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**HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN GREETES
SINGAPORE PRESIDENT**

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Halimah Yacob of the Republic of Singapore on the occasion of her country's National Day. In the cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his best wishes for President Halimah and the friendly people of Singapore. **- ONA**



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HOTEL REVENUES ACROSS OMAN SURGE MORE THAN 200%

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compared to just OMR 4 million in May
2021: a rise of 205 percent in earnings.

140,000

guests stayed in hotels in
Oman in May 2022, compared
to 68,000 in 2021

Visitors from the GCC lead the 35-fold rise in inbound arrivals over the 2021 numbers

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Revenues earned by hotels rated between three and five stars surged more than 200 percent in May 2022, compared to May 2021, according to figures released by the government.

Hotels earned OMR13 million in May 2022, compared to just OMR4 million in May 2021: a rise of 205

percent in earnings. Guests visiting hotels also rose significantly: 140,000 guests stayed in hotels in Oman in May 2022, compared to 68,000 in 2021, an increase of 105 percent, show figures in the May Tourism Index released by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI).

Furthermore, 216,348 people entered Oman in May of this year,

compared to 6,036 in May 2021, reflecting a 35-fold increase in inbound arrivals to the country. 54.5 percent of all inbound visitors were nationals from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries. Oman is one of the six members of the GCC. The other five are the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, and Bahrain.

Other Arabs accounted for 284 arrivals in May 2021, up to 17,939 people in the same month of this year. Some 56,184 Asians also came to Oman in May 2022, a steep increase from the 723 people who arrived in May 2021.

While only 170 Europeans came to Oman in May 2021, a huge spike in arrivals from Europe meant 16,071 people from that continent

arrived in the country in May 2022.

The number of people from America and Africa who came to Oman also grew, but formed a comparatively small portion of arrivals into the country. 3,987 Americans came to Oman in May 2022, up from just 45 arrivals in May 2021, while some 3,613 Africans also arrived, a tremendous increase from just 47 arrivals during the same time period last year. While only four people from Oceania came to Oman in May 2021, about 590 people from that part of the world visited the country in May 2022.

"The total number of inbound visitors increased by more than 35 times, compared to inbound visitors in May 2021, which amounted

to 6,000 people," said the NCSI in its tourism report.

Up until the end of May 2022, some 794,000 visitors arrived to the country, while 1.5 million visitors departed Oman in the first five months of this year.

GCC nationals make up the largest portion of visitors to Oman in 2022: some 349,986 people holding nationality of the Gulf States have visited Oman from January to May 2022. Indians also make up a high proportion of visitors (111,883), followed by Yemenis (28,495), Pakistanis (23,603), and Germans (23,289).

During the first five months of the year, more than 650,000 guests also stayed in hotels rated between

three and five stars in Oman, as a result of which these establishments earned OMR73 million over this time frame.

A monthly report that provides a summary of tourism statistics in Oman, the Tourism Index also contains information about the total number of incoming visitors to the Sultanate of Oman, dividing them by nationality.

The report also provides statistics on the total number of visitors leaving Oman, while breaking them down on the basis of Omani and foreign visitors. It also contains data on revenues earned by hotels rated three to five stars, alongside occupancy rates and hotel guest figures.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR INITIATIVE

1,641 jobs for citizens announced

Times News Service

MUSCAT: As part of the Oman government's drive to provide job opportunities to citizens, the Ministry of Labour on Monday announced 1,641 jobs under temporary contracts in government units in different governorates of the Sultanate.

The announcement comes under the 'Sahim' or 'Contribute' initiative of the Ministry of Labour that aims to provide jobs to national cadres.

The drive will help consolidate



decentralisation and allow national cadres to contribute to developing the governorates.

The jobs are distributed for holders of various degrees, starting with 1,190 contracts for bachelor's degree holders, 451 for General Education Diploma (GED) and below-GED holders.

Registration is open for citizens interested in taking up the jobs for two weeks from the date of announcement, which is considered the third-of-its-kind in 2022 and the eighth in the State's Administrative Apparatus.

**Royal Cavalry's
Horse Bags Al Wathba
Cup in France**

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TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN Focus on ills of drugs in Mirbat symposium

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WORLD Guterres warns of nuclear arms race

2 United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned on Monday that the risk of a nuclear arms race was returning to the world. "This is the moment to ask the nuclear-armed countries to commit to the principle of non-first-use and to commit to not use and not threaten the non-nuclear countries," the United Nations Secretary-General said. **>A7**

MARKET New milestone for EDO with credit rating

3 Energy Development Oman (EDO) has achieved a new milestone by receiving a BB-long-term issuer credit rating with stable outlook from S&P Global Ratings. The international agency S&P's stand-alone credit profile assessment of EDO is bbb- which is an investment grade rating level. EDO is leading ambitious plans in the fields of energy and alternative energy. **>B1**

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DEVELOPMENT

OMR35 million Salalah Grand Mall to help achieve Oman Vision 2040

SALALAH: The business-cum-tourism style Salalah Grand Mall was opened on Monday. The OMR35 million commercial complex will lend support to the retail sector and entertainment industry.

Salalah Grand Mall has been developed through partnership between the Defence Ministry's Pension Fund, a number of government investment funds and Al Madina Real Estate company. It has an overall area of 55,000 square metres and a construction area of 103,000 sqm. It comprises a hypermarket and outlets selling top local, regional and international brands.

The opening ceremony was held under the auspices of HH Sayyid Marwan Turki Al Said, Governor of Dhofar, and attended by Dr. Mohammed Nassir Al Za'abi, Secretary General at the Ministry of Defence.

On this occasion, Sayyid Marwan said that Oman is witnessing concerted efforts to secure the success of the economic



diversification policy and motivate growth across all sectors towards the achievement of Oman 2040's goals.

He added that plans and initiatives for the improvement of the business climate augmented the volume of investment in many sectors, including the tourism sector, which attracted many projects recently. **-ONA**

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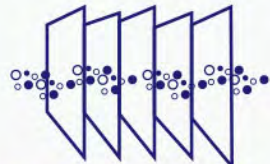
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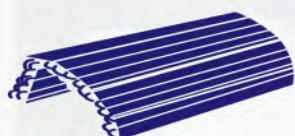
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Our Mission

Foster Entrepreneurial Mindset: We believe that the seeds for successful entrepreneurship should be sown young, and nurtured early. Thus, our aim is to offer the necessary education, scope and support to foster and imbibe an entrepreneurial mindset among the youth of our country.

Nurture Aspiring Entrepreneurs: We believe in dreams, and we choose to be the support and strength that propels our aspiring entrepreneurs to success. With our wide range of resources and knowledge of the market, we can give small businesses the much-needed opportunity to launch themselves into the industry and prosper.

Partner In Growth: Sometimes, all that a business needs is a push in the right direction. We offer existing businesses our expertise and know-how to help revive their business, build a stronger footing, or simply take their enterprise to the next level.

HOW DO WE DO IT?

• Startups Business Incubation

Under the Tasees Incubator, businesses which are at a budding stage and need assistance in terms of business concept clarity, strategy formulation, operations management, funding guidance as well as vendor partnerships are offered a variety of business support resources and services, mainly through

- one to one coaching
- expert mentoring,
- business consulting,
- low cost shared space and utilities

Tasees's Incubator's main aim is to facilitate promising businesses to become longstanding contributors to Oman's economy.

• Mid cycle SMEs Business Accelerator

Tasees Accelerator provides progressing SMEs with high growth potential, the support of training, coaching, mentorship for grow their business further to the next level by productivity enhancement interventions, strategy formation and implementation, business diversification strategy, marketing support, networking support, business diversification strategy, optimum utilization of resources, strategic alliances and partnerships consultancy as well as access to logistical and technical resources, apart from the access to a strong support network of investors.

Through Tasees Accelerator we aim to foster the selected SMEs and graduate them for the next level of growth.

• Established businesses

SMEs that are already on the growth path and require some support to accelerate their growth or diversify their business are supported with funding guidance, networking with local and international investors as well as business consultancy interventions to enable them to become more productive in their existing set ups, diversify their businesses into new arenas or expand their business into newer markets.

Our aim is to offer the necessary education, scope and support to foster and imbibe an entrepreneurial mindset among the youth of our country. We believe in dreams, and we choose to be the support and strength that propels our aspiring entrepreneurs to success. With our wide range of resources and knowledge of the market, we can give small businesses the much-needed opportunity to launch themselves into the industry and prosper.

Is there more to it?

Of course, as Tasees holds various programs with many organizations from both the public and private sectors. Here are some of them:

Mentorship Program:

Tasees partners with Authority for Small and Medium Enterprises Development - ASMED (Riyada) for their Annual Mentorship program to provide mentees (MSME owners) with constant guidance and advice in regards to the growth and development of their businesses and facilitate enhancing the capabilities and competitiveness of Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in accordance to Vision 2040, thus creating a pool of sustainable entrepreneurs that will be the backbone and catalysts of economic and social prosperity Oman.

