

OMAN, US TO BOOST SECURITY TIES

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman and the United States held an official session of talks to discuss ways of enhancing security cooperation. They also reviewed training programmes and joint exercises to be implemented in 2022, with a view to upgrading national capabilities in various fields. The aim is also to sustain security cooperation to help maintain regional stability and security and consolidate the two countries' advanced strategic relations. **-ONA**



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**SHURA COMMITTEE DISCUSSES
DRAFT GENERAL BUDGET**

The Economic and Financial Committee of Majlis Al Shura discussed yesterday its final report of the Draft General Budget of the State 2022 referred to it from the Council of Ministers in preparation for presenting and discussing the final report during the third regular session of the third annual convening (2021-2022), scheduled for next week. **>A5**



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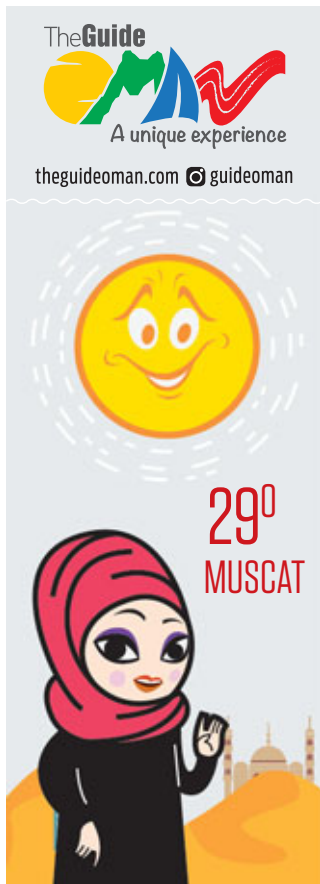
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51ST GLORIOUS NATIONAL DAY

HM to preside over National Day military parade



MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, the Supreme Commander, will preside over the military parade on Thursday, to be staged at the military parade ground of Al Murtafaa Garrison on the occasion of the 51st Glorious National Day. Symbolic units representing the Royal Army of Oman (RAO), the Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO), the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO), the Royal Guard of Oman (RGO), the Sultan's Special Force (SSF), the Royal Oman Police (ROP), the Royal Court Affairs (RCA), the Royal Cavalry, the Royal Guard of Oman Cavalry and the joint military musical band will take part in the parade. **-ONA**

*His Majesty receives
National Day greetings*

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has received greetings from His Highness Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmoud Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for the Council of Ministers and His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al

Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs, on the occasion of the 51st National Day.

In his message, Sayyid Fahd, said: Your Majesty, Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, may the Almighty Allah protect you. **>A5**

HEALTH SECTOR CONTRIBUTED 4% OF GDP IN 2020

The number of healthcare institutions in the Sultanate reached 1,587 in 2020



Times News Service

MUSCAT: Spending on the health sector out of the total government expenditure in the Sultanate of Oman amounted to 7.4 per cent in 2020.

In addition, the contribution of the health sector to the gross domestic product (GDP) at current prices amounted to about OMR954.1 million or 3.9 per cent.

The average monthly expenditure and consumption of an Omani family on healthcare amounted to OMR9 of the total monthly expenditure in 2018-2019.

The number of healthcare institutions in the Sultanate of Oman reached 1,587 in 2020, of which 64 per cent are private clinics.

The percentage of national employment in government and private health institutions increased by about 7 per cent compared to 2016, according to the 'Health Bulletin' issued by the National Centre for Statistics and Information.

As for the average number of visits per person per year to the outpatient clinics of the institutions affiliated with the Ministry of Health, the bulletin showed that it decreased from 3.5 per cent in 2016 to 2.3 per cent in 2020.

North Al Batinah Governorate ranked highest in terms of patients visiting the outpatient clinics of the institutions of the Ministry of Health, reaching 18.7 per cent.

Of the total visits to the governorates in the Sultanate, the visit of expat patients to outpatient clinics at the Ministry of Health accounted for 5.4 per cent of the total visits in 2020. **>A5**



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Ministry of Health takes steps to protect people from influenza

The Ministry stressed the importance of taking all health and preventive measures to avoid contracting the disease

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Health has confirmed that it is continuing its efforts to take the necessary surveillance and prevention measures for seasonal influenza throughout the year, the Oman News Agency (ONA), said.

A statement issued online by the ONA said, "The Ministry of Health, represented by the Directorate General for Disease Surveillance and Control, confirmed that it continues to take the necessary surveillance and prevention measures for seasonal influenza throughout the year, and to pro-

vide specialists and the public with developments."

The Ministry stressed the importance of taking all health and preventive measures to avoid contracting the disease by covering the mouth and nose when coughing with an elbow or tissue, washing hands regularly, avoiding shaking hands and hugging infected persons, ensuring proper ventilation and avoiding crowded places.

The Ministry affirmed the continuation of its recommendation to take the seasonal influenza vaccine for the groups most vulnerable to infection and its complications, which is provided to health care workers, pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy, the elderly, and patients with chronic conditions such as respiratory and heart diseases, kidney and liver disorders, and other disorders, neurological, hematological and metabolic diseases such as diabetes, especially irregular.

The ministry indicated that the vaccine includes immunodeficiency patients such as those with HIV and those who take immunosuppressive drugs, in addition to pilgrims. The ministry also explained that it provides the vaccine in private institutions for all other



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groups, including children.

The Ministry of Health stated that the Sultanate of Oman in the 2019 season from July 2018 to June 2019 recorded 1,284 laboratory cases with 29 deaths recorded, explaining that the flu season may differ from one country to another and from one season to another in the same country. Influenza infection spreads through drops when coughing or sneezing and touching contaminated surfaces.

The Ministry indicated that the most common symptoms of influ-

enza are fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, with body and muscle pain and headache, while the patient's condition may deteriorate, especially in the most vulnerable groups, which may cause their death.

The Ministry of Health clarified that the Sultanate of Oman being one of the semi-tropical countries, usually continues to see seasonal influenza viruses throughout the year, however, its activity begins in September and can continue until May, reaching

its maximum in December.

The Ministry also stated that despite the noticeable decrease in the number of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases recorded during the 2019-2020 season, which is attributed to many of the precautionary measures taken by the countries of the world to address the COVID-19 pandemic, including partial and general closure, suspension of school, work and travel, and the continued wearing of the masks and other preventive measures. Many countries in the world began to record a steady increase in cases of acute respiratory infections in general and laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza with the beginning of the 2020-2021 season, as the number of cases registered in the Sultanate reached 177 cases and two deaths.

The Ministry of Health added that, in conjunction with the noticeable decrease in the rate of infections with COVID-19 disease, some countries have begun to open activities and schools and cancel recommendations for wearing a masks and distancing, which may lead to a rapid transmission of infection between groups of society and pose a serious risk to the groups most vulnerable to compli-

cations and the subsequent burden on the health care systems in its various institutions.

The Ministry of Health confirmed that the influenza vaccine is the best tool available at the present time to prevent influenza and reduce the risk of serious complications, and the effectiveness of the vaccine may vary from year to year, depending on the types of influenza viruses circulating and their conformity with the vaccine, and the effectiveness of the vaccine depends on the age of the person who received the vaccination and his health condition.

The Ministry explained that, on average, the vaccine protects against approximately 60 per cent of infections in healthy adults between the ages of 18 and 64 years, and influenza vaccines become effective about 14 days after vaccination. It is noteworthy that the Sultanate of Oman, represented by the Ministry of Health, has been working hard over the years to achieve high rates in the target groups for immunisation against influenza. The coverage rate for pregnant women increased from 60 per cent in 2016 to 96 per cent in 2020, and for the elderly from 60 per cent in 2013 to 95 per cent in 2020.



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51st National Day

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GESS 2021

eMushrif, Schoolvoice join hands

Times News Service

MUSCAT: eMushrif signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Schoolvoice, the agreement will build stronger connections with the two companies to collaborate on future projects with the purpose to expand in Oman and the UAE.

