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CABLE

HM sends greetings to Azerbaijan

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to Dr. Ilham Heydar Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on his country's Independence Day anniversary.

In his cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere greetings and wishes of good health and happiness to the president and his country's people further progress and prosperity. **-ONA**

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OMANI WOMEN'S DAY:

HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN CONFERS ROYAL COMMENDATION ORDER ON OMANI WOMEN

The Honourable Lady, Spouse of His Majesty the Sultan, presented the Royal Orders during a ceremony held at Al Barakah Palace

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik yesterday conferred the Order of Royal Commendation on a number of Omani women.

The Honourable Lady, Spouse of His Majesty the Sultan, presented the Royal Orders during a ceremony held at Al Barakah Palace yesterday on the occasion of Omani Women's Day. She congratulated all Omani women on the anniversary, which falls on October 17 every year.

On this occasion, the Honourable Lady, Spouse of His Majesty the Sultan gave a speech reading as follows: "In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful, peace be upon Prophet Mohammed, the last of messengers and his faithful companions.

"I am delighted to greet you today on the occasion of Omani Women's Day, the 17th of October, and to address a sincere message of deserved congratulation to the one who entertained the call of Renaissance, hoisted high its banner and still remains a partner in elevating the lofty edifice of Oman...my congratulations to every Omani woman at home or abroad who extended unlimited support and contributed to the prestigious status attained by Oman...my congratulations to every mother, female worker or student who ardently attended to her duty. I appreciate their admirable performance as they bring up the future generations of our country and shoulder their responsibility towards our society, country and nation from their position at the workplace. I would also like to extend my greetings to our counterparts from countries of the world who enjoy decent living on the benign land of Oman.



"There is no doubt that allocating this occasion to the celebration of Omani Women's Day highlights the achievements of women, spreads awareness about

their role in progress and kindles their passionate quest to explore the bright future of this dear homeland. Omani Women's Day came as a generous gesture from the forgiven—by the will of Allah—the late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, who instituted the legacy of empowerment of women in recognition for their leading role and their marvelous achievements, so that it becomes

an incentive for further resourcefulness and productivity.

"Over the past 50 years of the era of blessed renaissance in Oman, women have had unlimited access to education, training and work. This enabled them to efficiently participate in the national building process while being armed with knowledge, laws and systems of sound governance that guaranteed their rights and

secured their status. As a result, the Sultanate has kept pace with other countries of the world in unleashing the power of women as partners in modern development. Omani women took their deserved place in public and private sectors and their historic influence has earned them accolades at home and abroad through proclamations of global women's affairs organisations." **>A3**

OMANI WOMEN'S DAY

'Omani women are equal partners in country's growth march'

MUSCAT: On the occasion of Omani Women's Day, the 17th of October, His Highness Sayyid Theyazan bin Haitham Al Said, Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth, congratulated Omani women and underscored their status and their feats in all sectors as a truly effective partner in the Sultanate's blessed renaissance.

"Women are accorded great attention by His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, a factor that enabled them to perform their duties and shoulder their responsibilities. They have occupied leading positions in the State and contributed to promoting the process of development," said Theyazan. He added that laws and legislations guaranteed to women all their rights and that the celebration of Omani Women's Day is an opportunity to ponder on the accomplishments of Omani women year after year, their accumulated expertise, and set forth on enhancing their participation in shaping a better tomorrow for them and for Omani society as a whole. Sayyid Theyazan stressed that "Omani woman is a productive arm serving alongside man to realise the future vision of the Sultanate." He said, "Woman is an important pillar in constructing the edifice of Oman and holding it upright



by establishing society's foundations on proper principles of ethical education that has ever since antiquity constituted the culture of Omani people, their thought and their tradition in dealing with their surrounding on the basis of respect for the other."

Sayyid Theyazan proceeded on saying, "Omani woman has had a striking presence in the domains of culture, sports and youth achievements. She received accolades as she bagged many regional and international prizes."

He pointed out that this is a source of pride for the country and reflects the status enjoyed by women and the Royal attention accorded to them by His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik. He added, "On this occasion, we are fully committed to supporting the efforts of Omani woman to help achieve her aspirations. We will work to furnish all means and available resources to attain the desired goals, which will contribute to the realisation of Oman Vision 2040." **-ONA**



A significant role in nation building

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MESSAGE

Greetings on Omani Women's Day from Council of Ministers

MUSCAT: The Council of Ministers yesterday addressed a message of greetings and congratulations to women on Omani Women's Day.

On this occasion, the Council of Ministers issued a statement reading as follows:

"Celebration of Omani Women's Day, which falls on October 17 every year, embodies the great attention accorded to women, since the dawn of the renaissance, in recognition of efforts they exert side by side with men in the country's current march of

comprehensive development.

"Women in Oman shared with passion the experience of national action and played constructive roles in it. Their multiple accomplishments in different sectors of work in government and private sectors are wide ranging. Omani women showed their mettle in representing the Sultanate in regional and international arenas.

"While the Council of Ministers greets Omani women on this occasion, it expresses deep appre-

ciation for all mothers for their essential and fundamental role in building righteous families, protecting them and raising the efficiency of their members. Their role is commendable in grooming generations and orienting them towards preserving the achievements of past decades.

"The Council of Ministers hereby wishes Omani women more success in shouldering their responsibilities and maintaining their high performance for the sake of dear Oman." **-ONA**

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OMANI WOMEN'S DAY

< FROM A1 ‘Health workers constitute a shield of safety’



“In pursuance of this wise Royal tradition, His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has exhibited keenness on consolidating the principle of partnership between women and men in promoting Omani society and realising its future aspirations for further progress and prosperity. He showed this keenness by assigning key government posts to a number of best performing Omani women in recognition for their competence in accomplishing missions entrusted

to them towards the realisation of Oman Vision—May they honour his Royal confidence in them.

“Also, from this podium, I salute frontline workers, led by medical staff, for standing the test—as staunchly as Oman’s high mountains—in confrontation with coronavirus pandemic which prevails in the Sultanate. We would like to note down our great gratitude to our sisters working in the health sector and other sectors for their noble stance and their earnest ef-

forts as they vigil on patients and constitute a shield of safety for our homeland and people. May the Almighty Allah reward them bountifully for their good deed!

“In conclusion, I would like to thank every Omani woman who shouldered the responsibility of promoting this nation that enriches the world, tops celestial strata and fills the cosmos with light. May the Almighty Allah protect our homeland Oman and may He assist its people with His divine success, under the

leadership of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik!”

His Majesty the Sultan conferred the Order of Royal Commendation, second class, on Dr. Fatma bint Mohammed Al-Ajmi, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Health for Administrative, Financial and Planning Affairs.

His Majesty also conferred the Order of Royal Commendation, third class, on Aisha bint Omar bin Ahmed Al Habshi, Farida bint Moosa bin Juma Al-Balushi, Zahra bint

Salim Al Aufi, and Eng. Yusra bint Khalaf bin Sulaiman Al Subhi.

Meanwhile, the Honourable Lady felicitated another set of Omani women who played an effective role promoting the image of perseverant Omani women.

This felicitation reflects the Honourable Lady’s appreciation for the tangible achievements made by Omani women locally, regionally and internationally.

It reaffirms the continuous attention accorded to women in the

Sultanate—as leadership, government and people—and reflects the conviction that women remain partners in the nation building process as planned by the late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, May the Almighty Allah rest him in peace!

The ceremony was attended by top female government officials, members of the State Council and Majlis Al Shura and under-secretaries. As many as 50 Omani women have been honoured on the occasion. -ONA



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OMANI WOMEN

PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN NATION BUILDING



OFFICIAL STATISTICS indicate the achievements and success of Omani women over the past 50 years. These achievements took place at a time when the Sultanate earned international commendation for gender equality, elimination of all types of discrimination against girls by granting them all their social, economic and political rights in line with the Basic Law of the State, the Speeches of His Majesty the Sultan, International Human Rights Conventions, Oman Vision 2040 and Social Action Strategy.