Tasees also has its own mentorship program under which the existing MSME's are provided with the required mentorship once they are on the growth path.

Workshops and Training Programs

Tasees conducts regular workshops and developmental sessions open to SMEs to enable participating companies to identify opportunities, understand business processes and management concepts required to succeed in the market. Below are a few of the programs:

- Business Idea validation
- Understanding Business Processes
- Business Strategy formulation
- Understanding Financial Instruments
- Selling and Marketing for SMEs

Tasees Success Stories

Tasees is proud to have reached out to thousands of students, aspiring entrepreneurs, and professionals to aid in the growth of the small and medium enterprises in Oman. Our programs have helped a number of bright minds start their own business, as well as new startups and rising businesses accelerate their growth. Here are a few of our success stories that we take immense pride in.



Moza Al Busaidi
Business Entity: Majaz Designs

Another feather in our cap is Majaz Designs, a successful and growing startup that came out of our Pre-incubation Program. It is a specialized architectural and interior design consultancy company that offers its clients customized solutions for every space. Their speciality lies in optimizing the space to make the best use of every inch, for even the smallest properties, and creating fascinating designs that are sure to turn heads.



Sultan Al Busaidi
Business Entity: Moeen

Moeen is a first-of-its-kind company offering innovative digital solutions that has transformed the healthcare sector in Oman. Approved by the Ministry of Health (MOH), they have made use of the latest technology in the market to create a unified common platform for medical professionals, to give patients access to video consultations. Moeen offers a graphical and user-friendly interface so that even not so technologically advanced persons can access medical help. Their highly secure data storage space at the backend for the healthcare providers ensures that every bit of healthcare record is strictly confidential. They have made affordable quality medical services accessible for everyone, across the country, irrespective of their location.



Abdullah Ba Omar
Business Entity: Snacks 'N' More

Snacks 'N' More is a chain of Omani Fusion Restaurants. Based in Salalah, this business serves a wide variety of lip-smacking delicacies crafted by blending the unique flavours from around the world to create gastronomical treats for its patrons. They are extremely sought after and presently they boast of three running outlets, which are located in Al Saada, Oasis Mall and Awqad. With our continued help, we only hope that they will open more branches and take their cuisine to an international scale soon.

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INNOVATION

Omani youth enters Jordan innovation contest final with project on water conservation

AMMAN: An Omani young man Ahmed Amer Al Jabri sailed into the final round of Jordan's King Abdullah II Award for Youth Innovation and Achievement, 6th edition.

Al Jabri's project, codenamed Qatra or "droplet", utilises modern techniques on the rationalisation of water use in irrigating plants. A winner in the contest will receive \$50,000 for the development of his/her prototype.

The winning projects are short-listed by a specialised technical committee from the Arab world.

Over the past five chapters, the biennial award was won by 41 competitors from eight Arab countries and it generated 85,000 direct and indirect jobs.

Rasha Abu Shakhdam from Jordan, qualified for the final round of the award with her project concerned with technology-supported innovative products and educational tools targeting deaf children. Haitham Ali Khalifa from Egypt qualified with his project aimed at economic em-



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powerment of the marginalised sectors of the society through optimal use of available resources and recycling technique in the field of agriculture. Saifuddin Al Alaj (Morocco) qualified for his project aimed to create sustainable solutions for waste recycling.

The 6th edition of the award is organised under the theme "From Jordan to the Arab Youth". Those who qualified for the final round would undergo a training programme ahead of the presentation before the committee of the award as a step for announcement of the winner of the award, according to a statement issued by the management of the award. -ONA

HORSE RACING

Royal Cavalry's horse bags Al Wathba Cup in France

PARIS: Oman's Royal Cavalry's mare "Khalsa" snatched the top trophy of Al Wathba Cup's horse racing competitions held at Gramat racecourse here for Arabian thoroughbreds. "Khalsa" was jockeyed to victory in the 2,200 metre-run by Maxim Folon and coached by Charles Jordan.

Second place went to "Alicia", owned by Lakvore de Sierra, jockeyed by Marlin Mayer and coached by Thomas de Mayo. Third place was won by "Futoon", owned by Al Shaqab Races, jockeyed by Vincent and coached by Charles Jordan. -ONA



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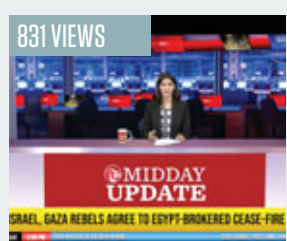



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Inside the mosque, the prayer hall is beautifully decorated with crystal chandeliers, handwoven carpets in shades of green, and patterned walls.

The towering mosque welcomes thousands of worshippers for prayers each day. Make sure to visit the landmark during the visiting hours. The governorate has numerous other mosques spread across the town, Aqeel Mosque being the oldest of them, having been built in 1779. It's all-white exterior and geometric architecture tells tales from the past.



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WORKING PAPERS

Mirbat symposium raises awareness on drugs

MIRBAT: A symposium was held on Monday in the Wilayat of Mirbat in the Dhofar Governorate to raise awareness and prevent the spread of psychotropic substances. The event was organised by the office of the Wali of Mirbat.

During the symposium, a number of working papers were presented.

The first dealt with the types of drugs and psychotropic substances, the reasons for their abuse, social causes and bad habits that lead to drug addiction, and the legal status presented by the General Administration of Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances in the Governorate of Dhofar.

The second dealt with the effects of drug abuse and psychotropic substances from a health perspective, which was presented by Sultan Qaboos Hospital, while the third paper from the General Directorate of Social Development in Dhofar Governorate dealt



with drugs and psychotropic substances from a social and family perspective.

The fourth paper, presented by the General Directorate of Endowments and Religious Affairs in Dhofar Governorate, reviewed drugs and psychotropic substances from a religious perspective.

The symposium was attended by the Acting Wali of Mirbat, and a number of officials, sheikhs, dignitaries and people of the Wilayat of Mirbat. -ONA

CDAA

Citizen drowns in Wadi Darbat

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Civil Defence and Ambulance Authority (CDAA) reported that a citizen drowned in Wadi Darbat. Later, he was taken to the hospital but the doctors declared him dead.

Dhofar

The CDAA said in a statement: "The Civil Defence Authority team in the Governorate of Dhofar responded to the drowning incident of a citizen in Wadi Darbat. He was taken to the hospital, but he could not survive." The authority calls on visitors to the Khareef not to swim in the springs, waterfalls, and beaches, to avoid the unfortunate drowning accidents.

TRAINING

Sharpening entrepreneurship skills

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Social Development, represented by the Department of the Family Development and Empowerment, celebrated yesterday the graduation of 23 participants from the families falling under social security umbrella and families with limited income in the field of entrepreneurship.

The training programme focused on personal and vocational development and polishing the skills and abilities of the participants in the field of entrepreneurship.

The event was organised under the patronage of Sayyida Ma'ani bint Abdullah Al Busaidi, Director General of Family Development at the Ministry of Social Development.

Five out of eighteen projects of the programme won the Best Project Award.

Recycling

"Prestigio Project" on recycling of raw materials and employment of the same in tailoring secured the first place. Project Zabayah Oman, a mobile application, secured the second place.

The third place went for "Tala Project", a design project for dress for girls aged between 1 to 14 years, the fourth place was secured by "Aun Project", a project for clearance of documents of Sanad offices which serves investors and citizens within and outside the Sultanate, while "Zalzah Project" on healthy spices and pickles secured the fifth place.

The training programme

aimed to empower families under social security umbrella and families with limited income. It also aimed to acquaint the participants with the concept of entrepreneurship and the challenges and opportunities for female entrepreneurs among other objectives.

Fatima bint Abdullah Al Rashidi, Assistant Director at the Department of Family Development and Empowerment at the Ministry of Social Development said that the Ministry of Social Development accords due care and social protection to important sectors of the society and is extending due efforts for the development of the skills, abilities, values and ties of the Omani families, the local community and individuals. -ONA

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BLAZE AT A FARM IN LIWA EXTINGUISHED

A fire that broke out in a storage facility meant for farm materials in North Al Batinah Governorate was doused. In a statement the Civil Defence and Ambulance Authority (CDAA) said: "The firefighting teams of the CDAA in North Al Batinah Governorate managed to extinguish a fire of goods at a farm in the Ghadhfan area in the wilayat of Liwa, without registering any injuries." The authority calls upon the owners of farms and companies not to start commercial activities without obtaining the necessary licences.



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MONTHLY AID

Sharjah supports low-income families with AED10.3 million

SHARJAH: The Sharjah Charity International (SCI) announced that its monthly assistance targets the needy category of people with low-income families in order to guarantee them a decent life and meet their living needs government aid.