The MoU was signed by eMushrif's CEO Adnan Al Shuaili and Ali bin Yahya, founder and CEO of Schoolvoice in Dubai at GESS 2021 (The leading education conference & exhibition in the Middle East region.)

GESS is an exhibition that allows educators to explore solutions that meet the requirements of modern classrooms. eMushrif is an Oman-based AI and IoT company with a growing pres-



ence in the MENA region. The company has product-lines that cover transport, corporate and health verticals.

eMushrif's vision is to create products that are simple, safe and smart. Schoolvoice is a platform

designed for schools looking to optimise, overview and organise communication within the school community, as well as amplify engagement. Schoolvoice's mission is to spread education development globally.

Royal Oman Police

NOTICE

On the occasion of the 51st National Day celebrations, Royal Oman Police – Directorate of Public Relations - announces that no vehicles shall be allowed to park on both sides of the Highway Road, beginning from Bait Al Baraka Roundabout to the Military Parade Field at Al Murtafa Camp, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Thursday 18/11/2021.

Royal Oman Police calls upon drivers to abide by the above instructions and to cooperate with policemen for the public good.



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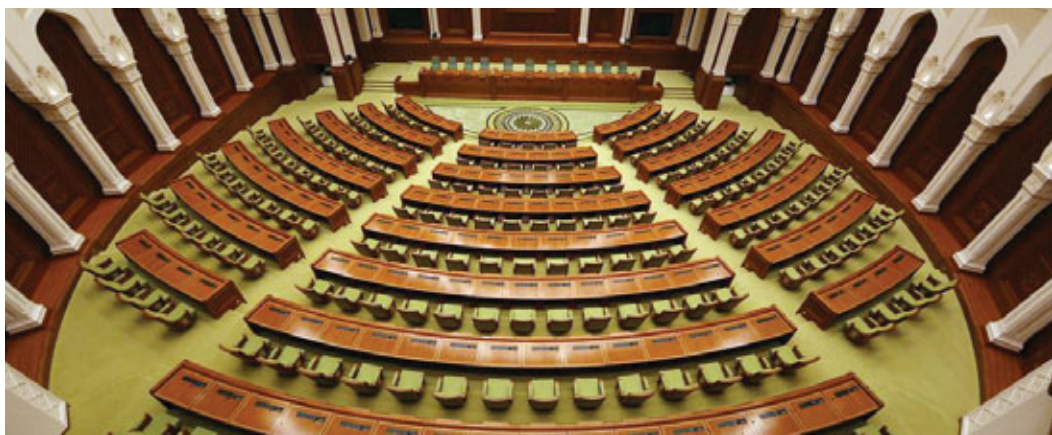


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ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COMMITTEE



Shura committee discusses 2022 draft general budget

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Economic and Financial Committee of Majlis Al Shura discussed on Tuesday its final report on the Draft General Budget of the State 2022 referred to it from the Council of Ministers in preparation for presenting and discussing the final report during the third regular session of the third annual convening 2021-

2022, scheduled for next week.

Second regular meeting

The discussion was held during the second regular meeting of the third annual convening 2021-2022 of the ninth term 2019-2023, chaired by Ahmed bin Said Al Sharqi, Chairman of the Committee in the presence of the Committee members. The meeting discussed the

recommendations of the Committee incorporated in the report, mainly the mechanisms of financing the deficit and the government plans on diversification of sources of the national income and increasing the contribution of the industrial, tourism sectors and logistics industries in the national income. It also discussed the Securities Draft Law among other issues.

NATIONAL DAY ANNIVERSARY

<FROM A1> Oman Vision 2040 focuses on sustainable development

Upon the happy advent of the 51st National Day Anniversary, in pursuance of the developmental achievements covering all parts of our dear homeland, the Council of Ministers is honoured to greet Your Majesty on this auspicious occasion, praying to the Almighty Allah to endow Your Majesty with divine assistance to achieve further progress and prosperity for Oman.

Your Majesty, The Sultanate of Oman takes pride in the comprehensive renaissance it accomplished over the past five decades. It has become a modern state established on solid foundations. The country's leadership strives to provide decent life for citizens in a society governed by principles of equality in rights and duties.

In its resolve to safeguard these accomplishments and to explore future prospects of progress, the government presses ahead with Oman Vision 2040, which envisages the best rates of growth and the realisation of the comprehensive, sustainable development march.

The success made by Oman is not limited to the local arena, but it extends to regional and international fronts. Oman earned the respect and appreciation of all, thanks to its balanced policy focusing on the promotion of dialogue and good neighborliness and the consolidation of understanding and harmony, so that security and peace prevail all over the world.

The Council of Ministers will continue to exert efforts to carry forward the banner of development and modernisation in all

walks of life. Oman will remain an oasis of bounty, progress and prosperity.

We, at the Council of Ministers, pray to the Almighty Allah that this glorious occasion returns over and again and finds Your Majesty in full health and happiness.

In his greetings, Sayyid Shihab, said: "Your Majesty, Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, the Supreme Commander, may the Almighty Allah protect you.

On the occasion of the 18th of November, the glorious national anniversary, I am honoured, and so are your valiant Armed Forces and personnel of the Ministry of Defence, to express our sincerest greetings, coupled with heartfelt prayers that the Almighty Allah guard Your Majesty under His divine care, endow Your Majesty with good health, happiness and a long life and bestow the bounties of prosperity, peace and stability on our dear homeland, Oman.

Your Majesty, As the 18th of November dawns on Oman, this land of splendor and glory receives the fragrant breeze of its 51st National Day, which celebrates its comprehensive development under the auspicious Renewed Renaissance led by Your Majesty.

Inspired by Your Majesty's farsighted thought, the march of bounty presses ahead with firm resolve towards the attainment of its noble goals of making progress in all spheres and contemplating a more brilliant future based on pillars of Oman Vision 2040.

Your Majesty, the Supreme Commander Your Majesty's triumphant

HEALTH INDICATORS

<FROM A1> Immunisation for children

With regard to health indicators and healthy behaviour, the bulletin shows that the coverage rate of immunisations for children in 2020 amounted to 100 per cent, while the maternal mortality rate increased from 13.4 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2016 to 29.4 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2020.

Buraimi Governorate

Al Buraimi Governorate had the highest percentage of caesarean operations out of the total births in the governorate, as it constituted 26.8 per cent in 2020.

The bulletin states that the number of inpatients with tumours in the Sultanate of Oman has reached 4,341, and the number of new cases of eye diseases registered at health institutions affiliated with the Ministry of Health is about 137.10.

The bulletin also indicates that the North Al Batinah Governorate has the highest incidence of ear diseases with 17.5 per cent of the total cases, while the Al Wusta Governorate has the lowest at 1.7 per cent.

OMAN RESEARCH REPOSITORY

Pact signed to provide research content to Oman Medical Journal

MUSCAT: Oman Medical Specialty Board (OMSB) and the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation on Tuesday signed a programme of cooperation to provide Oman Research Repository with content ranging from published research papers in the Oman Medical Journal (OMJ), diverse books and reports, as well as audio-video materials.

The agreement was signed by Dr. Hilal Ali Al Sabti, CEO of OMSB and Dr. Saif Abdullah Al Haddabi, the ministry's Undersecretary for Research and Innovation.

Oman Research Repository codenamed 'Shuaa' is a nation-



al project based on cooperation and the common interest of institutions.