The Sultanate celebrates Omani Women's Day on October 17 — the day when the late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimur designated it in 2009 at the conclusion of a symposium held at Saih Al Makarim, Wilayat of Sohar. The Royal gesture came in recognition of women's vital role as essential partners in domestic development at all levels, including the upbringing of generations, family growth cohesion and social collaboration.

The aim is to felicitate women and celebrate their continuous, brilliant contribution to the rebuilding parade.

Since the launch of the Sultanate's modern renaissance under the leadership of the late Sultan Qaboos, May the Almighty Allah have mercy on his soul, women have had unlimited access to participation in economic and social development.

To reaffirm his resolve to pursue the march of the blessed renaissance, His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tariq, in his nation address in February 2020, reaffirmed that women will continue to enjoy their full rights as guaranteed by the law. Women, he said, will work alongside men in different fields and will serve their country and society. This concept stems from the importance of citizens' participation in shaping the present and future of their country and it departs from the vantage point that women are considered a basic pillar of development.

In Oman Vision 2040, emphasis is laid on providing a suitable environment for women to strongly participate in various aspects of economic, social and political life in a manner that empowers them and enables them to actively enhance efforts of comprehensive, sustainable development.

Females constitute 49.7 percent of the Omani population by August 2020. In the 0-17 years' age group, while females constitute 42.8 percent of the Omani population by 2019. The gender



ratio of men to women is 101:100 till mid-2019.

Omani Women's Associations (OWA) in the wilayats of the Sultanate are considered among institutions that support women's empowerment. There are 65 OWAs that serve as parent organisations for Omani women's training centres and rural women's development centres. The OWAs foster the role of women volunteers and social activists for women's cause. They spread cultural, social, health and economic awareness. They train women to help them benefit from government programmes of livelihood projects.

Women's associations direct groups to participate in the Sultan Qaboos Social Work Prize. The 15-category award encourages the culture of voluntary work, being an inseparable part of Omani civil society. It also seeks to activate various aspects of cooperation and social responsibility among civil society institutions.

Omani women are accorded an integrated set of health service which ranges between mothers healthcare and children's healthcare, the aim of which is to cut down morbidity and mortality rates. Women's life expectancy averaged 79.2 years and men 75.2

years by 2019. Mothers' mortality rate dropped from 18.3/1000 newborns in 2014 to 10.3/1000 newborns in 2019.

The Sultanate perceives education as an important sector of sustainable development that promotes prosperity, health and gender equality. Many factors led to the reinforcement of women's role as active partners in society. These include their access to education and work and their participation in different development fields. The government provides free education for females in the Sultanate, right from Class 1 to Class 12. As per the Child Law (22/2014), education is compulsory till Class 10. The percentage of females registration in classes 10-12 stood at 96.5 percent during the school year 2018/2019.

Statistics show a high rate of Omani girls' joining higher education institutions within the Sultanate and abroad. Girls have equal rights as boys in contesting higher education seats. Girls' registration in higher education stood at 73 percent locally and their percentage among stood close to 40 percent among students dispatched for scholarships.

In the field of social care and protection, females constituted



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59.7 per cent of Social Security Scheme beneficiaries (44,204), while among children belonging to Social Security Scheme beneficiary families, girls constituted 64% of students who got admission to government scholarships and grants in 2018/2019. A proportion of 74.5% from Hajj (pilgrimage) grants for Social Security Scheme beneficiary families has been accorded to women (400 grants).

Omani women constituted 33.2 percent of the overall workforce of the government and private sector by the end of July 2020. Their percentage in private sector labour stood at 26.4 percent and their number stood at 66,400 workers till the end of 2019.

Figures of the National Centre for Statistics and Information indicate that the percentage of Omani women working in the government sector stood at 41.9% and that 83,587 Omani women are registered in the public sector's retirement fund by 2019. The centre also shows that women constituted 61 percent of Education Ministry employees and 60.8 percent of Health Ministry employees by the end of first half of 2019.

In the field of policy, national legislations guaranteed to women

the right of participating in political practice. The Majlis A'Shura Elections Law, promulgated by Royal Decree No. 58/2013, was in line with the Basic Law of the State and grants both men and women equal right to candidacy and voting.

The 9th Term of Majlis A'Shura (2019-2023), held in October last year, saw a rise in the number of candidates compared to the previous term. Forty women contested the elections from among 637 candidates who competed to win 86 seats of the Majlis. Of the total number of voters (713,335), women were represented by 337,534 voters (47.3 percent). In this term, two women won membership to the Majlis, while one more woman extended female representation in parliamentary bodies by being selected as a member of the State Council. Women's representation in these bodies began with 4 in 1997 and they now constitute 10 percent.

Women also showed their mettle in diplomatic and consular domains within the Sultanate and abroad. Omani women are now members in international organisations, among them one is the chairperson of Coordination Committee for Women Parlia-

mentarians at the Inter-Parliamentary Union (October 2014) and the former Permanent Representative of the Sultanate in the UN chaired the UN Media Committee from April 2013 to April 2015. Omani women represented the Sultanate as ambassadors in a number of countries, and they still do, and their proportion to men as ambassadors stands at 7 percent. This is in addition to Omani women as members in international organisations like the Islamic Organisation for Science and Culture, as the Sultanate's Permanent Representative to the UN and the World Trade Organisation. Oman was the first GCC state to have women as representatives at meetings of under-secretaries and the Consultative Authority.

Omani women carried the message of peace in different countries of the world and they sketch an honorable image in building bridges with countries of the world alongside Omani men. Omani women's experience in Municipal Councils came in tandem with the government's approach to women's empowerment. Four of them represented womenfolk in Municipal Councils' first term, while seven of them won seats during elections for the Councils' second term (2016-2020). The proportion of voters in Municipal Councils' elections rose from 28.6 percent in the first term to 46 percent in the second term of these councils.

In the field of scientific research, Omani women were represented fairly well by Prof. Salma bint Mohammed Al Kindi, who was selected by the US State Department to enter the hall of famous women in the field of sciences for the Middle East region. In 2017, Al Kindi received the Life Achievement Award from Venus Institution of India in recognition for her contribution to Chemistry. Al Kindi was also elected in 2012 as the first Omani woman to Fellow to the International Science Academy. She had also occupied the post of Dean of College of Science at Sultan Qaboos University, being the first woman to access the post in the college's history. Another Omani woman, Dr. Mona bint Mohammed Al Habsi won Nobel Prize for Medicine in 2018. Her research focused on combating cancer by motivating the immune system.

Also, rural women and women on the coast play an efficient role in increasing productivity in agriculture, fisheries and livestock fields. This is besides their active role in the fields of poultry and dairy products and in rearing cattle, goats, sheep and gazelles and many other areas like skin tanning, honey bee keeping and various types of food industries.

In the field of sports, the departments concerned at the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth, the Omani Olympic Committee and the Sultan Qaboos University encourage and prepare Omani women to participate in international events. Accordingly, Omani girls carried the Sultanate's flag at international sports events. Meanwhile, the government granted Omani women 47 percent of the total number of land plots given to citizens in 2019. Also 45 percent of driving licenses issued in 2019 went to Omani women. —**ONA**



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NCSI DATA: The number of flights landing and departing from Muscat, Salalah and Sohar International Airports at the end of July 2020 reached 26,405. — ONA

Passengers travelling via Oman’s airports top 3.5mn

Muscat: The total number of passengers travelling through airports in the Sultanate (Muscat, Salalah, Sohar and Duqm) at the end of July 2020 reached 3.72 million.

Meanwhile, the number of flights landing and departing from Muscat, Salalah and Sohar International Airports at the end of July 2020 reached 26,405, according to the latest data released by the National Centre for Statistics and information (NCSI).

The total number of passengers at Muscat International Airport fell by 64.2 per cent to 3.34 million at the end of July 2020, over the same period of the previous year. Meanwhile, the total number of flights at Muscat International Airport also fell by 59.7 per cent to 27,103 at the end of July 2020, from 67,309 flights for the same period of 2019.

The number of international flights at Muscat International Airport was 24,792 flights at the end of July 2020, falling 59.6 per cent over the same period of 2019.