The association was able to provide monthly aid throughout the first half of this year, with a financial value of AED10.3 million, while the number of beneficiaries was estimated at 6,000 beneficiaries, in line with the high directives of H.H. Dr. Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah.

Dr. Ali Muhammad Al Salami, Acting Head of the Institutional Services Sector, stressed that the Society relies on the donations and charitable contributions of benefactors to support deserving families, as it includes among its records a large number of cases of widows, orphans, needy families and divorced women who have no income to guarantee them a decent life.

He explained that monthly assistance was provided to the eligible cases registered in the statements of the association at its headquarters and all its subsidiary departments in Al Madam, Al Dhaid, Kalba, Khorfakkan and Dibba Al Hisn, and the month of June came with the highest monthly expenditure rate of AED1.8 million, followed by May with a value of



AED1.7 million, followed by April at a cost of AED1.7 million, while the monthly aid expenditures for the month of February came at a cost of AED1.68 million, and then the month of March at a cost of AED1.67 million, while the monthly expenses during the month of January amounted to AED1.66 million. -WAM

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TOURISTS



Jordan receives over 2.5 million guests in 2022

AMMAN: More than 2.5 million people visited Jordan in the January-July period of 2022, a 220 percent increase over the same period in 2021, Jordanian News Agency (Petra) reported.

The number exceeded the 1.88 million visitors expected in the Jordan National Tourism Strategy 2021-2025.

According to a monthly report by the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, the total number of overnight tourists increased by 206.7 percent during the same period.

Overnight visitors from Europe increased by 526.4 percent, followed by the Arab Gulf with 404.8 percent and the Americas with 307.3 percent.

In July alone, the number of visitors increased by 125.1 percent, reaching 587,248. -SPA

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NATIONAL CAPABILITIES

Cybersecurity programme launched in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH: The National Cybersecurity Authority (NCA) announced the launch of the 'CyberIC' programme for the development of the cybersecurity sector, one of the main enablers of the National Cybersecurity Strategy.

The programme aims to develop and build national capabilities in the field of cybersecurity, localize cybersecurity technology and training content, and stimulate the wider domestic cybersecurity sector.

According to NCA, the first phase of the CyberIC programme includes numerous initiatives, most notably the training of employees of national authorities,

accelerating cybersecurity activities to stimulate the sector, and encouraging the development of national cybersecurity products, services and solutions.

The program will also see the launch of the second version of the cybersecurity challenge and offer programs for Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs), in cooperation with the most prestigious international universities in the field.

In order to enhance the preparedness of participants to meet cybersecurity challenges, the courses will include a set of cyber exercises that take place within a virtual environment that simulates real cyber attacks and incidents. - SPA

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119/2022	General maintenance work for al-wafa center for the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities in the wilayat of buraimi	Companies specialized in building contracting and registered with the General Secretariat of the Tender Board in the second degree	Sunday 28-8-2022 02:00 PM	Sunday 18-9-2022 10:00 AM	R.O. 25/=

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Germany braces for social unrest over energy prices

Germany is exploring a sweeping set of measures to save energy, from turning off street lights to lowering building temperatures

BERLIN: State and federal Law-makers in Germany are exploring a sweeping set of measures to save energy, from turning off street lights to lowering building temperatures; and they are pleading with the public to cut consumption at home.

Whether those efforts spur a call to solidarity or a call to arms won't become clear until the cold sets in and bills come due. Yet Chancellor Olaf Scholz is not in a wait-and-see mood, telling public broadcaster, ARD, last month that spiraling heating costs are a "powder keg for society."

In explicitly naming the elephant in the room, the chancellor and his government are on the hook for nipping social unrest in the bud.

"In using this 'powder keg' narrative, the chancellor is trying to



make way for key decisions," Riccardo Kaufer, a professor of political sociology at the University of Greifswald, told DW. "So all actors who could potentially stand in the way of measures are cajoled into compromise."

In other words, Scholz is signaling to his governing partners, political opposition, business leaders, and civil society that they bicker over policy responses at the country's peril.

This is a "lesson learned" from the pandemic, Kaufer said, when lawmakers often seemed unprepared to contain it, despite scien-

tific predictions on how and when the virus would spread. Their communication was more often reactive than proactive.

The Bundestag, the German parliament, has already passed legislation that hopes to insulate society's most vulnerable from price shocks. At the same time, German utilities will be allowed to pass some of their increased costs onto consumers.

In crafting policy, officials are walking a fine line. They want to help secure household finances, especially for low-wage earners, but not so much that they under-

mine the incentive to save energy.

More relief may follow the summer recess, however agreement on what that looks like, how much it will cost, and how it will get paid for is likely weeks away, at least. The smallest of the parties in the governing coalition, the neoliberal Free Democrats (FDP), control the finance ministry, which gives them significant power of the purse. Its minister, Christian Lindner, has made clear he intends to use that power sparingly, as he stands up for his party's values of low tax, low spending, and low regulation.

The FDP's bigger partners,

Scholz's center-left Social Democrats and the environmentalist Greens, are pushing for a more generous helping hand.

Even if the government gets the measures right, they could still get the messaging wrong, which political scientists say can be just as important in steering public sentiment. As the pandemic showed, money and resources are only half the battle; clear and consistent communication is the other half.

"Perceptions are decisive," Evelyn Bytzek, a professor of political communication at the University of Koblenz-Landau, told DW. "Ultimately, we all act based more on what we perceive to be true than what is true."

Symbolism is a powerful tool in maintaining public support, Bytzek said. She pointed to Gerhard Schröder's visit to flood-stricken parts of eastern Germany in 2002, which gave him a boost in his reelection campaign for chancellor. He went on to win a few weeks later.

Scholz won last year's election in part due to his Merkel-like passive leadership style. Now that could become a liability — and stoke unrest — if the public feels their ship of state is without a captain at the helm with an iceberg ahead.

"Crisis is not just a danger, but also an opportunity to generate more trust when crisis management is well perceived," Bytzek said. **-DW**

UN chief warns of nuclear arms race

TOKYO: United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned on Monday that the risk of a nuclear arms race was returning to the world, and implored nuclear-armed countries to stick to their no-first-use policies.

"This is the moment to ask the nuclear-armed countries to commit to the principle of non-first-use and to commit to not use and not threaten the non-nuclear countries," he said.

Guterres is in Tokyo two days after he visited Hiroshima to commemorate victims of the August 6, 1945, atomic bombing. The anniversary of the Nagasaki atomic bombing is on August 9.

Russia's threat of a nuclear attack against Ukraine has recently fanned the fears of a third atomic bombing.

"I think that nobody, nobody can accept the idea that a new nuclear war would happen. This will be the destruction of the planet," said Guterres. He said recent modernization of nuclear arsenals shows that the world is "moving backwards" — after a period in the aftermath of the Cold War when the numbers of nuclear warheads were reduced. The billions of dollars being used in the arms race should be spent on more pressing issues such as fighting climate change and poverty instead, he said. **-DW**

3 DAYS



Hong Kong cuts COVID-19 hotel quarantine

HONG KONG: Hong Kong will reduce the mandatory hotel quarantine for overseas arrivals to three days from a week.

The southern Chinese city remains one of the few places in the world, together with mainland China, to require a quarantine to guard against travelers spreading COVID-19 to the local population.

The policy taking effect Friday will be Hong Kong's shortest quarantine for arrivals since the pandemic began. **-DNA**

24TH ANNIVERSARY OF 1998 BOMBINGS

Zawahiri's killing shows US' resolve to act against terror

WASHINGTON: On the 24th Anniversary of the 1998 bombings of US Embassies in East Africa, US said that it has taken decisive action against al Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri, an architect of the 1998 attacks, and made it clear once again that the country is determined to act against terrorism.

On August 7, 1998, nearly simultaneous bombs blew up in front of the American embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, in Africa.

"In the aftermath of these heinous attacks, America and our partners met cowardice and depravity with courage and determination. The attacks, designed to intimidate us, only reinforced our resolve. And earlier this month, America took decisive action against al Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri, an architect of the 1998 attacks, making clear once again that we are positioned to act on our determination, which does not wane with time," a State Department Press release said.

Al Qaeda chief Ayman al-Zawahiri was killed on August 1 in a drone strike carried out by the US on a residential house in the Sherpoor area of Kabul city.

Two hundred and twenty-four people died in the blasts, including 12 Americans, and more than 4,500 people were wounded, as per the figures by Federal Investigation Bureau.

In the aftermath of the attacks, over 900 FBI agents alone--and



many more FBI employees--traveled overseas to assist in the recovery of evidence and the identification of victims at the bomb sites and to track down the perpetrators.

These attacks were soon directly linked to al Qaeda.

Efforts from international partners led to the identification, arrest, and extradition to the United States of several members of the al Qaeda terrorist network for their role in the bombings.

Mohammed Sadeek Odeh and Mohammed Rashed Daoud al-Owhali were arrested in Kenya within 20 days of the bombings and rendered to the U.S. shortly thereafter. Both were convicted for their roles in the bombing and sentenced to life in prison in October 2001.