The repository aims to be a leading contributor to scientific

research and education locally and internationally by making Omani scientific resources available for researchers all over the world. — ONA



OMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

TENDER

Oman chamber of commerce and industry would like to re -announce the following public tenders:

Tender No.	Tender Name	Tender Fees (irrevocable)	Specialized companies	Deadline for Obtaining Documents	Deadline for Tender submission
6/2021	Providing cleaning and Gardening Services and pest control for OCCI Headquarter in Ruwi- for year 2020&2022	25 /-R.O	Specialized companies for cleaning and Gardening Services and pest control	21November 2021	Before 12 pm 30 November
7/2021	Supply Janitors (Kitchen boys) and hospitality service for OCCI Headquarter in Ruwi- for year 2020&2022	25 /-R.O	Companies specialized for supplying kitchen boys & providing hospitality service	21 November 2021	Before 12 pm 30 November

Companies specialized on above activities 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 against the payment of tender fees.

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Offers should be deposited in the tender box kept at the Administration Department in the Second floor of OCCI Head office.

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FLOODING

Thousands evacuated amid torrential rain in Canada

ONTARIO: Torrential down-pours triggered flooding and mud-slides in Canada's westernmost province of British Columbia on Monday, trapping motorists on a highway overnight and forcing the evacuation of thousands of people from a town.

Canadian officials said up to 250 millimetres (almost 10 inches) of rain were expected by the end of the day in and around Vancouver. That is the amount of precipitation the region normally receives in an entire month.

Nearly 300 people were rescued by helicopter from Highway 7 near the town of Agassiz after 80 to 100 cars were trapped between two mudslides. Some 70 children were among those affected, according to a joint statement by the City of Vancouver and Canada Task Force 1. Many of the motorists were without food or water, authorities said.

Emergency health services said nine people were transported to the hospital with minor injuries from the Agassiz landslide.

The deluges also forced the town of Merritt, some 300 kilometres (185 miles) from the coast, to issue

an evacuation order for its 7,000 residents after flooding affected the local wastewater treatment plant and washed out two bridges. People in the town were warned not to use water from faucets or flush their toilets.

Another 100 homes in the town of Abbotsford, near Vancouver, were threatened by flooding and landslides. **bw**

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MOUNTING TENSIONS

Biden, Xi meet virtually as US-China divide widens

WASHINGTON: United States President Joe Biden and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping held virtual talks on Monday amid mounting tensions between Washington and Beijing.

Taiwan was high on the agenda, with Xi warning that the island's leaders are trying to "rely on the US for independence."

"Some people in the US intend to 'use Taiwan to control China,'" Xi was quoted as saying by state media agency Xinhua.

"This trend is very dangerous and is like playing with fire, and those who play with fire will get burned."

US wants 'stability' for Taiwan

Biden said the US remained committed to the "One China" policy, which recognizes Beijing but allows informal relations and defense ties with Taipei.

"On Taiwan, President Biden underscored that the United States [...] strongly opposes unilateral efforts to change the status quo or undermine peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait," the White House statement said.

In the face of what Washington has described as Chinese aggression, the US has repeatedly signaled its support for Taiwan. But Washington is careful not to

show it recognises Taiwan, even though an act of Congress passed in 1979 requires the US to provide weapons to the island for self-defence.

Beijing views the self-governing island as a Chinese province and has vowed to bring it under its control, by force if necessary.

Chinese media also reported Xi saying it will take "decisive measures" if forces pushing for Taiwan's independence cross a "red line."

China has dispatched an increasing number of fighter jets near Taiwan, contributing to tensions and fears of a miscalculation that could trigger an unintended military conflict.

"The Taiwan issue concerns China's sovereignty and territorial integrity, as well as China's core interest," Chinese Foreign

Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said Monday.

"It is the most important and sensitive issue in China-US relations."

The two leaders also spoke about issues ranging from Tibet, Hong Kong and Xinjiang, said a statement from the White House. "President Biden raised concerns about the PRC's practices in Xinjiang, Tibet, and Hong Kong, as well as human rights more broadly," according to US officials.

During his meeting with the Chinese President, Biden also underscored the importance of managing strategic risks. "He noted the need for common-sense guardrails to ensure that competition does not veer into conflict and to keep lines of communication open." **-bw**

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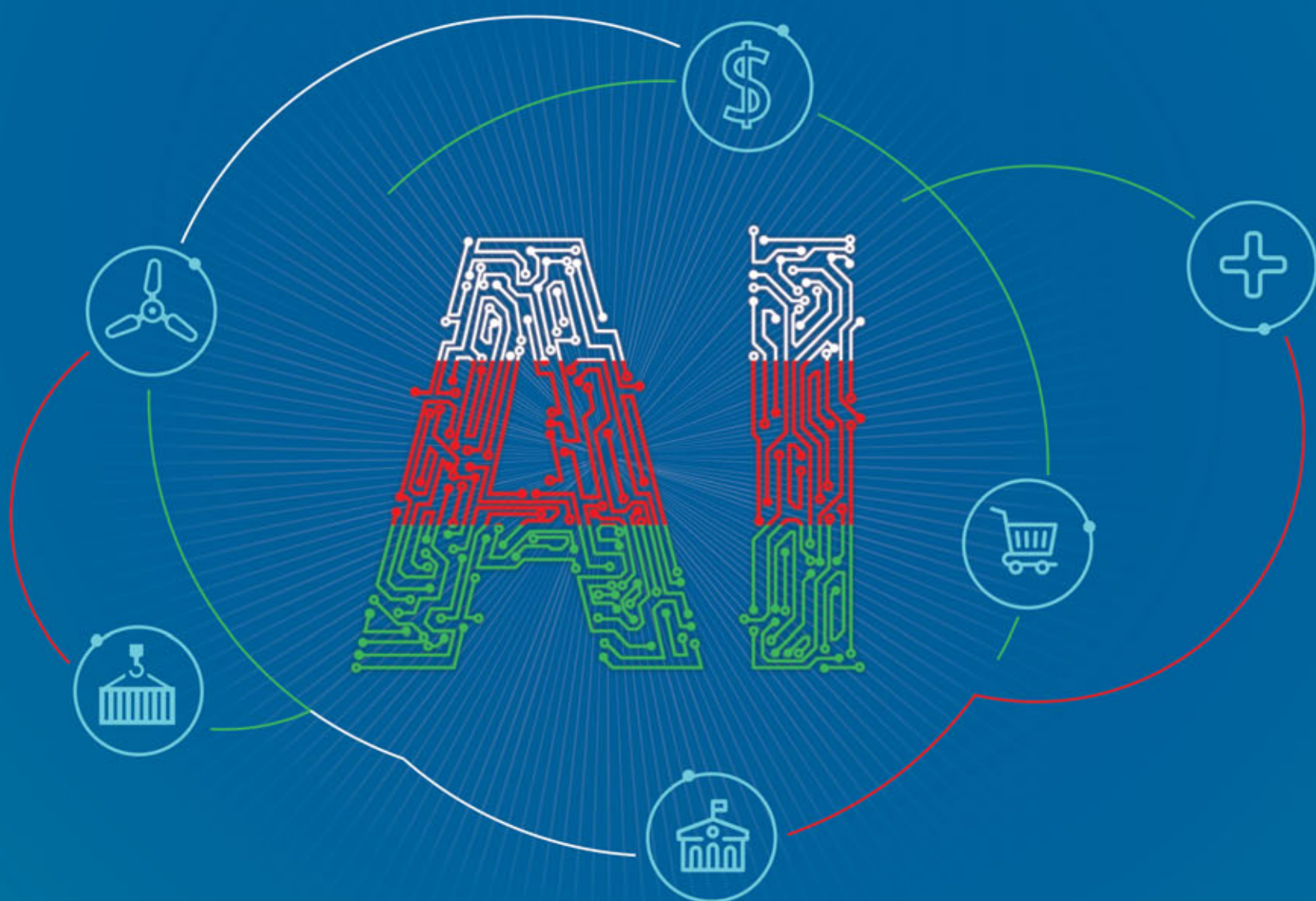
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OMAN CRUDE PRICE RISES

The price of Oman oil has increased, with prices for delivery by January 2022 reaching \$82.16, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil rose by \$1.17 from the price of Monday, which was \$80.99. - **ONA**