Meanwhile, the total number of international passengers at the Muscat International Airport fell by 64.4 per cent at the end of July 2020, reaching 3.10 million. This included 1.50 million passenger arrivals, 1.59 million passenger departures, and 6,435 passenger transits.

Meanwhile, domestic flights at Muscat International Airport fell by 60.6 per cent to 2,311 flights at the end of July 2020, against 5,867 flights for the same period of 2019. The arrival and departure of domestic flights also dropped by 60.9 per cent and 60.3 per cent, respectively.

The total number of domestic passengers at Muscat International Airport fell by 61.2 per cent to 246,758 at the end of July



2020, against 635,905 passengers for the same period of the previous year. This included 122,536 passenger arrivals and 124,222 passenger departures, the NCSI report showed.

Salalah airport

According to the report, the total number of passengers at the Salalah International Airport fell by 61.6 per cent to 292,703 passengers at the end of July 2020 compared to 761,662 passengers for the same period of 2019. The total number of flights at Salalah International Airport fell by 62.1 per cent to 2,480 flights compared to 6,548 flights in July 2019.

The total number of international flights at the Salalah International airport fell by 61.1 per cent to 1,079 at the end of July 2020, while the number of domestic flights fell by 62.9 per cent to 1,401.

The total number of interna-

tional passengers fell by 59.3 per cent to reach 120,232, while the number of domestic passengers also fell by 63 per cent to 172,471.

Meanwhile, the total number of passengers at Sohar International Airport fell by 59.6 per cent to 68,714 for the period under study compared to 170,006 passengers for the same period of 2019. The total number of flights at Sohar International Airport also fell 63.1 per cent to 534 at the end of July 2020 compared to 1,446 flights in July 2019.

Duqm Airport also saw a drop in the total number of domestic passengers by 55.7 per cent to 14,539 at the end of July 2020 compared to 32,813 passengers for the same period of 2019.

The total number of flights at Duqm Airport until the end of July 2020 reached 154, which is a drop by 57 per cent compared to 358 flights in 2019, the report showed. — ONA

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Courts in Oman punish violators of COVID-19 rule

Times News Service

Muscat: Punishments have been handed down to violators of the rules put in place to stop the spread of COVID-19, by the Courts of First Instance in Al Buraimi and South Al Sharqiyah.

The legal process was initiated by Oman’s Public Prosecution, which interrogated nine suspects who reportedly breached the decision of the Supreme Committee that banned movement during the night time lockdown period. The suspects were then transferred to the designated courts.

The courts convicted the suspects and awarded them verdicts of six-months in jail, and an OMR1,000 fine each, in the case of Omanis who were found guilty of breaking the rules, and an OMR1,000 fine and an order of deportation from Oman in the case of expatriate violators.

In keeping with the decision of the Supreme Committee in this context, the names and photos of the offenders will be published in the local media, to spread awareness of the importance of adhering to the COVID-19 safeguards.

During the recently-held press conference of the Supreme Committee to deal with COVID-19, Dr

Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Saidi, the Minister of Health, said these legal measures had been taken to stress the importance of following regulations during these testing times.

“We do not seek to defame others, which is not in our customs or traditions,” he said. “Resorting to this matter is for compelling reasons only. There are countries which followed the same approach of announcing the names and individuals and institutions who have violated the law. The result was more effective than a fine, which is double in comparison to the amount in the Sultanate.

“The percentage of violations committed decreased due to publishing the names of violators,” added the minister. “I come to know there are many people preparing for weddings. If any commercial activities involved in planning such occasions are found committing violations, they will be fined.” The Minister of Health urged people and organisations intent on not observing the rules of the lockdown to refrain from doing so, as it was not possible for the Supreme Committee to constantly keep an eye on everyone to see if they were obeying the laws.

OMANI WOMEN’S DAY

‘A source of pride for Omani women’

MUSCAT: Laila bint Ahmed bin Awadh Al-Najar, Minister of Social Development, said that the Omani Women’s Day is a precious occasion and a source of pride for Omani women and is celebrated by all sectors of society.

The role Omani woman has played throughout the country’s history has been recognised by the government.

It is a day of pride for the Omani woman and is a day wherein we recall with gratitude the support the Omani women had received from late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimur who led the Blessed Renaissance, she said.

“We are privileged with the Royal Care accorded by His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik who has reaffirmed his belief in the capabilities of the Omani women and for His Majesty the Sultan’s royal care for engagement of the Omani women in all fields,” she added.

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Big win for Jacinda's Labour Party in poll

Labour had garnered 49.2 percent of the votes, compared to about 27 percent for the opposition National Party led by conservative leader Judith Collins, with two-thirds of ballots tallied



AUCKLAND: With most ballots counted, the governing Labour Party of Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern appeared to be on its way to a historic election win.

Labour had garnered 49.2 percent of the votes, compared to about 27 percent for the opposition National Party led by conservative leader Judith Collins, with two-thirds of ballots tallied, according to the Electoral Commission.

That result would give Labour 64 seats in the country's 120-seat parliament, an unprecedented majority under the country's current electoral system. No party has won an outright majority since the country introduced "mixed-member proportional representation" in 1996.

"New Zealand has shown the Labour Party its greatest support in almost 50 years," Ardern told supporters after the result became clear.

"We will not take your support for granted. And I can promise you we will be a party that governs for every New Zealander," she said.

Surveys ahead of the vote had suggested Ardern's center-left Labour Party would likely win reelection.

New Zealand law restricts media coverage and political advertising while polls are open. It also does not allow exit polling, so

the first results are only released after polls close. Ardern, 40, has received praise for her handling of the coronavirus pandemic and her response to the Christchurch mosque shootings. But Collins, 61, argued that she was best placed to steer New Zealand through a pandemic-induced recession. In a concession speech, Collins promised that the National Party would lick its wounds and return to fight another day.

"It is an outstanding result for the Labour Party," Collins said. "It has been a tough campaign."

New Zealand-based journal-

ist Samantha Early told DW that Ardern had promised Labour would not take new supporters for granted.

"Their campaign slogan was let's keep moving and that's really what she's emphasized, continuing to roll out their plan for dealing with COVID-19 and also the recovery," said Early.

"She told supporters that they were to build back better after the COVID crisis so to stay the course. She also really emphasized that unity message, and said she was aware that many voters had voted Labour for the first time." **DW**

MISSILE STRIKE



Several dead in missile strikes on Azerbaijani cities

BAKU: An Armenian missile strike levelled several residential homes in Azerbaijan's second city of Ganja on Saturday, Azeri officials said, in the latest escalation in the conflict over the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

The Prosecutor General's office said two shells hit apartment buildings, killing 12 civilians and wounding more than 40 others.

The missile struck around 3 a.m. local time on Saturday (2100 UTC/GMT Friday). A second missile hit another part of Ganja and a third reached the strategically-placed city of Mingecevir nearby.

A news agency cited a witness as saying he saw rescuers pull a small child, two women and four men from the debris in the minutes immediately after the Ganja strike.

"One woman was missing her feet. Someone else was missing an arm at the elbow," another witness said.

Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev described the nighttime attack as a war crime and said his army would "take revenge on the battlefield." He promised to capture Karabakh by driving out Armenian forces "like dogs."

Karabakh capital sees fresh shelling

Saturday's attacks came hours after Azerbaijani forces shelled Stepanakert, the capital of the

breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Armenia and Azerbaijan each accused the other of launching strikes on each other in the battle for Karabakh, which is internationally recognized as part of Azerbaijan but populated and governed by ethnic Armenians.

The fresh fighting defied hopes of ending the nearly three-week conflict over the enclave, which the two former Soviet Republics have been squabbling over for decades.

A Russian-brokered ceasefire agreed last Saturday to allow the sides to swap detainees and the bodies of those killed now appears to have broken down.

Richard Giragosian, a foreign policy analyst at the Regional Studies Center think-tank in Armenia's capital Yerevan, told DW that Azerbaijan appears unwilling to return to diplomacy.