In September 1998, Mamdouh Mahmud Salim was arrested in Germany. He is currently serving a life sentence for stabbing a federal corrections officer in the eye while in prison after being charged in the embassy attacks.

Also Wadiah el-Hage--a naturalized American citizen who had been living in Arlington, Texas--was arrested by the FBI for making false statements during questioning. After being indicted for his role in the bombings, he was convicted and sentenced to life in prison in 2001.

On November 4, 1998, Osama Bin Laden and several members of his network, including his mili-

tary commander Muhammad Atef, were named in an indictment based on the investigation. Both have since been killed.

US remembers the lives -- Americans, Kenyans, Tanzanians, and others -- that were violently taken 24 years ago. "The victims of these attacks are never far from our minds, and today our thoughts are also with the loved ones they left behind," Blinken said.

"Today in South Africa and in the coming days from the region, I will reiterate to our African partners that America remains determined to work with countries of the continent to confront the shared challenges we face, including the scourge of terrorism and violent extremism. As we remember the lives taken from us nearly a quarter century ago, we will continue to demonstrate that those who seek to stand in the way of a better future for our countries will never be able to succeed," he added. **-ANI**

RIVER PO

Drought-hit river reveals World War II bomb in Italy



ROME: An unexploded World War Two bomb submerged in an Italian river has been revealed due to an extreme drought.

The 450kg (1,000lb) bomb was found by fishermen on the banks of the depleted River Po.

Large sections of the 650km (400 mile) river have dried up in Italy's worst drought for 70 years, BBC news reported.

Unusually hot weather and low rainfall levels have compounded northern Italy's water shortages and heightened fears about the effects of climate change.

The unexploded device, which Italian military officials said contained 240kg (530lb) of ex-

plosive, was discovered near the Lombardy village of Borgo Virgilio in July.

Some 3,000 nearby residents were reportedly evacuated so that bomb disposal experts could safely carry out a controlled explosion.

The area's airspace was also shut down for a brief time, as well as river traffic on the waterway itself.

The Po is Italy's longest river, flowing from the south-western Alps down to the Adriatic Sea -- but annual satellite images from this year show expanding patches of dried-up riverbed as a result of extreme drought. **-DNA**

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FOOTBALL

Haaland off to flier as Man City start Premier League title defence with win

LONDON: Erling Haaland didn't need long to make his mark on the Premier League as Manchester City's star signing scored twice and his side kicked off their defence of the title with a 2-0 win away to West Ham United.

The Norwegian titled a potentially difficult game with a 36th-minute penalty after he had been brought down in the West Ham area.

He then sealed the points from a game City dominated from start to finish, with a cool finish after excellent work from Kevin de Bruyne as Pep Guardiola's team started off the new season as they ended the last one.

Liverpool's title challenge got off to a slow start on Saturday when they were held to a 2-2 draw away to newly promoted Fulham.

Fulham striker Aleksandar Mitrovic continued the form that saw him score 43 goals in the Championship last season, with his side's two goals: a 32nd-minute



header and a 72nd-minute penalty, but Liverpool twice drew level thanks mainly to Darwin Nunez.

The new arrival came off the bench to score after the hour and then cross for Mohamed Salah to level the scores with 10 minutes left.

Tottenham had a more positive start as they thrashed Southampton 4-1. Although James Ward Prowse put Southampton ahead in

the 12th minute, Ryan Sessegnon and Eric Dier turned the scores around before halftime and an own goal from Mohammed Salsu and a strike from Dejan Kulusevski sealed Spurs' win.

There was 10 minutes of injury time in the first and second half of Chelsea's 1-0 win away to Everton, which was decided by Jorginho's penalty in the 9th minute of first half injury time after Everton de-

fender, Ben Godfrey suffered a bad ankle injury.

A medical emergency in the crowd led to the delay in the second half, which saw Marc Cucurella make an impressive Chelsea debut.

There is a new coach at Manchester United, but it was the same story as last season at Old Trafford as Erik ten Hag's debut was ruined by a 2-1 defeat to Brighton.

United were all over the place defensively in the first half, allowing Pascual Gross to put Brighton 2-0 ahead and although Alexis MacAlister scored an own goal to give Ten Hag's side hope, even with Cristiano Ronaldo on as a substitute, they were unable to find an equalizer.

Brentford showed personality to come back from 2-0 down to claim a draw away from Leicester City, who had looked to be cruising thanks to Timothy Castagne's 33rd-minute header and Kieran Dewsbury-Hall's shot. -Xinhua

BIRMINGHAM

Shuttler Lakshya, Sindhu capture gold in Commonwealth

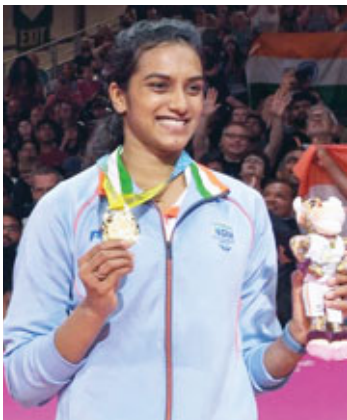
BIRMINGHAM: Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen clinched the country's second badminton gold of the day, defeating Malaysia's Ng Tze Yong in the final of the men's singles category at the ongoing Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham on Monday.

Sen fought brilliantly on his way to victory. He won the match by 19-21, 21-19 and 21-16. He took on the Malaysian challenge head-on and toiled his way towards the ultimate prize. Sen and his Malaysian opponent started the opening game on a mostly even note.

Sen gained a slight advantage with a 5-4 lead. But Tze Yong was not the one to give up and not only did he score points, but he also made Sen toil hard for his own points. Sen kept fighting and eventually made things 19-19. But Tze Yong secured the first game after outclassing the Indian by 19-21.

The next game also started off as a see-saw contest, with Tze Yong having a lead. Sen continued fighting hard for his points and made things 6-6. Lakshya's perseverance eventually took him to a 11-9 lead halfway into the game, which eventually widened to 18-9. Sen won the second game by 21-9 to set up an exciting decider.

The decider game also started on an exciting note, with both players toiling hard for points. Sen was better this time. Halfway through the game, he had an 11-7



lead, which widened to 15-11. Sen eventually swung his racket to a win by 21-16 in the third game, which helped him seal the match and clinch the gold.

Earlier today, ace Indian shuttler PV Sindhu clinched India's first gold medal in Badminton at the ongoing Commonwealth Games 2022 and the first women's singles CWG gold medal of her career by defeating Canada's Michelle Li in the final on Monday.

Sindhu was a dominant figure in the match, though her opponent competed well. The Indian won the match in straight two games by 21-15, 21-13.

PV Sindhu got off to a great start. Halfway through the first game, she was leading by 11-8. Michelle Li offered her Indian opponent great competition but fell short in every rally. The result was a 21-15 win for Sindhu in the first game. -ANI

OFFSEASON

Barca surprise many with high-profile signings

BARCELONA: Barcelona surprised many in the offseason by making several high-profile signings despite enduring a difficult situation financially.

The club's tactics to boost its squad mostly by giving up future income to add new players now — prompted plenty of doubts and criticism.

But even the most concerned

Barcelona fans can't hide their optimism with the team's potential ahead of the season that begins next weekend.

Plenty of promise

The new signings showed plenty of promise in the preseason that ended with a 6-0 rout of Mexican club Pumas at the Camp Nou.

A crowd of more than 83,000 saw the team's top signing, Robert Lewandowski, score his first goal for the Catalan club and connect well with young playmaker Pedri González. They also saw new defender Jules Koundé make his debut, and new forward Raphinha and returning forward Ousmane Dembélé play well again.

Barcelona also defeated Inter

Miami, the New York Red Bulls and Spanish rival Real Madrid during its preseason, in addition to drawing 2-2 with Juventus.

Before Sunday's match, fans had already received some good news as president Joan Laporta said the club would meet the Spanish league's fair play requirements to register all new signings in time for the season. -DNA



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OMAN CRUDE PRICE FALLS

The price of Oman oil has decreased, with prices for delivery by October 2022 reaching \$94.34, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil fell by 3 cents from the price of Friday, which was \$94.37. - **ONA**

MARKET BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) general index (30) gained 7.3 points, comprising a rise by 0.16 per cent to close at 4,661.34 points, compared to the last session, which stood at 4,654.01 points.

EDO receives long-term issuer credit rating with stable outlook



The international credit rating agency S&P's stand-alone credit profile assessment of Energy Development Oman is bbb - which is an investment grade rating level

MUSCAT: Energy Development Oman (EDO) has achieved a new milestone by being assigned a BB-long-term issuer credit rating with a stable outlook by the S&P Global Ratings.

The international credit rating agency S&P's stand-alone credit profile assessment of Energy Development Oman is bbb - which is an investment grade rating level.

