

A GROUND-BREAKING WORLD CUP WITH A FAIRY TALE ENDING

This was always going to be a FIFA World Cup like no other. The first to be hosted in the Middle East, the first to be played in November and December, and the first of its size to be held on a small geographical area, Qatar 2022 offered a fresh twist on this old and much-loved festival of football. **>A7**



6 085010 120010

HM CONGRATULATES EMIR OF QATAR

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has sent a cable of congratulations to Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of Qatar following the tremendous success in organising the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. In the cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere sentiments and best wishes to Sheikh Tamim and the people of Qatar. His Majesty also lauded the efforts exerted by the government and people of Qatar in making this global football event a success. His Majesty the Sultan wished the people of Qatar further progress and prosperity under the wise leadership of Sheikh Tamim. **-ONA**



Founded 1975 · Volume 47 No. 200 | 16 Pages · Baisas 200 · Subscription OMR63 | ISO 9001:2008 Certified Company | Chairman/Editor-in-Chief: Mohamed Issa Al Zadjali | Printed & Published by Muscat Media Group



HM GIVES AUDIENCE TO CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF STATE COUNCIL OFFICE



His Majesty the Sultan touched on Oman's future strategies and its policies

*State Council Chairman to patronise event honouring winners of Sultan Qaboos Award for Culture **>A2***

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik gave an audience to the Chairman and members of the Office of the State Council at Al Barakah Palace on Monday.

At the outset of the meeting, His Majesty the Sultan gave thanks and praise to Almighty Allah for the bounties He conferred on Oman and divine riches that are deeply enshrined in our benign homeland.

His Majesty the Sultan also expressed gratitude to the Almighty Allah for the accomplishments and progress that cover all aspects of life, heralding yet a brighter future for this dear nation. He prayed to All the Almighty to endow Oman and its people with everlasting bounties and success.

Then, His Majesty the Sultan touched on Oman's future strategies and its policies aimed at maintaining the forward-march of comprehensive development, progress and prosperity. He spoke about a range of topics and issues of importance to the nation and citizens.

His Majesty the Sultan underscored the significance of the current stage which, he affirmed, requires exerting intensive efforts and giving priority to the coun-

try's supreme interest, notably to preserve the progress of the development march, its gains and achievements. This, His Majesty the Sultan said, will contribute to supporting the government's efforts in implementing the preset plans and programmes and upgrading the comprehensive development march.

His Majesty the Sultan commended the tasks and studies undertaken by the State Council to research issues of concern to the nation and the citizens. He laid emphasis on maintaining such tasks and studies, with focus on anticipating the future, engaging in judicious planning and exploring ideas that contribute to the efforts exerted by the government.

At the conclusion of the meeting, His Majesty the Sultan underlined the importance of consolidating the ongoing partnership between the Council of Ministers and the State Council in a manner that serves the public interest. He wished all success in achieving further growth and prosperity in Oman. **-ONA**

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR ORGAN DONATION

Oman records 347 transplants, 7,092 registration for donations

MUSCAT: As many as 7,092 donors (organ donors after death) have registered on Shifa application of the Ministry of Health. Since 1988, the number of organ transplants in Oman has reached 347. Among them were 325 kidney transplants obtained from 306 live donors and 19 deceased donors. The number of liver transplants from live donors stood at 22.

This was revealed during the Health Ministry's launch of the National Campaign for Organ



Donation aimed at raising public awareness about the importance of organ donation. The drive is or-

ganised in conjunction with Oman Organ Donation Day, which falls on 19 December every year. **>A2**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN

Relocation of Al Dakhiliyah water supply lines

1 The work of relocating the main and feeder water transmission pipes in Al Dakhiliyah Governorate will be carried out on the 26th and 27th of this month. The pipes are impacted by the widening of the Rusayl-Bidbid Road. **>A6**

WORLD

UN reaches historic biodiversity deal

2 Negotiators at a UN conference reached an agreement hailed as a landmark global effort to protect the lands and oceans. **>A6**

MARKET

Mergers, acquisitions worth \$23.8bn in M-E

3 The Middle East recorded 283 mergers and acquisitions (M&A) deals valued at \$23.8 billion in the first three quarters of 2022. **>B1**

TheGuide
A unique experience
theguideoman.com @guideoman

25th
MUSCAT

Hayat ديامم
الشركة العمانية لخدمات المياه والصرف الصحي
Oman Water and Wastewater Services Company
Member of Nama Group. احدى شركات مجموعة النما.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Transfer of Asset Affected by the Expansion of the Rusayl-Bidbid Road

Due the expansion of Al Rusayl - Bidbid Road and the impact of the water transport pips of Al Dakhiliyah Governorate, Oman, Oman Water & Wastewater Services Company, in coordination with the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology, will carry out the works of relocating the main water pipeline feeding Al-Dakhiliyah Governorate during the period from 26 to 27 December 2022. It is expected that the work implementation period will be 24 hours, and that water service will gradually return within 48 hours.

The Company has taken the necessary measures to ensure the provision of water according to the emergency procedures manual through the activation of alternative water sources (wells) and the use of water tankers to transport water to the main reservoirs. It also provided billed tankers to provide water to customers, which can be availed by contacting the call center 1442.

The Company apologizes for any shortage in the water supply, and urges all customers to take the necessary precautions and continue rationalizing water consumption during the work period.

For more information, please contact the Call Center (1442).

@owwsc_om 1442
www.owwsc.nama.om



OMAN



SHOP NOW

rafeeq.om

PRAYER TIMINGS



Dhuhr.....	12:09pm
Asr.....	3:10pm
Maghrib.....	5:30pm
Isha.....	6:45pm
Fajr (Tomorrow).....	5:24am

OMAN CHAIRS

GCC information undersecretaries meet

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman, represented by the Ministry of Information, chaired the meeting of GCC Information Undersecretaries, held on Monday via video-conferencing.

Oman was represented by Mohammed Said Al Balushi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Information.

Media field

The meeting discussed a spectrum of topics, including the strategic plan on joint cooperation in the media field, as well as various initiatives and projects, among other topics. -ONA



21 DECEMBER

State Council chief to patronise winners of Sultan Qaboos Award for Culture

MUSCAT: Delegated by His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, Sheikh Abdulmalik Abdullah Al Khalili, Chairman of the State Council, will preside over the handing over ceremony of Sultan Qaboos Award for Culture, Arts and Literature (9th edition, 2022) scheduled to be held on 21 December 2022. Winners of this edition, which is for Omanis only, will receive a medal of commendation, in addition to a cash prize, in fields of culture, science, arts and literature.

-ONA



ELANTRA



ACCENT



i10



شركة تأجير المركبات ش.م.م
Vehicle Leasing Company (LLC)



30 years

EXPLORE OMAN WITH VLC

Available on
**DAILY
WEEKLY
MONTHLY
YEARLY**
rental basis



SANTAFE



TUCSON



CRETA



مجموعة أوتيه
OTE GROUP
THE RENTAL OF OMAN

* Terms & Conditions apply on daily, weekly, monthly & yearly rentals



Call toll free
80050004



Whatsapp
97295158

CAMPAIGN

<FROM A1 Donation of organs

Dr. Mohammed bin Said Al Mamari, Minister of Awqaf and Religious Affairs, patron of the event said that the Sharia aims to protect society, which is achieved by organ donation. Organ donation is one of the ongoing and eternal good deeds encouraged by Islam and it is a source of joy for people and offers lives to others through donors, he said urging members of society to take the initiative for organ donation.

John Jabbou, representative of the World Health Organisation to the Sultanate, praised the continued efforts and cooperation of the WHO office with the Ministry of Health.

He said that the Sultanate's Organ Transplant Programme has been revised and the revision has come out with important recommendations, mainly the national workshop which brings together representatives of all government departments and civil associations for the purpose of establishing a solid foundation for the Sultanate's Organ Transplant Programme.

He said that the World Health Organisation has prepared a comprehensive report which ensures the review of the present condition of the National Organ Transplant Programme. He added that the report has identified the fields of priority and has dealt with the legal opinion and the moral and clinical views to be addressed and proposed the work of the WHO team concerned with organ donation and transplant.

Dr. Ahmed bin Said Al Busaidi, Director of the Organ Transplant Programme and Chairman of Oman Transplant Society (OTS) pointed to the role of the programme which aimed to contribute to achievement of the prescribed principles in the field of organ transplant. He also pointed to the big number of patients with kidney failure in the Sultanate of Oman.

The event included a workshop on organ donation. Specialists in the field took part in the workshop, which also saw the felicitation of a number of donors. The National Campaign for Organ Donation highlights organ donation as a humanitarian gesture, a generous initiative and an ideal solution towards the treatment of kidney failure and liver malfunction, among other ailments suffered by millions of people around the world. -ONA



سُـلْطَانَاةُ عُـمَانِ
Ministry of labor

AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Auction No.	Auction title	Last date for bid submission	Document's Fee
05/2022	Providing bids for the management and operation of a SANAD office at the Directorate General of Labour in South Al-Sharqiyah Governorate	Sunday 16/01/2023 At 10 a.m.	RO 25/-

- Specialized establishments may obtain the documents of the auction No. 05/2022 from the Treasury Section at the 3rd floor of the Ministry's building at the Airport Heights, starting from Monday 19/12/2022.
- Each bid shall enclose a bank guarantee issued by a local bank for 1% of the total bid value addressed to the Ministry of Labour and valid for 90 days from the date of bid submission.
- Bids shall be submitted in closed envelopes sealed with red wax, addressed to the Chairman of the Internal Tender Committee, bearing the auction number and subject with no indication to the name of the bidder.
- Bids shall be deposited in the Tender Box at the Secretariat of the Internal Tender Committee at the 3rd floor of the Ministry's building at the Airport Heights, not later than the date and time mentioned against the auction. Bids shall be opened at 11 am on the same day.

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

labour_OMAN





Kempinski Hotel
Muscat
SULTANATE OF OMAN

A MERRY EVE DINNER

SATURDAY, 24 DECEMBER 2022 FROM 19:30 - 23:00

THE KITCHEN!!

Celebrate the joy of the season with a culinary journey featuring traditional classic specialties and an exquisite handcrafted festive buffet.