"There is little deterrent in terms of their [Azerbaijan's] advance and unfortunately, they're ignoring calls for a ceasefire. Armenia has an offer of no preconditions, an immediate halt to hostilities ... and unfortunately, it [the conflict] is spiraling dangerously out of control." Meanwhile, a humanitarian disaster looms after more than half of the 150,000 population of the disputed region fled their homes. **DW**

INDIA

India's PM Modi calls for speedy access to COVID-19 vaccines once ready

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi reviewed the COVID-19 situation in the country and the preparedness of vaccine delivery, distribution and said that access to vaccines should be ensured speedily once they are ready keeping in view the geographical span and diversity of the country. He noted the

steady decline in the daily COVID-19 cases and growth rate and stressed that every step in the logistics, delivery, and administration concerning vaccine should be put in place rigorously. A PMO release said three vaccines are in advanced stages of development in India, out of which two are in Phase II and one is in Phase-III.

It said Indian scientists and research teams are collaborating and strengthening the research capacities in neighbouring countries - Afghanistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Maldives, Mauritius, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

There are further requests from Bangladesh, Myanmar, Qatar and Bhutan for clinical trials in their

countries. "The Prime Minister directed that keeping in view the geographical span and diversity of the country, the access to the vaccine should be ensured speedily. The Prime Minister stressed that every step in the logistics, delivery, and administration should be put in place rigorously," the release said. **ANI**

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Al Harthy makes strong and positive start at pan-European championship

Friday's running at Spa also marked the Omani's first track time with British driver Tom Canning as a team-mate

Times News Service

MUSCAT: International GT Open debutant Ahmad Al Harthy made a strong and positive start to his maiden weekend in the pan-European championship during pre-event practice on Friday, October 16, at Spa-Francorchamps in Belgium – the Oman Racing driver's first race meeting for 12 months.

Absolutely delighted to be back behind the wheel of his No.97 Aston Martin Vantage GT3 for the first time since March, and embarking on his first race event since the concluding round of last season's title-winning Blancpain Endurance Cup campaign, Al Harthy showed no signs of rustiness.

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with British driver Tom Canning as a team-mate, and the duo worked very strongly together in preparing for the weekend's two races at the legendary Belgian track.

In the first of yesterday's two sessions, the duo placed seventh fastest in Pro-Am and 13th quick-

est overall with a best time of 2m19.749 seconds (180.4 km/h) in the Oman Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth, National Bank of Oman, Omantel and Barr Al Jissah supported Aston Martin.

Improving significantly in session two, the No.97 car ended the

run fourth in Pro-Am and ninth on the overall classification with a lap of 2m18.963 seconds (181.4 km/h) – less than a tenth of a second shy of third in class.

"We had a really good day, it was great being back in the car after a long time and we had some good

sessions where we worked on different things", said Al Harthy, "It was also good to drive alongside Tom and to work together for the first time.

"It's going to be an interesting weekend, obviously it's a new championship for us with differ-

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ent regulations and new ways of racing. Generally, I'm really looking forward to qualifying and the races and it's always amazing to be back at Spa."

He added: "Tom will qualify on Saturday and do the first part of race one, on Sunday I will qualify and do the first part of race two. I'm really glad to be back in the car, and I must thank my amazing partners as always. Hopefully we can take some good results, I'm looking forward to it."

Qualifying for race one will get underway at 11.05 (local time) today, Saturday, 17th October, with the race itself following at 14.30 (local time). On Sunday, 18th October, second qualifying will start at 09.40 (local time) with the race action commencing at 13.50 (local time).

TEAM ARABIAN REGION TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Team ARTT launches kit for cricket season 2020-2021

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Team Arabian Region Travel and Tourism (ARTT) launched their match kits in the presence of Ajay Pandey (Oman-Tech), Mohd. Laibu (OmanTech), Idris Solanki (S.M.Homes) and Noushad Ismail (Al Mardhouf Shopping) at the Oman Cricket Turf Grounds.

Due to the ongoing coronavirus concerns and to implement social distancing, very few people attended the function and rest were hosted online. Madhu Jesrani, Duleep Mendis (CDO Oman Cricket), Ali Anwar (Arabian Region Travel and Tourism), Nilesh Mehta (Muscat Pharmacy), Anil Khimji (Khimji Ramdas), Kiran Asher (Al Ansari Group of Companies), Raju Appanapalli (Appetite Restaurant), Sunil Kumar (Oman Oasis), Mangaldas Kamat (KR Paints) and Mazin Al Wahibi (Body Master Gym) sent their best wishes to the entire team and management on this occasion.

Pranav Mehta, explained the reasons for the changes in the kit from the last season. "We had a few negative factors in our team last year. We have got rid of them and made a fresh start. Hence we have orange at the bottom, which indicates the sunrise (new beginning). The red indicates the positive and attacking style of game which we want to represent. The navy blue colour signifies the trust, loyalty, wisdom and confidence.

"Team ARTT will be playing their first match against Earnst and Young on October 30, 2020.



CRICKET SEASON: Due to the ongoing coronavirus concerns and to implement social distancing, very few people attended the function and rest were hosted online.

Last year, both these team played the first match, where Team ARTT came out triumphant in a one sided affair.

Captain Ahmed Khan, talking about the team combination was more than delighted for the inclusion of Zeeshan Siddiqui, Amir Ali and Aqil Khan.

All of them are vastly experienced and would provide stability to our middle order. Youngster like Moshin Qureshi, Sanjaya Raj, Bilal Asim and Adeel Abbas would electrify our energy in the field. We have a very wide range of high

quality bowling options, which should be a big plus for us. We bat very deep as well, so the pressure to post a competitive total against our quality bowling side will be our biggest strength."

Ali Anwar said: "We have made sure that the players have got the best of facilities, equipment and clothing. There hasn't been any compromises at all. We have also taken care of all precautionary measures to make sure that all our players are provided with a safe environment. From hand sanitiser, to face masks, each player

has been provided with his own clothing and equipment set to discourage sharing. We have covered it all. We have a brilliant side and we are looking forward to a very good season."

Noushad., Idris and Ajay Pandey are all very excited to be a part of Team ARTT and looking forward to a long and strong relationship.

Team ARTT wishes all other teams a happy season and requests all players and teams to practice social distancing and stay safe.

TALENT, TEMPERAMENT AND TRAINING

Sports medicine is vital for the athletes' success

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Sports medicine is an innate part of all sporting and physical activities as it prevents and protects athletes from injuries and biomechanical deficits.

All the national and international sports associations are aware of the application of sports medicine for keeping athletes fit.

Medical screening of all athletes before participation in international/national activities is the mainstay of sports medicine.

It helps in determining whether an athlete is fit/unfit for competitive sports or physical activities.

Many hidden medical issues/biomechanical deficits can be treated with this branch.

Mahmood Shehabullah has been working in this field in Muscat for the last four decades as a sports medicine physician. Sports medicine always advocates for a strict Pre-Participation Medical Examination (PPME) of all athletes once in a year.

Cardiovascular assessment is very important as sudden death is seen in many countries during sports activities.

With strict screening, precious lives can be saved. The main cause of sudden death is Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM), therefore, anybody suffering from this condition is forbidden from joining sports.

Biomechanical deficits once detected can be treated and then the person can join sports.

Soccer is the most popular game all over the world but if you are



lacking fitness or ignorant about different exercises, you may land up with injuries from minor to major.

Injuries are invisible and anyone not following the rules of the game can land himself in soup. Sports Medicine is the perfect gateway for safe sports and physical activities.

Many athletes having no injury but without proper training they perform to perfection. Remember, a good sportsman has to blend all the three- Talent, Temperament and Training (TTT).

During the pandemic, most of the athletes and sports lovers have been inactive as outdoor activities are banned. So ensure your fitness, first listen to your body before starting activities.

Ensure your fitness with warm-up and stretching exercise (12 mins), treadmill, sports drills under a trainer, hydration/nutrition, go back to normal sleep cycle.

If anyone has injuries, consult your physician/ physio before starting activities.

FOOTBALL

Koeman's message for Griezmann: Give everything and I'm the boss

MADRID: FC Barcelona coach Ronald Koeman had words of advice for striker Antoine Griezmann ahead of Barca's La Liga clash away to Getafe on Saturday evening.