Mazin Rashid Al Lamki, EDO's Chief Executive Officer, said, "This inaugural credit rating from S&P is a significant step ahead in EDO's development and certainly self-assuring as it relates to EDO's strategy going forward. In this report, S&P have recognised EDO's access to sizeable reserves, leading domestic share of Omani hydro-carbon production, and low oper-

ating cost structure, all of which support strong credit ratios."

Al Lamki added, "This rating will increase transparency and comparability for debt investors and other capital market participants, in addition to competitive financing and low-cost structure. EDO's future strategic plans and cash flow visibility are key factors in our success, which brings significant importance to the country. This national responsibility will influence our strategic choices and will guide our decisions at EDO which will benefit both the company's and sovereign's credit rating."

It is worth mentioning that EDO is leading ambitious plans in the fields of energy and alternative energy which will play a key role in elevating the credit rating of Oman and help create an attractive investment milieu in this sector. -**ONA**

MAHAS INDUSTRIAL CITY INKS AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH FEED PACKAGING FACTORY

Mahas Industrial City, which pertains to the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates (Madayn), has signed a contract with Hassan Al Qaishi Trading Establishment to set up a factory for packaging feed products on an area of 6,000 square metres in the wilayat of Khasab in Musandam governorate. With three main lines for the production and packaging of livestock and poultry feed, the project will adopt cutting-edge technology and machinery in the production and packaging processes. - **Supplied picture**



GLOBAL EXPANSION

Oman Oil Marketing Company opens 7th KSA service station in Mecca

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Oil Marketing Company (OOMCO) has opened its seventh service station in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Located in Mecca, the facility features an exciting range of on-the-go shopping, and branded food and beverage offerings, in addition to essential automotive services.

The fuel marketing company also has six other service stations in the country, including its first mega station in Dammam, which opened in 2019, and Al Manar Station in Jeddah.

Popular for their warm and friendly customer service approach and wide range of amenities that add value to the daily lives of commuters, the service stations are part of OOMCO's commitment to go 'beyond the pump'.

Ali Muqailab, General Manager - International Relations at Oman Oil Marketing Company, said, "We're delighted to open our seventh service station in KSA, which marks another milestone in our global expansion and shows our commitment to strengthening the friendly bilateral relations that exist between our two coun-



tries. We strive to continue adding value to the Saudi market by contributing new employment opportunities and rewarding business ventures for local suppliers while offering customers innovative products that provide them with the utmost convenience and pleasure in their journey. Meanwhile, we continue to transform

the industry by providing much more than only fuel."

The latest addition is part of OOMCO's ambitious strategic global expansion. Continuing to expand its footprint in Oman's neighbouring countries, the company also currently operates nine sites in Tanzania.

In the coming months, it also

plans to add another five service stations around Jeddah to its portfolio in the kingdom, with 15 sites operational overall by the end of 2022, as per the company's 2022-2026 strategy.

Meanwhile, OOMCO continues to work on its customer-centricity to be among the top five fuel marketers in the GCC by 2027.

DUBAI INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE

DIFC launches first Global Family Business, Private Wealth Centre

DUBAI: The Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) announced the launch of the first Global Family Business and Private Wealth Centre (Centre) in the region and worldwide.

DIFC is the first financial centre in the world to create a unique offering at a time when an estimated AED3.67 trillion (\$1 trillion) in assets will be transferred to the next generation in the Middle East during the next decade.

The initiative aligns with the UAE Government's commitment to supporting family businesses, which continue to play a prominent role in accelerating the growth of the country's economy. It is estimated that only 20 per cent of family businesses are managed by the third generation in the Middle East.

It is crucial to educate those who face challenges related to governance, succession, ownership, wealth, family dynamics and strategy to ensure a solid family business and long-term success.

The initiative is in line with DIFC's 2030 Strategy objectives, which will enable DIFC to double in size and its economic contribution to Dubai's GDP.

The strategy also supports sustained economic growth and further differentiates Dubai as a global hub for leading financial in-



stitutions and businesses.

The Centre will bring together global family-owned businesses, ultra-high net worth individuals (UHNWIs) and Private Wealth in one hub to help preserve and grow the sector and provide access to a full range of support services to enable robust legacy and succession planning. The Centre is also expected to attract family businesses and UHNWIs from the region and globally to establish a presence in Dubai.

Operating on an independent basis, the Centre's extensive remit will include providing advisory and concierge services; education and training; outreach and high-

end networking; undertaking research and issuing publications and providing dispute resolution assistance. Additionally, accreditation will be granted to businesses and advisors in alignment with DIFC's rigorous standards. This will provide confidence to family businesses and wealthy individuals who need to leverage the expertise of a range of partners to make strategic decisions.

Members will also benefit from being part of the region's largest financial ecosystem, DIFC's common law framework, legal and regulatory infrastructure and flexible range of business structures.

Essa Kazim, Governor of DIFC,

said, "Aligning with the UAE Government's commitment to helping family businesses play a prominent role in our society, DIFC is pleased to be launching the world's first Family Business and Private Wealth Centre. The UAE has a vast number of family businesses, owned by citizens and residents who contribute to the country's economy. In the next decade, those families and others in the Middle East are expected to transfer AED3.67 trillion to the next generation, which illustrates the urgent need to provide them with specialist, consolidated support to help them grow."

Dr Tarek Hajjiri, appointed CEO of the Global Family Business and Private Wealth Centre, added, "The launch of the Global Family Business and Private Wealth Centre is another key milestone in the development of DIFC's wealth and asset management sector. In addition, it embodies DIFC's long-term commitment to offering quality private wealth management services at par with global standards. The new Centre will play a unique role in guiding family businesses in relation to governance, succession, ownership, wealth, family dynamics and strategy. Our role is crucial to ensure the long-term growth of family businesses." -**WAM**

ECONOMIC CRISIS

Another 'similarly-sized' rate hike needed to contain inflation, says US Fed Governor Bowman

COLORADO: The US Federal Reserve Governor Michelle W. Bowman said another "similarly-sized" - 75 basis points - increase in key interest rates should be on the table until the economy sees inflation declining in a "consistent, meaningful, and lasting way".

Bowman made the remarks while addressing the 2022 CEO and Senior Management Summit sponsored by the Kansas Bankers Association in Colorado on Saturday.

Many of the underlying causes of excessive inflation, Bowman said, are the same as they have been over the past year such as supply chain issues, including those related to China's COVID containment policies, constrained housing supply, the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, fiscal stimulus, and limitations on domestic energy production.

"Regardless of the source of the inflationary pressure, the Federal Reserve has a duty to bring inflation down to our 2 per cent target," Bowman said. The Governor believes the supply problems pushing up inflation likely to persist.

In the backdrop of an over four-decade high inflation in the coun-

try, the US Federal Open Market Committee had in its latest meeting raised the key policy interest rate by 75 basis points to 2.25-2.50 per cent, anticipating that the increase in the interest rates will be "appropriate".

Hiking interest rates typically cool demand in the economy, thereby putting a brake on the inflation rate.

The US Federal Reserve in its June meeting too raised the interest rate by 75 basis points, which was the steepest hike since 1994.

US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell in his remarks after the recent monetary policy meeting said another "unusually large increase" in rates could be appropriate at the next meeting, provided that that will depend on the data the US Fed gets in between.

Real gross domestic product (GDP) in the US decreased at an annual rate of 0.9 per cent in the second quarter of 2022 (April-June), marking the second consecutive quarter of degrowth which qualifies for a technical recession.

In the January-March quarter, real GDP decreased 1.6 per cent, US Bureau of Economic Analysis data showed. -**ANI**

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MSX index ends higher

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The trading value stood at OMR4,095,109, comprising a drop by 41.7 per cent, compared to the last session, which stood at OMR7,021,676.

The report released by MSX

pointed out that the market value went up by 0.074 per cent to reach about OMR23.25 billion.