OMR 30, inclusive of soft drinks and juices
OMR 48, inclusive of festive cocktails and house grapes
*Children below 6 years can dine complimentary, between 6 and 12 years dine half price

ZALE

Under the Stars

For a more intimate dinner, enjoy a tastefully crafted set menu at one of the city's most breathtaking venues overlooking the sea.

OMR 48 per person inclusive of open house grapes and welcome bubbly

CONTACT OUR CULINARY CONCIERGE
+968 2498 5000 | DINING.MUSCAT@KEMPINSKI.COM
Prior booking required. All prices in OMR, subject to 8% service charge, 5% VAT & all applicable governmental taxes



Kempinski
HOTELLING SINCE 1927

CHANGE TO THE BETTER



LOW IN CALORIES
Lipton
Peach ICE TEA
NO COLOURANTS





Call Center Number
24 596 999



YOU ORDER WE DELIVER

Download the app

OMAN

REDUCED FINANCE PROFIT RATES

Transfer your salary now and avail lower profit rates starting from 4.5% p.a.

For Omanis
Minimum Salary OMR 300

For Expats
Minimum Salary OMR 500

Quick and hassle-free
loan process

Easy loans transfer

MAISARAH
البنك الإسلامي للخدمات
Islamic Banking Services

2477 5777 | www.maisarah-oman.com

[f/MaisarahOman](#) [@MaisarahIslamic](#) [@MaisarahIslamic](#)

بنك إسلامي للخدمات
Islamic Banking Services

COLUMN

When the stress level is high

Saleh Al-Shaibany

Different people have different ways to let out the steam. Some go to the gym and work out their frustrations while others deliberately pick a quarrel so they can start shouting. In my quest to find the best way to calm the jittering nerves, I met this man who does not involve anybody else.

When things get out of control, he walks out from his house and looks for an empty mosque. He finds the house of god peaceful, rejuvenating and uses the quiet time to renew his faith. I must agree it is the perfect place for people looking for a sanctuary. God does not discriminate and forgives many of our failings. I must add, hopefully without being cynical, his services are free. In comparison, gyms are expensive and if you are in the habit of taking out your anger on the nearest person then it can cost you dear.

There are other people who would sit quietly at home glaring at the television and ignore everybody. It is their way to tell the world that things are not going well in their lives. Sometimes, you can detect the symptoms that warn you to stay away. However, when I saw my neighbour one evening furiously pacing up and down in front of his house, I knew right

STOP IN TIME: Usually, bad feelings build up over a period of time and if not stopped then the nerves can explode without warning.

away that there was something wrong. Perhaps to test my 'frustration syndrome' theory, I walked out of my house and joined him. He said he needed a holiday because the heat was getting into him. He did not fool me. The 'heat' he was referring to was not a product of the weather.

I hanged around long enough to learn what was bothering him. He blamed the work pressure, annoying relatives and even his old car. As he was talking to me, I could hear the shrill sound of his mobile phone coming from his house.

"That is part of the problem. I am going somewhere where there are no telephones, televisions or even people around," he said.

I fought the impulse to ask him if he was going away alone but I kept my mouth shut, said goodnight and walked back home. Thinking about it, there was a big contrast between him and the man who finds refuge in an empty mosque. I came to a

conclusion that the best way to let out the steam is to come to terms with your shortcomings. Most of the time, you can solve the problem by accepting your limitations. There is no point thinking about a new car when you cannot afford it or for that matter, a promotion when your boss is against it. Usually, bad feelings build up over a period of time and if not stopped then the nerves can explode without warning.

We all go through bad patches but they cannot be contained by running away or put your problems under the cover. I always thought that you take your troubles with you when you travel. If you look deep enough, solutions are nearer and you may not even need to take one step outside your house. If it is never meant to be then it is probably not good for you. Why give yourself a headache to try to get something that would take away a big part of your well being? Just fight the temptations and be happy with what you have.

YOUR BIGGEST ROAD HAZARD IS IN YOUR HAND

السوق الطازج FRESH MARKET



متوفر في نستو هايبر ماركت
البحرينية الواقع الكبير الكبير داخل الميناء
فندق القديس ستيفن الكبير الكبير في السوق
سابق من 11 ديسمبر إلى 11 ديسمبر 2022

Available at Nesto Hypermarket
Maballa, Al Wadi Al Kabir, Sohar, Musannah,
Hail, Halban, Fahj Al Qaba'a, Al Hail South, Ruwi,
Al Sawmhan Barka

Valid from 2022 December 19th to 21st



0.245
0.245
Strawberry Egypt Per Packet



1.090
1.090
Avocado Uganda Per Kg



0.590
0.590
Apple Gala Serbia Per Kg



0.990
0.990
Grapes Red Seedless Per Kg



0.290
0.290
Bitter melon Oman Per Kg



1.390
1.390
Fresh Tilapia Per Kg



HYPERMARKETS | SUPERMARKETS | DEPARTMENT STORES
www.nestogroup.com



instagram/nesto_hypermarket_oman



facebook.com/nestohypermarket

OMAN | SAUDI ARABIA | KUWAIT | UAE | INDIA

World-class Quality. UNBELIEVABLE PRICE



ARE YOU TAKING LOAN? BUY LIFE INSURANCE TO PROTECT THE MORTGAGE



PROVIDING FLEXIBLE INSURANCE SOLUTIONS SINCE 1985
FOR ALL YOUR INSURANCE NEEDS, CHOOSE US



Oman United Insurance Co.
SAOG

OMAN UNITED INSURANCE COMPANY SAOG
Post Box 1522, Ruwi, PC 112 Sultanate of Oman
24477300 | info@omanutd.com | www.omanutd.com

Preserve the progress of development march, says His Majesty the Sultan



NATIONAL DAY OFFER

Individual subscribers who subscribe or renew Times of Oman or Shabiba for 1-year by paying RO 42 (with VAT) will get back vouchers worth RO 60.

Times OF OMAN الشَّابِيبَا

PAY 42 OMR and get gifts worth

60 OMR



- Every subscriber is a WINNER
- NO Lucky draw, NO Raffle draw

Call or whatsapp +968 72330999
Email: subscription@mmg.om
Limited period offer

The Champ
SPORTS & ARTS
THE CHAMP
Gift voucher

فون زون
FUNZONE
COOLEST EVER
FUNZONE
1 hour bowling free

MUSCAT UROLOGY & NEPHROLOGY
HEALTHCARE CENTRE
Health check package

NATIONAL DETERGENT
COMPANY
Gift hamper (6 products)



YOU ORDER
WE DELIVER

Download the app

OMAN

TANUF
REFRESH
& RECYCLE



100% RECYCLABLE
100% RECYCLABLE
100% RECYCLABLE
100% RECYCLABLE
100% RECYCLABLE

NCSI DATA





SEND US YOUR VIEWS AND COMMENTS
www.facebook.com/timesofoman

Around 39,000 citizens married in Oman last year

Times News Service

MUSCAT: About 39,000 Omanis got married in the Sultanate of Oman in 2021.

The National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI) has issued a report on marriages in the Sultanate of Oman, which includes data related to the number of marriages and the number of divorces during 2021.

The data shows that 56 per cent of Omanis were married, 37.6 per cent were unmarried, 2.4 per cent were divorced and 3.6 per cent were widows last year. About 39,000 Omanis got married, in-

cluding 34,000 married for the first time. There were 6,000 new widows and 6,000 new divorces in 2021.

Muscat Governorate

Muscat Governorate has topped among the governorates in registering marriages in 2021 at 3,980, followed by North Al Batinah Governorate at 3,783 and Al Dakhiliyah Governorate at 2,292. 2,236 marriage certificates were issued in Dhofar Governorate, 191 in Musandam Governorate, 420 in Al Buraimi Governorate and 1,949 in South Al Batinah Governorate.

While South Al Sharqiyah Governorate registered 1,643 marriages, North Al Sharqiyah Governorate registered 1,470 marriages, Al Dhahirah Governorate 1,154 marriages and Al Wusta Governorate 176 marriages.

The results showed that the highest divorce cases in 2021, according to the nationalities of the husband and wife, were between the Omani couples at a rate of 92 per cent.

The divorce rate between Omani husband and foreigner wife was at 4 per cent and 3 per cent between couples of foreign descent.

PORTUGAL GOLDEN VISA BY M-J GLOBAL

Oman's leading immigration consultancy M-J Global explains one of the world's most sought-after Golden Visa program for Portugal.

Portugal is one of the oldest countries in the world, with nearly 900 years of history demonstrating its strong identity and internal cohesion. The country is politically and economically stable and welcomes all nationalities. It is part of the Schengen Area and is one of the safest countries in the world. Its history, culture and beauty, alongside its hospitality, gastronomy and affordable cost of living, are just a few of the country's main selling points.

Capital: Lisbon
Population: 10.31 million (2017)
Currency: Euro
GDP: USD 217.6 Billion (2017)

About Programme

The Golden Residence Permit Programme was established by Order n. 11820-A/2012 and Order no. 1661-A/2013, which amends Act n. 23/2007 and lays down the legal framework for the entry, permanence, and exit of foreigners from Portugal.

The Programme is administered by the Portuguese Serviço de

Estrangeiros e Fronteiras (SEF), the country's aliens and border control authority.

Since its launch in 2012, total investment under the Portugal's Golden Visa program now stands at more than EUR 3.7 billion (Till March 2018).

The most popular programme in Europe, a total of 6,050 residence permits have been issued since the program's inception in 2012 till March 2018; with the figure increasing to 10,181 when counting the family members of the main applicants, granting them and their families free access across the Schengen area, paving the way to European residency. Majority of the investments flow into the capital of Lisbon, where the real estate market has seen significant increases, bringing it steadily inline with other European capitals.

The application process for the visa is simple.

You must invest either 280,000 Euros, 350,000 Euros or 500,000 Euros in a property.

Paperwork can be done remotely and applicant is only required to stay 7 days per year in Portugal. A nice

excuse for a holiday.

A Portuguese bank account and tax number must be obtained and biometric data provided. Generally the whole process takes 4-6 months to be completed.

