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LOCKDOWN TO END ON SATURDAY, SCHOOL YEAR TO BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 1

Imposed on October 11 to stop the spread of COVID-19, the lockdown will be lifted at 5am on Saturday



DECISIONS TAKEN: The meeting of the Supreme Committee was chaired by Hamoud bin Faisal Al Busaidi, the Minister of Interior, and the chairman of the committee. — OMA

MUSCAT: The Supreme Committee tasked with tackling developments resulting from coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic held a meeting on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Sayyid Hamoud bin Faisal Al Busaidi, Minister of Interior, to follow up updates on the pandemic and measures of prevention of infection and spread of the virus.

The Committee studied the number of cases of infection and deaths resulting from the pandemic and other epidemiological data from different governorates of the Sultanate. The Supreme Committee expressed extreme anxiety about the behaviour of some individuals who participate in gatherings and cause the spread of the virus. It urged all

individuals and establishments to exercise maximum caution and implement precautionary measures aimed to curb the rise in infections and deaths. The Committee reiterated its plea to citizens and residents to shoulder the responsibility of protecting human life by reporting offenders to the authorities concerned.

Within the context of its follow-up of the Education Ministry's efforts to operate schools during the forthcoming School Year 2020-2021, the Supreme Committee affirmed that the school year will begin on November 1, 2020. It also endorsed the Blended Learning system of education, with emphasis on combining online study.

Regarding the ban on nighttime movement, the Supreme Committee said that the ban will be lifted on Saturday, October 24, 2020.

The Committee reaffirmed that it will continue to monitor the situation through the Ministry of Education and other departments to ensure a sustained educational experience, along with reports on epidemiological data from different governorates of the Sultanate. > A2



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World’s best sailors to compete for global championships in Sultanate

Taking place in Asia for the first time in its history, sailors in the 49er, 49erFX, and Nacra 17 class will kickstart their path to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games during the six-day event

MUSCAT: Oman Sail will host a 400-strong fleet of the world’s best sailors when the World Championships for three Olympic classes kick off in November 2021. Taking place in Asia for the first time in its history, sailors in the 49er, 49erFX, and Nacra 17 class will



BOOSTING SPORTS TOURISM: The championship will run from November 16-21, 2021 at Al Mussanah Sports City. — Supplied picture

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The championship will run from November 16-21, 2021 at Al Mussanah Sports City, driving tourism in the region and further enhancing Oman’s pedigree as a world class host of major international events. It is anticipated that Olympians continuing their racing careers will take part at the

Championship alongside the next generation of high-performance doubles sailors, all looking to start their 2024 Olympic campaign in good form.

Dr Khamis Al Jabri, Oman Sail CEO, said, “Hosting the 2021 49er, 49erFX, and Nacra 17 World Championships is another opportunity for the Sultanate to share its warm hospitality with the international sailing community. The

regatta forms an important component of the national priorities of Oman’s Vision 2040 in terms of boosting sports tourism and unlocking opportunities for local businesses and the community to deliver positive economic return for the country. This is an incredibly exciting event for Oman Sail and we look forward to welcoming sailors from across the world to our shores.”

Marcus Spillane, Nacra 17 Class President, said, “We are very pleased to be heading to Oman next year in November for the 2021 49er, 49erFX and Nacra 17 World Championships as our sailor continue their global adventure. Oman has a great reputation for organizing world class regattas and we are confident that the event will be a great test for the teams as they embark on the road to Paris 2024.”

Oman Sail’s Olympic hopeful in the 49er class, Musab al-Hadi, said, “As the first global sailing event after the Tokyo Olympic Games, this will be a strong test of every bit of international experience the Oman Olympic Sailing team has gained against the very best in class. The conditions will be perfect for the sailors and coaches and we hope that our fellow sailors enjoy visiting Oman as much as we enjoy hosting them.”

Al Hadi along with Waleed Al Kindi, along with duo AbdulRahman al-Mashari and Ahmed al-Hasni have all returned to training intensively in preparation for the 2021 ASAF Asian Sailing Championships, an Olympic qualifica-

tion event for 49er planned to be held in Abu Dhabi. Building on the long-held affinity for the sea, the Sultanate of Oman has gained a reputation in the sailing world as an accomplished host of events where Omani sailors compete against the very best in the world. Combining excellent sailing conditions with powerful sea breezes and pleasant waves and a fully-equipped marina in the heart of a sports city purpose-built for the 2010 Asian Beach Games offer ideal surroundings for another outstanding event in 2021 following the success of events such as the 2013 Laser World Championships, the 2015 RSX world Championships and the 2019 Asian and Oceanian Optimist Championships.

Oman Sail’s professional race management team will welcome the competitors and introduce many to the country. Opportunities for visitors to stay longer in the Sultanate and explore further, experiencing everything that makes the country so special, will also be available, including personalised city tours, cultural visits and adventuring into the mountains, the sea and the desert. - ONA

ARAB MONETARY FUND REPORT

Oman’s digital strategy to boost economic growth hailed

CAIRO: Oman’s espousal of a digital strategy that lays the foundation of novel programmes to spur economic growth, enhance self-reliance and provide more jobs through economic diversification has been commended by the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF).

In a new study titled “Digital Economy In Arab Countries. Its Realities and Challenges”, the AMF noted that Oman’s economic strategy began to be developed since 2003. Since then, economic approaches have been classified into six categories towards the execution of a comprehensive Oman Economic Vision encompassing initiatives and projects necessary for supporting the realisation of the country’s knowledge-based economy, said the AMF report.

It explained that digital transformation strategy in the Sultanate focused on developing society’s capabilities, including individuals’ skills, and circulating government applications and smart services to help establish a comprehensive system of ICT industries.

The strategy also lays emphasis on governance, developing standards, policies and a whole new generation of digital applications, in addition to spreading cognitive awareness. The report showed that the Sultanate en-



acts laws serving digital economy like the Electronic Transactions Law (2008), Law on Combating Information Technology Crimes (2009) and Law on Regulating Communications (2002).

Digital economy

As many as 21 national firms operate in the field of digital economy, in addition to 10 foreign firms and 6 multinational firms, said the report, adding that the Sultanate has 17 platforms and applications that offer services to different segments and finalize other civil transactions.

The report pointed out that

the Sultanate’s digital transformation programme began in October 2012 with the approval of the Council of Ministers. It added that various seminars and workshops were held to outline the digital transformation programme.

This is in addition to the formation of teams for e-government change within each establishment, under the supervision of the Minister or the Under-Secretary, to follow up the process of digital transformation in their respective institutions, said the report. - ONA

PANDEMIC

Lockdown was necessary to curb spread of coronavirus



In response to requests to ensuring the participation of community individuals in national efforts to combat coronavirus pandemic, the Supreme Committee has approved the initiative of volunteering across different segments of society.

The authorities concerned will announce the mechanisms

regulating this practice, said the Committee in its report issued yesterday.

Supreme Committee

In its report, the Supreme Committee prayed to the Almighty Allah to protect everyone against all harm.

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Expedite process of Omanisation, companies told

Employing Omanis in leadership and supervisory roles was discussed at a meeting held by the Ministry of Labour and OIA with CEOs of government firms

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Minister of Labour has asked firms in Oman to expedite the replacement of expat workforce with Omani nationals. The Ministry of Labour, in cooperation with the Oman Investment Authority, held a meeting with CEOs of government firms discussing replacement plans and the

priority for employing Omanis in leadership and supervisory roles. During the meeting, they reviewed ways of cooperation between the Ministry of Labour and government companies to enhance productivity and support employment of the national workforce at all levels in general, and the specialists and technicians in particular, to ensure the achievement of Oman Vision 2040. The meeting was chaired by Dr Mahad bin Said bin Ali Ba'owain, Minister of Labour, who stressed the need to accelerate the replacement of the expat workforce with the national workforce, calling for the importance of training and qualifying the national workforce on the job. He also highlighted how firms can benefit from services provided by the ministry in this regard. The Minister also emphasised the Ministry's initiative to overcome difficulties, provide necessary facilities and simplify procedures to enhance the contribution of government firms in providing new jobs for Omanis, directly or in companies that contract with

them from the subcontracts. The meeting included a visual presentation on the data of workers from the national and expatriate workforce in government companies, the economic sectors these companies practised in, and the nationalization rates achieved, in addition to a review of the data of active job seekers according to various disciplines. Officials in government companies have expressed their willingness to present replacement plans and vigorously follow up their implementation to ensure the provision of job opportunities for the national workforce and contribute to their stability, support, development and regulation of the labour market. The meeting also discussed the difficulties and challenges facing companies and the private sector in light of the current economic conditions, and it was agreed to find appropriate solutions to make the private sector more flexible in terms of employment, and to streamline the procedures and services provided by the Ministry for private sector establishments.

Donate blood to meet need of the hour, people urged

Times News Service

MUSCAT: People in Oman have been asked to donate blood at an upcoming drive, which is being organised to help hospitals at a time when there is urgent need of it for those in critical condition. The blood donation drive is being organised by the Indian Social Club in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Department of Blood Bank Services on Friday, 30 October, at their premises in Darsait. The ISC aims to collect a total of 500 pints of blood from such campaigns, having already run four drives so far. "This is a time when the hospitals are facing a shortage of blood because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but they have patients who really need it," said Dr Sathish Nambiar, the chairman of the Indian Social Club, and the organiser of the blood drive. "Anyone is welcome to our premises to donate blood on that day... this is not just restricted to expatriates alone.