The report added that the value of shares bought by non-Omani investors reached OMR121,000, comprising 2.95 per cent. The value of shares sold by non-Omani investors reached OMR349,000, comprising 8.53 per cent. The net non-Omani investment decreased by 5.59 per cent to OMR229,000. — **OMA**

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Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	4,670.69	4,629.52	4,661.34	4,654.01	7.34	0.16
FINANCIAL INDEX	7,429.98	7,339.92	7,429.98	7,396.83	33.15	0.45
Industry Index	5,954.94	5,818.70	5,947.90	5,818.70	129.20	2.22
Services Index	1,717.00	1,709.43	1,712.95	1,713.50	-0.54	-0.03
MSX Shariah Index	4,711.7	4,64.64	4,701.19	4,675.55	25.64	0.56
MSX TR INDEX	5,890.82	5,838.90	5,879.04	5,869.75	9.25	0.16
FINANCIAL TR IDX	7,774.64	7,680.41	7,774.64	7,739.95	34.69	0.45
SERVICES TR IDX	1,782.95	1,775.08	1,778.74	1,779.31	-0.57	-0.03
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	6,180.23	6,038.83	6,172.92	6,038.83	134.09	2.22

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
11,084,043	4,095,109	518	23,247,382,295	19	14	7	40

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 8

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR.	LAST RD.	LAST OFFER	P/B VALUE	MARKET CAP
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REGULAR MARKET

OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	3,540,693	2,103,172	2	0.594	0.594	0.594	0.594	0.540	0.054	10.000	0.594	0.532	0.594	0.100	93,555,000
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDSTR	25,000	23,700	3	0.932	0.952	0.932	0.952	0.896	0.056	6.250	0.952	0.900	0.952	0.100	85,394,400
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	309,030	41,410	5	0.134	0.134	0.134	0.134	0.130	0.004	3.077	0.134	0.123	0.135	0.100	261,254,100
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	115,000	31,715	7	0.275	0.277	0.275	0.277	0.272	0.005	1.838	0.277	0.245	0.277	0.100	450,387,141
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV H	65,413	4,263	13	0.066	0.066	0.065	0.065	0.064	0.001	1.563	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.100	13,000,000
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	206,506	84,987	14	0.410	0.416	0.410	0.412	0.410	0.002	0.488	0.412	0.410	0.412	0.100	90,640,000
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT. ENG	281,547	29,703	21	0.113	0.115	0.112	0.113	0.113	0.000	0.000	0.113	0.112	0.113	0.100	15,820,000
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	19,900	6,648	4	0.334	0.344	0.334	0.344	0.344	0.000	0.000	0.344	0.334	0.340	0.100	229,917,707
OM0000002077	AL OMANIYA FINS	100	17	1	0.170	0.170	0.170	0.170	0.170	0.000	0.000	0.170	0.155	0.168	0.100	51,546,318
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD	42,704	12,813	14	0.300	0.302	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.000	0.000	0.300	0.300	0.302	0.100	37,469,388
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SER	516,000	260,064	4	0.504	0.504	0.504	0.504	0.504	0.000	0.000	0.504	0.500	0.504	0.100	119,150,640
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	6,871	6,413	7	0.932	0.936	0.924	0.932	0.936	-0.004	-0.427	0.932	0.912	0.932	0.100	899,000,000
OM0000003968	COBRED	176,530	73,135	6	0.420	0.420	0.410	0.418	0.420	-0.002	-0.478	0.418	0.410	0.416	0.100	272,094,888
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	1,174,975	723,840	34	0.620	0.620	0.616	0.616	0.620	-0.004	-0.645	0.616	0.612	0.616	0.100	231,970,295
OM0000001525	OMAN INVST&FIN	15,968	2,145	6	0.135	0.135	0.133	0.133	0.134	-0.001	-0.746	0.133	0.133	0.137	0.100	31,521,000
OM0000003398	SOHAR INT. BANK	307	34	1	0.111	0.111	0.111	0.111	0.112	-0.001	-0.893	0.111	0.111	0.112	0.100	331,896,914
OM0000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	24,440	7,161	5	0.293	0.293	0.293	0.293	0.297	-0.004	-1.347	0.293	0.291	0.293	0.100	17,932,852
OM0000003281	TAGEER FINANCE	90,900	8,730	1	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.099	-0.002	-2.020	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.100	25,090,195
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	215,370	62,405	9	0.292	0.292	0.284	0.286	0.292	-0.006	-2.055	0.286	0.286	0.287	0.100	94,629,595
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INV	217,660	18,679	17	0.087	0.087	0.085	0.085	0.087	-0.002	-2.299	0.085	0.085	0.088	0.100	7,650,000
Total		20	7,024,014	3,501,034	174											

Parallel Market

OM0000002804	ASAFFA FOODS	477,922	89,617	36	0.176	0.191	0.176	0.191	0.174	0.017	9.770	0.191	0.157	0.191	0.100	22,920,000
OM0000001301	DHOFAR CATTLE	214,181	17,314	28	0.078	0.082	0.078	0.082	0.075	0.007	9.333	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.100	6,629,700
OM0000002366	AL BATINAH DEV.	100	6	1	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.051	0.004	7.843	0.055	0.000	0.055	0.100	1,650,000
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	781,297	110,130	41	0.133	0.143	0.133	0.143	0.133	0.010	7.519	0.143	0.133	0.143	0.100	29,027,062
OM0000004893	AL SUWADI POWER	25,100	1,155	2	0.046	0.047	0.046	0.047	0.045	0.002	4.444	0.047	0.046	0.047	0.100	33,577,098
OM0000001368	CONSTRUCTION M.	11,947	948	3	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.078	0.002	2.564	0.080	0.080	0.085	0.100	5,000,000
OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	23,230	1,048	4	0.045	0.046	0.045	0.046	0.045	0.001	2.222	0.046	0.045	0.046	0.100	31,044,822
OM0000001418	RAYSUT CEMENT	970,172	196,680	113	0.200	0.205	0.200	0.203	0.199	0.004	2.010	0.203	0.203	0.205	0.100	40,600,000
OM0000005260	OMAN ARAB BANK	468,317	57,134	3	0.117	0.122	0.117	0.122	0.120	0.002	1.667	0.122	0.118	0.130	0.100	203,668,020
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	392,745	29,859	16	0.076	0.077	0.076	0.077	0.076	0.001	1.316	0.077	0.076	0.077	0.100	15,400,000
OM0000003601	VOLTAMP ENERGY	3,850	285	1	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.099	0.001	1.010	0.100	0.097	0.100	0.100	8,140,275
OM0000004430	BANK NIZWA	30,570	2,859	6	0.099	0.102	0.099	0.102	0.101	0.001	0.990	0.102	0.101	0.101	0.100	12,240,000
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MRK	10,000	9,440	4	0.944	0.944	0.944	0.944	0.944	0.000	0.426	0.944	0.944	0.944	0.100	89,680,000
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	8,058	380	5	0.047	0.048	0.047	0.048	0.048	0.000	0.000	0.048	0.047	0.048	0.100	70,204,870
OM0000008710	BARKA DESALINATION	48,010	6,578	8	0.138	0.138	0.137	0.137	0.137	0.000	0.000	0.137	0.137	0.137	0.100	10,346,514
OM0000001566	OMAN FISHERIES	216,409	24,597	42	0.114	0.114	0.112	0.112	0.113	-0.001	-0.885	0.112	0.112	0.114	0.100	20,392,781
OM0000001889	SALALAH MILLS	1,433	1,268	2	0.880	0.888	0.880	0.888	0.900	-0.012	-1.333	0.888	0.880	0.900	0.100	44,367,201
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	230,000	33,472	17	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.144	0.002	1.370	0.144	0.142	0.144	0.100	12,240,000
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	59,228	4,008	5	0.068	0.068	0.067	0.067	0.068	-0.001	-1.471	0.067	0.066	0.068	0.100	20,578,804
OM0000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	88,500	7,199	7	0.081	0.082	0.081	0.082	0.085	-0.003	-3.529	0.082	0.080	0.082	0.100	2,752,859
Total		20	4,060,029	594,075	344											

ECONOMIC DATA

Will gas crisis spell end for ‘Made in Germany’?

BRUSSELS: The danger of reading too much into snapshot pieces of economic data is illustrated by Germany's latest export figures.

German exports hit a record level in June according to figures released last week. However, economists say soaring prices and rampant inflation are responsible, rather than German exports being in good health.

Germany is an export behemoth. It is the third-biggest exporter in the world, behind China in first and narrowly behind the United States in second place.

However, there is growing anxiety about the extent to which Germany's export-dependent economy has been left exposed by a string of global events in the past few years.

Trade wars and increasing tension between the West and China, the supply shocks of the pandemic and most recently, the war in Ukraine, have all upended the order upon which much of Germany's recent prosperity has been based.



Endgame for Made in Germany?

“I think globally there is no economy that is more exposed to the changes in globalisation than Germany,” Andreas Nölke, a professor of political science at Goethe University Frankfurt, told DW.

Nölke has written a book titled “Exportism: The German drug” in which he argues that Germany has become addicted to its powerful export base and needs a new economic model to meet the demands

of a changed global context.

“Germany was one of the countries that benefited most from the period of globalisation that we have seen since 1990 up to and perhaps just after the global financial crisis,” he said. “But now you can see the data around globalisation is slowly but steadily decreasing. I think Germany is in trouble.”

Germany's trade data for May revealed the country's first trade deficit in more than 30 years, meaning it had imported more than it had

exported. Carsten Brzeski, economist at ING bank and a longtime German economy analyst, assessed the news in stark terms.

“The war in Ukraine puts an end to the German economic business model as we knew it — a model which was mainly based on cheap energy imports and industrial exports into an increasingly globalised world.”

Gas games

While Nölke argues that Germany's export exposure risk has been apparent for years, one of the latest and most pressing threats is the crisis around Russian energy, particularly gas.