Reports confirm that the investors are obtaining not only permanent residence (PR) permits but also citizenships after physically residing for just 35 days (7 days per year) in the country.

A great deal of uncertainty has always surrounded the question of whether participants in Portugal's golden visa program would in the end, after holding the temporary golden visa for 5yrs (1+2+2 years), qualify for a) permanent residence status and b) citizenship.

The top five nationalities approved for the Portuguese Golden Visa since 2012:

China - 3,771 | Brazil - 522
South Africa - 242 | Russia - 211
Turkey - 188

Under Golden Visa, an individual must have been legally resident in the country, 7 days per year for five consecutive years to apply for citizenship

ELIGIBILITY

01 Investment Required :- € 280,000 - € 500,000 in Real Estate

02 Legal source of funds

03 No minimum education is required

04 Applicant must be over 21 years

05 Maintain the investment for minimum 5 years

06 Children below or above 18, if proven still in full time studies & Parents (Maternal/ Paternal) above 65 years can be included

07 Should not have any criminal record and serious medical condition

M-J-Global is an immigration services company specializing in all kinds of visas for their clients that include, Permanent Residency, Citizenship by Investment, Work Permits, Study Visas, Visit Visas and much more. With years of experience, they have an exceptional list of successful clients.

They deal in services for Canada, Germany, Portugal, UK, USA, Greece, Hungary, Malta, Dominica, Grenada, Turkey and Vanuatu.

Call Today on 71719028! Choose the Best, Choose M-J Global

USA | CANADA | GERMANY | PORTUGAL | CYPRUS

DOMINICA | GRENADA | TURKEY | MALTA

CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT
SHUBHANGI CHONKAR
+968 9986 3818

Tupperware®



TUPPERWARE IS OFFICIALLY
IN OMAN NOW!



Ministry of Social Development

Tender Announcement

The Internal Tender committee of Ministry of Social Development hereby announces the following tender :-

Tender No.	Tender Subject	Grade	Last date for obtainment of tender document	Last date for tender submission	Tender Document Price (non-retundable)
Re-tender 232/2022	Establishment of a hydrotherapy unit at Al-Wafa Center for the Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities in Ibri	Companies specialized in building contracting and registered with the General Secretariat of the Tender Board in the second degree	Tuesday 3-1-2023 02:00 PM	Wednesday 18-1-2023 10:00 AM	R.O. 25/=
272/2022	Four-wheel drive car rental	Companies specialized in the field of car rental services and registered with the General Secretariat of the Tender Board in the category of excellent, first, second, third or fourth	Monday 9-1-2023 02:00 PM	Sunday 29-1-2023 10:00 AM	R.O. 25/=

❖ Specialized Companies, registered with the Tender Board may obtain the Tender documents at the Tender Board e-tendering digital portal link (<https://etendering.tenderboard.gov.om>) On Tuesday 20/12/2022

❖ Tender shall be submitted in compliance with the technical specifications and terms along with a local bank warranty at (1%) of the tender value, valid ninety (90) days from the date of e-submission.

❖ For Inquiry , please contact through the e-tendering website (reg@tenderboard.gov.om) tel. (24402200)

" The lowest or any other tender shall not be binding to the Ministry"

www.mosd.gov.om





SHOP
NOW
rafeeq.om



LANDMARK PACT: The passing of the agreement was announced by Chinese Minister of Ecology and Environment Huang Runqiu, who is leading the meeting. – *dw*

UN conference reaches historic biodiversity deal

The most significant part of the deal is the commitment to protect 30 percent of land and water considered important for biodiversity before the end of the decade

MONTREAL: Negotiators at a UN biodiversity conference on Monday reached an agreement hailed as a landmark global effort to protect the world's lands and oceans.

The most significant part of the deal is the commitment to protect 30 percent of land and water considered important for biodiversity before the end of the decade. Currently, just 17 percent of terrestrial and 10 percent of marine areas are protected.

The agreement comes a day before the United Nations Biodiversity Conference, or COP15, is set to end in Montreal, Canada.

The passing of the agreement was announced by Chinese Minister of Ecology and Environment Huang Runqiu, who is leading the meeting.

The announcement came shortly after a representative of the delegation from the Democratic Republic of Congo objected to the text, causing some African nations to protest at the manner in which the outcome was proclaimed.

The agreement envisages putting \$200 billion (€188 billion) toward supporting biodiversity by 2030, with another \$500 billion to be possibly raised by phasing out or reforming subsidies, such as those for food or fuel.

The deal also calls for giving low-income countries far more than is currently provided for their efforts to protect nature. This amount is to reach at least \$20 billion annually by 2025, increasing to \$30 billion by 2030.

In 2019, a UN report warned that a million plant and animal species face extinction within decades. The main drivers of that potential destruction are seen by experts as being climate change, along with habitat loss, pollution and development.

While it sounds similar to COP27, the recent UN Climate Conference held in Sharm El-Sheikh, the two meetings focus on different but related issues. COP27 addressed action under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to these changes. COP15 focuses on the living world through the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) a treaty adopted for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and related issues.

While the biodiversity COP – short for Conference of the Parties – takes place every two years, this year is particularly important as a new global biodiversity framework is set to be adopted. The Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework will be the first global framework on biodiversity adopted since the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in 2010.

At COP10 in Nagoya, Japan, in 2010, governments set out to meet the 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets by 2020, including that natural habitat loss would be halved and plans for sustainable consumption and production would be implemented. – *Agencies*



Printed and published by:
Muscat Media Group
Post Box 770,
Postal Code: 112

Founder: Essa bin Mohammed Al Zedjali
Chairman / Editor-in-Chief: Mohamed Issa Al Zedjali
Deputy Editor-in-Chief: Anees bin Essa Al Zedjali
Chief Executive Officer: Ahmed Essa Al Zedjali

EDITORIAL: Telephone: 24726666, Fax: 24813153, E-mail: editor@timesofoman.com
ADVERTISING: Telephone: 24726666, Fax: 24812624, E-mail: advertising@timesofoman.com
CIRCULATION: Telephone: 24726666, Fax: 24818270, E-mail: circulation@timesofoman.com

Water supply in Al Dakhiliyah to be hit due to pipeline relocation



Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Oman Water and Wastewater Services Company, in cooperation with the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology will carry out the work of relocating the main and feeder water transmission pipes on 26th and 27th of this month, impacted by the widening of the Rusayl-Bidbid Road in Al Dakhiliyah Governorate.

During the same period, the efficiency of the water transmission system will be enhanced and linked with the ongoing strategic projects. Besides, some periodic maintenance of the associated assets will be carried out. During that period, water transmission supply in the Al Dakhiliyah Governorate will be temporarily suspended.

Engineer Abdullah bin Mohammed Al Nuaimi, CEO of Operations and Maintenance at the company, said: "The works include conversion of the pipes affected by the road, replacement of some valves, and linking of a number of strategic projects, including the new water transmission pipeline for Al Dakhiliyah Governorate and the Sohar-Baraka water transmission pipeline, in addition to implementation of a number of other works. Other mechanical and electrical systems will be upgraded to raise the efficiency of the water transmission system."

Al-Nuaimi added: "In line with the company's social responsibility, it will provide home lockers for groups of people, including those with limited income or those under social security cover. Subscribers can obtain lockers through coordination with the offices of their Excellencies the governors.

"During the restoration and maintenance works, the company will press into service water tankers with a capacity of 10,000 gallons each from Al Dhahirah, Muscat and North Al Sharqiyah governorates. Altogether, 70 tankers will operate during the period. In addition, the company will provide billed water through 100 tankers with a capacity of 600 gallons each. In the states of Nizwa, Bahla and Samail, a number of water wells are operating. The company has also appealed to the residents of the governorate to put up with the inconvenience thus caused and rationalise consumption of water."

During the period, the company's call centre at 1442 will work round-the-clock and is fully prepared to receive reports and notes from subscribers.

Besides, the company will communicate through its accounts on social networking sites and its website and will respond to subscribers' queries and provide updates.



Three police officers killed

MAAN: Jordanian police said on Monday that three officers and a suspect died in a shootout in the southern city of Maan during an arrest raid into the case of the slaying of a police commander.

Police said that eight other suspects in the killing of a senior policeman last week were arrested and investigations into the incident were ongoing. The arrests followed some of the worst unrest the Middle Eastern kingdom had seen in years after truck drivers went on strike over rising fuel prices. Strikes and protests spread to several cities across Jordan, and protesters clashed with police on Thursday. – *dw*

India becomes second-largest steel producer in world: Scindia

NEW DELHI: Union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said on Monday that India had become the second-largest steel producer in the world in the last eight years.

While replying to a question on the impact on the steel industry with India importing 25 per cent of steel production to the European Union, Scindia said, "India has now reached a new record. We have become the second largest steel producer in the world in the last 8 years, doubling our capacity from 150 to 154 million tonnes of production. We are very very aware of the environmental concerns."

"This affects producers all over the world. A clear articulation of both supply side and demand side plans we have in place to reduce the CO2 emissions in the steel sector steel because without a doubt this is the way the world is going. Steel has to conform to that path of environmental protection," he added while replying to a question on environmental



concerns due to steel production.

While replying to a question about how come Amritsar and Chandigarh airports were not pushed while signing a bilateral air service agreement between Indian and Canada, he stated, "We have connectivity from Amritsar and Chandigarh to almost seven countries Qatar, Malaysia, United Kingdoms, Dubai, Singapore, Sharjah and Italy from the Amritsar and Chandigarh airports," he stated

17 air traffic movements

"We have 17 air traffic movements per week internationally especially to Singapore, Doha, Kuala Lumpur. While talking about domestic air traffics, we have 42 domestic traffic movements," he further stated.

Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) and the Punjabi diaspora in Canada were disappointed over the recent bilateral air service agreement between Indian and Canada.

There has been no announcement of direct air connectivity between Punjab and Canada. SGPC and Punjabi diaspora are rattled with no flights being started from Canada to Sri Guru Ramdas Jee International Airport Amritsar.