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MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

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A total number of 313 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR1.41 million, with more than 7.86 million shares changing hands. Out of 46 traded securities, 8 advanced, 12 declined and 26 remained unchanged. At the session close, Domestic investors were net sell-

ers for OMR45,000 while GCC & Arab investors were net buyers for OMR24,000 followed by foreign investors for OMR21,000 worth of shares. Financial Index closed at 6,379.51 points, up 0.06 per cent. Bank Sohar, Vision Insurance, Sohar International Bank, and Bank Muscat were up by 1.54 per cent, 1.23 per cent, 0.95 per cent, and 0.41 per cent respectively. Oman & Emirates Investment Holding, United Finance, Taageer Finance, Ominvest, and Ahli bank were down 2.86 per cent, 1.79 per cent, 1.37 per cent, 1.29 per cent, and 0.91 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,122.70 points, up 0.08 per cent. Services Index was down by 0.40 per cent before closing at 1,628.06 points. — **United Securities**

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INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	4,039.02	4,022.65	4,032.67	4,030.57	2.10	0.05
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,388.39	6,363.70	6,379.51	6,375.79	3.71	0.06
Industry Index	6,126.89	6,109.03	6,122.70	6,117.56	5.14	0.08
Services Index	1,635.60	1,626.00	1,628.06	1,634.61	-6.54	-0.40
MSX Shariah Index	546.69	545.15	546.64	546.69	-0.05	-0.01
MSX TR INDEX	4,866.98	4,837.31	4,849.35	4,846.82	2.52	0.05

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
7,861,317	1,413,326	313	22,022,646,152	8	12	26	46

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	P/B VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000000505	ALMAHA CERAMICS	78,200	39,882	12	0.510	0.510	0.510	0.510	0.500	0.010	2.000	0.510	0.490	0.520	0.100	28,050,000
OM0000001525	OMAN INVST&FIN	1,245,514	173,904	38	0.139	0.140	0.138	0.140	0.138	0.002	1.449	0.138	0.137	0.140	0.100	33,193,000
OM0000006920	VISION INSURANCE	95,000	7,795	6	0.082	0.083	0.082	0.082	0.081	0.001	1.235	0.083	0.082	0.084	0.100	8,200,000
OM0000003398	SOHAR INT. BANK	17,003,318	180,239	21	0.106	0.107	0.106	0.106	0.105	0.001	0.952	0.106	0.106	0.107	0.100	316,946,603
OM0000002188	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	92,500	36,884	10	0.398	0.402	0.398	0.400	0.398	0.002	0.503	0.400	0.398	0.402	0.100	88,000,000
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	20,500	4,877	4	0.238	0.238	0.237	0.238	0.237	0.001	0.422	0.238	0.238	0.239	0.100	79,747,705
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	560,382	275,529	20	0.484	0.484	0.480	0.482	0.480	0.002	0.408	0.480	0.488	0.496	0.100	1,758,641,598
OM0000001180	NATIONAL GAS	1,000	130	1	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.133	0.133	0.000	0.000	0.130	0.131	0.140	0.100	11,305,000
OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	300	238	1	0.792	0.792	0.792	0.792	0.792	0.000	0.000	0.792	0.000	0.785	0.100	124,740,000
OM0000001418	RAYSUT CEMENT	15,000	3,601	2	0.242	0.242	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.000	0.000	0.240	0.236	0.240	0.100	48,000,000
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	840	49	2	0.058	0.058	0.058	0.059	0.059	0.000	0.000	0.058	0.055	0.058	0.100	18,121,633
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	36,350	3,517	6	0.097	0.097	0.096	0.097	0.097	0.000	0.000	0.096	0.095	0.097	0.100	19,400,000
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	2,000	740	1	0.370	0.370	0.370	0.372	0.372	0.000	0.000	0.370	0.366	0.382	0.100	46,462,041
OM0000002440	AL SHARJIA INV.	20,000	1,760	1	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.000	0.000	0.088	0.087	0.088	0.100	7,520,000
OM0000003000	AI MAHA MARKTING	3,587	2,425	4	0.676	0.676	0.676	0.680	0.680	0.000	0.000	0.676	0.660	0.676	0.100	46,520,000
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	102,800	76,072	4	0.740	0.740	0.740	0.740	0.740	0.000	0.000	0.740	0.732	0.752	0.100	555,000,000
OM0000002077	AL OMANITA FIN.	173,050	19,555	9	0.113	0.113	0.113	0.113	0.114	-0.001	-0.877	0.113	0.110	0.120	0.100	32,988,674
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	800,000	87,000	6	0.108	0.110	0.108	0.109	0.110	-0.001	-0.909	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.100	212,512,664
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	539,242	165,424	20	0.310	0.310	0.306	0.306	0.310	-0.004	-1.290	0.310	0.304	0.310	0.100	247,178,333
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SER	132,000	56,760	7	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.438	-0.008	-1.826	0.430	0.420	0.430	0.100	101,656,300
OM0000003968	COBRED	405,300	145,758	16	0.356	0.360	0.356	0.360	0.368	-0.008	-2.174	0.360	0.358	0.360	0.100	234,339,923
Total		21	6,023,883	1,282,237	191											

Parallel Market

OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAR	42,690	5,635	3	0.132	0.132	0.132	0.132	0.130	0.002	1.538	0.132	0.132	0.135	0.100	395,518,390
OM0000001178	MUSCAT GASES	15,000	2,490	2	0.166	0.166	0.166	0.166	0.166	0.000	0.000	0.166	0.162	0.166	0.100	4,980,000
OM0000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	19,500	2,872	4	0.148	0.148	0.146	0.147	0.147	0.000	0.000	0.146	0.138	0.148	0.100	4,635,000
OM0000001426	OMAN REFRESHMENT	1,588	2,779	1	1.750	1.750	1.750	1.750	1.750	0.000	0.000	1.750	1.575	0.000	0.100	87,500,000
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MIK	300	276	1	0.920	0.920	0.920	0.920	0.920	0.000	0.000	0.920	0.000	0.920	0.100	87,400,000
OM0000002648	NATIONAL FINANCE	1,200	109	1	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.000	0.000	0.091	0.088	0.091	0.100	49,251,971
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV H.	46,950	2,911	3	0.062	0.062	0.062	0.062	0.062	0.000	0.000	0.062	0.061	0.062	0.100	12,400,000
OM0000003321	GALFAR ENGINEER	50,300	3,835	5	0.077	0.077	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.000	0.000	0.078	0.076	0.077	0.100	15,426,970
OM0000003861	VOLTAMP ENERGY	1,147	135	2	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.000	0.000	0.118	0.118	0.129	0.100	9,603,505
OM0000003711	SOHAR POWER	790	32	1	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.041	0.041	0.000	0.000	0.040	0.038	0.043	0.100	9,061,410
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	23,242	2,185	3	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.000	0.000	0.084	0.084	0.086	0.100	210,273,585
OM0000004735	SEAFORP SALALAH	1,250	100	1	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.079	0.080	0.000	0.000	0.080	0.075	0.082	0.100	74,456,612
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	343,717	32,997	13	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.000	0.000	0.096	0.095	0.099	0.100	16,800,000
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	115,104	5,972	8	0.051	0.052	0.051	0.052	0.052	0.000	0.000	0.052	0.051	0.052	0.100	37,144,130
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	201,234	9,820	8	0.050	0.050	0.048	0.049	0.049	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.048	0.050	0.100	71,667,472
OM0000007043	NATIONAL LIFE INS	3,900	1,303	6	0.334	0.334	0.334	0.340	0.340	0.000	0.000	0.334	0.334	0.334	0.100	90,100,000
OM0000007407	DHOOFAR GENERATING	1,500	114	2	0.076	0.076	0.075	0.076	0.076	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.073	0.075	0.100	16,980,240
OM0000008281	TAAGEER FINANCE	193,000	13,896	6	0.072	0.072	0.072	0.072	0.073	-0.001	-1.370	0.072	0.071	0.072	0.100	18,258,480
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	325,000	17,875	7	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.056	-0.001	-1.786	0.055	0.054	0.055	0.100	19,202,943
OM0000004925	ALBATHINIA POWER	261,000	13,312	17	0.052	0.052	0.051	0.051	0.052	-0.001	-1.923	0.051	0.050	0.051	0.100	34,419,259
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT. ENG.	12,000	1,104	2	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.094	-0.002	-2.128	0.092	0.091	0.099	0.100	11,960,000
OM0000007084	MCT DESALINATE	37,257	2,883	6	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.077	0.079	-0.002	-2.532	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.100	11,977,381
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	25,166	1,722	5	0.069	0.069	0.068	0.068	0.070	-0.002	-2.857	0.068	0.067	0.068	0.100	8,287,500
OM0000001566	OMAN FISHERIES	93,959	5,910	12	0.066	0.066	0.062	0.063	0.068	-0.005	-7.353	0.062	0.062	0.066	0.100	7,875,000
Total		1,816,834	130,265	117												