Suitability "When you donate, your body has the capability to replace it in about three months, so in giving a small amount of your blood, you could be saving someone else's life," he added. "All of us here need to give back to the community during the time of need, so I would encourage as many people as possible to come forward." Donors who show up at the Indian Social Club premises on Friday will be made to enter in batches, and will first be assessed whether they are fit to give blood. Those with chronic issues such as diabetes, as well as people who have travelled to areas that have a high occurrence of malaria, will not be allowed to donate.





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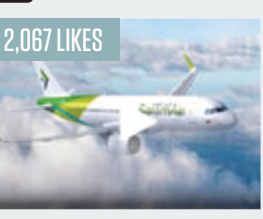


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A GUIDE FOR PATIENTS CONSIDERING

JAW CORRECTION SURGERY

Orthognathic (orthos means straight and gnathos means jaw) surgery, commonly known as jaw surgery, focuses on correcting irregularities of the jaw bones and also realigns the jaws and teeth to improve their functionality. This also helps in improving facial appearances. Considering the outcomes, intricacies of occlusion (the way the teeth bite) and facial appearances, the procedure becomes a complex one and requires a lot of planning.

What is Orthognathic surgery or jaw surgery?

Orthognathic surgery (jaw surgery) is a treatment involving orthodontics and oral and Maxillo-facial surgery. It is recommended when the jaw issue can't be addressed with orthodontic treatment alone.

What type of cases require Orthognathic surgery?

When there is a large mismatch in the position of the jaws relative to one another, surgery is needed because orthodontic

tooth movement alone is not enough to correct the bad bite. An example of this is when the upper jaw doesn't develop properly so that the lower jaw appears too far forward and the lower front teeth are in front of the upper front teeth.

How does orthodontic treatment and surgery work together to position the jaws and teeth?

The orthodontist and the surgeon work together to determine the best treatment plan after a good

clinical examination, photographic analysis, model study, radiographic and prediction analysis. For example, the lower jaw may be too long or too short, or the problem may be that the upper jaw is too forward. The orthodontist analyses the teeth positions to determine the type of teeth movement needed to achieve a good bite. The surgeon does an analysis of the size, shape, and symmetry of the upper and lower jaw bones and decides which type of jaw surgery is needed for the patient.

What is the role of orthodontics in Orthognathic surgery?

Orthodontic treatment is divided into pre-surgical and post-surgical phases. The pre-surgical phase involves the levelling and aligning of teeth, correcting the poor angulations of teeth and coordination of upper and lower arches such that after the surgery we achieve a good bite. Pre-surgical orthodontics will show the true magnitude of skeletal problems hence allowing optimal skeletal correction at surgery. Post-surgical orthodontics usually starts 6 to 8 weeks after surgery and involves finishing and detailing of bite providing better stability after surgery. Once a good bite is achieved and treatment is completed, retainers are provided to the patient. Patients are asked to come for a regular

review check up after every 3 months.

How does the surgeon know exactly where to reposition the jaws?

After the pre-surgical orthodontic phase, the surgeon will do mock model surgery after facebow transfer and also performs prediction analysis using sophisticated software that allows the surgeon to see exactly how many millimeters and degrees of movement are needed in three dimensions in order to bring the teeth into the proper bite and achieve symmetry of the face.

How does the jaw stay in its new, corrected position?

In Orthognathic surgery, the jaws are positioned properly through cuts in the bone, and small, specially designed bone plates and screws are placed to keep the jaw(s) in the proper position. Most patients also have the jaws held together using wires or tiny orthodontic rubber bands (elastics) between the upper and lower braces for up to 2-3 weeks. This is only needed during the early healing process so there is no movement where the bone was cut during surgery.

Is anesthesia needed for the surgery?

Yes, the surgery is done in a hospital operating room under general an-

esthesia. Most patients stay in the hospital 1-2 nights after surgery.

How will the patient eat if the jaws are wired together after surgery?

Most patients do not require more than 2-3 weeks of being wired or rubber banded closed, and mostly less time is needed. During that time, it is difficult to eat, speak or brush. Patients are advised to have a liquid or pureed diet and some temporary weight loss is common.

What are the benefits of Orthognathic surgery?

Corrective jaw surgery drastically improves the smile, chewing, speaking, facial esthetics of the patient. It is also useful in treating patients with temporomandibular joint (jaw joint) disorders, skeletal problems in cleft patients.

What is the ideal age for Orthognathic surgery?

Orthognathic surgery is performed once the jaws have

stopped growing. Mostly it is in the late teens and early 20s. Orthognathic surgery can be done for mature adults as well, as long as their health is good.

Dr. Krishnakumar MG is an expert and vastly experienced Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon. He is highly skilled in evaluating and treating patients for a wide range of problems of the mouth including wisdom tooth impaction, cysts & tumours, head and neck trauma, soft tissue injuries, orthognathic surgery (jaw surgery), temporomandibular joint disorders (jaw joint) and dental implants.

Dr. Saptarshi Hazarika is an expert and vastly experienced Specialist Orthodontist. His areas of interest are Nasoalveolar Molding for cleft lip/palate patient and cleft orthodontics, orthognathic surgery (jaw surgery), myofunctional appliances, conventional and self ligating braces, invisalign and lingual orthodontics, temporo-mandibular joint disorders (jaw joint).

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Cathay Pacific to cut workforce by a quarter

Some 5,300 employees in Hong Kong and about 600 elsewhere will face redundancy, while 2,600 open positions will not be filled

HONG KONG: Hong Kong airline Cathay Pacific on Wednesday announced it would cut 24% of its workforce and shut a regional airline in an effort to survive the drop in business caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some 5,300 employees in Hong Kong and about 600 elsewhere will face redundancy, while 2,600 open positions will not be filled, the company said in a statement.

Its regional subsidiary Cathay Dragon will immediately cease operations. But the company said it would seek approval for most of those routes to be taken over by Cathay Pacific and its budget subsidiary HK Express.

“The global pandemic continues to have a devastating impact on aviation and the hard truth is we must fundamentally restructure the Group to survive,” Cathay Pacific CEO Augustus Tang said. “We have to do this to protect as many jobs as possible, and meet our responsibilities to the Hong Kong aviation hub and our customers.”

Airlines struggling to survive

Travel restrictions and the collapse of passenger air travel in particular during the coronavirus crisis have taken a heavy toll on the aviation industry. A number of major airlines, including Germany’s Lufthansa, have



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slashed jobs as a result. In a bid to stay afloat, Lufthansa accepted a €9-billion (\$10.6 billion) bailout from the German government. It also cut 20% of its leadership positions and 1,000 administrative spots — and is planning to cut 22,000 jobs or more as part of major restructuring.

Losing \$260 million every month

In June, Cathay Pacific raised 39 billion Hong Kong dollars in a recapitalization plan that gave the city’s government a 6% stake

in the airline. But CEO Tang said the company was losing up to 2 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$260 million; €219 million) every month because of the pandemic, a situation he said was “simply unsustainable.” The restructure, he added, aimed to save around 500 million Hong Kong dollars per month.

Even before the pandemic, Cathay Pacific had been struggling — massive pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong last year had led to a plunge in traffic, particularly from the Chinese mainland. **ow**



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SOLO INTERVIEW

Donald Trump abruptly leaves CBS interview

WASHINGTON: United States President Donald Trump abruptly concluded a solo interview with CBS News’ “60 Minutes” on Tuesday, and did not return for an appearance he was scheduled to shoot with US Vice President Mike Pence, sources said.

After camera crews set up at the White House on Monday, Trump sat down with host Lesley Stahl for about 45 minutes on Tuesday before leaving abruptly the interview and told the network he believed they had enough material to use, according to two sources, CNN reported. CBS News did not instantly respond to a CNN request for comment. When reached for comment, the White House did not dispute CNN’s reporting.

Later, Trump posted on Twitter a clip of the reporter at the White House attacking her for not wearing a face mask.

“I am pleased to inform you that, for the sake of accuracy in reporting, I am considering posting my interview with Lesley Stahl of 60 Minutes, PRIOR TO AIRTIME!” he added. “This will be done so that everybody can get a glimpse of what a FAKE and BIASED interview is all about ...” Trump tweeted.

However, a source later informed CNN that Stahl had a mask on from the time she entered the White House to when the interview started.

The image from the tweet only showed her standing with her producers before she went back to her belongings to wear the mask.

According to CNN, with about two weeks until the election, “Trump has spent this week lobbing scatter-shot attacks and growing upset at depictions portraying his campaign as doomed. His truncated taping on “60 Minutes” seemed an extension of what has been Trump’s visible irritation as he enters the campaign’s final days.”



Along with Trump and Pence, former Vice President Joe Biden and California Senator Kamala Harris also gave interviews with CBS and all four are scheduled to appear in a programme on Sunday.

Trump and Pence were scheduled to appear on the Sunday programme together, as they did four years ago for a walk and talk session before Trump decided to end the interview without reason. Biden and Harris, however, filmed their interviews separately.

Trump is facing a massive national polling shortage against Biden.

He even called the director of NIAID (National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases) Dr. Anthony Fauci a “disaster” on Monday, and called the news media “criminals” for not reporting unproven accusations against Biden.

Trump also demanded his attorney general to work “fast” to investigate the unfounded accusations against Biden before the elections. After the panel organiz-

ing Thursday’s debate announced that the candidates’ microphones would be muted for certain parts of the event, Trump accused them of bias. Trump has also expressed anger over news stories commenting that his campaign is fated for defeat. He has even questioned why the Republicans are appearing to distance themselves.

Trump told reporters, “I’m not running scared,” “I think I’m running angry.”

Polling in states where Trump won in 2016, shows Biden to be ahead this time. Trump admitted that he was upset while standing on the tarmac in Arizona on Monday. While speaking to Trump off-camera in 2016, Stahl said that he admitted his attacks on the press were meant to demean negative stories that are published about him.