– *ANI*

FIFA WORLD CUP
Qatar 2022



A GROUND-BREAKING WORLD CUP
WITH A FAIRY TALE ENDING

Argentina’s Lionel Messi was the hero of the highest-scoring World Cup in history. A look back on a successful tournament that concluded with many firsts in Qatar

DOHA: This was always going to be a FIFA World Cup like no other. The first to be hosted in the Middle East, the first to be played in November and December, and the first of its size to be held in such a small geographical area, Qatar 2022 offered a fresh twist on this old and much-loved festival of football.

But while the treading of so much new ground came with opportunities – the novel prospect of attending multiple World Cup matches in a single day, for example – the risks were clear and undeniable.

Gianni Infantino admitted as much earlier this week, when he confessed to pre-tournament



concerns “about having so many fans from so many countries, at the same time, in the same place”.

“In a normal World Cup, you have in one city fans of two countries, not more,” added the FIFA President.

“Here, you have 32 countries plus all [the] other fans from the world who come to enjoy the World Cup together in the same place.”

Given that the place in question has a population of less

than 2.9 million and its stadiums are all within a 35-mile radius, questions naturally arose about how Qatar and its infrastructure would cope with such a mass invasion. Others wondered how the on-field fare would be impacted by the tournament taking place in the middle of most players’ domestic seasons, with reduced preparation time an inevitable consequence.

One by one, of course, those doubts were swept away by a



tidal wave of fantastic football, flawless organisation and friendly, passionate atmospheres on the streets and in the stadiums.

Jürgen Klinsmann this week described it as “a World Cup organised to perfection”, while Infantino has been far from alone in declaring Qatar 2022 to be, quite simply, “the best ever”.

The same description is, of course, being applied increasingly widely to the tournament’s star man.

Lionel Messi was already a

leading contender for ‘GOAT’ status but his claims to that title have been further fortified by a truly magnificent month in Qatar.

In the highest-scoring World Cup of all time, it was goals from Argentina’s captain that did most to determine the direction of the title.

And not even La Albiceleste’s fiercest rivals could begrudge this wonderful player his well-deserved moment with the prize he has so long coveted. - **FIFA**

Medallists



CHAMPIONS:
Argentina



RUNNERS-UP:
France



THIRD PLACE:
Croatia

Standout sides

ARGENTINA

From the butt of the world’s jokes to the worthiest of champions, La Albiceleste enjoyed one hell of a ride. And just as no-one foresaw that opening-match defeat to Saudi Arabia, few could have imagined that they would recover to achieve their long-held dream in such impressive - and dramatic - circumstances. As for their talisman, what more can be said? Messi is quite rightly a beloved figure far beyond Argentina’s borders, and neutrals across the world were both captivated and converted to his team’s cause by the little magician’s pursuit of World Cup glory.

MOROCCO

It took 88 years of attempting for an Africa team to reach the World Cup semi-finals. Morocco were the continental trailblazers. After sinking Belgium in the group stage, Yassine Bounou, Achraf Hakimi, Hakim Ziyech, Youssef En-Nesyri and Co eliminated Spain in the last 16 and Portugal in the quarter-finals. The Atlas Lions also gave France a strict examination in the last four before losing an end-to-end encounter with Croatia 2-1 in the battle for bronze.

CROATIA

It simply must rank as one of the greatest achievements in World Cup history - a nation inhabited by fewer than four million people finishing second and third at back-to-back editions. Zlatko Dalić lost several key components of his 2018 side, such as Danijel Subašić, Ivan Rakitić and Mario Mandžukić, but new stars emerged in the shape of Dominik Livaković and Josko Gvardiol to complement the divine talent of Luka Modrić. The Croatian highlight was a stunning elimination of tournament favourites Brazil en route to finishing third.

JAPAN

Would four-time champions Germany or 21st-century titans Spain win Group E? Japan made a mockery of the question the masses were assessing by slaying both those giants to finish top. The Samurai Blue also became only the third team in World Cup history, and the first since West Germany in 1970, to win two separate games in which they had been trailing at half-time.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVERS WHO STOLE THE LIMELIGHT

Lionel Messi: Lionel Messi, for many the greatest footballer in history, has finally got his hands on the World Cup trophy. The 35-year-old provided seven goals and three assists, and broke multiple records, as Argentina conquered the sport for the first time in 36 years.

Kylian Mbappé: With eight goals in seven appearances, the France talisman produced the highest-scoring World Cup by any individual player since Ronaldo emerged with an identical haul from the 2002 edition.

Mbappé also became just the fifth player in World Cup history to score in separate finals, the first to score a final hat-trick since Geoff Hurst in 1966 and, with four goals across 2018 and 2022, is now established as the highest-scoring player in the history of showpiece fixture.

Yassine Bounou: The Morocco hero became the first African goalkeeper to record three clean sheets in a single World Cup edition.

Olivier Giroud: The big Frenchman only started

for France due to a late pre-tournament injury to Karim Benzema but certainly made the most of his opportunity, scoring four times to move on to 53 for his country – two clear of Thierry Henry’s previous record of 51.

Neymar: In a tournament that ended in tears for the Brazil No10, he nonetheless equalled Pele’s 77-goal haul to become A Seleção’s joint-record scorer.

Hugo Lloris: The France skipper surpassed Lilian Thuram (142) as his coun-

try’s all-time record caps holder and also became the first goalkeeper to reach the milestone of 20 World Cup appearances.

Harry Kane: With his 52nd and 53rd international goals, the England captain moved alongside Wayne Rooney as the Three Lions’ all-time record scorer.

Ivan Perisic: The Croatia wide man scored one and set up two for the Vatreni, meaning that he now has six goals and five assists across the last three World Cups. Only the great Messi (21) can

claim more direct goal involvements during the same period.

Goncalo Ramos: The rising Portugal star became the first player to score a hat-trick on his maiden World Cup start since Miroslav Klose in 2002. He was also responsible for the first treble in the knockout stage since Tomas Skuhravy at Italia ’90.

Lionel Scaloni: At 44 years old, the Argentinian became the youngest coach since fellow countryman Cesar Luis Menotti – who was 39 in 1978 – to win the World Cup. - **FIFA**

FIFA WORLD CUP

Qatar 2022

I HOPE MARADONA ENJOYED IT FROM ABOVE: SCALONI



Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni remembered Diego Maradona after La Albiceleste won the World Cup for the first time since Maradona inspired them to glory in 1986

DOHA: Lionel Scaloni was left saddened by a sudden realisation that the late Argentina great Diego Maradona was unable to enjoy their World Cup success in Qatar. Scaloni's side beat France 4-2 on penalties following a remarkable 3-3 draw after extra time at Lusail Stadium on Sunday. It was Argentina's first World Cup triumph since Maradona inspired them to glory in 1986, earning Lionel Messi his maiden success in the competition. Maradona, who played for his national team between 1977 and

1994, died in November 2020 at the age of 60 after suffering a cardiac arrest. His death was followed by three days of national mourning, putting into context just how significant a figure he was in Argentina. And for Scaloni on Sunday, being reminded of Maradona's passing was difficult. Asked what he would say to Maradona if he had been present, Scaloni told reporters: "Well, you make me realise that he's not here, otherwise you'd think he was amongst us. "Well fortunately we man-



aged to lift this trophy, something we've been dreaming of for so long, we're such a football passionate country. "I hope he enjoyed it from above. I'm sure if he was here he'd have enjoyed it so much, he'd have been the first one on the pitch. "Now you ask me this you make me realise he's not here. I wish he was here to enjoy this moment." - **FIFA+**

ARGENTINE SUPERSTAR



Messi vows to keep playing for Argentina

DOHA: Lionel Messi promised he would play on for Argentina to experience "a few more games being world champion" after inspiring their triumph in Qatar. The World Cup belongs to Messi and Argentina after Sunday's spectacular final that saw Kylian Mbappe hit a hat-trick for France but still end up on the losing side. Messi told TyC Sports: "Obviously I wanted to close my career with this, I can't ask for anything any more. "Thank God, he gave me everything. Closing almost my career like this, it's incredible." Messi knows his career is winding down, and he put in the work to make sure he was in prime shape for one last shot at the World Cup. His emotional reaction after the final whistle, kissing the trophy at the first opportunity, reflected how dearly Messi wanted this moment. A double in the final meant Messi became the highest-scoring South American player in major international tournaments with 26 goals - 13 in the World Cup as many in the Copa America. That took him one goal ahead of Brazil great Ronaldo, who previously held the record. "After this, what will there be? I was able to get the Copa America, World Cup... It came to me almost at the end," Messi said "I enjoy being in the national team, the group, I want to continue living a few more games being world champion. "It's every little kid's dream, I was lucky to have achieved everything and what I was missing is here." - **FIFA+**

PELLE FROM BRAZIL GREAT

Pele salutes Messi

DOHA: Brazil great Pele sent congratulations to Argentina after their breathtaking World Cup final victory, describing Lionel Messi's success as the moment "his trajectory deserved". Pele, confined to hospital recently, has been attentive to events at Qatar 2022 and said Argentina's trophy win would have delighted the late Diego Maradona. The big moment for 35-year-old Messi means he finally has a World Cup victory to his name, matching compatriot Maradona who was the driving force behind Argentina's Mexico 86 triumph. Maradona died in November 2020 at the age of 60. "Congratulations Argentina! Certainly Diego is smiling now," Pele wrote on Instagram. There was sympathy from 82-year-old Pele for Kylian Mbappe, who finished on the losing side despite scoring two penalties and a stunning volley to complete only the second hat-trick in a men's World Cup final, after Geoff Hurst's 1966 treble for England against West Germany. Argentina lifted the trophy after a 3-3 draw on Sunday, winning the penalty shoot-out 4-2 after misses from Kingsley Coman and Aurelien Tchouameni. - **FIFA+**



WORLD CUP FINAL DEFEAT

Deschamps claims illness affected France in final

DOHA: France manager Didier Deschamps suggested France had felt the "physical or psychological impact" of an illness-affected run-up to their extraordinary World Cup final defeat against Argentina, although he stopped short of saying it contributed to the outcome. France failed to become the first team to retain the World Cup since 1962 as Argentina triumphed in a penalty shoot-out following a remarkable 3-3 draw at Lusail Stadium. Before Kylian Mbappe's hat-trick enabled France to force extra time and penalties, Deschamps' side made a slow start, becoming the first team to fail to attempt a shot in the first half of a World Cup final. France had been without Adrien Rabiot and Dayot Upamecano due to illness in their semi-final win over Morocco four days earlier, and several other players reportedly experienced symptoms in the days preceding the final. Asked about the spread of the virus after Sunday's defeat, Deschamps said it played a role in France's lethargic start. "The whole squad has been facing a tricky situation for a while now, maybe that had a physical and psychological impact," Deschamps said.