NETWORKING EVENT

Forum to focus on Oman's logistics sector current trends

MUSCAT: The Oman American Business Center (AmCham Oman) will host 'The State of Logistics in Oman, Past, Present, and Future', sponsored by the Port of Salalah, at the Grand Hyatt Muscat on November 22 from 8-10 am.

The networking event will include a panel discussion, moderated by OABC Board Member, Shayan Sumar, and featuring panellists Sunil Joseph, CCO, Port of Salalah, Ahmed Tabouk, Com-

mercial Director, Salalah Free Zone, and Aisha Al Saifi, Director, Asyad Group. During the discussion, the panellists will talk about significant changes in Oman's logistics sector over the past 1-2 years, and share their viewpoints of current logistics trends in the Sultanate and the GCC region, as well as their expectations of what may occur within the sector in the months ahead.

"OABC member companies

that import or export products through Oman's ports are extremely interested to hear from stakeholders in Oman about what to expect in the days to come," says Rebecca Olson, Executive Director of the OABC.

"Port of Salalah continues to actively ensure alignment with Oman's 2040 vision and support Oman's economic diversification strategy," says Mark Hardiman, CEO of Port of Salalah.

OIL REBOUNDS

Oil prices bounce back on tight inventories

SINGAPORE: Oil rebounded from a weak start on Tuesday as worries over tight inventories underpinned prices, although optimism was limited by fears over demand following a pickup in COVID-19 cases in Europe.

Brent futures added 61 cents, or 0.74 per cent, to \$82.66 a barrel, as of 04:21 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude climbed 54 cents, or 0.67 per cent, to \$81.42 a barrel.

"At these oil prices, supply is going to grow but it might take six months and inventories have come down so low. We don't have a safety margin," said Tony Nunan, a Tokyo-based senior risk manager at Mitsubishi Corp, Reuters reported.

Low inventory levels

"We have very low inventory levels and if we have a very cold winter and OPEC is still sluggish at increasing supplies that could push oil prices up."

Russian crude grades sold in Asia fetched the highest spot premiums in 22 months for cargo loading in January, extending gains for a fourth straight month as robust demand and firm refining margins support prices, trade sources said on Tuesday.

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Contact: +968 9527 8838, anup2p4p@yahoo.com

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Indian male, having 7years of experience in Construction with Masters from England, Currently working as PROJECT ENGINEER in Muscat (family status). D/L available.
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Project Engineer (HVAC) Mechanical engineer graduate, Indian male, having 3 years of experience in MEP projects. Seeks suitable placement. Currently in Muscat. # 78347383 Email: tomvarghese1911@gmail.com

Sudanese Petroleum Engineer, MSc Mechanical Engineering: Renewable Energy, Seven Years O&G Experience. Contact 79006704

Indian male (24) Mechanical engineering 2 years (Oman) experience in oil and gas field with OQ approved permit authority with D/L. Currently available in Oman looking for suitable placement. Contact 72050244 Email: kssanju97@gmail.com

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Indian Female(MBA Finance) having more than 15 years of experience in Oman in Finance and Accounts seeks suitable senior positions. NOC Available.
Contact # 94953826 / 92824146

JOB WANTED

SALES/MARKETING

Indian Male having 20+ years' experience in UAE seek suitable jobs in Sales & Management preferably in pharmaceutical industries. GCC Driving License available.
Contact 94289301, 95217432

Pakistani Male (5 years experience), M.Phil, Marketing and Sales Expert in the oil & energy industry. Skilled in Lectureship, Research, Business Administration. Contact 91102995 fahadikram96@hotmail.com

Indian male, BBA, 26 years, having 3 and half year experience in Sales and Marketing, D/L, looking for suitable placement. Contact 96550844 Email: arshaqrajan000@gmail.com

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Italy and Portugal to face tough World Cup playoffs

Serbia, Spain, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Denmark, Croatia, England and Germany have all already confirmed their participation



MADRID: Gianluigi Donnarumma's Italy and Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal are two of the bigger names faced with having to negotiate their way through a playoff in order to qualify for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

Serbia, Spain, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Denmark, Croatia, England and Germany have all already confirmed their participation

tion at the tournament, with Qualification groups D, E, and G still to be wrapped up.

That means that Portugal, Sweden, Italy, Wales, the Czech Republic, Scotland, Austria, Russia, Poland, and North Macedonia have already confirmed their respective playoff places, and they could be joined by either Finland or Ukraine from Group D, or Netherlands, Turkey or Norway from Group G.

The sides will be split into two pots for the 26 November draw, with the six highest-ranking teams from the groups going into pot one as seeded sides. Italy and Portugal will be among the seeded sides, meaning they cannot meet

in the semi-final stage of the playoffs.

The playoffs will be split into three paths - A, B, and C. Each path will consist of semi-finals and a final, meaning three teams from 12 will advance - one from each path.

Ukraine and Russia cannot play one another.

FOOTBALL



'What a way to seal World Cup spot', says Harry Kane as England thrash San Marino

SERRAVALLE: England captain Harry Kane expressed excitement as the Three Lions qualified for Qatar 2022 FIFA World Cup after a thumping 10-0 win over San Marino.

Kane fired four goals in the first half as England booked their place at the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar on Monday (local time). The England captain couldn't hold his excitement after an excellent evening on the field and shared a picture with the squad as the team finished the campaign on a high.

"Back to back! What a way to seal our World Cup spot and finish the campaign on a high," Kane tweeted.

With the four goals against San Marino, Kane is now up to third in England men's senior team's list of all-time record goalscorers.

The England skipper has equalled Gary Lineker's tally of 48 goals and is just one behind 1966 World Cup-winner Sir Bobby Charlton and five below Wayne Rooney.

The FIFA men's World Cup will see 32 nations compete against each other for the prize. The tournament will take place from November 21 to December 18 next year. **ANI**

SAYYID FAHR TO PRESIDE OVER 51ST NATIONAL DAY CUP HORSE RACE

The 51st National Day Cup horse race, organised by the Royal Horse Racing Club, will be held on Friday, 19 November 2021 under the auspices of His Highness Sayyid Fahr bin Fatik Al Said. The race, to be held on Al Rahba Racecourse in the Wilayat of Barka, is a distinguished event that occurs in the midst of the National Day celebrations. Elite Arabian Thoroughbreds, pedigrees and domestic breeds will be taking part in the race's competitions that span over 8 rounds. — **ONA**



INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL

Champions Trophy in Pakistan

DUBAI: The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Tuesday confirmed the 14 host countries of the ICC men's white-ball events from 2024-2031. The Champions Trophy is back and Pakistan will host the tournament in 2025.