Europe's largest economy has been one of the most dependent on Russian energy for decades, but the war has forced a colossal rethink. With the EU rushing to cut back on imports of Russian energy and Russia itself cutting the amount it supplies, many large exporting industries in Germany are wondering how they can survive without the relatively cheap energy they have

relied upon for so long.

While much of the focus on the impact of the energy crisis has been on domestic households, German industry could potentially be hugely affected.

A survey of 3,500 companies recently carried out by Germany's Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK) found that 16% were either scaling back production or partially discontinuing business operations due to rising energy prices.

“These are alarming figures,” DIHK president Peter Adrian said. “They show how permanently high energy prices are a burden.”

Ammonia on the chopping block

The warnings have been getting more and more dire. Commerzbank, one of the biggest German corporate lenders, said last week that the gas crisis could lead to a “severe recession”, comparing the consequences to the global financial crisis in 2008.

Certain sectors within German industry are particularly energy-intensive. **-DW**

China releases development plan for home furnishing industry

BEIJING: China published a plan to support the high-quality development of the home furnishing industry, in a bid to give full play to its important role in expanding domestic demand.

The country aims to cultivate 15 high-level home furnishing industry clusters with different characteristics and build 500 smart experience centres by 2025, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology said.

The plan, jointly released by the ministry and other three government departments, also detailed measures to develop green, smart and healthy home furnishing to better fulfil the need for a convenient, safe and cosy environment at home. **-Xinhua**

KASPERSKY REPORT

DDoS attack durations see sharp rise throughout second quarter of 2022

DUBAI: During Q2 2022, Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks reached a new level as the share of smart attacks and average duration saw steep increases.

Compared to the previous year, the average duration of a DDoS attack rose 100 times, reaching 3,000 minutes. The share of smart attacks almost broke the four-year record, accounting for nearly 50 per cent of the total.

Experts also expect an increase in overall DDoS activity, especially with the recent collapse of cryptocurrency. These and other findings are part of a quarterly DDoS report issued by Kaspersky.

A Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack is designed to hinder the normal functioning of a website or crash it completely. During an attack (which usually targets government institutions, retail or financial companies, media or other organisations) the victim loses customers due to the unavailability of their website and their reputation suffers.

From quantity to quality Compared to figures from Q2 2021, Kaspersky's solutions defended its users against approximately 2.5 times more DDoS attacks. At the same time, in contrast to the beginning of the year with its dramatic surge in attacks due to hacker activity, absolute numbers decreased in Q2 2022. However, this does not mean that the DDoS market



has cooled down, instead, attacks have changed in quality, becoming longer and more complicated.

The average duration of an attack in Q2 2022 was 3,000 minutes or two days. It's 100 times longer than in Q2 2021 when an attack lasted just for 30 minutes on average. Compared to Q1 2022, which was marked by unprecedented durations for DDoS sessions as the result of hacker activity, the Q2 figure also shows an increase of three times.

Some of the attacks in the past quarter lasted for days or even weeks. A record was set by an attack with a duration of 41,441 minutes, which is just a little less than

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— Dan Widmaier, founder and CEO of Bolt Threads on the main stage at TED



LIFESTYLE



Dan Widmaier, the C.E.O. and founder of Bolt Threads

HOW NATURE CAN HELP YOU DRESS MORE SUSTAINABLY

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Bolt Projects Mylo Driver Bag

The fashion industry is one of the biggest on the planet, driving culture, commerce and celebrity. Even if you dislike “fashion,” you likely still have a closet with clothes made from all kinds of materials — from cotton, linen, leather, and wool, to nylon, vinyl and polyester ... the list goes on. These materials matter. They are a major reason why fashion — an industry that makes over 100B items per year — is amid a sustainability crisis. Contributing to that crisis is leather, one of the most pivotal materials in the fashion world. In 2020 alone, the five biggest luxury houses sold over \$50B of leather goods and that's in addition to all the non-luxury bags, shoes, belts, furniture, wallets and much more being made. But the challenge with leather is that it requires raising cows, and lots of them, a very resource-intensive process on a

resource-constrained planet. The good news is that no one loves leather because it comes from a cow. And so, to solve this piece of the fashion sustainability puzzle, one company called Bolt Threads is making leather from fungi, and specifically, mycelium, which for billions of years has been growing beneath our feet and serving as ecological connective tissue to all life on earth. A sprawling, infinitely renewable, interlaced web, it threads through the soil, breaks down organic matter and provides nutrients to plants and trees. “The fashion industry is not solely functional — it fulfills our innate human drive to reveal our confidence, creativity and self-expression. Fashion is intrinsic to who we are, but it's simply not sustainable in its current form,”

said Dan Widmaier, founder and CEO of Bolt Threads on the main stage at TED. “I believe the answers to this problem are available in nature, and that by tapping into 4 billion years' worth of knowledge with science, we can transform materials and our environmental future.” Bolt Threads' scientists and engineers have found a way to regeneratively harness mycelium (in vertical farming facilities powered by 100% renewable energy) and transform it into a material called Mylo that looks and feels like animal leather. Soft, supple — and less harmful to the environment than other forms of animal leather — Mylo is backed by adidas and lululemon, which have created and released limited edition collections

with the material, among other fashion and other industry innovators currently prototyping ahead of future releases. As Widmaier recently discussed at TED, soon, all the materials in your closets, homes and cars could be made with something designed regeneratively from nature. To get there, it's up to scientists to engineer those materials, companies to bring them to market, customers to invest in them, and everyone to take note of the clothes they're buying. In this way, more alternative materials that harness nature, not cows, can be incorporated into our wardrobes.

-BPT





OMANI SHOOTERS EYE STRONG START AT KONYA GAMES

KONYA: Turkey President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will inaugurate the fifth edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games in Konya on August 9 which will continue until August 18. Oman will participate with 30 athletes among 5,000 athletes from 55 countries competing in five games through athletics, cycling, swimming, shooting and weightlifting competitions.

Oman national shooting team completed on Monday their final warm up sessions. The team was in an external camp from August 5 to 8. The team will begin their competitions on Tuesday as they will participate in the formal training to adapt to all shooting alignments, the trace nature, the weather and rules.

The official competition will start on Thursday with 117 shooters from 21 countries. Eight teams will advance to the next stage and four teams only will progress into the finals.

The shooting team will take part in trapping competitions. Oman

shooting team will be represented by the men's team, including: Salim Al Nasiri, Abdullah Al Mandhari and Hussein Al Shahoumi while the women's team comprises: Reem Al Hosani, Fakhriya Al Jahafia and the team coach Marco Conte.

Commenting on the team's participation in the tournament, Muhammad bin Suleiman Al Hatali, the shooting team manager, said, "The national shooting team is in full readiness to participate in the Islamic Solidarity Tournament, which is currently being held in Turkey, in which our team will participate in the trap and skeet competitions. Our target is to emerge from this tournament with the maximum benefit that will help shooters."

"Definitely, the absence of rifle and pistol competitions in closed and semi-closed fields will affect our team. Oman shooting team is a well known team at these competitions as they have experience, ability and skills," he concluded.





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The Edge has class leading space for 5 adults and luggage, along with many storage spaces to provide convenience for daily travel. Dual Zone Climate Control, Premium Audio System with 9 speakers, Active-X seats adds to a welcoming interior feel



MUSCAT: The stylish and powerful Ford Edge is a perfect SUV to make your journeys fun and memorable. Equipped with all things good, like space, features, technology and engaging driving dynamics, the Edge always makes every drive a joy. The Ford Edge has a refined and

classy exterior. This lends it a very unique and eye-catching look. A look inside the cabin and you will be greeted with the classic Ford design language. There are impressive buttons, a large touch screen, elegant ambient lighting and the overall high fine fit and finish. The Edge is also equipped with

the rotary dial shift knob, which replaces the stick shifter. The Edge has class leading space for 5 adults and luggage, along with many storage spaces to provide convenience for daily travel. Dual Zone Climate Control, Premium Audio System with 9 speakers, Active-X seats adds to a wel-

coming interior feel. The Edge's dashboard is impressive and gives a modern feel to the interior, while still being intuitive to control. The distinct shapes of the air vents with chrome trim help to accent the dash and center console with a modern look and feel. The Ford Edge is equipped with

a 2.0L turbocharged four cylinder engine outputting 250hp. This engine pairs with a front wheel drive and the new 8-speed automatic transmission. In terms of safety, the Ford Edge is equipped with a state-of-the-art suite of advanced active safety features called Ford Co-Pilot 360. These features include BLIS® (Blind Spot Information System) with Cross-Traffic Alert; Pre-Collision Assist with Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB) and Lane Keeping System. In Oman, Ford vehicles are brought to you by Arabian Car Marketing Co.