"But I had no concerns about the players who started the match. They were 100 per cent fit, but we only had four days since the last match so perhaps there is some tiredness. "That's not an excuse but we didn't show the same energy as previous matches and for the first hour we weren't in the match.

"In those first 70 minutes or so, we were playing a very aggressive and dynamic opponent and we weren't at the same level for a number of reasons. "We managed to come back from the dead and made a magnificent comeback from a very difficult situation." Deschamps made his frustra-

tion with France's first-half performance clear by becoming the first boss to make two substitutions before half-time in a World Cup match when he withdrew Olivier Giroud and Ousmane Dembele. Despite Les Bleus' failure to clinch the trophy for a third time, Deschamps praised the players he introduced, Marcus Thuram



and Randal Kolo Muani, for reiving the contest. "I went through a lot of different emotions tonight," Deschamps said. "There are some regrets because we were so close to winning but it wasn't to be. "There were a number of reasons why, we had a very strong opponent and we were lacking a bit of energy from some key players. "We had some young inexperienced players who came on and brought some freshness and quality. They got us back in the match to keep the dream alive." Deschamps termed his team's loss "cruel". Randal Kolo Muani was denied a last-gasp winner by goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez, and Argentina won the shoot-out 4-2. "We had a chance to win the World Cup in the last minute but it wasn't to be," Deschamps said. "At 2-0 there would not have been the same regrets, you just say 'bravo' to them. "I don't want to take any merit away from Argentina but there were lots and lots of emotions and it was cruel at the end because we were so close." - **Agencies**

OMAN CRUDE PRICE FALLS

The price of Oman oil has decreased, with prices for delivery by February 2023 reaching \$76.09, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil fell by 72 cents from the price of Friday, which was \$76.81. - **DNA**

MARKET

BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

The MSX index closed at 4,802.52 points, up by 0.18 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended up by 0.93 per cent at 495.53 points. Oman Oil Marketing, up 8.33 per cent, was the top gainer while Oman & Emirates Investment was down 7.41 per cent.



T & C Apply
Know more



**Pay Electricity or Water bills
via mBanking or Internet Banking &
get more rewards!**

With Bank Muscat's 40th Anniversary offers.



Bank Muscat. Better Everyday.

Over \$23bn worth acquisitions, mergers reported in Middle East

With 'green' mergers and acquisitions (M&A) deals increasing from 5 per cent in 2020 to 10.3 per cent in 2021, suggesting that more dealmakers are recognising the value-creating potential of these transactions

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Middle East recorded 283 mergers and acquisitions (M&A) deals with a total value of \$23.8 billion in the first three quarters of 2022. This is an increase of 16 per cent from the same period last year, according to a new report by the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) titled "The 2022 M&A Report."

The report also forecasts that environmental considerations will motivate an increasing number of

deals. With 'green' M&A deals increasing from 5 per cent in 2020 to 10.3 per cent in 2021, suggesting that more dealmakers are recognising the value-creating potential of these transactions, the report added.

"Green deals are very hot in the region. Soaring sustainability transactions in the Middle East are a clear outcome of established national transformation programs seeking out diverse economic outputs for countries on their path to net zero," said Ihab Khalil, Managing



Ronald Maalouf, Managing Director, and Partner, BCG

Director, and Senior Partner, BCG. "As the region continues grounding itself as a hub where collaboration and diversification can bear fruit, so will green mergers and acquisitions," he added.

BCG's analysis revealed a clear upward trend in green-related



Ihab Khalil, Managing Director, and Senior Partner, BCG

deals over the past decade, with the strongest acceleration occurring in 2021 when Middle East deal volumes nearly doubled to 10.3 per cent following two softer years for broader M&A activity and green transactions.

Green M&A has been growing

particularly quickly in industries that are at the forefront of the energy transition and in emerging markets, with the Middle East showing the highest level of green activity globally. Over the past ten years, the energy and utilities industry had the highest share of green M&A and the largest increase, showing a 98 per cent increase in deals from 2020-2021, contributing to 10 per cent of M&A deals in the Middle East in 2021. Asia-Pacific (especially China) was the second-most active region, with a green deal share of approximately 8 per cent in 2021.

Do green deals create value?

BCG's analysis disclosed that despite the substantial premium they often command, green deals globally generally create more value than non-green deals upon announcement and over the ensuing two years. By analysing cumulative abnormal return (CAR) for three-day periods before and after a deal announcement, BCG found

that the median CAR of environmental-related transactions (1.0 per cent) is significantly marginally higher than that of nongreen deals. The report also determined that the median two-year relative total shareholder return (rTSR) of non-green deals (-0.55 per cent) exceeds that of green deals (-2.38 per cent).

"Though the Middle East is seeking out net zero solutions to power its economy, it is not letting go of the stream of energy and power," said Ronald Maalouf, Managing Director, and Partner, BCG. "On the contrary, increasing ventures in hydrogen will surely position the region not only as a reliable sustainable centre of energy supply but as a leader in that segment capable of powering an even greater number of mergers and acquisitions across the board. With COP28 scheduled in the United Arab Emirates, we expect more attention to be drawn to the region's green portfolio to spearhead global sustainable development goals to success."

COLLABORATION

Bank Muscat partners with GIG Gulf to offer 40% discount on home insurance covers

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Homes and their contents are the most valuable possessions most people own in their lifetimes. Hence, getting quality home insurance might be your best choice to protect your home and everything under its roof against damage or destruction caused by natural disasters or accidents.

To provide maximum protection to its customers, Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate of Oman, had earlier tied up with GIG Gulf, the no. 1 regional insurer to offer comprehensive protection through GIG Home Insurance.

Recently on the occasion of the bank's 40th Anniversary, Bank Mus-

cat announced that a 40 per cent discount would be available to customers on home contents and personal belongings insurance cover during a special promotional period, which ends on December 31.

Speaking on the occasion, Abdullah Tamman Al Maashani, General Manager - Products at Bank Muscat, said, "The bank is delighted to join hands with GIG Gulf, the No. 1 regional insurer, to provide an innovative home insurance plan for the benefit of all its customers. This partnership has not only delivered excellent value but has also played a key role in enhancing our value proposition to our customers. In line with the valuable feedback received on our bancassurance plans, Bank Mus-



cat is pleased to offer coverage at significantly reduced rates to celebrate the bank's 40th anniversary."

Mehdi Al Harthy, General Manager & Head of Partnerships -

Oman, GIG Gulf, commented on this occasion, "We are proud to have worked with Bank Muscat over the years to deliver a range of distinctive and value-added insurance plans for our customers. GIG Home Insurance plan is the ideal solution for protection against unexpected events that might take away the possessions you value the most. We encourage all Bank Muscat customers to take full advantage of the highly discounted rates on the home contents and personal belongings covers during the bank's 40th-anniversary offer. As GIG Gulf, we have proudly served over 200,000 Bank Muscat customers since 2016, where we developed personalised, top-notch products that enhance and com-

plement Bank Muscat products. Today, we provide various insurance solutions such as Life, Saving, Health, and Motor, to serve and cater to all customers' needs."

Home Insurance plan

GIG's Home Insurance plan offers exceptional value to both homeowners and tenants. It protects the building and its contents against fire, explosion, lightning, earthquakes, accidental damage, fixture breakage, and the like.

It also offers worldwide personal belongings coverage for valuables such as passports, driver's licenses, legal documents, jewellery, watches, music, sports and portable equipment, laptops, or any other items that customers may

carry outside their homes.

The plan also includes the Owner's and Occupier's Liability Cover, which protects the insured from any claim made against them, and the Tenant's Liability Cover, which protects the insured if they are legally held liable for property damage. As an added benefit, the insured can choose to cover domestic helpers under the home insurance policy for both medical coverage and repatriation of mortal remains.

Customers can purchase their Home Insurance plan and redeem the 40% discount on Home Contents and Personal Belongings insurance cover at Bank Muscat branches with GIG Gulf helpdesks or through the online portal.

DIGITISATION

Google announces new AI-based initiatives for India

NEW DELHI: Google on Monday announced a series of new Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based initiatives for India, aimed at addressing the language divide on the Internet, supporting the digitisation of farmland in partnership with the Telangana government, and new collaborations and investments to drive responsible development of AI across the country.

New innovations were focused on bilingual users' needs and new search capabilities using camera and voice, a new fraud detection model for secure digital payments on Google Pay, and integration with Digilocker in the files by Google app on Android to allow for easy access to key digital documents, privately and safely.

Positioning Indian language support on the Internet as the next big unlock for India's digital transformation journey, Google announced a collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru (Project Vaani). - **ANI**



**Exciting offers
from SUZUKI...
adding joy to your journeys**

Offer includes:

-  **0% VAT** Charges
-  **Insurance (Oman & UAE) + Registration**
-  **2 Years / 40,000 Kms Service**
-  **5 Years Unlimited Mileage Warranty**
-  **Quality Window Tinting**



Scan the QR Code to check out the SUZUKI RANGE

Offer is valid from 23.10.2022 to 22.12.2022 on all models. Insurance (Oman & UAE) & Registration is for the 1st year (Private yellow plate). Service is for 2 years or 40,000 Kms, whichever is earlier. 5 years/Unlimited mileage warranty is through third party in accordance with their terms & conditions. Sales to Government institutions & Ministries, Rent-A-Car companies, Taxi and Driving schools are excluded from the scheme. Vehicle shown is for illustrative purposes only.