Griezmann continues struggling to produce his best form for Barca, but was on target for France in the international break and told the press afterward that France coach Didier Deschamps "knows where to play" him.

The comment seemed to be a clear allusion to Koeman, but when asked about Griezmann in his pre-game press conference, the Dutchman commented that "everyone has the right to say what they want."

"I spoke to him (Griezmann)

yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, but not about this question. We spoke about his position and his form. I want the best for the team and I think it is good for him to start on the right, he can also play as a number 10 or a striker, but I am the one who decides and he has to give his best," continued the coach.

When asked what Griezmann needed to do to succeed at Barca, Koeman replied "give the maximum effort: he needs to have some luck but he needs to take the chances he is given.

The coach is in charge and he has to give the maximum," he commented.

Koeman was also asked whether he would rest Leo Messi, with the

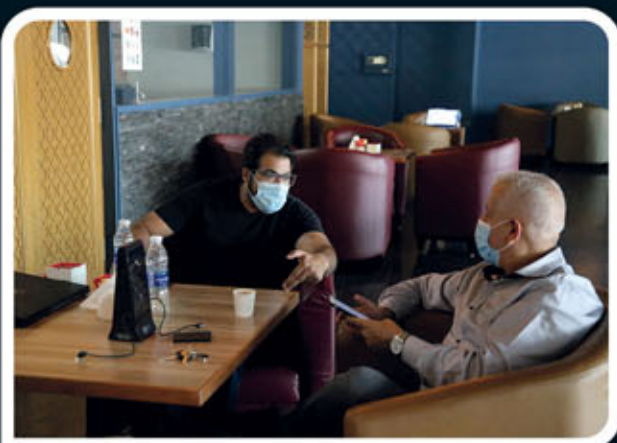
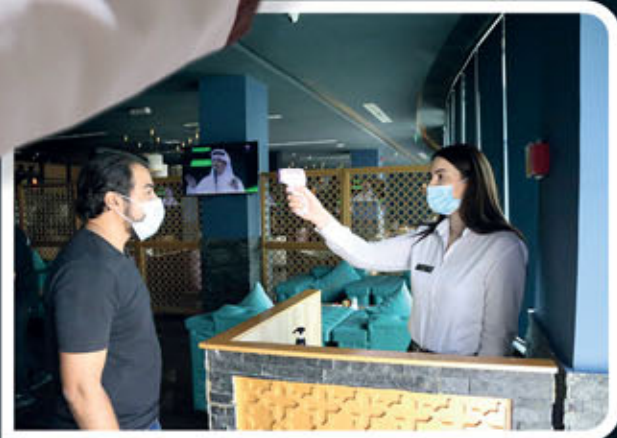
trip to Getafe followed by Barca's Champions League debut and then the 'Clasico' against Real Madrid and replied that he believed Messi could play in all of the games.

Koeman will have to decide how to organize his defense in Getafe with left-backs Jordi Alba and Junior Firpo both injured: one option could be to play Clement Lenglet on the left with Ronald Araujo partnering Gerard Pique in central defense, or recent arrival Sergino Dest could play at left-back despite being naturally right-footed. Elsewhere Sergio Busquets, Philippe Coutinho and Frenkie De Jong are likely to continue in midfield with Ansu Fati, Griezmann and Messi in the Barca attack. **Xinhua**



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Madayn signs two key agreements



The agreement is a continuation of the efforts made by Madayn to provide infrastructure, support, necessary services and a healthy environment to its industrial cities

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Public Establishment for Industrial Estates – Madayn has signed an agreement with Roadline Company to implement infrastructure complementary projects at Samail Industrial city, and another agreement with Amazon for Environment and Sustainability to provide a healthy environment in Madayn’s industrial cities.

The agreements were signed by Hilal bin Hamad Al Hasani, CEO of Madayn, Dr Ahmed bin Haboush Al Farsi, CEO of Amazon for Environment and Sustainability, and Eng. Khamis bin Salim Al Souli, CEO of Roadline Company.

Commenting on the agreement signed to implement complementary projects for the infrastructure at Samail Industrial City, Eng. Dawood bin Salim Al Hadabi, Director General of Samail Industrial City, stated that the agreement is



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a continuation of the efforts made by Madayn to provide infrastructure, support and necessary services to the industrial sector.

“The agreement incorporates designing and implementing a dual-lane road spanning 1.3km from Al Dasur bridge intersection to the main entrance of Samail Industrial City. Besides, the agreement includes box culverts for rainwater drainage and lighting along the road,” Al Hadabi said, adding, “The agreement also comprises designing and implementing a dual-lane road linking Samail Industrial City with Al Sharqiyah Expressway, as well as designing and executing sewage pipe of 11km length linking phases one and two of Samail Industrial City. It should be noted that the total value of the agreement exceeds OMR2.6 million and the project will be implemented in a period of 12 months.”

Al Hadabi informed that the number of operating projects in Samail Industrial City has touched 56, and the number of under-construction projects has reached 49. Since the beginning of 2020, 10 projects have been localised in Samail Industrial City representing various industrial activities. Additionally, the number of the national and foreign workforce has touched 1,240 in Samail Industrial City, and the area has reached 7.5 million sqm.

Madayn is currently implementing a number of key projects in Samail Industrial City, which include the facility building. The completion rate of this project has exceeded 54 per cent. Through such projects, Madayn aims to present a variety of facilities and incentives to encourage local, regional and foreign investments in its industrial cities, and contribute to the growth of the Sultanate’s industrial sector. Other projects in Samail Industrial City also include the medical fitness examination project in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, afforestation project, in addition to exploring investment opportunities of establishing housing project for the workforce in the industrial city.

On his part, Dr Khamis bin Said Al Muniri, Director General of Madayn Industrial Academy, emphasised that the agreement signed with Amazon for Environment and Sustainability comes along the lines of Madayn’s efforts to support the SMEs and create a healthy environment in the industrial cities. “The agreement aims to provide consultations in the field of identifying and measuring air pollution in the industrial cities, and provide scientific solutions to investors to address the environmental impacts resulting from pollution, and consequently ensure the provision of a healthy work environment at these industrial cities,” Al Muniri elaborated.

Al Muniri added that Madayn is constantly working on evaluating the environmental performance of the industrial sector to achieve sustainability and positive impact at both economic and societal levels. “The new investments are required to incorporate this key aspect in their strategic and operational plans, which will eventually enhance their competitiveness. Many of the industrial units and projects in Madayn’s industrial cities have begun to realise the significance of sustainability in the industrial sector through preserving the environment and achieving economic returns simultaneously,” he added.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Top Omran Group officials visit projects, review plans

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Board of Directors of Omran Group – the Sultanate’s executive arm for tourism development - visited several projects and development partnerships within the group’s portfolio in Muscat.

The site visit was headed by Eng. Mohammed Salim Al Busaidi, Chairman of the Board of Directors, accompanied by the board members and representatives from Omran’s management.

The officials firstly visited Mina Al Sultan Qaboos Waterfront, the flagship development, which is currently being reassessed by the Oman Investment Authority and Omran. The Board of Directors were briefed on the project plans under review and the various assets associated with it under Muttrah Tourism Development Company, which was established to redevelop Port Sultan Qaboos into mixed-use tourism and residential community.

Recently, the process of restructuring the ownership of shares between the partners in the project was completed by transferring all the shares to Omran Group, and accordingly, the ownership of the lands, plans and works completed to date, was transferred to Omran

Group’s investment portfolio at (100 per cent).

The board members then visited the Jebel Sifah” project, a joint venture between Omran Group (30 per cent) and Orascom Development Holding (70 per cent), and the Muscat Bay project, which represents a 50/50 partnership between Omran Group and Eagle Hills. Touring both integrated tourism projects, Omran officials were briefed on the status of the construction phases, completed facilities and further examined the various operational and administrative aspects, as well as the sales and marketing programmes.

Concluding the inspection visit, Mohammed Busaidi said, “Omran possesses a large development and investment portfolio that supports the tourism sector’s infrastructure and attracts foreign direct investments. Through the various residential, tourist, leisure and commercial facilities, these integrated tourism complexes play a fundamental role in steadily growing this vital sector and boosting the in-country value and domestic spending, which consequently contribute to developing the local businesses and creating more opportunities for SMEs.”