As per CNN, “He said, ‘You know why I do it? I do it to discredit you all and demean you all so when you write negative stories about me, no one will believe you.’ He said that,” Stahl said. **ANI**

CYLINDER BLAST

3 killed, 15 injured in Karachi explosion

KARACHI: At least three people were killed and 15 others suffered injuries in an explosion near Maskan Chowrangi in Karachi’s Gulshan-i-Iqbal area on Wednesday, according to officials from the Edhi Foundation.

All injured and deceased have been taken to Patel hospital, the

officials added, Dawn reported Nature of the blast has not yet been ascertained.

However, Mubina Town police SHO said that it “seems to be a cylinder blast”, adding that the bomb disposal squad is arriving to verify the cause of the explosion.

The blast is suspected to have

taken place on the second floor of a building.

Eyewitnesses reported that windows of nearby buildings as well as some vehicles were also damaged.

A day earlier, five people were wounded when a bomb exploded at the entrance of a bus terminal near Sheerin Jinnah Colony. **ANI**



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Belgium records soaring hospital admissions related to COVID-19

Between October 10 and 16, a daily average of 266.6 new hospitalisations was reported in Belgium, an increase of 95 per cent compared to October 3 and 9

BRUSSELS: A total of 2,774 COVID-19 patients were admitted to Belgian hospitals for treatment as of Monday (October 19), as infection numbers continued to jump in Belgium, according to figures released by the country's public health institute Sciensano on Tuesday.

That represented an increase of 88 per cent compared to the hospitalisation number on October 12, which stood at 1,473, Sciensano's data showed.

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RISE IN CASES: The tightened measures to stop the rising coronavirus infections took effect on Monday.

daily average of 266.6 new hospitalisations was reported in Belgium, an increase of 95 per cent compared with the previous week between October 3 and 9.

Of the 2,774 hospitalized patients, 446 are in intensive care, 34 more than Monday.

Sciensano's data showed the

total number of confirmed cases in Belgium since the beginning of the pandemic is 230,480, a daily increase of 8,227 new cases from Monday. The total number of deaths is currently 10,443, 30 more than Monday.

In the week between October 10 and 16, Belgium reported a daily

average of 8,422 new infection cases. In the same week, there was an average of 32.1 deaths per day, Sciensano's data showed.

Over the past two weeks, 816 infections were confirmed per 100,000 inhabitants, an increase of 226 per cent compared to the two weeks before, according to Scien-

sano. The tightened measures to stop the rising coronavirus infections, hospital admissions and deaths in Belgium that were announced before the weekend took effect on Monday, said newspaper Brussels Times.

Starting on Monday, and for a period of four weeks, bars and

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restaurants across the country will have to close. Getting takeaway, however, will still be possible until 10:00pm. After two weeks, the measure will be evaluated, the newspaper said.

Additionally, the sale of beverages will be banned after 8:00pm, and a curfew will be installed, prohibiting people from leaving their homes for non-essential reasons between midnight and 5:00am, it said.

As the world is struggling to contain the pandemic, countries including France, China, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States are racing to find a vaccine.

According to the website of the World Health Organization, as of October 19, there were 198 COVID-19 candidate vaccines being developed worldwide, and 44 of them were in clinical trials. **Xinhua**

NEAR PAKISTAN CONSULATE



At least 15 people killed in Afghan stampede for visas

KABUL: At least 15 people were killed on Tuesday in a stampede near Pakistan's consulate in the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad, officials say.

They said jostling had broken out among some 3,000 people waiting at a football stadium to collect tokens needed to apply for a visa.

Eleven of those who died were reportedly women, who had been queuing separately from the men as is customary in Afghanistan.

The stampede occurred despite the hundreds of policemen deployed to the stadium to control the crowd, officials said.

Long wait

Some of those in the crowd had been outside the consulate all night. The consulate had resumed issuing visas just last week after the coronavirus outbreak forced a seven-month pause.

Many Afghans travel to neighboring Pakistan each year for medical treatment, education and employment. The two countries share an almost 2,600-kilometre (roughly 1,600-mile) border.

Millions of Afghans have also taken refuge in Pakistan over the past decades to escape the almost constant conflict in their home country. **DW**

HUMANITARIAN CRISES

\$1.7bn pledged in international aid to save Sahel from 'breaking point'

NEW YORK: International donors on Tuesday agreed to give €1.4 billion (\$1.7 billion) in aid to the central Sahel, which the UN said was close to 'breaking point.'

Conditions in the sub-Saharan belt spanning Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger are worsening, with 13.4 million people in need of assistance.

Donors agreed "to help stem what would otherwise become one of the world's biggest humanitarian crises," the UN said in a statement.

Denmark hosted the virtual summit, in partnership with Germany and the EU, in Copenhagen.

"The central Sahel region is at a breaking point," UN Secretary General said in a video message. "It is a warning sign for us all requiring urgent attention and resolution."

Guterres said violence was on the rise and internal displacement had increased 20-fold in less than two years.

The number of families facing hunger has tripled, the UN chief added, while climate and the COVID-19 pandemic threatens livelihoods.

"We need to reverse this downward spiral with a renewed push for peace and reconciliation," Guterres said.



RISE IN VIOLENCE: Conditions in the sub-Saharan belt spanning Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger are worsening, with 13.4 million people in need of assistance.

Twenty-two countries pledged money to the fund, along with the European Union. The US offered €230 million, the EU pledged €105 million, while Germany gave €102 million.

The UN said the funds would help some 10 million people for the remainder of 2020 and through 2021 with nutrition, food,

health services, water, sanitation, education, and shelter.

Officials at the UN office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said an estimated 7.4 million people are struggling with crisis or emergency levels of food insecurity during the current lean season.

Compared to the average of the

past five years, acute food insecurity has increased 514 per cent in Burkina Faso, 130 per cent in Mali and 144 per cent in Niger.

The number of people in need of humanitarian assistance between January and August 2020 rose from 4.3 million to 6.2 million, or one in three people in the crisis-hit region. **DW**

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



With 54,044 new COVID-19 cases, India's tally surpasses 7.6 million

NEW DELHI: With a spike of 54,044 new COVID-19 cases and 717 deaths in the last 24 hours, India's COVID-19 count crossed the 76-lakh mark and reached 7,651,108 on Wednesday, according to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

As per the MoHFW, the COVID-19 count includes 740,090 active cases and 6,795,103 cured/discharged/migrated cases. With 717 deaths in the last 24 hours, the total death count due to the

disease has reached 115,914. With 174,755 total active cases, Maharashtra continues to be the worst affected state by COVID-19 in the country. While 1,392,308 patients have recovered from the disease in the state, 42,453 have died so far.

Among other severely affected states, Karnataka has 103,964 active cases, while 662,329 people have recovered, 10,608 have succumbed to the coronavirus.

The Health Ministry in a tweet said that COVID-19 cases on oxy-

gen support (in ICUs, through ventilators and Oxygen supported beds) have shown a significant decrease since the last week of September.

"This aligns with the national decline of active cases to less than 10 per cent of the total cases," it said. There were 43,022 COVID-19 cases on oxygen support on September 1. A total of 72,575 on October 1 and 57,357 on October 19, according to the data of Health Ministry. **ANI**

PRISON BREAK

Danish murderer Madsen caught after escaping prison

COPENHAGEN: The Danish man who killed Swedish journalist Kim Wall managed to break out of prison on Tuesday, but was quickly apprehended by the police, authorities said.

The convict, Peter Madsen, wielded an object that "looked like a pistol" and an apparently fake bomb belt, prompting a standoff some 500 metres (550 yards) from the prison located in the Copenhagen outskirts.

He was hauled away after over two hours, according to the officials.

Danish media said bomb disposal experts had been deployed to the scene.

No details on prison break

Prison officials did not provide details on how Madsen, who is a professional inventor, managed to leave their facility.

"This is a closed prison. We are examining our security procedures to see if they have been respected and if they need to be



reinforced," said Hanne Hoegh Rasmussen.

She emphasised that no one had been injured "physically" and that prison staff were getting the required psychological support.

Madsen considered 'a pathological liar'

Judges jailed Madsen for life for Wall's murder in 2018. She had boarded his submarine in 2017

to interview for a story she was working on.

A passer-by found her headless torso on a beach 11 days later. Divers found other body parts nearby.

Madsen initially said Wall's death was an accident.

The court, however, rejected those claims and handed him a life sentence for her murder. **DW**

Messi achieves new milestone as Barcelona defeat Ferencvaros

Messi scored one goal during the match and he became the first player in the Champions League to score in 16 consecutive seasons

BARCELONA: Lionel Messi achieved a new milestone as Barcelona defeated Ferencvaros in the Champions League here. Barcelona registered an impressive 5-1 win over Ferencvaros. Messi scored one goal during the match and he became the first player in the Champions League to score in 16 consecutive seasons. "Leo #Messi is the first player in @ChampionsLeague history to score in 16 consecutive seasons! #UCL," Barcelona tweeted.

After the opening goal from Messi in the 27th minute, Ansu Fati netted a goal in the 42nd minute. Philippe Coutinho, Pedri, and Ousmane Dembele then scored one goal each in the second half to hand Barcelona a comfortable win. Barcelona will now take on Juventus in the Champions League on October 29.