11 Full Members and three Associate Members have been selected to host two ICC Men's Cricket World Cups, four ICC Men's T20 World Cups and two ICC Men's Champions Trophy events.

The USA and Namibia will host an ICC World Cup event for the first time. Whilst Australia, Bangladesh, England, Ireland, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, Scotland, South Africa, Sri Lanka, West Indies and Zimbabwe have previously staged major events and will do so again over the next decade.

The hosts were selected via a competitive bidding process overseen by a Board sub-committee chaired by Martin Snedden along with Sourav Ganguly and Ricky Skerritt.

INDIA VS NEW ZEALAND

Start of new era as Rohit-led hosts gear up for Kiwi test

JAIPUR : After a disappointing show in the recently concluded ICC men's T20 World Cup, Team India will look to start their preparations for next year's T20 World Cup on the right note when they take on New Zealand in the first T20I at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium on Wednesday.

India and New Zealand will lock horns in a three-match T20I series this week and it will be the start of a new era for the Men in Blue under skipper Rohit Sharma and new head coach Rahul Dravid.

Last week, opening batter Rohit Sharma was named India's T20I skipper and KL Rahul was appointed his deputy. Virat Kohli had announced before the T20 World Cup that the showpiece event will be his last assignment as skipper in the shortest format of the game. With the ICC announcing the dates of the 2022 T20 World Cup, Team India will look to bury the ghost of this year's performance and start afresh. Vice-captain Rahul has said the Men In Blue have a great opportunity to learn from former skipper Dravid.

"We all know how big a name Rahul Dravid is, we have a great opportunity to learn from him and get better as cricketers. When it comes to coaching, I have played a couple of games with India A setup, he is somebody who has a great understanding of the game and creates an atmosphere where



everybody is comfortable. He has always been a team man," said Rahul in a press conference on Monday.

Rahul admitted that being the deputy will bring an additional responsibility for him, but he is looking forward to the challenge.

On the other hand, New Zealand has suffered a blow with skipper Kane Williamson skipping the T20I series and the Kiwis will look to bounce back under the leadership of Tim Southee after the World Cup defeat on Sunday.

India can also take confidence from the fact that the Men in Blue had thrashed Kiwis 5-0 in New Zealand last year. It will also be interesting to know who is included in India's playing XI for the first

T20I with young batters Venkatesh Iyer and Ruturaj Gaikwad eyeing to make a mark.

India squad: Rohit Sharma (Captain), KL Rahul (Vice-Captain), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), Ishan Kishan (wicket-keeper), Venkatesh Iyer, Yuzvendra Chahal, R Ashwin, Axar Patel, Avesh Khan, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Deepak Chahar, Harshal Patel and Mohd. Siraj.

New Zealand squad: Tim Southee (captain), Daryl Mitchell, Martin Guptill, Tim Seifert, Glenn Phillips, Mark Chapman, Jimmy Neesham, Kyle Jamieson, Todd Astle, Mitchell Santner, Ish Sodhi, Adam Milne, Lockie Ferguson, Trent Boult. **ANI**

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ROUND-UP



NEW CHANGAN HUNTER PICK-UP 2022 NOW AVAILABLE IN AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

Being a heavy-duty pickup for loading, it is sturdy, spacious and of high quality, and is suitable for various load and road conditions

MUSCAT: Arabian Gulf Automobiles and Equipment (AGAE), which is part of Bahwan International Group, has launched the Changan Hunter pick-up with two engine variants – 2.4 turbo gasoline (available in manual and automatic transmission) and 1.9 turbo diesel engine (manual transmission).

One of the best aspects of the Changan Hunter is its pick-up capabilities and usage. Being a heavy-duty pickup for loading, it is sturdy, spacious and of high quality, and is suitable for various load and road conditions. Boasting class-leading power and excellent ground clearance, it delivers an unmatched level of supremacy and capability, especially for the farm and construction sector. Offering excellent seating comfort, SUV like interiors and manifold features, Changan Hunter ensures a pleasurable and comfortable drive for the passengers.

Changan Hunter's double cabin pick-up comes with a 2.4 turbo gasoline engine producing 210 hp with a 6 speed Manual (2wd & 4wd) and Automatic transmission available in 4WD. The 'power to perform' Changan Hunter also comes with a 1.9-litre turbo diesel engine producing 150 hp with a 6-speed manual transmission and is available in 4 WD.

This incredible pick-up is built on a large wheelbase of up to 3180 mm and measures 5330 mm in length, 1930 mm in width and 1835 mm in height. With a capacity to carry substantial weight, it has a ground clearance of 230 mm and a fuel tank capacity of 80 litres.

"Changan Hunter is equipped with all safety and security measures and innovative driving systems that provide a smooth ride and enhanced performance." Changan Hunter Pickups are targeted to meet the needs of local commercial transporters as well as small and medium Enterprises (SMEs) and logistics solutions.

On the global level, Changan 'Hunter' is described as a distinctive new generation of trucks that are characterised by strong capabilities and a very impressive exterior design with a practical and comfortable interior. All this is a result of the strong support of the research and development centres of Changan.

Changan Hunter 2WD manual P (standard)
The exterior of Changan Hunter 2WD manual pick-up features 17" steel wheels, halogen headlamps,



front fog lights, ORVMS - electrically adjustable and sidestep. The aesthetically designed interiors offer fabric seats.

In terms of safety, the Changan Hunter gets front airbags, rear sensors, ESP and TPMS. The infotainment attributes include a multifunction steering wheel, 3.5" instrument cluster screen, two speakers. The rear AC outlets offer comfort. Changan Hunter 2WD & 4WD manual transmission (Classic) and Automatic 4WD gasoline available.

Changan Hunter 4WD manual P (Classic) includes the features of 2WD manual P (Standard) features and other features. The exterior features include 17" alloy wheels, door handles in chrome, welcome light, LED Headlamps, follow me home light, LED DRLs, ORVMS with heating and rear LED tail lamps.

The attractive interior includes leatherette fabric seats, electrically adjustable front seats, lumbar support, and a rear armrest. The safety features offer a rear differential lock, front side airbags, rear-view camera, and rear disc brakes.



ential lock, front side airbags, rear-view camera, and rear disc brakes. It has a special feature which is the camera for the right blind area which helps the driver sitting on the left side of the car to see the right side area behind the car with help of a camera fixed to give the driver a view of that specific area.

The infotainment features include a 4.2" coloured instrument cluster screen, 10" infotainment screen, mirror link, radio, USB, Bluetooth, six speakers. It also offers cruise control.

Changan Hunter 4WD manual diesel (platinum)
The exterior of the Changan Hunter 4WD manual diesel (Platinum) includes 17" alloy wheels, door handles in chrome, halogen headlamps, front fog lights, LED DRLs. The interior has leatherette fabric seats and a rear armrest. With the help of another attribute, ORVMS (Outside Rear View Mirror) can be electrically adjusted and has the function of heating to prevent the mirror from fogging up. There are turn indicators on the edges of

the mirrors as well. The safety attributes include rear differential lock, front airbags, rear sensors, rearview camera, camera for the right blind area, ESP, TPMS and rear disc brakes.

It has a DPF Filter which is an indicator that gets activated when the engine is being overused or damaged due to the driver's negligence. For instance, the indicator comes on when the A/C is running for a long time and the car is stationary or when the driver is driving short distances and doing constant stop-starts or when the engine has dust particles. The indicator can be switched off through a switch placed near the indicator.

It has a host of infotainment features such as a 3.5" instrument cluster screen, 10" infotainment screen, mirror link, radio, USB, Bluetooth, 4 speakers and multifunction steering wheel.

It is also fitted with cruise control, rear AC outlet, auto AC.