PAPER RECYCLING PLANT

Oman’s first Kraft paper manufacturing mill opened in Sohar



ECONOMIC BENEFIT: The project is expected to achieve economic and environmental benefits by utilising waste through recycling and provide self-sufficiency in raw materials for paper, cardboard and wrapping paper products in the Sultanate. - Supplied picture

Times News Service

MUSCAT: International Sea Dolphin has opened the largest and the first paper recycling plant of its kind in Oman in Phase 7, Sohar Industrial Estate.

It is the only manufacturer and supplier of Kraft paper and paperboard in Oman branded as Oman Royal Paper© and is headed by Mahdiyar Shahedi, Managing Partner and Director.

The project has a total area of 36,000 square metres with a production capacity of up to 100 tonnes per day and uses the latest technology to mitigate the environmental impact.

International Sea Dolphin was established as the first Kraft paper factory in Oman to enhance waste reduction strategy and support projects that contribute to the reduction of environmental damage through the recycling process.

The project is expected to achieve economic and environmental benefits by utilising waste through recycling and provide self-sufficiency in

International Sea Dolphin will continue efforts to provide high quality and cost-effective products which will help the company to serve the corrugated carton and packaging industries in Oman which are using Testliner and Fluting paper as their main raw material. The company can recycle all types of waste paper at the capacity of approximately 3,300 tonnes monthly and is working towards creating an eco-friendly environment by providing quality service and solution to the corrugated carton and packaging industries

raw materials for paper, cardboard and wrapping paper products in the Sultanate, and will bring an added value to the local economy.

The company has achieved a production of 3,000 tonnes of Kraft testliner and Kraft fluting paper per month and within two years. In the second phase, the company expects to reach a monthly production of 9,500 tonnes.

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types of waste paper at the capacity of approximately 3,300 tonnes monthly and is working towards creating an eco-friendly environment by providing quality service and solution to the corrugated carton and packaging industries. Collection of waste paper by the Group keeps Oman’s environment neat and clean and will also add a

value to waste.

Oman Royal Paper is manufactured out of 100 per cent recycled waste paper using advanced technologies which adhere to strict environmental regulations and equipped with the state of the art technology to manufacture recycled containerboard conforming to international standards. The company thereby converts waste into productive use.

The principal raw material required by the plant to produce Kraft paper is the waste paper. Recycling one tonne of paper can save 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 380 gallons of oil, 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space and 4,000 kilowatts of energy - enough to power the average home for six months - and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by one metric tonne of carbon equivalent (MTCE). This represents a 64 per cent energy savings, a 58 per cent water savings, and 60 pounds less of air pollution.

The company is building awareness towards the environment while contributing to the nation’s

growing economy by giving gainful learning and employment opportunities to the locals.

The company aims to build an effective and sophisticated establishment that builds and strengthens public awareness, environmental protection, innovation and advanced technology to support the economic, social, human and environmental development of Oman.

The company has announced that as an Omani company that fulfils the requirements of Public Establishment of Industrial Estates (PEI), therefore the company is entitled to place the ‘Origin Oman Logo’ on its products locally, regionally and internationally.

The company expresses gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik and his wise Government for continuous support, encouragement and guidance and we wish His Majesty all success in leading Oman. The company pledges its continued commitment and support to achieve greater progress and prosperity for our beloved nation.

Bank Muscat posts net profit of OMR113.21mn

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od compared to OMR141.43 million reported during the same period in 2019, a decrease of 20 per cent. The bank's net interest income from conventional banking and net income from Islamic financing stood at OMR240.07 million for the nine months compared to OMR237.97 million for the same period in 2019, an increase of 0.9 per cent. Non-interest income was OMR96.72 million as compared to OMR113.76 million for the same

period in 2019, a decrease of 15 per cent mainly due to subdued business conditions due to COVID-19 related lockdowns in second and third quarters of 2020 and the waiver of certain fees due to regulatory measures. The bank's operating expenses was OMR137.19 million as compared to OMR144.54 million for the same period in 2019, a decrease of 5.1 per cent. Net Impairment of the bank for credit and other losses was

OMR64.82 million as against OMR38.14 million for the same period in 2019. The increase was mainly on account of precautionary and collective provisions made in the first half 2020, on a forward-looking basis, given the emerging stress in the economic and business conditions as a result of the impact of COVID-19 and the continued pressure on oil prices. Net Loans and advances of the bank including Islamic financing receivables decreased by 1.3 per cent to OMR8,846 million as against OMR8,965 million at the end of September 30, 2019. The reduction in the loan book is mainly attributable to the prepayment of certain large corporate exposures in the last quarter of 2019. The bank's customer deposits including Islamic customer deposits increased by 6.7 per cent to OMR8,714 million as against OMR8,164 million in September 2019 quarter.

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Bank Muscat, the leading financial institution in the Sultanate, announced its preliminary unaudited results for the nine months ended on September 30, 2020. The bank posted a net profit of OMR113.21 million for the peri-

CENTRAL BANK OF OMAN



Loan repayment programme for pensioners unveiled

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Central Bank of Oman (CBO), in coordination with the Oman Banks Association, has launched a loan repayment programme for retirees/pensioners. The repayment programme is for personal as well as housing loans, to deal with the financial and living conditions of retirees. Banks shall, based on pensioner's request, reschedule the loan and amend its payment terms within a framework that guarantees decent living of the pensioner by taking into account the remaining balance of the loan/financing, pension amount, end of service benefits, the remaining repayment period, the age of the retiree and the period of insurance.

This programme includes all retirees in the public and private sectors and shall immediately be applied by all licensed banks in the Sultanate, both Islamic financial institutions and conventional banks upon the issuance of the instruction and guidelines by the CBO.

The Capital Market Authority had a prominent and important role in directing insurance companies to extend insurance coverage up to 70 years of age to reschedule loans for pensioners. It is noteworthy that the insurance companies showed a positive response on the matter and expressed their agreement to cooperate and extend insurance coverage for death and disability up to 70 years of age for borrowers to protect all parties involved from potential risks during the loan/finance repayment period.

In this context, Abdul Hakeem Omar Al Ojaili, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Oman Banks Association, said "First, we express our sincere gratitude and thanks to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik for these directives, which reflect the extent of His Majesty's interest in everything related to the citizen and his keen interest in all what would provide a comfortable en-

vironment and a decent life for everyone who live on this good land. On behalf of the Omani banking sector, we also thank the Central Bank of Oman for this programme and appreciate its efforts in issuing this legislative and supervisory framework for banks operating in the Sultanate to reduce the financial burden on pensioners to pay off the loan/financing after the service period and upon retirement in a way that guarantees the retired person their right to live a decent life and meet the requirements of life in all its aspects.

"We affirm our commitment to the relevant decisions of the Central Bank of Oman, along with the principle of complete transparency around the programme and work to facilitate procedures and provide a distinguished experience for pensioners that have contributed to the development of the country and deserves from us all respect and appreciation."

OBA is a non-profit professional association created to represent Omani banking sector, promote banking activities, coordinate with the regulatory authorities on matters of policy and strategy, and also support the collective effort towards banking excellence in Oman. The association was formed based on the Ministry of Social Development's approval number 113/2014, dated May 21, 2014.

The OBA Board of Directors comprises of 12 members representing banks operating in the Sultanate. Board meetings are held every quarter of the year, and minutes of the meetings are circulated to member banks, the Central Bank of Oman and the Ministry of Social Development.

A number of specialised committees function within OBA umbrella, meeting on a regular basis to discuss matters of common interest and put forward recommendations to further boost the banking industry in Oman with focus on compliance, risk, operations, human resources, technology, finance, and retail banking.

 **TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Internal Tender Committee at the Ministry of Labour announces the following tender:

Tender No.	Tender title	Institutions eligible to bid and registered with the Tender Board	Last date for tender purchase online	Bid submission date
38/2020	Providing plant care and gardening services to the building of the Directorate General of Labour in Dhofar Governorate	4th Grade	Sunday 15/11/2020 2:00 pm	Sunday 29/11/2020 10 a.m.