MOOSA ABDUL RAHMAN HASSAN & Co. LLC | 94760010 Wattayah | 94106970: For branches at Salalah | Sohar | Nizwa | Sur | Ibbi | 800 76 200 | suzuki.moosagroup.com | suzuki.oman | suzukioman | Suzuki Global



MARKET



SHOP NOW

rafeeq.om



MSX index ends higher

Oman Oil Marketing, up 8.33 per cent, was the top gainer while Oman & Emirates Investment, down 741 per cent, was the top loser



MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 4,802.52 points, up by 0.18 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended up by 0.93 per cent at 495.53 points. Oman Oil Marketing, up 8.33 per cent, was the top gainer while Oman & Emirates Investment, down 741 per cent, was the top loser. Shares of Sohar International Bank were the most active in terms of the number of shares traded while Oman Telecom were the most active in terms of turnover.

A total number of 317 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR2.17 million, with more than 7.53 million shares changing hands. Out of 38 traded securities, 13 advanced, 14 declined, and 11 remained unchanged. At the session close, domestic investors were net sellers for OMR52,000 while GCC & Arab investors were net buyers for OMR43,000, followed by foreign investors for OMR9,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 7,760.60 points, down 0.05 per cent. Prices of Sohar International Bank, Al Madina Takaful, Bank Nizwa, Ahli Bank, and Ahlia Insurance were up by 1.98 per

cent, 1.12 per cent, 1.03 per cent, 0.00 per cent and 0.00 per cent respectively. Prices of Oman & Emirates Investment, Al Omaniya Financial Services, National Bank Oman, United Finance, and Taageer Finance were down by 0.44 per cent, 4.11 per cent, 1.72 per cent, 1.52 per cent and 1.01 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,376.89 points, down 0.38 per cent. Prices of Jazeera Steel Products was up by 0.44 per cent. Prices of National Aluminium, Oman Cement, Raysut Cement, Al Anwar Ceramics, and Galfar Engineering were down by 5.00 per cent, 1.32 per cent, 1.18 per cent, 0.96 per cent and 0.58 per cent respectively.

Services Index was up by 1.05 per cent before closing at 1,606.26 points. Prices of Oman Oil Marketing, Shell Oman Marketing, Al Suwadi Power, Phoenix Power, and OIFC were up by 8.33 per cent, 5.63 per cent, 3.57 per cent, 2.38 per cent and 2.36 per cent respectively. Prices of Muscat Desalination, Oman National Engineering, Al Maha Marketing and Renaissance Services were down by 2.97 per cent, 0.89 per cent, 0.88 per cent and 0.85 per cent respectively. — **United Securities**

OMAN STOCKS

MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	4,808.54	4,764.70	4,802.52	4,793.73	8.79	0.18
FINANCIAL INDEX	7,772.16	7,724.84	7,760.60	7,764.73	-4.12	-0.05
Industry Index	6,423.91	6,376.89	6,376.89	6,401.42	-24.52	-0.38
Services Index	1,608.47	1,589.59	1,606.26	1,589.59	16.67	1.05
MSX Shariah Index	495.53	491.29	495.53	490.98	4.55	0.93
MSX TR INDEX	6,069.26	6,013.92	6,061.65	6,050.56	11.09	0.18
FINANCIAL TR IDX	8,132.69	8,083.18	8,120.60	8,124.92	-4.31	-0.05
SERVICES TR IDX	1,700.02	1,680.06	1,697.68	1,680.06	17.62	1.05
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	6,688.08	6,639.14	6,639.14	6,664.67	-25.53	-0.38

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
7,530,434	2,171,407	317	23,758,312,275	13	14	11	38

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

ISIN	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	PRN VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000001525	OMAN INVST& FIN.	113	15	1	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.127	0.003	2.362	0.130	0.123	0.139	0.100	30,810,000
OM0000003388	SOHAR INT. BANK	2,148,000	221,190	17	0.100	0.104	0.100	0.103	0.101	0.002	1.980	0.103	0.103	0.104	0.100	472,778,416
OM0000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	175,409	47,517	44	0.267	0.275	0.267	0.270	0.266	0.004	1.504	0.270	0.270	0.270	0.100	16,525,154
OM0000003968	OORDOO	131,500	55,581	9	0.404	0.430	0.404	0.430	0.426	0.004	0.939	0.430	0.404	0.428	0.100	279,906,019
OM0000003026	OMAN TELCOM	436,279	406,140	11	0.928	0.936	0.928	0.936	0.928	0.008	0.862	0.936	0.936	0.936	0.100	702,000,000
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	167,800	37,934	13	0.227	0.239	0.224	0.228	0.227	0.001	0.441	0.228	0.224	0.227	0.100	28,476,735
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSUR.	25,017	7,676	8	0.302	0.310	0.300	0.310	0.310	0.000	0.000	0.310	0.282	0.330	0.100	31,000,000
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	438,150	127,354	21	0.290	0.290	0.290	0.290	0.290	0.000	0.000	0.290	0.286	0.290	0.100	217,855,148
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV. H.	21,700	1,194	4	0.058	0.058	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.000	0.000	0.055	0.054	0.055	0.100	11,000,000
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SER.	313,000	146,152	5	0.468	0.468	0.466	0.466	0.470	-0.004	-0.851	0.466	0.464	0.466	0.100	110,167,060
OM0000003000	AI MAHA PETROLEUM	101,129	91,031	22	0.908	0.908	0.900	0.900	0.908	-0.008	-0.881	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.100	62,100,000
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT. ENG.	68,780	7,655	4	0.112	0.112	0.111	0.111	0.112	-0.001	-0.893	0.111	0.111	0.116	0.100	15,540,000
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	100,000	41,300	1	0.412	0.412	0.412	0.412	0.416	-0.004	-0.962	0.412	0.400	0.418	0.100	90,640,000
OM0000003281	TAGEER FINANCE	30,000	2,940	1	0.098	0.098	0.098	0.098	0.099	-0.001	-1.010	0.098	0.094	0.098	0.100	25,349,856
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	1,168,285	352,951	16	0.304	0.304	0.300	0.300	0.304	-0.004	-1.316	0.300	0.300	0.302	0.100	99,261,813
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	7,199	2,052	1	0.285	0.285	0.285	0.285	0.290	-0.005	-1.724	0.285	0.286	0.290	0.100	463,394,711
OM0000002077	AL OMANIYA FIN.S.	62,116	8,696	12	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.146	0.146	-0.006	-4.110	0.140	0.139	0.140	0.100	42,449,909
Total		17	5,395,567	1,557,276	190											
Parallel Market																
OM0000002572	OMAN OIL MARKETING	188,292	186,032	5	0.988	0.988	0.988	0.988	0.912	0.076	8.333	0.988	0.900	1.000	0.100	60,539,700
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MRK	50,440	45,336	7	0.888	0.900	0.888	0.900	0.852	0.048	5.634	0.900	0.820	0.920	0.100	85,500,000
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	500	15	1	0.029	0.029	0.029	0.029	0.028	0.001	3.571	0.029	0.028	0.029	0.100	20,717,784
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	50,471	2,120	3	0.043	0.043	0.042	0.043	0.042	0.001	2.381	0.043	0.042	0.043	0.100	62,891,863
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	118,809	10,617	9	0.090	0.090	0.089	0.090	0.089	0.001	1.124	0.090	0.089	0.090	0.100	15,750,000
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	434,000	42,532	5	0.098	0.098	0.098	0.098	0.097	0.001	1.031	0.098	0.090	0.098	0.100	219,221,397
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	30,000	3,185	10	0.105	0.108	0.105	0.106	0.105	0.001	0.952	0.106	0.106	0.109	0.100	9,010,000
OM0000001517	HSBC BANK OMAN	419,250	67,919	4	0.162	0.162	0.162	0.162	0.162	0.000	0.000	0.162	0.162	0.162	0.100	324,050,672
OM0000001566	OMAN FISHERIES	215	24	1	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.000	0.000	0.110	0.000	0.113	0.100	20,028,624
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	5,000	335	1	0.067	0.067	0.067	0.067	0.067	0.000	0.000	0.067	0.062	0.067	0.100	20,578,804
OM0000002028	GULF INT. CHEMI.	7,000	588	3	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.000	0.000	0.084	0.084	0.088	0.100	1,764,000
OM0000002804	ASAFA FOODS	1,000	224	1	0.224	0.224	0.224	0.224	0.224	0.000	0.000	0.224	0.220	0.223	0.100	26,880,000
OM0000004248	SMN POWER HOLDING	192,265	8,267	8	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.000	0.000	0.043	0.042	0.043	0.100	8,584,331
OM0000004925	ALBATHINAH POWER	33,421	936	3	0.028	0.028	0.028	0.028	0.028	0.000	0.000	0.028	0.028	0.028	0.100	18,896,848
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	5,620	449	3	0.172	0.172	0.170	0.172	0.173	-0.001	-0.578	0.170	0.167	0.170	0.100	34,913,669
OM0000004148	RAYSUT CEMENT	97,440	16,497	16	0.173	0.173	0.166	0.167	0.169	-0.002	-1.183	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.100	33,493,000
OM0000003271	UNITED FINANCE	64,000	4,179	6	0.063	0.066	0.063	0.065	0.066	-0.001	-1.515	0.065	0.065	0.066	0.100	22,694,387
OM0000007084	MCT DESALINATE	66,099	6,518	11	0.099	0.099	0.098	0.098	0.101	-0.003	-2.970	0.098	0.097	0.098	0.100	15,243,939
OM0000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	23,919	1,823	4	0.078	0.078	0.076	0.076	0.080	-0.004	-5.000	0.076	0.072	0.088	0.100	2,551,430
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	67,250	5,044	6	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.081	-0.006	-7.407	0.075	0.074	0.075	0.100	9,140,625
Total		20	1,851,991	402,639	107											
OIL PRICES																
DETECTION SYSTEMS																

OIL PRICES

Oil climbs on optimism over China's demand recovery

SINGAPORE: Oil prices reclaimed ground on Monday after tumbling more than \$2 a barrel in the previous session as optimism from China's reopening and oil demand recovery outweighed concerns of a global recession.

Brent crude futures rose 72 cents, or 0.9 per cent, to \$79.76 a barrel by 0103 GMT while US West Texas Intermediate crude was at \$74.89 a barrel, up 60 cents, or 0.8 per cent, Reuters reports.