The premium automotive brand Changan has received an overwhelming response among Oman customers. Changan Automobile boasts a comprehensive portfolio of a range of products including sedan, crossovers and SUVs like EADO - family sedan, CS35 PLUS crossover, CS75 4WD crossover, CS85 Coupe, CS95 7 Seater 4WD and Changan Alsvin.

All the models of Changan Hunter pickup have a 'European Standard' body and have plastic bed liners which are unique to the model.

ROUND-UP

Bank Muscat wins two awards from JP Morgan

The bank won the 2021 Quality Recognition Award for MT103 with its best-in-class STP rate of 98.63% and the 2021 Quality Recognition Award for MT202 with an STP rate of 99.9%

MUSCAT: In keeping with its role as the leading financial services provider in Oman, Bank Muscat has been recognised by JP Morgan for its best-in-class Straight-

through Processing (STP) rates for US Dollar clearing operations. The bank won the 2021 Quality Recognition Award for MT103 with its best-in-class STP rate of



98.63 per cent and the 2021 Quality Recognition Award for MT202 with an STP rate of 99.9per cent from JP Morgan, which is a global

leader in offering financial services and solutions to the world's leading governments, corporates and institutions.

APPOINTMENT

Grand Hyatt Muscat names Alaa Eddin Al Dakkak as head chef

MUSCAT: Grand Hyatt Muscat is proud to announce the promotion of Chef Alaa Eddin Al Dakkak as Head Chef since October 2021.

Originally from Syria, Chef Alaa started his hotelier journey at the young age of 15 years while studying in a hotel and tourism school and college. He has worked in five countries around the world and has more than 22 years of international experience working in various restaurants such as Damascus Gate, as well as multiple hotel groups like Le Meridien, Sheraton, JW Marriott and Dhanat resorts.

Chef Alaa joined Grand Hyatt Muscat in 2011 as a Middle Eastern speciality chef in Banquets and got promoted to Chef de cuisine with his passion and hard work. He was instrumental in designing the highly successful and celebrated Wedding menus catering to Arabic, Indian and Mediterranean with a European twist and the signature brunches and Ramadan Iftar menus at Grand Hyatt



Muscat. With his extreme passion for fine food and flavours, Chef Alaa got promoted as Executive Sous Chef to lead eight outlets including award-winning Tuscan & Mokha Cafe, five board rooms and 1,000 sq m of ballroom space, and worked his way up as Head Chef at Grand Hyatt Muscat.

Chef Alaa prides himself on a unique cooking style of traditional Mediterranean and Middle Eastern flavour. He will be targeting developing new concepts within Grand Hyatt Muscat's diverse and local culinary offerings.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

College of Pharmacy holds inaugural programme for MSc Clinical Pharmacy

MUSCAT: College of Pharmacy, National University of Science and Technology got approval from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Higher Education Research and Innovation to start an MSc in Clinical Pharmacy. Under the Patronage of Dr Fatma Mohammed Al-Ajmi, Under-secretary of Ministry of Health for Administrative, Financial & Planning Affairs, The University held an inaugural program that was organised at university's headquarters on November 16.

Dr Ali Al Bimani, Vice-Chancellor of NU received the chief guest. The program was attended by members of NU executives, officials from government and private sectors, faculty and staff at NU.

The program is designed in both regular and part-time mode to help working professionals



pursue higher education. The courses taught would include core subjects including Clinical Pharmacy Practice, Advanced Therapeutics, Clinical Pharmacokinetics, cancer chemotherapy etc. Clinical rotation to various hospital speciality departments and Research courses will help the students to carry out Clinical Research and training.

IMPRESSIVE POWER



Head out to adventurous journeys in GS4 i-4WD

MUSCAT: The specially introduced GS4 i-4WD is specially built for Oman. Equipped with impressive power, capability and technology, it makes an ideal 4WD SUV for those looking to enjoy thrilling off-road and on-road experiences.

The GS4 i-4WD makes a bold and eye-catching statement with its sleek profile that is enhanced with the 'Flying Dynamics' grille design. The new improved design of the headlights, taillights and alloy wheels makes its overall appeal, contemporary and elegant.

Making every journey outstanding with power-packed moments is the 1.5L, 150 HP, turbo engine. This is paired with a 6-speed automatic transmission. The result is low fuel consumption and quieter transmission power.

The new eagle-eye projector headlights with LED DRLs provide a greater light distribution, resulting in optimum visibility at night. LED DRLs create a better vision and is comparable to those offered on luxury vehicles. The LED combination taillights are inspired by the arrow fletched with a feathers-like design that makes the GS4 i-4WD easily stand out from the rest.

The interior of the GS4 i-4WD is as interesting as the exterior. A new 10.1-inch HD Touchscreen with Apple CarPlay, Bluetooth Connectivity and other vital features offers a more fun way to stay connected even on the go. The screen is linked to a wide-angle reverse camera assisted with dynamic guidelines that provide greater convenience and makes parking hassle-free.

Exclusive automatic air conditioning with a built-in air quality system with a negative ion air purifier ensures you and your loved ones breathe fresh and purified air. Dedicated rear AC vents along with USB charging ports keep the rear passengers at ease.

The GS4 i-4WD has impressive storage space that is perfect for your short or long journeys. The large 450L luggage compartment encourages you to make the most of your experiences. Besides this, there are 24 well-designed storage spaces in the car to meet multiple requirements of the passenger.

In terms of safety, the GS4 i-4WD stands out with a list of safety features. The tyre pressure monitoring system helps keep an eye on low tyre pressures and high tyre temperatures too. These assist in safer driving experiences. The electronic stability program assists the driver in safe braking in case of any untoward incidents. It also has safety features to avoid slipping/sliding while driving uphill or downhill at low speeds. The latest intelligent 4WD system maintains excellent composure on harsh terrains and lets you also negotiate off-road drives with full confidence. The Central Differential Lock when activated helps you get further by allowing you to tread on the most challenging surfaces with ease.

95% high strength steel bodywork of the GS4 provides maximum safety and stability. A testament to this is the fact that the roof can bear 4.5 times the roof pressure.





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ROUND-UP

MG Motor Oman opens showroom in Sinaw

The Sinaw showroom is fully equipped to provide the very best retail support to MG customers

MUSCAT: MHD ACERE opened a state of art MG Motor showroom in the city of Sinaw.

Inaugurated by Areej Mohsin Haider Darwish, Chairperson of MHD ACERE along with the senior management, Sinaw show-



room is the 11th MG Motor outlet in the country. In a very short span of time, MG Motor has expanded its presence across Oman as a result of its commitment to "Do More" for its customers. Very recently, MG Motor also launched the all-new 2022 MG GT car – a re-

bellious sport sedan, reflecting the British-born brand's commitment to diversify its line-up by unveiling a sporty new model.

Mohsin Hani Al Bahrani, CEO – MHD ACERE, is delighted. "The inauguration of MG Motor show-room in Sinaw city is aligned with

our plans to expand our retail presence closer to our prospective customers. The Sinaw facility will help us to cater to the mobility requirements of people across Al Sharqiyah North Governorate. MG as a brand is committed to delivering engaging and differentiated experiences to its customers and we are proud to be their distributor."

The line-up that will be displayed at the Sinaw showroom will include all MG Motor's best-selling cars including the MG HS, RX8 Black Edition and the all-new 2022 MG GT. In addition, there will be MG 5 and MG 6 sedans and the MG T60 pick up.

The Sinaw showroom is fully equipped to provide the very best retail support to MG customers.

EXPANSION



Al-Razi Pharmacy opens new retail outlet in Al Khoud

MUSCAT: Al-Razi Pharmacy expanded its network of community outlets by offering quality medicines with the inauguration of a new retail outlet at Al-Sultan Center Al-Khoud branch in Muscat.

The Al-Razi Pharmacy new retail outlet was inaugurated on October 28 by Nagla Yousef Al Ibrahim, the Executive Creative Director of Dolphin International and Dr Mahmoud Shabrawy, the general manager

of Al-Razi Pharmacy.