- Specialized establishments may obtain the tender's documents online through the following link, starting from Monday 19/10/2020 at 07:30 am/<https://etendering.tenderboard.gov.om>
- Each bid shall enclose a tender bond for 1% of the total bid value in the form of a bank guarantee or certified cheque issued by a local bank addressed to the Ministry of Labour and valid for 90 days from the date of bid submission.
- Bids shall be submitted online along with a copy of the bank guarantee, provided that the original bank guarantee shall be submitted upon request by the Ministry.
- Bids shall be opened at 11:00 am on Sunday 29/11/2020.

(The Ministry shall not be bound to accept the lowest or any other bid)

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US OUTPUT FALLS

Global oil market to rely more on Middle East

NEW YORK: Global oil market will rely more on the Middle East as US shale oil production is expected to continue to fall, according to industry experts.

US shale oil production will fall by 900,000 barrels per day in 2020 and drop another 1.1 million barrels per day in 2021, according to S&P Global Platts.

"It will be OPEC that will fill the gap for that supply loss as demand recovers," although some of the non-OPEC countries like Canada, Brazil and producers from Europe's North Sea will fill some of the gaps, said Chris Midgley, global head of analytics with S&P Global Platts.

Speaking at a media briefing, Midgley said, "ultimately, it will be OPEC that will be needed to fill the gap if it's required."

For the week ending October, 9, US averaged daily crude oil stood at 10.5 million barrels in comparison with 13 million barrels or higher in February and March 2020, according to the website of US Energy Information Administration. - Xinhua

 **TENDER**

OMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (OCCI) WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC TENDER;

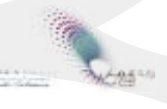
Tender No.	Tender Name	Tender Fee (irrevocable)	Specialized Companies	Deadline for Obtain Tender Documents	Deadline for Tender Submission
3/2020	Implementation of Franchise Program and Commercial Agencies	RO 100/-	Companies and consulting offices specializing in consultation and development of Franchise Program and Commercial Agencies	1st November 2020	At 12 p.m. 15th November 2020

Companies and consulting offices specialized in consultation and development of Franchise Program and Commercial Agencies may obtain the tender documents from the Administration Department at the Second Floor of the Chamber's Headquarters in Ruwi, during the official working hours. The tender documents will be obtained after verifying that the company meets all the terms.

Tender Terms:

- The bid should be submitted in red waxed envelopes addressed to the Vice Chairman for Administration and Finance Affairs-Head of Purchase Committee - OCCI, written outside the number and title of the tender. No indication about the bidder is allowed on the envelope.
- Interested companies should enclose their bids a 1% Bank guarantee/ certified cheque of proposal value issued by one of the banks operating in Oman valid for 90 days from the deadline of submitting the bids, addressed in the name of Vice Chairman for Administration and Finance Affairs -Head of Purchase Committee -OCCI. The bids without this temporary guarantee will not be considered.
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Kims opens its medical centre in Al Khuwair

KimsHealth Medical Centre will be providing the services of expert medical professionals in – general practice, internal medicine and paediatrics

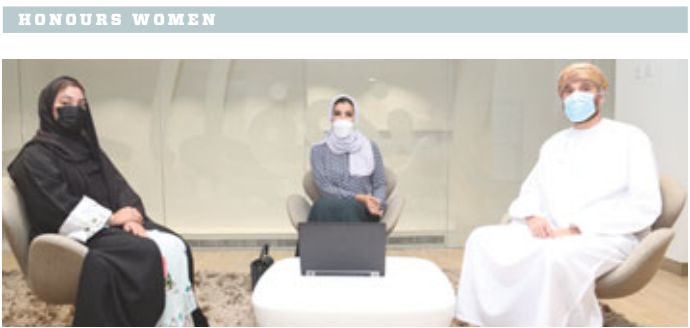
MUSCAT: Kims Oman Hospital (KOH) has launched a medical centre in Al Khuwair under its new brand – KimsHealth. The KimsHealth Medical Centre was inaugurated by Dr Mazin bin Jawad Al Khabouri, Director General of Private Health Establishment, Ministry of Health in the presence of dignitaries, corporates, media and KimsHealth's senior management officials and staff. KimsHealth's leadership team comprising Dr M. I. Sahadulla,



Group Chairman & Managing Direction, Dr Sheriff M. Sahadulla, Group Chief Executive Officer, attended the event through their virtual presence and relayed their thoughts on the launch. The KimsHealth Medical Centre is located at Al Maqsoora Building on Al Khuleiah Street on the same place as the former Bahwan Medical Centre. The new medical centre will serve the people of Al Khuwair and neighbouring communities of Qurum, Baushar, Al Ghubra and other surrounding areas. KimsHealth Medical Centre will be providing the services of expert medical professionals in – general practice, internal medicine and paediatrics. Consultants in orthopaedics, obstetrics & gynaecology,

dermatology and cardiology from Kims Oman Hospital will also be available on certain days of the week. The centre will also provide pharmacy and X-ray facilities. Dr M. I. Sahadulla, thanked the Omani leadership and Ministry of Health for their continued guidance and support towards achieving the national goals for good health. Dr Sahadulla reiterated KimsHealth's new mission - to provide high-quality cost-effective care with courtesy, compassion and competence. For the organisation to uphold its vision which is to be a leading healthcare organisation of excellence that transforms lives through exceptional care, KimsHealth plans to expand its presence in communities to best serve the people of Oman.

“Over the years, KimsHealth has earned an exemplary reputation for its quality of service, care and affordability. The new medical centre in Al Khuwair will provide communities easy access to KimsHealth services with seamless referral service back to the Kims Oman Hospital, in case further diagnostics or treatments are required,” said Dr M. I. Sahadulla. Dr Sheriff M Sahadulla, said, “We have consolidated our brand across India and the Middle East to KimsHealth. Each arrow in the new design represents one of our core values. Our core values include – compassion, affordability, ethics, quality, excellence, transparency, innovation and trust. The 8 arrows are directed towards the centre because at the centre of all that we do is our patients. The red colour symbolises our strength, determination and passion.” Jacob Thomas, Executive Director – Operations & Projects (GCC) said, “KimsHealth has been serving Omani and expatriates in Muscat, Duqm, Muscat Airport, Rusayl and Ibr since 2009. Our new centre is designed on the hub-and-spoke model whereby families and individuals can access our services in Al Khuwair and also in our hospital in Darsait.”

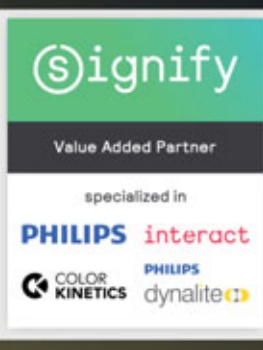


BankDhofar holds Omani Women's Day draw

MUSCAT: Marking the Omani Women's Day, which is celebrated on October 17 every year, BankDhofar conducted Omani Women's Day Draw with a total prize amount of OMR 5,000. The draw which was conducted with the attendance of Siham Ahmed Al Harthy, Chairman of Dar Al Ofuq Group, saw 5 lucky winners take home OMR 1,000 each. Commenting on the draw, Dr Tariq Taha, Chief Retail Banking Officer at BankDhofar said, “Omani Women's Day is one of the important occasions which is celebrated every year to recognise the roles played by the women in various sectors. To honour women for their immense contributions, we have dedicated a special prize for women as part of our Savings Account Scheme 2020.” During the draw event, BankDhofar applied the preventive measures including social distance and

adhering to wearing a face mask for the attendees to avoid the widespread of COVID-19. With a total of nearly OMR 2 million, the scheme is valid until December 2020. As per the prize draw scheme, BankDhofar customers who save a minimum of OMR100 in their accounts are eligible to enter the draws and get the chance to win in the guaranteed branch wise draws including; the monthly prize draws for all customers worth OMR 1,000 (each/branch wise), and the monthly minor prize draws worth OMR 250 each/branch wise. In addition to that, this year's Savings Account Scheme includes Monthly prize draws worth OMR 5,000 for 2 winners each, and Youth Prizes worth OMR 1,000 for 2 winners each. BankDhofar will continue celebrating occasions with customers through rewarding them for saving.