NEW MILESTONE: After the Champions League win over Ferencvaros, Barcelona manager Koeman said if Messi continues to play like he did against Ferencvaros then he will have no complaints

Koeman satisfied with Messi's performance
After the Champions League win over Ferencvaros, Barcelona manager Ronald Koeman said if Lionel Messi continues to play like he did against Ferencvaros

then he will have "no complaints". Koeman's remarks came after Barcelona registered an impressive 5-1 win over Ferencvaros here on Wednesday. "If he plays like he did tonight, I will have no complaints over Leo," Goal.com

quoted Koeman as saying. "He worked hard, he scored from the penalty spot but I then I too used to score penalties. If he doesn't score but gives two or three assists we cannot ask more of him," he added. **ANI**

FELICITATED

Indian ambassador visits sports museum, impressed by collections

Times News service

MUSCAT: Munu Mahawar, the Ambassador of India was felicitated by Dr Shiekh Hammad Hamed Al Ghafri, member of the State Council on Tuesday. Dr Shiekh Hammad Hamed Al Ghafri, member of the State Council has been the main architect behind the establishment of sports museum. Al Ghafri is the CEO of Future Group while Osama Rawat is the General Manager of Oriental Pharmacy. Rawat also joined the function to mark the second anniversary of SAS Naqvi Sports Olympics and hockey museum at Al Noor Building, Rex Road, Ruwi. The function was organised by following the strict regulation imposed by the Supreme Committee dealing with the COVID-19. While taking a tour of the museum, the Indian envoy was highly impressed with the collection and signed the visitors' book. "It was my dream come true as I had been waiting for this moment

for the past six month and it had been postponed due to coronavirus, said Munu Mahawar. The ambassador of India was greeted by Al Ghafri and given the traditional memento khanjar while Sasnaqvi, former technical advisor, Oman Olympic Committee and national hockey coach of India and Oman present a bouquet and a special memento of hockey stick and a ball to him. The Indian ambassador inspected various sections of the sports museum which have rare pictures of Late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimour and His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik. Other sections include, pictures of Dr Al Ghafri family members, national and international awards bagged by SAS Naqvi. A section is devoted to the embassy of India with photos of ambassadors from 2006 onwards, who offered patronage to hockey events and boosted sports friendship between India and the Sultanate of Oman.



INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE

Everything is working for us now, says KXIP's Pooran

DUBAI: After securing the third consecutive win in the Indian Premier League (IPL), Kings XI Punjab's (KXIP) Nicholas Pooran said he is happy to get over the line against the table-toppers, Delhi Capitals, and feels 'everything is working for us now'. "Everything is working for us now. We have started to click as a team. Most importantly, I always believe that in T20 cricket, momentum is everything. I think we have started to peak at the right time. We do not want to take anything for granted and just want to continue to improve," Pooran told Glenn Maxwell in a video posted by iplt20.com. KXIP defeated Delhi Capitals by five wickets here at the Dubai International Stadium on Tuesday. Punjab chased down the target of 165 with six balls to spare.

Pooran played a knock of 53 during the chase. With this win, Kings XI Punjab have gone to the fifth position in the points table with eight points from 10 matches while Delhi Capitals are still at the top of the table with 14 points from 10 games. Pooran said both batters and bowlers are now delivering good performances for the team. "Before these three games, we spoke and it was that we have to win, Chris (Gayle) spoke about that there is only one way from here and it is upwards. We knew that we have to deliver in the powerplay and at the backend," he said. "Chris is back in the team, he brought a lot of confidence. Shami, CJ, and Arshdeep are having an impact and spinners are also having a big impact," Pooran added. **ANI**



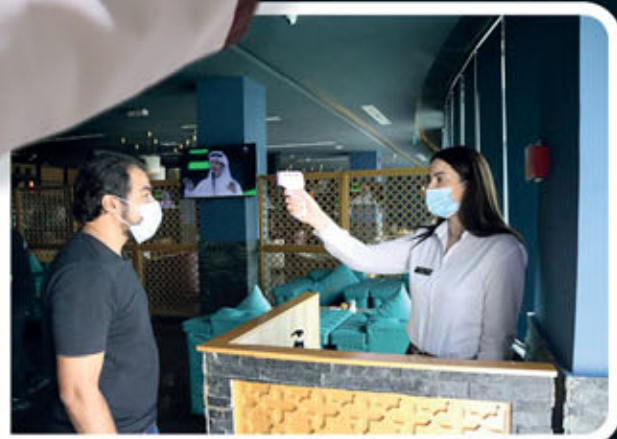
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IATA predicts slow recovery for Middle East's aviation industry

Full-year 2020 passenger numbers in the Middle East (to/from/within) are forecast to reach only 30% of 2019 levels

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The International Air Transport Association (IATA) downgraded its traffic forecast for the Middle East for 2020 to reflect a weaker-than-expected recovery.

"Full-year 2020 passenger numbers in the Middle East (to/from/within) are forecast to reach only 30 per cent of 2019 levels, down significantly from the 45 per cent that was projected in July. In absolute numbers, the Middle East



OPTIMISTIC: In 2021, demand in the Middle East is expected to strengthen to 45 per cent of 2019 levels to reach 90 million travellers to/from/within the region.. - Photo used for illustrative purpose only

is expected to see 60 million travellers in 2020 compared to 203 million in 2019. In 2021, demand in the Middle East is expected to strengthen to 45 per cent of 2019 levels to reach 90 million travellers to/from/within the region. A full return to 2019 levels is not expected until late 2024," the IATA

said in its press release.

The release also stated that the regional travel picked up across the Middle East from the low point in April as countries in the region re-opened their borders, however, international travel has remained heavily constrained owing to the return of government restrictions

in the face of new COVID-19 outbreaks in a number of key markets. Forward bookings for air travel in the fourth quarter show a much slower recovery than had been expected previously.

"The slower than anticipated return to the skies for travellers in the Middle East is more bad news

for the region's aviation industry. A few months ago, we thought that a fall in passenger numbers to 45 per cent of 2019 levels was as bad as it could get. But the second wave, combined with continuing travel restrictions and quarantines, will result in passenger numbers in the region being less than a third of

what we had in 2019. This heightens the urgency for governments to adopt systematic COVID-19 testing to restart travel and curb the economic devastation that is being caused because people cannot travel," said Muhammad Albakri, IATA's Regional Vice President for Africa and the Middle East.

MEETING

Al Mazunah Free Zone, Dhofar Customs officials discuss traffic flow facilitation

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Al Mazunah Free Zone, which is managed and operated by the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates - Madayn, held a meeting with the Directorate General of Customs of the Royal Oman Police at Dhofar Governorate to discuss the importance of formulating a mechanism to facilitate traffic flow to and from Al Mazunah Free Zone and developing effective solutions to tackle the challenges faced by the investors and business owners in the free zone.

The meeting also highlighted the procedures followed by the customs clearance offices, the significance of implementing specifications and standards of the handling companies, and the free zone's security system project. It is worthwhile to mention that, general incentives are offered to investors in the free zone, including customs' exemptions, 100 per cent foreign ownership, no minimum capital requirements, Omanisation rate stands at 10 per cent and simplification of procedures for non-GCC investors to obtain residency in Oman.



SECURITY SYSTEM PROJECT: The meeting also highlighted the procedures followed by the customs clearance offices, the significance of implementing specifications and standards of the handling companies, and the free zone's security system project. - Supplied picture

VIRTUAL DISCUSSION

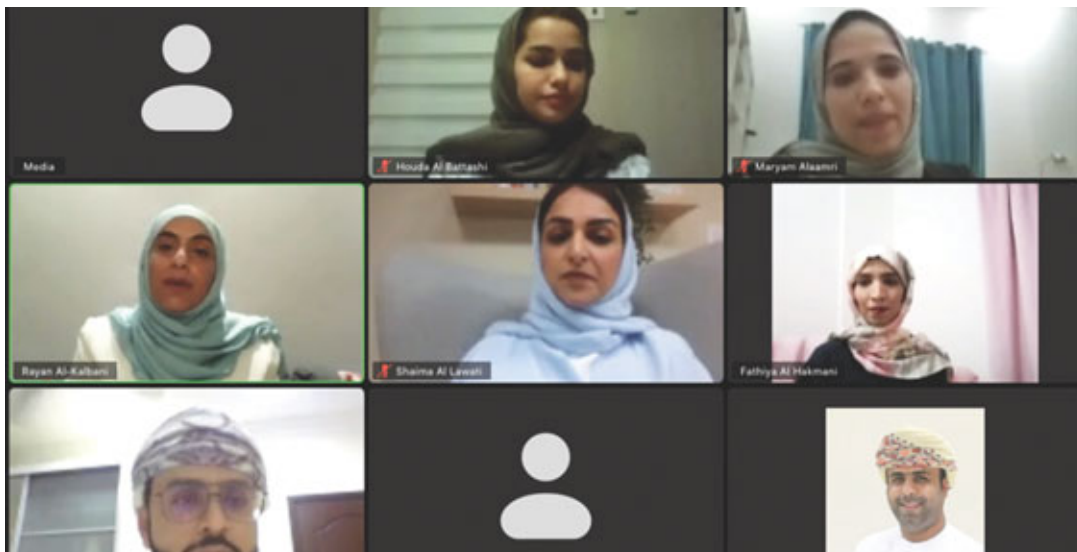
Session held on 'Empowering women through business incubators'

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The National Business Centre (NBC), which pertains to the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates - Madayn, organised a virtual discussion session entitled 'Empowering women through business incubators'.

Organised in cooperation with the Public Authority for SMEs Development (Riyada), the session featured Omani female entrepreneurs including Rayan Al Kalbani, Co-Founder at Mazoon Environmental and Technological Services, Shaima Al Lawati, Founder and Managing Director of Destination Sustainability, and Maryam Al Amri, Founder and Executive Director of Youth Vision.