China, the world's top crude oil importer and No. 2 oil consumer, is experiencing its first of three expected waves of COVID-19 cases after Beijing relaxed mobility restrictions.

"Despite a surge in COVID cases, the reopening optimism and accommodative policy improve oil's demand outlook," CMC Markets analyst Tina Teng said.

On Friday, news outlet Caixin reported China's plans to increase flights with a goal to restore the



country's average daily passenger flight volumes to 70 per cent of 2019 levels by January 6. China's diesel and gasoline exports continued to surge in November to their highest level in over a year as refiners dashed to use up their 2022 export quotas and sell down rising inventory.

Brent and WTI rose more than 3 per cent last week as a Canada to US pipeline remained shut with its operator TC Energy Corp (TRP.TO) focused on cleaning up an oil spill. The shutdown of the pipeline, with

a capacity to send 622,000 barrels per day of Canadian crude to US refiners, has supported prices for US heavy crude grades.

An announcement by the US Energy Department on Friday that it will begin repurchasing crude oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve also supported the outlook for stronger prices.

This will be the United States' first purchase since this year's record 180 million barrel release from the stockpile. — **BNA**

RESOLUTIONS

Investors ramp up pressure on big oil firms to set 2030 climate targets

LONDON: A group of investors has tabled resolutions urging four of the world's top oil and gas companies to set broad climate targets for 2030, reviving pressure on the sector after a year that saw governments shift their focus to energy security.

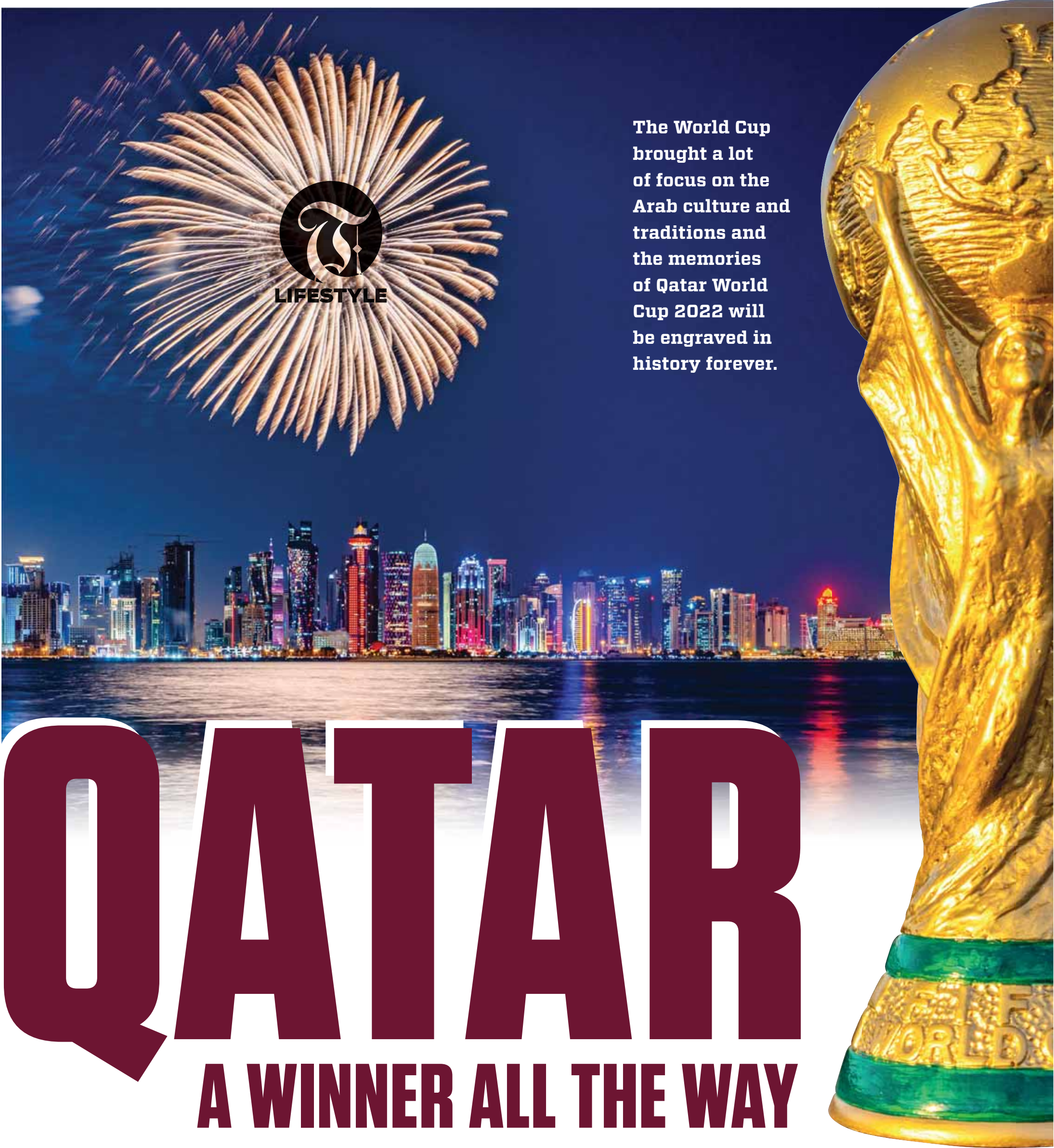
Activist group Follow This said it had co-filed the resolutions with six major institutional investors managing \$1.3 trillion in assets ahead of the annual general meetings of BP, Chevron, Exxon Mobil and Shell next year, Reuters reports.

In the resolutions, the investors call on the companies to set targets to reduce by 2030 greenhouse gas emissions including those from fuel sold to customers, known as Scope 3 emissions, which account for the vast majority of the sector's pollution.

Investors have in recent years ramped up pressure on the oil and gas sector to help tackle climate change, and the Follow This climate-related resolutions have drawn growing support among shareholders.

However, last year the efforts largely sputtered as investors turned their focus more to higher energy prices and energy security following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

BP, Shell and Chevron have all set some 2030 greenhouse emissions reduction targets



The World Cup brought a lot of focus on the Arab culture and traditions and the memories of Qatar World Cup 2022 will be engraved in history forever.

BY RAHUL DAS
rahuldas@timesofoman.com

Qatar 2022 will be remembered for decades ahead as one of the greatest hosts of the FIFA World Cup, which was held from November 20 to December 18. It had all the key ingredients needed to make a tournament an outright success as it met the expectation of millions of fans who visited the State of Qatar from across the globe.

The World Cup began with a victory of seismic impact as Gulf nation Saudi Arabia shocked Lionel Messi's Argentina. The upsets continued as four-time champions Germany exited in the group stage itself.

As if the departure of Germany wasn't enough, five-time champions Brazil bowed out in the round of 16 stage even as the fans enjoyed some sensational goals and saves.

On the pitch, the story of the tournament had to be the sterling performance of Morocco. The Atlas Lions created history by becoming the first African and Arab nation to reach the semi-finals and finished fourth behind Croatia, another first for an African nation.

And then the crowning moment came on 18 December when Argentina won its third World Cup title by beating France 4-2 in a penalty shootout after a 3-3 draw featuring two goals from Argentina's 35-year-old Lionel Messi.

Messi won the Golden Ball for the best player at this year's World Cup. He scored twice, taking his tally of goals at the tournament to seven, and also scored in the shoot-out following the 3-3 draw after extra time.

THE JOURNEY TO DOHA

Travelling to Doha to enjoy the World Cup ambience and watch a match onboard Qatar Airways turned out to be an icing on the cake.

Celebrated for its onboard



amenities and lavish lounges, Qatar Airways business class is designed to impress everyone and lot of fans enjoyed the travel onboard the Qatar Airways.

Home to one of the most innovative and modern fleets in the world, Qatar Airways spacious and comfortable seating, delectable cuisine and extensive entertainment options, made flying a truly remarkable experience.

With Qsuite available in a few flights on Muscat-Doha sector, flying experience has been totally different from Muscat to Doha.

The Qsuite offers ambient mood lighting, fully lie-flat beds and generous storage space, creating a new standard in comfort.



WARM WELCOME IN DOHA

On arrival, all Hayya card holders were provided by Qatar's telecom operators free SIM loaded with talktime and data for three days – a very thoughtful gesture that brought a smile on everyone's faces. A traditional welcome beckoned all the travellers flying in as they were greeted and treated with *Kahwa* (Arabic coffee) and dates at the airport.

To welcome travellers to Qatar, the award-winning airline introduced Qatar Sky House, a pavilion at Al Bidda Park, which included interactive activities such as face painting, Qverse experience, swing the world, foosball, and the "Ney-

mar Challenge". For those looking for a moment to sit back and relax, the pavilion included two lounge areas, a Qatar Airways Privilege Club lounge and a space dedicated to relaxation.

The Qatar Airways House, located in the Hyatt Regency Oryx Hotel, was screening live matches, conferences, events, as well as an introduction to the country's culture.

SOUQ WAKIF VISIT A MUST

A trip to Doha is incomplete without a visit to Souq Wakif, a destination where tradition and modernity is blended to perfection. It was the epicenter of fans converging from across the globe and the nearby metro station provided



easy access from Souq Wakif to the stadiums.

The decked-up Corniche was another place to chill for the fans with its beautiful view across the bay of downtown buildings lit up to celebrate the matches of the day. It was a perfect place to hang out early in the evening and between matches.

DREAMLAND DOHA

Doha became a dreamland for the football fans as they sang, danced and enjoyed all the games. "This is the one of the best World Cups I have seen in the last 40 years. Thank you Qatar," Yogesh, a fan from India, who flew from the western city of Mumbai, said.

Qatar has done it! They have hosted the first-ever World Cup in

the Middle East successfully. The World Cup will be remembered not just for the high standard of football but also for excellent hospitality.

"Thank you Qatar for a wonderful experience at the FIFA World Cup. The government's amazing execution of detailed planning and the excellent crowd management of the congregation of humans is a lesson for the rest of the world. Providing free bus services to and from the stadium/airport to metro station and free metro rides are all that will remain in the hearts of fans like me. Even visiting a fan festival was an enjoyable experience," Nasser, a fan from Saudi Arabia, said.