CAMPAIGN

PAKISTAN SCHOOL MUSCAT

‘Women in Pink’ pledges to raise awareness on breast cancer in Oman and across Gulf

DUBAI: Novartis, ranked among the world's top pharmaceutical companies, announced the rollout of its new ‘Women in Pink’ campaign which aims to raise awareness on breast cancer for a better quality of life for women across the Gulf region. The campaign forms part of Novartis’ ongoing commitment to raise awareness and create solutions across the continuum of breast cancer care, and it encourages women across the region to become change-makers in their health. It will also empower women by providing them with the right information to make the best choices for their treatment plan through partnerships with the Emirates Oncology Society and non-profit organisation, Friends of Cancer Patients. “According to the World Health Organisation, breast cancer is the most common malignancy in all GCC countries, with the incidence rate highest in Bahrain (46.4), followed by Kuwait (44.3), Qatar (35.5), the UAE (19.2), Oman (14.4) and Saudi Arabia (12.9). That’s why it is vital that we work together to improve public health education and awareness around prevention, early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of breast cancer through initiatives such as the Women in Pink campaign,” says Professor Humaid Al Shamsi, President of the Emirates Oncology Society. “Breast cancer rates across the GCC are comparatively low when examined against other industrialised countries. However, the disease still affects a significant proportion of the population, particularly women,” adds Dr Sawsan Al Madhi, Director-General for Friends of Cancer Patients. “That’s why we believe that deep and broad change is needed in our approach to breast cancer in the Gulf, beginning with early screening and continuing with an ongoing commitment to improve and extend the lives of cancer patients. Through this campaign, we are empowering patients, before they become patients, to take control of their health by becoming their own advocates and inspire



others to do the same.” Around one-third of cancers are preventable through simple changes in lifestyle, genetic testing of high-risk groups, and vaccination. The Women in Pink campaign was created to encourage women to get early cancer screenings, regular check-ups and mammograms as patients who receive an early diagnosis, and whose cancer is still localised, have a significantly higher survival rate. Additionally, the campaign aims to raise awareness of metastatic breast cancer symptoms so patients can identify them in themselves and others and to ensure that patients with metastatic breast cancer can gain access to

enhanced and innovative treatment solutions. “We need to improve the outcome of patients being treated for cancer, and nothing impacts cancer survival rates more than screening and early detection. By engaging with stakeholders at all levels, from patients to healthcare practitioners, we want to create a society in which early and frequent screening becomes accessible and simple and patients are able to receive treatment at the right time for the best outcome,” says Al Shamsi. As part of the new campaign, Novartis will collaborate with different stakeholders and thought leaders to drive discussions on

prevention, early intervention, and care management to improve patient outcomes, enhance the quality of life, and optimise longevity for patients. “At Novartis, we’re on a mission to transform the lives of patients and connect people and communities to better quality care. As we continue to develop innovative therapies to fight cancer and address the unmet needs of cancer patients, we are also committed to ensuring that they have the knowledge, tools, and support needed to manage the disease and live healthier lives,” adds Joy Khoury, Head of Communications and Patient Advocacy, Novartis Gulf.



PSM holds training session for teachers

MUSCAT: A ‘Teachers Training’ session was conducted at Pakistan School Muscat (PSM) library by Senior Principal Nasir Nawaz recently. The session suggested the latest methodologies and techniques that cater for the needs of learners, weak areas and interests of teachers teaching various subjects at various levels. It will help them to use updated lesson plans according to the latest educational requirements based on the existing SLOs. It also addressed the kind of problems students face while learning which will ultimately enhance teachers’ professional performance as well as students learning. Teachers are the nurturers of our education system. They are responsible for providing an opportunity for holistic development and growth to the students. The best way to ensure educational excellence is to provide top-quality teacher training to the teachers. They should be trained so that the students become comfortable and compatible in learning and the learning outcomes are aptly achieved. Teacher training, competence and professionalism play an essential role in the success of the student learning process. To improve learning outcomes, it is essential to work on improving the orientation and quality of teachers. When these teachers are provided with relevant opportunities for self-growth, a positive influence can be seen in the performance of students as well. In this way, they become more efficient and result oriented. This makes teacher training an essential part of academic dynamics. The very basics of any workshop or session are to need analysis which is the process to identify the existing knowledge and skill sets of teachers, identifying the gaps between teachers’ and schools’ expectations, factor the culture and practices of standard teaching and learning environment and list the topics that need teachers to be trained upon. Teacher training is always required to achieve educational excellence and to apprise the faculty members of modern teaching methodologies as it is said that great teachers help create great students.



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Homes r Us celebrates special feeling of new home for couples

The widely loved home decor and furnishing brand has launched a dedicated collection to help young couples set up their new homes together with ease

DUBAI: For young couples, the first home is a significant shared milestone that can bring them closer. It marks the beginning of their lives together and is often one of their first big investments. The choices that young couples make while setting up their first homes are for the long term, as they build their lives as a unit. Each decision must be discussed, budgeted for, and tailored to their individual needs as a couple. This is usually a time that can bring couples closer as they overcome differences or discover similarities. Over the years, as one of the leading home decor and furnishing brands, Homes r Us has been a go-to for those setting up their homes. Recognising the choices and the time and effort undertaken by young couples, the brand has gone one step further to provide the ideal solution for New Homes - a dedicated range of furniture and furnishing designed specially for New Homes. Homes r Us has interacted with a diverse pool of customers over the years - and especially understands the needs of those furnishing their first home together. To help new couples bring their vision of an ideal home to life without compromising each other's tastes or choices, the brand offers the perfect solution with a wide range of affordable yet high-quality home furniture and furnishings. Through this special launch, the brand hopes to make it easy for couples to navigate their journey of setting up a new home together. The new range consists of key pieces for the home from living, bedroom, dining and decor in a variety of colours and textures to suit



varied tastes and cater to a wide range of essential needs. The entire range will be given a dedicated space across Homes r Us stores in Oman and can be accessed online.

STRENGTHENS ELECTRONIC BANKING SERVICES

Bank Muscat extends strong support to Khareef Dhofar visitors

MUSCAT: In line with its customer-centric vision to constantly better and enhance the quality of its services and products, Bank Muscat the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate, has strengthened its electronic banking services to benefit visitors to the Khareef Dhofar 2022. To enable customers to have easy access to banking services 24/7, the bank maintains more than 50 ATMs/CDMs in addition to 13 branches in the Governorate of Dhofar. It is also worthwhile to note that four Bank Muscat branches and ATMs/CDMs are located close to the main highway at Adam, Haima, Qarn al Alam and Thumrait. These four branches provide banking services in the sparsely populated area between Adam and Thumrait. On this occasion, Taya Eid Bait Sabaea, Deputy General Manager - Interior Regions, Bank Muscat, said: "The Khareef season in Dhofar is one of the most important

tourist seasons in the country and the governorate sees huge inflows of tourists both from within the Sultanate as well as from other countries. Visitors arrive in large numbers to enjoy the cooler climate, picturesque landscape and environment. As the leading financial institution in the country, Bank Muscat is committed to the success of Khareef Dhofar and has taken a lot of effort to ensure the prompt availability of banking facilities and services through branches, ATMs and CDMs in Dhofar as well as those situated on the highway between Adam and Thumrait so as to provide the best services possible for visitors during their journey." Bank Muscat has invested heavily in cutting-edge technology to provide customers with banking services through multiple channels. With the large number of visitors in the governorate, there is a higher demand for banking services and the bank is spar-

ing no effort in ensuring that its ATMs and CDMs are available to customers 24/7. Also, the bank's continuously upgraded Internet and mobile banking services and Call Centre offer customers a fast, comfortable and secure banking experience. Today, over 1.3 million retail banking customers are using various features like real-time bill payments for utilities in Oman, fund transfers within the bank and in Oman, fund transfers across the world via the SWIFT network; speed transfers to a number of countries including Bangladesh, India, the Philippines, Pakistan and Sri Lanka; Zakat calculator and charity payments. Bill payment facility is available for a variety of utility services such as electricity, water, telecom, mobile top ups, instant credit card bill payments, school payments etc. Internet banking and the mBanking app also allow customers to disable or enable their debit card for international usage adding an



extra layer of security for the benefit of customers. Bank Muscat also has online and contactless payment options for shopping through various Debit, Credit and Prepaid cards as well as contactless wearables. Its QR-enabled payment option through mBanking or the BM Wallet app is of great benefit to merchant partners and retail customers alike in making and receiving e-payments securely and promptly.







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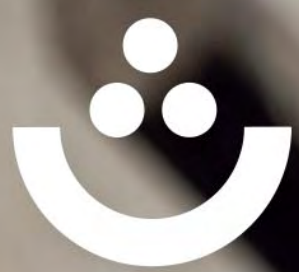
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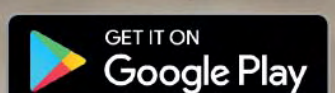
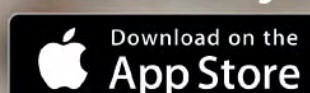
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