The speakers highlighted several aspects of the importance of the current and potential female entrepreneurs including the role played by business incubators in empowering them to be successful entrepreneurs, the challenges they face in their projects and how to overcome them, the challenges they are currently facing due to coronavirus pandemic, and tips on becoming successful female entrepreneurs.



ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS: The speakers highlighted several aspects of the importance of the current and potential female entrepreneurs including the role played by business incubators in empowering them to be successful entrepreneurs. - Supplied picture

The discussion session's topic, which was moderated by Fathiya Al Hakmani of the Public Authority for SMEs Development (Riyada), comes in line with the objectives of the National Business Centre which was launched by Madayn to offer promising Omani

entrepreneurs a platform to develop their business ideas and advance them into growing ventures.

NBC aims at facilitating, supporting and contributing to the growth of investable ideas into successful businesses; building entrepreneurial skills through

dedicated and focused training, coaching and mentoring; and providing business support facilities from office space, administrative support, financial support and consultancy services that are crucial in ensuring the success and survival of new ventures.

MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

Emerging Leaders Programme benefits 23 mid-senior managers

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Emerging Leaders Programme (ELP) for 23 mid-senior managers and leaders from diverse industries in Oman concluded recently.

HEC Paris, ranked No. 2 worldwide for Executive Education in 2020 and No. 1 for the International Executive MBA (EMBA) in 2019 by the Financial Times; and Takatuf Oman, the Human Capital solutions provider, organised the event. The programme incorporates Takatuf's human capital expertise and HEC Paris' internationally acclaimed management programmes, to offer a powerful learning experience to emerging leaders.

Featuring three modules and an Action Learning Project, the ELP has been specially designed to improve the leadership competencies as well as develop new competencies for executives, and contribute to the growth and sustainability of an executive's company.

While the first module 'Me as a Leader' analysed leadership behaviours and how to develop them, the second module 'Me as a Guide' scrutinised how teams are managed and integrated to achieve organisational goals. The third module 'Me as a Builder' examined how executives can develop the future of organisations through innovation. It further built on the insights of the previous modules and focused on strategic decision making.

The first two modules of the programme took place in September and December 2019, respectively. The third module of the programme, revised to accommodate online delivery, featured workshops by prominent HEC Paris professors.

The online closing ceremony of the programme was conducted by Dr Pablo Martin de Holan, Dean of HEC Paris in Qatar and Crispin Garden-Webster, Senior Manager Human Capital Consulting at Takatuf.

Reiterating the high points of HEC Paris and Takatuf's partnership since its inception in 2016, Dr Martin de Holan said, "The Emerging Leaders Programme is aimed at preparing Oman's senior leaders to grow themselves and their organisations. We have witnessed the transformational journey of these participants. Learning is changing and growing, and the participants have grown and are ready to continue their journey as managers and leaders in their organisations and their lives."

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Garden-Webster
Senior Manager Human Capital
Consulting at Takatuf

He added, "Designed specially to fulfil specific requirements of executives, HEC Paris' custom-designed programme has played a major role in the successful implementation of ELP. We are confident that this learning will have a deeply positive impact on Omani society and enable professionals to excel in their respective fields ethically and sustainably."

Highlighting the relations between the two institutions, Garden-Webster said, "At Takatuf, we are proud to partner with HEC Paris in Qatar. Our collaboration on the programme design and delivery enables us to provide a world-class learning experience for mid-to-senior level managers. After four years, we are happy to have trained numerous leaders to a range of sectors who are at work building the nation."

Meanwhile, Said Al Asmi, Director of Production at Oman India Fertiliser Company (Omifco) and a 2020 ELP graduate, said, "The learning process needs to be a continuous one, and leaders need to be prepared for all eventualities to pave a path for the future. The training that ELP provides for navigating through leadership skills is pivotal. It helps in a better understanding of the business ecosystem and develops useful skills on topics like negotiation and change management."

#50GoldenYears

Sultanate celebrates 50 years of progress

CONSUMER PRICES INDEX

UK inflation climbs to 0.5%

LONDON: Britain's Consumer Prices Index (CPI) 12-month rate rose to 0.5 per cent in September 2020, up from a four-year low of 0.2 per cent in August, the British Office for National Statistics (ONS) said Wednesday.

Despite a rise to the reading of 0.5 per cent in September, it remained far below than the Bank of England's 2 per cent target for

inflation. Meanwhile, the CPI including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) 12-month inflation rate climbed to 0.7 per cent in September, up from 0.5 per cent in August, said the ONS.

"Transport costs and restaurant prices lead the increase to the CPIH and CPI 12-month inflation rates," said the office for National Statistics. -xinhua

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Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff%
MSM30 Index	3,597.06	3,584.17	3,586.55	3,586.98	-0.43	-0.01
Financial Index	5,705.79	5,680.59	5,680.59	5,679.15	1.44	0.03
Industrial Index	4,040.31	4,025.08	4,025.08	4,038.92	-13.84	-0.34
Services Index	1,601.86	1,596.86	1,599.87	1,598.66	1.21	0.08
MSM SHARIAH INDEX	522.01	520.68	521.22	520.68	0.54	0.10
MSM TOTAL RETURN	4,097.60	4,082.91	4,085.63	4,086.11	-0.48	-0.01

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
7,980,046	759,781	348	20,082,846,061	7	15	18	40

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

ISIN	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR.	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	PRE VALUE	MARKET CAP
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OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	10,466	4,145	2	0.398	0.398	0.396	0.396	0.390	0.006	1.538	0.396	0.378	0.396	0.100	39,600,000
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	31,164	10,041	3	0.322	0.328	0.322	0.322	0.318	0.004	1.258	0.328	0.322	0.328	0.100	260,102,690
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOMMUNICATION	10,500	6,552	4	0.624	0.624	0.624	0.624	0.620	0.004	0.645	0.624	0.620	0.624	0.100	468,000,000
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INVESTMENT HOLDING	1,799	826	1	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.000	0.000	0.070	0.067	0.070	0.100	4,300,000
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	397,353	138,101	36	0.346	0.350	0.342	0.348	0.348	0.000	0.000	0.346	0.346	0.348	0.100	82,270,680
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	99,650	38,732	27	0.386	0.390	0.386	0.388	0.388	0.000	0.000	0.390	0.388	0.390	0.100	252,568,361
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	6,603	1,347	4	0.204	0.204	0.204	0.204	0.206	-0.002	-0.971	0.204	0.204	0.206	0.100	11,230,000
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	166,316	60,615	26	0.368	0.368	0.360	0.364	0.368	-0.004	-1.087	0.364	0.362	0.364	0.100	118,828,204
OM0000001525	OMAN INVESTMENT AND FINANCE	120,664	10,675	10	0.089	0.089	0.088	0.088	0.090	-0.002	-2.222	0.088	0.088	0.089	0.100	17,600,000
OM0000002176	AL JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS	44,590	5,495	5	0.125	0.125	0.123	0.123	0.126	-0.003	-2.381	0.123	0.119	0.124	0.100	15,362,449
OM0000001772	AL ANWAR HOLDING	204,998	12,779	12	0.063	0.063	0.062	0.062	0.064	-0.002	-3.125	0.062	0.062	0.063	0.100	12,400,000
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	112,196	17,124	11	0.156	0.156	0.148	0.153	0.159	-0.006	-3.774	0.150	0.150	0.155	0.100	13,008,000
Total	12	1,216,302	306,442	141												
Parallel Market																
OM0000002226	AL JAZEERA SERVICES	355,819	76,081	17	0.208	0.216	0.208	0.214	0.205	0.009	4.390	0.214	0.208	0.213	0.100	13,097,714
OM0000001517	HSEC BANK OMAN	682,318	59,809	12	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.088	0.002	2.273	0.090	0.090	0.093	0.100	180,028,151
OM00000004735	SEMBOCORP SALALAH	49,890	5,748	3	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.113	0.002	1.770	0.115	0.115	0.116	0.100	109,775,774
OM0000001152	OMAN NATIONAL ENGINE. INVT.	2,850	311	1	0.109	0.109	0.109	0.111	0.111	0.000	0.000	0.109	0.109	0.111	0.100	13,320,000
OM0000001178	MUSCAT GASES	19,972	4,074	3	0.204	0.204	0.204	0.204	0.204	0.000	0.000	0.204	0.204	0.223	0.100	6,120,000
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OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OF OMAN	31	5	1	0.164	0.164	0.164	0.165	0.165	0.000	0.000	0.164	0.162	0.164	0.100	268,281,149
OM0000001681	OMAN AND EMIRATES INV. HOLDING	9,584	422	1	0.044	0.044	0.044	0.044	0.044	0.000	0.000	0.044	0.044	0.044	0.100	5,362,500
OM0000002038	GULF INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS	1,120	113	1	0.101	0.101	0.101	0.102	0.102	0.000	0.000	0.101	0.101	0.102	0.100	2,142,000
OM0000002188	AL ANWAR CERAMIC TILES	422,137	86,525	28	0.205	0.207	0.204	0.205	0.205	0.000	0.000	0.205	0.204	0.205	0.100	60,723,805
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MARKETING	1,945	1,945	4	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.912	0.912	0.000	0.000	1.000	0.972	1.000	0.100	86,640,000
OM0000003000	ALMAHA PETROLEUM PRODUCTS MAR.	119	81	1	0.684	0.684	0.684	0.684	0.684	0.000	0.000	0.684	0.632	0.684	0.100	47,196,000
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OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEERING AND CON.	128,860	5,224	9	0.041	0.041	0.040	0.041	0.041	0.000	0.000	0.040	0.040	0.041	0.100	11,889,206
OM0000004925	AL BATINAH POWER	877	47	1	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.053	0.053	0.000	0.000	0.054	0.053	0.054	0.100	35,769,034
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OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	1,000	56	1	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.055	0.055	0.000	0.000	0.056	0.054	0.056	0.100	80,443,080
OM0000007084	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	2,537	246	1	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.000	0.000	0.097	0.098	0.103	0.100	15,088,389
OM0000007811	MUSANDAM POWER	13,750	4,365	2	0.318	0.318	0.316	0.318	0.320	-0.002	-0.625	0.316	0.316	0.324	0.100	22,384,020
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	102,840	10,204	7	0.100	0.100	0.099	0.099	0.100	-0.001	-1.000	0.099	0.099	0.100	0.100	148,500,000
OM0000004768	AL MADINA TAKAFUL	7,800	585	1	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.076	-0.001	-1.318	0.075	0.075	0.076	0.100	13,125,000
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	8,720	2,951	5	0.444	0.444	0.438	0.440	0.448	-0.008	-1.786	0.438	0.432	0.438	0.100	39,468,000
OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAR	60,000	6,420	1	0.107	0.107	0.107	0.107	0.109	-0.002	-1.835	0.107	0.104	0.108	0.100	320,609,604
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OM0000006920	VISION INSURANCE	10,000	980	1	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.093	-0.005	-5.376	0.088	0.088	0.091	0.100	8,800,000
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	713,023	30,710	9	0.044	0.044	0.043	0.043	0.047	-0.004	-8.511	0.043	0.000	0.048	0.100	15,013,210
Total	57	6,753,744	443,379	204												