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Tawasul, BP Oman conclude third edition of 'Mulhimat' programme

MUSCAT: In partnership with bp Oman, Global Connections Centre, an independent Omani enterprise known as Tawasul; held a virtual graduation ceremony marking the end of the third cycle of the 'Mulhimat' programme. The ceremony was held under the patronage of Aqla Al Maskari, Director of Local Resources Development and Manager of the ICV Programme management office, at the Ministry of Energy and Minerals recently. The 'Mulhimat' programme targeted 25 Omani women entrepreneurs within the small and medium enterprises (SMEs) sector for eight months. The programme aimed at enhancing Omani women's entrepreneurial skills in various aspects with the aim of providing sustainable economic growth opportunities for women. Shamsa Al Rawahiya, bp Oman Social Investment Manager, commented, “Our partnership with Tawasul and the 'Mulhi-

mat' programme plays a crucial role in contributing to women in society. The programme enabled Omani women to develop their confidence in entering the local market by upskilling them through guided mentorship and coaching opportunities on topics related to business management. The programme also created a resourceful and learning-oriented environment which encouraged knowledge exchange between experts from various fields to guide the Omani women in sustainable business development.” Hazim Abdullah, CEO of Tawasul commented saying, “Despite the challenges arising from the current pandemic, we were able to successfully implement and conclude the programme using safe methods in line with the COVID-19 precautionary measures, and with the support of our dedicated participants and partners.” Hiba Al Hinai, project manager at Tawasul further add-

ed, “We happy with the overall performance of our programme despite current challenges. We are proud of the positive results achieved through it.” The programme focused on developing the participants' skills, supporting them on how to deal with risks and challenges and how to build communication networks through a series of training sessions. These sessions allowed the participants to join interactive activities and platforms such as the 'Mulhimat Café', 'Rua' programme, the annual gathering and the virtual exhibition event, all which facilitated the exchange of knowledge, success stories, and experience between the participants and the experts in the fields targeted. The final graduation ceremony was concluded by announcing the first three winner placements of the Mulhimat participants based on their performance throughout the programme.

National University holds reception for new vice chancellor, gives farewell to head of governance

MUSCAT: The National University celebrated the reception of Dr Ali Bin Saud Al-Bemani, who was recently appointed as Vice-Chancellor of the university, in a ceremony held under the auspices of Dr P. Mohamed Ali, Pro-Chancellor of the University, and in the presence of many university officials, at the same time, the university celebrated the farewell of Dr Mubarak Pasha - Head of Governance and Strategic Planning, who has been nominated as a Vice-Chancellor of one of the universities operating in India. Mohamed Ali gave a welcoming speech announcing the official appointment of Dr Ali Al-Bemani as the new Vice-Chancellor of the university, pointing out that the National University takes a new step while receiving its new



Vice-Chancellor, whereas the university has placed its confidence in him to lead it in the coming period towards further progress and achievements through the vast experience that Dr Ali Al-Bemani enjoys in academic and scientific research fields, as well as his presidency of Sultan Qaboos University for more than a decade. Mohamed Ali also indicated that while the National University welcomes a new academic leadership figure, it extends its sincere

thanks and appreciation to Professor Simon Jones, the former Vice-Chancellor of the National University, who worked hard and very diligently, wishing him success in his future academic life. He also expressed his thanks and gratitude to Dr Mubarak Pasha, who will leave the National University after he has been nominated to assume the presidency of the University of Kerala State Open University in India, wishing him good luck in his new position.



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The Cerato which enters its third generation with a more sophisticated design and desirable features transforms one of Kia’s best-selling vehicles into something more than a compact car meant for getting people from one point to another.

While the Cerato retains its

sporty and youthful image, it has graduated to a more sophisticated appearance thanks to several sleek and dynamic styling cues inspired by the Stinger fastback sport sedan. Kia’s signature tiger-nose grille and an aggressive black lower valance, enhance its presence and individual character.

The front clip is flanked by a Stinger-Esque headlamp design and layout. Separate turn signal indicators are mounted below on the front bumper, where air curtains improve aerodynamic performance and enhance the Cerato’s technical appeal.

Around back, the rear bumper gets the same treatment with separate reverse and turn signal indicators located beneath available LED taillights. Similar to the Sportage compact crossover, a sleek horizontal trim piece connects the taillights.

The Cerato is loaded with wish-

ful features that offer owners the advantage of fulfilling experiences on every drive. These include remote engine start, Smart trunk, Rear AC vent, 8” Audio Display, Petal shaped projection headlamps, Auto light control, 3.5” Supervision cluster, Power sunroof, Rear View Camera and more.

The Cerato draws inspiration from the Stinger, with a horizontal theme that creates a sense of openness and avoids clutter with clean lines and minimal buttons that are intuitively placed below an 8-inch colour touchscreen. Aeronautically inspired spoked circular vents adorn the dash and increased soft-touch points create a comfortable and visually appealing cabin. Drivers and passengers alike will appreciate easier ingress and egress, plus improved outward visibility.

Because body stiffness plays a major role in NVH performance, engineers worked to increase ri-

gidity for a quieter cabin and better handling tuned to match the Cerato sporty and dynamic exterior appearance.

The Cerato Supreme is equipped with a 2.0 MPI engine developing 150 Hp and 19.6 Kg-m of torque. The Cerato Supreme has 6-Speed automatic transmission to create an ideal driving condition. The Cerato is also available with a 1.6-Litre engine developing 128 Hp and 15.8 Kg-m of torque. This is paired with a 6-speed automatic transmission.

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Reliable International Automotive (RIA), the distributor for Kia in Oman provides a rewarding ownership experience for customers. Excellent product attributes and unmatched facilities easily ensure their absolute satisfaction, every mile of the way. No wonder then that Reliable International Automotive has been ranked amongst the top Kia distributors worldwide and has been honoured with prestigious accolades including the ‘Good Partnership award, ‘Family Like Care’ Service award’, and ‘Kia ‘Distributor of Distinction’ award.

PROMOTION

Settle for the best with Mercedes-Benz Oman’s exclusive offer

MUSCAT: Drive home a new Mercedes-Benz and enjoy exclusive benefits coupled with unmatched style and luxury that will make every journey simply extraordinary.

From October 11 until December 10, customers can drive away with one of the brand’s newest and most sought-after vehicles and top it off with a three year/45,000km service package, three years unlimited mileage warranty, three years Mobilo on-road assistance, and free registration for the first year. Extending across the new Mercedes-Benz Cars and SUVs stock range, except for the Mercedes-AMG G-Class, there is no better time to discover just what is so special about driving a Mercedes-Benz.

“At Mercedes-Benz Oman, we are always trying to match our customers with the vehicles they love



with extra benefits to make them all the more worthwhile.

Latest offer

“With our latest offer customers can choose from a range of

new and breath-taking models, from the sought-after classics to the elite trailblazers,” said Scott Shears, General Manager for Passenger Cars at Mercedes-Benz Oman. “As one of Oman’s Most

Trusted Brands, our customers know that they are getting much more than just a car, they are embarking on a lifelong relationship that guarantees them the ultimate care and quality as long as they

own the vehicle.”

As the pioneer of the automobile, Mercedes-Benz vehicles are designed for the future, combining both beauty and intelligence.

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services to expert engineering, the offer extends over a luxury line-up of cars, including, but not limited to: the A-Class with its athletic and youthful sculpting; the C-Class, wrapping countless technological advances in seductive style; the intuitive and class-leading E-Class; the GLE, setting the standard for style with its roomy, agile and aerodynamic build; the trailblazing S-Class; and delivering the driving performance of a lifetime, the Mercedes-AMG GT.

With the added assurance of a three year/45,000km service package, three years unlimited mileage warranty, three years Mobilo on-road assistance, and free registration for the first year, drivers can experience the groundbreaking design and technology of Mercedes-Benz, that transforms every journey.

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