The vision of Al-Razi Pharmacy is to be a leader in delivering value to our community. Al-Razi Pharmacy has five retail outlets in different regions of the sultanate of Oman in Ruwi, Al-Amerat, Sohar, Sur and Al-Khoud (Sultan Center). In the meantime, Al-Razi pharmacy is planning to start a couple of more retail outlets by the next year in various regions of Oman.

ONE-OF-ITS-KIND DEVICE

IITC launches Shycocan, virus attenuation device in Oman

MUSCAT: Shycocan Corporation, in partnership with International Information Technology Co. (IITC), an OHI Group company, has officially launched the Shycocan Virus Attenuation Device in Oman. The one-of-its-kind device has been developed by well-known Indian scientist and inventor Dr Rajah Vijay Kumar. IITC is the official distributor of the device in Oman.

Scientific evidence indicates Shycocan, a cylindrical device, neutralises and helps curb the spread of the coronavirus and the Influenza family of viruses in indoor spaces with 99.9 per cent efficacy, enabling people to have a normal life at home and allowing schools, colleges, hospitals, and businesses like hotels, offices, restaurants, auditoriums, malls / retail shops, banks, public transports, and airports to return to normal operations and to offer customers a safe environment.

Remarkably, thanks to its tech-



nology, Shycocan also works on all current and future variants and mutants of these viruses, protecting people's health and saving millions of hours of lost productivity.

While reviewing the launch of the Shycocan brand in Oman, S. Jayakumar, General Manager of IITC, said, "Mankind is facing one of the most

challenging times, with lives, livelihoods and businesses impacted across the globe. We need the best of science and technology along with social responsibility and the willpower to fight it and to triumph. Keeping true to our vision of getting the safest and most innovative solutions for the people of Oman, IITC is



glad to distribute Shycocan all over the country. With Shycocan, Oman has now the technology and the capability to bring businesses and lives back to normal."

Alok Sharma, CEO of Shycocan Corporation, said: "The world faced one of its' biggest challenges with the pandemic bringing us to a

standstill. More livelihoods than lives have been lost, in fact, close to a billion at last count. And Science, Technology and Innovation are going to play a big role in helping us reclaim our lives and work safely. We are delighted to launch the pathbreaking one of a kind virus attenuation device, the Shycocan, in the hope of doing just that. Helping people bring lives and businesses back to normal."

Shycocan has been thoroughly tested for both safety and efficacy. It neither uses nor emits radiation, chemicals, ozone, any toxic material. It is 100% safe for humans, animals, and the environment. Additionally, it does not harm the bacterial ecosystem and microbes that thrive in the environment and are essential for our immunity.

Shycocan disables the family and variants of coronavirus with up to 99.9% efficacy indoors making it safe for people to work and live safely, bringing back life

to normal. Shycocan can be applied across various businesses and institutions such as hospitals, schools / higher education institutions, the banking sector, manufacturing plants, malls and retail outlets, the hospitality sector, and government offices. In addition to supplying the product, Shycocan / IITC offer customized consultations, installation services, a one-year replacement warranty, customer support and service network across Oman, and a post-installation audit.

When mounted correctly, a single Shycocan device has an effective coverage area of 1,000 square feet (10,000 cubic feet). Multiple devices can be installed to cover a larger indoor space. The device has seen robust demand from institutional buyers across the globe and is already in use in various locations such as India, the USA, Europe, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the UAE, among others.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



ABQ schools launch house system

MUSCAT: The three international schools - ABQ Azzan Bin Qais (in Baushar), ABQ Sohar and ABQ Seeb - have recently launched their new house system. One of the main strengths of the house system is allowing students of all ages to work together, creating a truly cohesive environment and ensuring that age is not a barrier to friendship and collaboration.

ABQ Education Group Chief Executive Officer, Humayun Kabir says, "The house system is a powerful incentive system for the students. It aims to facilitate more socialising between the different year groups, increase team spirit, encourage peer mentoring, boost the existing rewards system, inspire more students to get involved in activities and competitions, and create additional leadership opportunities for our students."

The house system is inclusive of all learning types and interests. As soon as the schools are allowed, they will host a variety of sporting, artistic, charity, and cross-curricular events

throughout the year. House points are totalled monthly and contribute to an annual House point competition. This is a source of great excitement.

This system also supports ABQ's Discovering You Programme (DYP). DYP is a personalised, mentoring programme that provides students with the guidance to choose and plan their tertiary education and career options. It also allows them to learn and master 12 vital 21st-century skills. The House System offers ample opportunity to practice most of these skills in day-to-day situations.

Rayed Darwish, the DYP Mentorship Program Director says, "A variety of house competitions take place during the year and the students will have the opportunity to earn points for their teams. We encourage everyone to be proud members of their House and work together with the members of their team."

It is not only students who are allocated a house. Staff are also involved.

RECOGNITION

Alizz Islamic wins 'Best Initiative for Empowerment of Women' award

MUSCAT: Alizz Islamic Bank added another recognition to its list of accomplishments by winning the award for the "Best Initiative recognising and Empowering Women" at the Al Mar'a Magazine Summit and Annual Awards event which was held at Al Bustan Palace, a Ritz-Carlton Hotel under the patronage Rahma Al-Mahrooqi, Minister of Higher Education, Research, and Innovation.

Alizz Islamic Bank won the honour for its new female banking segment 'Hiyya' which features products and services that are designed exclusively for women. The award highlighted the achievements of Omani women and shed light on their contributions and effective roles in the comprehensive development of the Sultanate. The award was received by Muna Al Khusaibi, Deputy Senior Manager of Marketing and Corporate Communications on behalf of the bank.

Mohammed Al Ghassani, Chief Consumer Banking Officer, Alizz Islamic Bank stressed that "Achieving a pioneering role in the banking sector is not an easy matter. We have a clear understanding of women's banking needs and services and we do not make a product without putting in it the maximum benefits for the customer, whether it is a woman or a man."

Al Ghassani added, "Alizz Islamic



Bank won the award for its continuous provision of exclusive and exceptional services and products that it provides to its customers, all of which are in compliance with the provisions and principles of Sharia."

Hiyya, offers women a Sharia compliant savings account that is based on the Sharia principle of mudaraba whereby the customer is the 'rab-al-mal' (investor) and the bank is the 'mudarib' (investment manager), wherein the bank invests the funds within a common investment pool, including other Mudaraba accounts. As per the arrangement, profits will be shared between customers and the

bank according to the previously agreed distribution ratios.

In addition to that, the instant debit card will offer exclusive benefits, as the main intent is to ensure an open platform for women to enjoy a host of discounts and special offers at spas, beauty salons and beauty products, while availing deals from health clubs, fitness centres and perfume stores. Exclusive stores and branded outlets for clothing and accessories, home décor, restaurants and flower shops are all pegged onto the account, which also includes priority express service at all Alizz Islamic Bank branches.

THIRD EDITION

Indian School board launches Film Fest 2021

MUSCAT: The third edition of the Indian Schools Film Fest was launched at a glittering virtual ceremony organised by Indian School Al Mabelah under the auspices of the Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman on November 13.

Mohammed Salim Al Abri, Senior Studies & Follow-up Specialist, General Directorate of Education, South Batinah region attended the function as the chief guest. Dr Talib Mohammed Al Bulushi, an acclaimed actor and theatre artist, was the guest of honour.

The event was attended by of Syed Salman, Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, Ambujakshan M., Director in Charge of Indian School Al Mabela, Sujith Kumar, President of the School Management Committee and P. Parabakaran, Principal, Indian School Al Mabela.

Sujith Kumar welcomed the august gathering and underscored the pedagogical significance of the films in the lives of students. In his inaugural address, Mohammed Salim Al Abri emphasised the transformation films can bring about in forming the character of students.

"Films can create awareness about the importance of education, art, sports," Abri said.

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