MSM index ends lower

Trading value stood at OMR759,781, comprising a decrease of 22.3%

MUSCAT: Muscat Securities Market (MSM) general index (30) lost 0.4 points, comprising a decline by 0.01 per cent to close at 3,586.55 points, compared to the last session, which stood at 3,586.98 points.

Trading value
The trading value stood at

OMR759,781, comprising a decrease of 22.3 per cent, compared to the last session, which stood at OMR977,562.

The report released by MSM pointed out that the market value dropped by 0.060 per cent to reach about OMR20.08 billion.

The report added that the value of shares bought by non-Omani

investors reached OMR144,000, comprising 19.00 per cent. The value of shares sold by non-Omani investors reached OMR291,000, comprising 38.34 per cent.

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Abu Dhabi to host oil and gas industry's exhibition in November



CONFERENCE: The virtual exhibition will host more than 100 exhibiting companies and the live content will give attendees access to world-class industry content. - WAM

ABU DHABI: Abu Dhabi will host the oil and gas industry's largest online exhibition and conference, as the Adipee Virtual Conference brings together over 5,000 government ministers, global energy leaders and professionals to assess the collective measures the sector is putting in place to fast-track recovery, post COVID-19.

Held under the patronage of President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and hosted by the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, Adnoc, the Adipee Virtual Conference will run from November 9 - 12 and will feature more than 135 sessions, with over 700 renowned speakers and 115 technical sessions.

The virtual exhibition will host more than 100 exhibiting companies and the live content will give attendees access to world-class industry content.

The conference will provide a platform for the thought leadership that will frame the future oil and gas landscape.

Commenting on the upcoming event, Omar Suwaina Al Suwaidi, Chairman of Adipee, said, "Despite facing unprecedented challenges in 2020, our industry has shown remarkable flexibility, commitment and a strong resilience in responding to adverse market conditions. As we continue to meet the global demand for energy, I am confident that Adipee will provide many new opportuni-

ties for collaboration and innovation as we respond to new realities throughout global markets."

During the Adipee Virtual Conference, participants will focus on how the energy sector is responding and adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic. Against a backdrop of the complex trends and dynamics that have impacted global markets, they will also provide new perspectives on how the industry can build future resilience and engage with the challenges and opportunities of the energy transition.

Confirmed speakers include Dr Sultan bin Ahmed Al Jaber, Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and Group CEO of Adnoc; Suhail bin Mohammed Al Mazrouei, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure; Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo, Secretary-General of OPEC; Joseph McMonigle, Secretary-General of International Energy Forum; Patrick Pouyanné, Chairman and CEO of Total; Bernard Looney, CEO of BP; Claudio Descalzi, CEO of Eni; Takayuki Ueda, President and CEO of INPEX Corporation; Mario Mehren, CEO of Winterhall DEA; Philippe Boisseau, CEO of Cepsa; Meg Gentle, President and CEO of Tellurian and Hajime Wakuda, President of the Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Adipee awards as industry leaders honour the peo-

ple, projects and ideas that continue to shape the future of the oil and gas industry. This year's event will be held online in a virtual ceremony on Monday, November 9.

Fatema Al Nuaimi, Chairperson of the Adipee Awards and CEO of Adnoc LNG, said, "The winners of all 10 Adipee awards represent the very best of the global oil and gas industry. Today, more than ever, our industry needs new ideas and cutting-edge thinking from individuals, projects and companies like those taking part in these awards. The Adipee Award entries all demonstrate new ways of working, breaking down barriers and driving positive change during these challenging times. I would like to congratulate everyone who submitted, as well as the winners."

Alongside the virtual conference programme, the technical conference organised by the Society of Petroleum Engineers will bring together the energy and non-energy technical leaders, who are at the forefront of the post-pandemic economic recovery.

The expanded Adipee Virtual Downstream Technical Conference, organised by dmeg events, will explore the role of Artificial Intelligence and digitalisation in refining and petrochemicals; decarbonisation; the future workforce; energy security, efficiency and management and the future impact of the downstream on the circular economy. - WAM

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Contact Number: 97880684

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INDIAN, female, MBA, 4 years experience in Office Administration and Customer Service (Banking & Construction field), knowledge of MS packages, currently on family visa, available for immediate joining.

Mob: 95073054 Email: bfaqua88@gmail.com

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25+ years (7 years GCC) Well experience in Accounts/ Administration/HR Available to join immediately with Release and D/L.

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Smart Indian professional, excellent English, Masters-Journalism, Finance, Arabic Speaker, strong writing, research skills, 15+ years diversified Oman experience in Airport Project/ Healthcare/Media/EPC. NOC. **99283938 rajansampath@hotmail.com**

A Graduate Civil Engineer

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Contact mob: 78391432 mohamedpmc2020@gmail.com

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(B.E Civil) with 6 years experience in Construction of Buildings/Infra/ Roads with primavera/MS projects, looking for a suitable situation. NOC and D/L available.

Contact: 93314353

SITUATION WANTED

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Contact: Shakir - 79909955 Email: shak.star142@gmail.com

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20 years experienced Civil Engineer (10 years-Oman, 8 years-UAE) currently working as Senior Construction Manager in top reputed organization in Oman. Seeking opportunities in a reputed company.

Email: johnv199497@gmail.com +971543086708 / +96894017400

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Cima qualified with 19 years experience in finance & accounting at reputed trading organization in Muscat. Local NOC available. **Contact 95861722**

Finance Manager African male MBA, ACCA, 20 years' experience in FMCG, Contracting operation and maintenance, Construction , Retail, Business Advisory . 5 years in Oman, Available 16 January onwards, Phone 90213906, +263 7874 18345 **Email ronmarzh@yahoo.co.uk**

32 yrs old Filipina, 6+ yrs of experience as cashier & Waitress, looking for suitable opportunity with NOC available. **Contact 96200957. email rsabuguin6@gmail.com**

Indian Male Accountant, B.Com, 18 years experience in Oman looking for Accountant job. NOC available. Please contact 92649449 **Email: manojandaloor@gmail.com**

12 years experienced Audit professional 8 years in Oman looking for a placement in any related field ready to join immediately. # 96740556 **divyaroop.prakash@gmail.com**

Indian female, M.com (Finance) & MBA (HR), 6 years experience seeking an opening in Muscat. Contact : 95340104 **Email sunilasunil30@gmail.com**

Finance Manager, ACCA, with 12 years' experience in Construction and service industry and permanent residency of Oman looking for job. **Contact: 99266911**

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Accountant Indian male, B.Com 13 Years experience in Oman with NOC and D/L, seeks suitable place **Contact 94541429 Email: anilkumarsalina26@gmail.com**

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Accountant Indian Male, B.Com 12 years experience in Oman with D/L and NOC seeks suitable placement **Contact 95689281**

Indian Male Accountant, 15 years experience, 12 years in Oman looking for a job as Accountant with NOC. **Contact 91214849**

Accountant Indian Male, Mcom 13 years experience in accounts with D/L and NOC seeks suitable placement. **Contact 99757409**

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Indian male with 21 years' experience in Oman seeks job for Admin / HR. **Contact 95425764**

Indian female 29. 2 years work experience in muscat. Telemarketing/secretarial/office work. On family visa. Muscat area. 93605361.

