggestions as to how OAB can provide support to families in need. This has been approved and we are coordinating with personnel concerned from the Ministry of Social Development for its implementation, alongside local SMEs, enabling them to benefit from this initiative as well."

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RECOGNITION



Muzn Islamic Banking named Best Islamic Bank of the Year

MUSCAT: Muzn, National Bank of Oman's (NBO) Islamic banking window, has been named Islamic Bank of the Year - Oman 2021 by globally renowned finance publication, The Banker. The award, which has been running for the past nine years and attracts submissions from institutions all over the world, was given to Muzn in recognition of its leading position in Islamic finance in the Sultanate, its pioneering role in digital innovation, and its efforts to drive growth in the sector.

Salima Al Marzooqi, Chief Islamic Banking Officer (CIBO), commented, "Despite being a relatively new sector in Oman, Islamic banking has had impressive growth and has captured significant market share. As Muzn continues to build on the precedent we have set over the last eight

years, we are expanding our portfolio to meet the needs of an ever-evolving market, promoting digital transformation in the industry, and encouraging more people than ever to discover the advantages of Shariah'-compliant banking."

Since its establishment in 2013, Muzn has steadily cemented its position as a key player in the sector and forms a strategic part of the bank's fast-growing business segment. Continuing to offer innovative, competitive and quality Islamic banking products and services while ensuring they are accessible to all, Muzn has won a number of awards, which most recently include being named among the Best Islamic Banks in Oman 2020 by Islamic Finance News, the Best Islamic Window - Oman 2020 at the Global Business Outlook Awards, as well as a triple win

at the WOMANi awards for three female team members who were named among the top 300 most influential women in Islamic business and finance.

Muzn Islamic Banking is a licensed Islamic Banking Window operating in the Sultanate of Oman with the aim to deliver Sharia-compliant financial solutions for customers. Muzn Islamic Banking believes that Islamic Banking is for everyone, regardless of beliefs or geographical location.

Part of the National Bank of Oman Group, which was founded in 1973, Muzn Islamic Banking became the first Islamic Window in the Sultanate in 2013. Muzn Islamic Banking is also committed to making a positive and sustainable difference in the community through the bank's corporate social responsibility programme.

ECONOMY-FOCUSED EVENT

Qatar Airways completes productive participation at St. Petersburg International Economic Forum

DOHA: Qatar Airways concluded productive participation at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF), which was held under the patronage of Russian President Vladimir Putin and attended by key opinion leaders from around the world.

Being the largest investment and economy-focused event of its kind in the world featuring the State of Qatar as the guest country, Qatar Airways impressed participants with its world-class product and hospitality and signed several agreements with key Russian companies.

During the Forum, Akbar Al Baker also met with Alexander Beglov, Governor of St. Petersburg, and Maxim Sokolov, Vice-Governor of St. Petersburg, to discuss opportunities to further expand the bilateral relations between the State of Qatar and the Russian Federation in terms of Tourism and Air Transport.

As part of its commitment to the Russian market, the airline signed several MOU agreements with significant Russian-based entities including, Volga-Dnepr and Pulkovo Airport.

The signing ceremonies were conducted with Alexey Isaikin, Board of Directors of Volga-Dnepr, and Leonid Sergeev, CEO of Pulkovo Airport respectively.

Qatar Airways exhibited its patented award-winning Business Class product, the Qsuite, featuring the industry's first-ever double bed in Business Class. Visitors of the Qatar Airways stand got a chance to experience the unparalleled level of comfort they could expect in the skies when they travel onboard the award-winning airline.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, Akbar Al Baker, said: "The Qatari participation in the Forum as the guest country this year demonstrates the strong commitment to the global and economic development of both countries. Despite the challenges



of the global pandemic, the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF), organised by Roscongress Foundation, ensured visitors followed the highest levels of safety standards and we were honoured to be part of this significant event, making our mark with key entities and further committing to the Russian market and beyond.

"Qatar Airways is proud to be among the key drivers of trade between the State of Qatar and the Russian Federation, as demonstrated by our ongoing commitment to the Russian market throughout the years. The award-winning airline offering seamless connectivity to Africa, Asia and the Middle East, continues to bolster its position as the global airline of choice in the Russian Federation, which is clearly evident based on the overwhelmingly positive feedback received from the local business and travel trade community.

"The State of Qatar is the largest investor of all GCC countries in the Russian economy, making the Forum an ideal opportunity for new scope of cooperation between the two states. We are very pleased with the outcome achieved during SPIEF and look forward to participating again in years to come."

Qatar Airways first began its operations in the capital of Russia in 2003 and celebrates over 17 years of direct flights to Moscow. In 2017, the airline further demonstrated its commitment to the region by adding direct flights to St. Petersburg.

Qatar Executive, the private jet charter division of Qatar Airways Group, has a longstanding commitment to the Russian market operating over 110 flights out of Russia in 2020 alone and accounting for 15% of all Qatar Executive business. Luxury jet services are available for worldwide charter on board the operator's wholly-owned business jet fleet. Qatar Executive is the launch customer for Gulfstream's G700 and the largest commercial operator of the G650ER worldwide. Qatar Executive's service portfolio also includes aircraft management, maintenance and Fixed Based Operator services.

A multiple award-winning airline, Qatar Airways was named 'World's Best Airline' by the 2019 World Airline Awards, managed by Skytrax. It was also named 'Best Airline in the Middle East', 'World's Best Business Class', and 'Best Business Class Seat', in recognition of its ground-breaking Business Class experience. Qsuite.



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