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4 years experience in driving (driver) looking job. **Contact 79164528**

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Looking for driving job. Experience 10 yrs. **Contact 79991690**

DESIGNER/AUTOCAD D/MAN

Indian Male, Civil Draughtsman. 11yrs of experience. 6yrs of Oman experience. **Contact 968 91226236. Email everdreamdesigns@outlook.com**

AutoCAD Draftsman Diploma/ITI, 20Yrs. Exp. in Architectural/Structural (12Yrs in oman) Available Muscat with D/L. Can joined immediately for Full/Part time. **Contact: 99718163**

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ACCOUNTANT / PURCHASE OFFICER

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Contact no: 99102809, thalapulath@gmail.com

FINANCE

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Contact 94953826 / 92824146

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Indian Male (MBA, Age-36 years), Procurement Specialist, having over 10 years of experience in Oman, is seeking for a suitable placement. NOC and valid Oman Driving license available. **Contact 96135707**

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16 yrs Oman experience in procurement, logistics & customs with valid Oman DL & NOC seeking suitable position. **Contact 95174968**

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OMANI WOMEN'S DAY



Hakkasan Group continues expansion with two new restaurants in Muscat

MUSCAT: On the heels of a monumental new venue announcement with Casa Calavera arriving in Las Vegas, global hospitality company Hakkasan Group announced further plans to continue its worldwide expansion—this time in continued partnership with Alfardan Group, a premier hospitality and development firm with influence in top destinations across the Middle East. With a long history of producing cutting-edge, one-of-a-kind concepts that have remained wildly successful and timeless over the years, both groups will work together to introduce two new, luxury high-end restaurants in Muscat, including the 11th location of Hakkasan and a new Japanese restaurant concept being unveiled to the world in Oman called Kamasaka. Hakkasan is a world-famous, award-winning restaurant with its two London locations each holding a Michelin-star. Elegant yet playful, Hakkasan is an internationally renowned brand that creates a multi-sensory experience that intrigues the taste buds and keeps guests always wanting more. The menu is a modern interpretation of authentic Cantonese cuisine, using the finest ingredients and expert traditional techniques to create timeless yet innovative signature dishes. Established in 2001 in London, Hakkasan now has 10 restaurants around the world located in the United States, Middle East, India, Asia and Europe. Hakkasan will officially open its 11th location at The St. Regis Al Mouj Muscat in 2022. Kamasaka will also open at The St. Regis Al Mouj Muscat in 2022, serving as the latest addition to Hakkasan Group's ultra-luxe, Asian-inspired restaurant collection and the company's first new brand to open since 2018. Coalescing the rich and varied history of ancient Japan, Kamasaka will present highly ceremonial cuisine in a modern, party-centric setting. This modern chef-driven concept will utilise the freshest possible ingredients to create contemporary Japanese cuisine, and seek to create an atmosphere where daytime dining, evening revelry, and late-night mystery blend freely together. “Between the arrival of our flagship restaurant, Hakkasan, and the grand opening of our newest culinary masterpiece, Kamasaka, the possibilities to treat yourself at the exquisite St. Regis hotel are endless,” said Angela Lester, Executive Vice President of Business Development for Hakkasan Group. “Since 2013, we have worked alongside our talented partners at Alfardan Group to dazzle and delight our guests and can't wait to unveil these new restaurants. Whether you prefer the luxurious, world-class experience that is Hakkasan or a breathtaking new adventure at Kamasaka, you will not be disappointed.” “As a business enterprise built around traditional family values, strong relationships are at the core of our group. We are happy to have partners like Hakkasan, combining both our talents in the luxury sector with our expertise in the Middle East,” said Omar Hussain Alfardan, President and CEO of Alfardan Group. “Providing unforgettable luxury experiences is at the core of our business, such as it is for Hakkasan. Our continued partnership celebrates the shared commitment to service excellence and offers the best possible moments to our customers.”

NBO celebrates remarkable achievements of Omani women

MUSCAT: Celebrating the remarkable achievements Omani women have made both in and out of the bank, National Bank of Oman (NBO) marked Omani Women's Day with a series of exciting events. The highlight was the skill-building course was conducted for ten girls in Jabal Al Akhdar, part of the bank's Outward Bound Oman partnership and led by programme mentor Intisar Al Bartmani, Section Head - Corporate Credit Administration. In addition, the bank supported the Ministry of Health with a special live event recognising the staff who demonstrated the role of women in the health sector industry and their contribution to the advancement of the nation as a whole. Amal Suhail Bahwan, Chairperson of NBO said, “At NBO, we are delighted to celebrate the incredible contribution that women have made to building this country, many of them we are proud to work with. The bank is always proud to embrace the spirit of the occasion while continuing to shine a light on the progress women have made in the industry and the country. Year on year, we continue to break boundaries and show the world the tremendous potential of women who are equipped to succeed.” A long-term proponent for women's empowerment and equal opportunities, NBO is responsible for several firsts for the Sultanate's banking community, including the first Omani female as Chief Risk Officer and the first female heading an Islamic bank or window. Nurturing a flourishing equal opportunities culture, the bank's female staff currently stand at 41 per cent, including several in senior management roles. Latifa Al Gharbi, a Senior Manager in our Central Operations Department said, “We consider ourselves lucky to be among so many examples of positive female leadership. We have been blessed by not only a supportive work environment but with leaders who have recognised the significant potential of women in promoting our society while granting us equal rights to do so. Only by acting as one team and by ensuring that all feel empowered can we develop as a bank and as a nation.” Athari Al Balushi, Branch Manager in the Ibri branch added, “The bank is not only committed to nurturing a culture and work environment that supports women, but we actively strive to support our female customers to be financially empowered. On this day, and all days, we pledge our support to our sisters, who are the essence of Omani society.” NBO encourages the enrichment of its female employees with unique initiatives that seek to enhance their skill-sets and raise awareness about the important role of women working across the financial spectrum globally. As part of this commitment, it has run various programmes and training sessions to develop females both in and out of the bank, highlighted by the Women@NBO programme, which was launched in 2016.



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ROUND-UP

#50GoldenYears

Sultanate celebrates 50 years of progress

Attractive offers on popular Nissan models

Nissan Oman is offering free fuel card, periodic maintenance service, cash gift, free registration and free insurance



MUSCAT: Nissan Oman, from the house of Suhail Bahwan Automobiles (SBA), has launched a special 'restart your journey with Nissan' promotion which provides customers with the chance to purchase popular Nissan models at affordable rates with exclusive benefits.

The special promotion will run till October 31, 2020.

As part of the special offer, Nissan Oman is offering free fuel card, periodic maintenance service, cash gift, free registration and free insurance. The offer has been designed in a way to enable buyers to purchase Nissan cars at attractive EMI rates. The offer varies across models and variants.

Customers of Nissan Kicks, X-Trail and Altima are entitled to a

fuel card of OMR 300 for the model year 2020 and OMR 500 for the model year 2019. Nissan Maxima, Pathfinder, Patrol Falcon, Patrol Safari and Patrol customers are entitled to a free fuel card of OMR 1000 for the model year 2019. Customers of Nissan Navara are entitled to a fuel card of OMR 500 for the model year 2018 and 2019. Nissan Micra customers will get a fuel card of OMR 500 for the model year 2020.

Customers can enjoy free periodic maintenance service package for 3 years/ 60,000km on Nissan Micra, Sunny, Sentra, Maxima, Kicks, X-Trail, Pathfinder, Altima, Patrol Falcon, Patrol Safari, Patrol Navara, Patrol Pickup, Patrol and Urvan. This offer is valid for 10,000km service intervals.

Under the special promotion, customers can avail assured cash gift ranging from OMR1200 to 1500 on Nissan Sunny; from OMR

1600 to 1800 for Nissan Sentra; from OMR 2200 to OMR 2600 on Nissan Altima; from OMR 1700 to 2000 on Nissan Kicks; from OMR 4000 to 4500 on Nissan Pathfinder; OMR 2200 to 2700 on Nissan Navara, OMR 3100 on Nissan X-Trial, OMR 1200 on Nissan Micra, OMR 2500 on Nissan Maxima, OMR 4000 on Nissan Patrol, OMR 3000 on Nissan Patrol Falcon, Nissan Patrol Safari and Nissan Pickup and OMR 2700 on Nissan Urvan.

Nissan customers can enjoy free insurance in Oman for the first year for private registration on models Nissan Micra, Sunny, Sentra, Maxima, Kicks, X-Trail, Pathfinder, Altima, Patrol Falcon, Patrol Safari, Patrol Navara, Patrol Pickup, Patrol except for Urvan and Civilian.

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ima, Kicks, X-Trail, Pathfinder, Altima, Patrol Falcon, Patrol Safari, Patrol Navara, Patrol Pickup, Patrol except for Urvan and Civilian for the first year.

Customers of Nissan Altima can avail low EMI rate of OMR 160. EMI for Nissan Micra is OMR 80; for Nissan Sunny is OMR 101, for Nissan Sentra is OMR 106, for Nissan Maxima is OMR 193, for Nissan Kicks is OMR 115, for Nissan X-Trail is OMR 179, for Nissan Pathfinder is OMR 218, for Nissan Patrol Falcon is OMR 291, for Nissan Patrol Safari is OMR 302, for Nissan Patrol is OMR 359, Nissan Patrol Pickup is OMR 210, for Nissan Navara is OMR 151, for Nissan Urvan is OMR 142 and for Nissan Civilian is OMR 239 (terms and conditions apply). EMIs will be calculated based on 3.2 per cent rate of interest, 20 per cent down payment, six years loan tenure. Subject to credit approvals.

SANDAN INDUSTRIAL CITY



Bank Muscat opens state-of-the-art branch at Madinat Sandan

Muscat: In line with Bank Muscat's vision "To serve you better, everyday", the bank has announced the opening of its new branch in the Sandan Industrial City in Halban.

The new branch, which features state-of-the-art facilities and the 'best in class' security practices, will further strengthen the largest bank network in the Sultanate. The expanding branch network, especially in areas where developmental activities are gaining momentum, highlights Bank Muscat's focus to remain the nation's bank of the first choice.

Madinat Sandan is the first integrated city for light industries in the Sultanate and its strategic location will help the industrial city cater to businesses in Muscat and Batinah. With world-class facilities, Sandan has many businesses from automotive, and construction sectors along with warehouses and offices operating on its premises. The new Bank Muscat branch will offer a range of retail banking services including Current and Savings Accounts, Sayyarati Auto Finance and Baituna Home Finance in addition to cash deposit and withdrawal services as well as other retail banking facilities.

On this occasion, Saleh Mohammed Al Maaini, Assistant General Manager - Muscat, Bank Muscat, said: "We are pleased to open our new branch in Sandan Industrial City to reach out to a large segment of the bank's customers given that Madinat Sandan is one of the promising and upcoming commercial cities with a great future. It is expected to attract a large number of projects and commercial businesses,

which will mean rising numbers of visitors, thereby increasing the need for banking and financial services in the area."

Saleh Al Maaini added that the bank is committed to providing banking services and facilities across all governorates of the Sultanate to reach out to the maximum number of customers. Today, Bank Muscat has a network of 146 retail banking branches spread across all governorates of the Sultanate and is the largest bank in Oman. Bank Muscat has distinguished itself by providing the largest ATM-CDM network with over 480 ATMs and 193 CDMs in Oman. In addition, Bank Muscat customers can use Meethaq ATMs and CDMs, and thus has ready access to about 784 devices across the country.

Also, Bank Muscat's online and mobile banking services provide customers with a fast, comfortable and secure banking experience, 24/7, from the comfort of their homes and offices.

Today, retail banking customers extensively use the various features available in the upgraded omnichannel Internet and Mobile banking such as bill payments, mobile top-ups, payments within Bank Muscat and Oman and international transfers.

They can make Speed Transfers to India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka Philippines and Bangladesh with instant credit to the beneficiary account in addition to remittances to multiple countries through the SWIFT network.

With the widest reach in serving customers and the largest banking network of in the Sultanate, Bank Muscat is committed to meeting customer expectations at all levels.

COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE CHECK

Mercedes-Benz launches Express Service Plus

MUSCAT: Making sure every driver keeps their vehicle in the best possible shape, Mercedes-Benz Oman has launched its new Express Service Plus, available until December 17.

Offered at its Service Centres in Muscat, Sohar and Salalah and starting at just OMR 76, customers can avail a quick and comprehensive maintenance check and be back out on the road faster than ever. Provided by Mercedes-Benz certified technicians with deep knowledge of the vehicle's systems, it is designed to help make life less complicated with service that's both professional and efficient.

Scott Shears, General Manager of Passenger Cars, said, "At Mercedes-Benz Oman, we know how valuable



our customers' time is. To better help them fit the maintenance they depend on into their busy schedule, our ExpressService Plus provides dedicated vehicle care designed to get them in, out, and on their way fast. Covering all the basics, the

comprehensive inspection allows owners to take note of any pending issues with their vehicle early on, potentially allowing them to fix minor issues before they become major problems. Its all part of our dedication to offering our

customers 'the best or nothing'."

From just OMR 76, the Express Service Plus package offers a wide range of maintenance procedures including engine oil change, oil filter change, AC dust filter change, air filter change, diagnostic computer check, nitrogen tire fill, and vehicle wash and vacuum. Valid for all models registered between January 1, 2005, and January 1, 2016, excluding Mercedes-AMG models, the service provides the premium-level care and undivided attention every car deserves. As a market leader in the executive and luxury car segment in Oman, it's part of Mercedes-Benz Oman's dedication to providing the highest level of care and quality from the moment of purchase and throughout the car's lifecycle.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Sohar Aluminium signs MoU to support technological education

MUSCAT: Sohar Aluminum and the Directorate General of Education in Al Buraimi Governorate signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to support technological education in the governorate's schools.

The MoU was signed during a ceremony that was held under the patronage of Sayyid Dr Hamad bin Ahmed bin Saud Al Busaidi, the Governor of Al Buraimi in the presence of Sheikh Saleh bin Dhiab Al-Rubaie, the Wali of Al-Buraimi, and Ahmed bin Faris Al-Azzani, Member of the Shura Council, Representative of the Wilayat of Al-Buraimi as well as representatives of Sohar Aluminium and Al-Buraimi Directorate General of Education.

As per the agreement, Sohar Aluminium will fund the purchase of smart educational electronic equipment and devices for the governorate's schools. This collaboration aims to enhance and enrich the educational environment, contribute to building the technological capabilities of the teaching staff and students, upgrade their competencies and skills in this aspect, as well as encourage and stimulate the use of new educational technologies in schools.

The agreement was signed by Ahmed bin Mohammad bin Nasser Al-Kharusi, General Manager of Human Resources and Corporate Affairs at Sohar Aluminium, and Dr Fathia bint Khalfan Al-Saddiah, Director General of Education in Al Buraimi Governorate.

Commenting on the signing ceremony, Ahmed Al Kharusi, said, "This agreement comes as we seek to implement the directives of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik to dedicate this year as the year of blended learning. Sohar Alumin-



ium is proud of its contribution to translating the Vision and development plans in the Sultanate into reality. We hope that this step will have a clear and direct impact and contribute to achieving the objectives of the education sector, which is one of the most important aspects and enablers of Oman 2040 Vision."

Dr Fathia Al-Saddiah, expressed the importance of this agreement for the educational sector in the governorate through the implementation of technical education projects that keep pace with the rapid development witnessed by the world. She stated that this will be a new addition to the governorate's schools and will meet their needs in a way that contributes to the benefit of the teacher as the main factor in the educational process, as well as the learner (the focus of the educational process). Both can directly benefit from

these technologies which will have a positive impact in raising the level of achievement, as well as developing their skills through the usage of technology in the school environment. They will also enhance the technical capabilities and skills of the teacher and provide a source of attraction and excitement for the learning process. Dr Fathia expressed thanks and appreciation to Sohar Aluminium for its support and funding of these digital educational projects.

The agreement is expected to cover all schools in the Governorate namely in the wilayats of Al Buraimi, Mahdha and Al-Sinainah (30 schools). It includes the purchase of interactive boards and tables, 3D printers, smart screens, overhead projectors, Learning disability tools and Robot bags. It is hoped that these devices will benefit more than 14,500 students in Al Buraimi governorate.

CHAIRMAN'S FORUM

Sohar International's 'Viewpoints' witnesses wide live audience

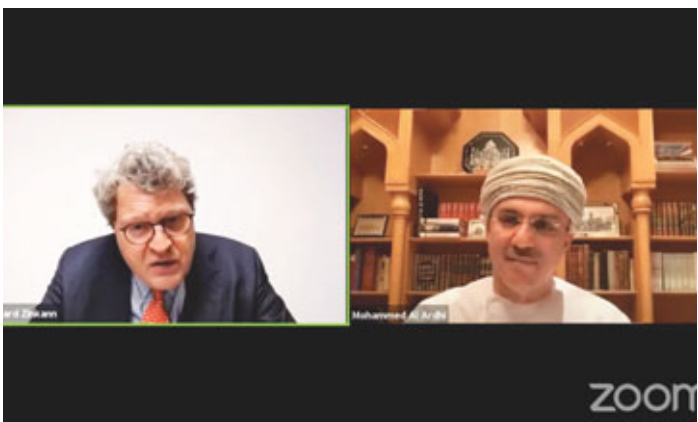
MUSCAT: Continuing its efforts to make a significant local impact on topics of national interest, Sohar International hosted the eighth edition of its Chairman's Forum - 'Viewpoints', in a successful virtual session recently.

The session was an engaging dialogue and stayed true to its objective of bringing in global insights, and useful perspective by distinguished speakers from across the world.

Hosted by Mohammed Mahfoudh Al Ardhi, Chairman of Sohar International, the virtual session featured Dr Reinhard Christian Zinkann, as a fourth-generation Executive Director and Co-proprietor at the 121-years old Miele Group, who delivered first-hand experiences and learnings on building a resilient family business, with several industry leaders, senior working professionals including business chiefs and entrepreneurs, in attendance via Zoom and Sohar International's YouTube channel.

Al Ardhi said, "Sohar International is proud to have pioneered change and bring in a truly world-class experience to its stakeholders and audiences alike, with the Viewpoints forum.

"Continuing this legacy, we appreciate Dr Zinkann's valued contribution at the recently concluded Viewpoints, wherein he generated important messages that are relevant from the Omani perspective, as well as the nation's economic development, and hence, critical to the Sultanate's continued progress. Such thought leadership platforms are meant to drive purpose and Viewpoints has been rightfully doing so by inspiring transformational change that intends to create



strong socio-economic value."

During his presentation, Dr Zinkann threw light on the sensitivities attached to growing a flourishing family business over the years. He emphasised on the importance of futuristic and process-led planning with respect to succession and defining roles of different family members within the business. Dr Zinkann highlighted that the Human Resources function also plays a momentous role in catalyzing situations arising out of disputes, allocation of work responsibilities, and other job matters which are instrumental in seamlessly carrying out business operations. Additionally, the session touched upon some interesting insights, such as, the role of the women in the family who are not a part of the direct line of succession.

Multi-generational family businesses face a multiplicity of challenges like succession planning, lack of an external view, finding new sources of growth, and beyond. The management and consulting for growth and resilience of family businesses have become a cult profession today, with sev-

eral global consulting firms setting up teams for the same. In Oman presently, several highly successful family businesses are playing a momentous role in the Sultanate's growth. The latest edition of Viewpoints highlighted the challenges and offered a few tangible solutions that can help these businesses prosper and grow through various successions.

Sohar International's coveted property - Viewpoints - continues to observe a growing and remarkable response from its invitees, who are equally committed to the Sultanate's vision for a strong, diversified and increasingly globalized economy. The platform continues to gain ground as a highly informative knowledge-sharing platform and intends to continue bringing word on global best practices and ways to adapt these to drive value for Oman's businesses. In the last few years, Viewpoints has gained audience eyeballs, for hosting the best of international experts as speakers. This, coupled with intriguing conversations, has put Viewpoints as a benchmark in events focused at building leadership equity.

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