The ubiquitous marshals played a key role in managing the crowds at all the places. They stood outside the stations, continually chanting: "Metroooo... this way." Undoubtedly, Qatar established its credentials as a worthy host. The success of the FIFA World Cup is sure to leave a lasting legacy for Qatar. The tournament greatly benefited the Gulf nations with fans spread across the UAE and Oman during the course of the World Cup.

The World Cup also brought a lot of focus on the Arab culture and traditions and despite critics doubting the success, Qatar has proved in clear terms that it has done it. Qatar is a winner all the way. The memories of Qatar 2022 will be engraved in history forever.





SPORTS



SHOP NOW
 rafeeq.om

Oman Sailing Festival 2022 heads north to Musandam

Visitors will have the chance to enjoy free sessions and try sailing, windsurfing and kite surfing from Oman Sail’s professional instructors

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Organised by Oman Sail, the Oman Sailing Festival will kick off at Bassa public beach in Musandam from 20-24 December 2022 as the nationwide tour concludes. Visitors will have the chance to enjoy free sessions and try sailing, windsurfing and kite surfing from Oman Sail’s professional instructors. There will also be a beach clean-



LEARNING SKILLS: The Oman Sailing Festival organised by Oman Sail has travelled across the country to introduce communities to the opportunities to learn how to sail, windsurf and kitesurf.



generations can enjoy clean waters, as well as doing all we can to have a positive impact on the native plant and marine life across our beautiful country,” he added. For more than two months, the Oman Sailing Festival organised by Oman Sail has travelled across the country to introduce communities to the opportunities to learn how to sail, windsurf and kitesurf, as well as sharing the possibilities in the sport for people with disabilities.

Festival sites So far, more than one thousand and six hundred people have received lessons from professional coaches and thousands more have visited the festival sites to enjoy local food, arts and crafts. The beach clean-up programme has been incredibly successful in removing of waste from shorelines across Oman, showing how a small act can make a big difference. The Oman Sailing Festival is proudly supported by Oman Air, National Mineral Water Company (Tanuf), Environment society of Oman (ESO), and National University of Science and Technology (International Maritime College).

KARACHI TEST

England on verge of Test series triumph

KARACHI: Rehan Ahmed’s sensational five-wicket haul put England on the brink of victory in the third Test against Pakistan and a historic clean sweep. Ahmed, the 18-year-old, who became the youngest man to play a Test for England, ripped through the home batting on the third day in Karachi on Monday. His 5-48 made him the youngest leg-spinner to take a five-wicket haul in a men’s Test. He was the architect of a Pakistan collapse of seven wickets for 52 runs. Ahmed’s spell left England with a chase of just 167 to secure victory, something they almost managed in a wild evening session of hitting. Jack Leach had earlier raised the prospect of a three-day finish with three wickets in the first hour, only for half-centuries from Babar Azam and Saud Shakeel to delay England. But Ahmed, held back until the 43rd over of the day, had Babar caught at mid-wicket to send Pakistan tumbling to 216 all out. Even with only a maximum of 22 overs left in the day, England sprinted after their target of 167 - openers Zak Crawley and Ben Duckett added 87 in 11.3 overs before Crawley fell for 41. Surprisingly, Ahmed appeared at number three and smashed his first ball for four, only to be bowled



swiping at Abrar Ahmed for 10. Even then, captain Ben Stokes promoted himself to No 4, but the nightfall left the tourists 55 runs short on 112-2, with Duckett unbeaten on 50. This series had already produced riveting finishes in each of England’s wins in the first two Tests. Though this third Test will prove to be more one-sided than the first two, it could yet be the most significant if it turns out to be the start of a long and successful career for Ahmed. His spell on either side of tea was beguiling and thrilling. He led England from the field as the youngest debutant of any kind to take a five-wicket haul in a men’s Test. Ahmed dropped to his knees

and bowed his head to the ground as in prayer as he achieved the milestone. Ahmed eclipsed the record set by Pat Cummins when he was 18 years and 196 days old. Until Ahmed came into the attack more than an hour into the afternoon session, England were facing the prospect of a long day and tough chase. Babar and Shakeel were set, the pitch asleep and the lead at 114. In an unchanged spell of 12.5 overs, the teenager produced a mesmerising display in only his fourth first-class match. There was a huge element of fortune in his first wicket - the stunned Babar pulled an awful long-hop to mid-wicket, where Ollie Pope took a sharp reaction catch. Mohammad Rizwan edged behind and Shakeel top-edged a sweep to give Ahmed three wickets for nine runs in the space of 17 balls. In between Joe Root had Faheem Ashraf caught at slip and Mark Wood got Nauman Ali leg before, Ahmed enticed Mohammed Wasim to miscue to mid-off. When Salman Agha swept to short fine leg to give Ahmed his fifth. Brief scores: (Day three): Pakistan 304 (Babar 78) & 216 (Ahmed 5-48) vs England 354 (Brook 111, Foakes 64) & 112-2 (Duckett 50).

- Agencies

INDIA'S TOUR OF BANGLADESH



Injured Rohit Sharma ruled out of second Test

MUMBAI: India skipper Rohit Sharma has reportedly been ruled out of the second and final Test match of the two-game series against Bangladesh to be played in Dhaka starting from December 22. As per sources close to ANI, Rohit, who missed the first Test after sustaining a thumb injury during the second ODI against Bangladesh, will no longer be travelling to Dhaka. India skipper Rohit Sharma missed the third and final ODI against Bangladesh with a finger injury sustained in the second match and could not make it to the ongoing first Test match being played at Chattogram. After a special consultation in Mumbai, it was found out by the medical team that this persistent injury was keeping him out of action, and even forced him out of the first Test against Bangladesh. With Rohit not travelling to Dhaka, vice-captain KL Rahul will

continue to lead the team in his absence in the second and final Test of the series which India lead 1-0. Not only Rohit Sharma but there were many other cricketers who failed to make it to the Indian squad like Jasprit Bumrah (back), Mohammad Shami (shoulder) and Ravindra Jadeja (knee). These star players have failed to recover in time and have been ruled out of both Tests. In the first Test against hosts, India boosted their chances of appearing at next year’s ICC World Test Championship final with a comprehensive 188-run victory over a gritty Bangladesh in Chattogram on Sunday. Spinners Axar Patel (4/77) and Kuldeep Yadav (3/73) did the majority of the damage as they shared seven Bangladesh wickets in the second innings between them and India climbed to the second spot on the World Test Championship standings as a result.

CRICKET

Our batting line-up inexperienced: Kagiso Rabada

MELBOURNE: Kagiso Rabada, South Africa’s premier fast bowler, has pleaded for “patience and understanding” in response to his team’s struggling batting order while also acknowledging that it is “frustrating as a team” to accept their performances. Australia wrapped up the first Test against South Africa in two dramatic days which saw 34 wickets fall. The next Test begins

at the MCG in Melbourne on December 26. The South African batting order collectively experienced their poorest Test year in 2022, and they were bowled for less than 200 run mark eight times, which is a record for them. Their poor performance juxtaposed against the excellence of their potent pace attack; Rabada, for instance, has taken 45 wickets in just eight

Test matches this year, leading the field. “The batting line-up that we have is quite inexperienced. In fact, the team that we have is relatively inexperienced if you look at other cricketing nations. Dean Elgar is our most experienced player followed by myself and Temba (Bavuma). I’ve played 50-odd Test matches and everyone else hasn’t played much. It can

get frustrating as well and when I say frustrating I don’t mean to single out the batters, it’s frustrating as a team and you almost have to understand that sometimes this is what happens in a rebuilding phase,” ESPNcricinfo quoted Rabada as saying. “It’s all down to belief and I think we have the belief. We will never go down without a fight,” the South African speedster added.

-ANI

PREMIER DIVISION LEAGUE

Oman Stallions beat Yalla Shabab, Muscat CT thump AER Bin Ali

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Stallions edge past Yalla Shabab winning by 3 wickets and Muscat CT beat AER Bin Ali by 7 wickets in the Premier Division League Season 2022-23 powered by Muscat Pharmacy. In the match played on Friday, Oman Stallions invited Yalla Shabab to bat first. **Great start** Openers Mujibur Ali and Hannan Rizwan gave them a cruising start stitching a 73 runs partnership. Although, the spin trio of Jiten Ramanandi (20/2), Mohit Patel (32/2) and Karan Sonavale (45/3) did not allow any batsman of Yalla Shabab to capitalise and kept tak-

ing wickets at regular intervals to bundle them to just 199. In response, Yalla Shabab picked two early wickets in the powerplay bringing them back into the game. Sankata Prasad (60 of 95) and Yasir Ali’s grit and determination to stitch a 75 run partnership for the 5th wicket made a difference and put Oman Stallions close to victory. Jiten Ramanandi’s quick fire 30 ensured the Stallions got to the mark to register their 2nd win of the league. Kaleemullah was the lone armorer for Yalla Shabab bagging 4 wickets to his name. Brief Scores : Yalla Shabab 199/10 in 43.3 overs (Hannan Ri-

zwan 32(26) 4x4,1x6 , Mujibur Ali 32(50) 6x4 ; Karan Sonavale 45/3 , Jiten Ramanandi 20/2 , Mohit Patel 32(2) lost to Oman Stallions 202/7 in 48.2 overs (Sankata Prasad 60(95) 4x4,1x6 , Jiten Ramanandi 30(29) 2x4, 1x6 ; Kaleemullah 21(4) by 3 wickets. In the match played on Saturday, Skipper Jatinder Singh of Muscat CT elected to bowl first. Debutant Akash Mohit and campaigner Munis Ansari came in fiery at the AER Batsman picking 3 of them in the powerplay. A Steady partnership between Skipper Aamir Kaleem and his Deputy Zeeshan Siddiqui allowed AER breathing space. Although, wickets kept falling at regular intervals creating voids to

enable them reach a respectable score. AER bundled down to just 160 in 47.1 overs. Munis Ansari ended with 4 wickets and Akash Mohit bagged 2 as well. In response, Muscat CT started off with Jatinder Singh and Shoaib Khan stitching a 60 run opening partnership for the powerplay. Shoaib Khan continued to grace the AER bowlers tonking an unbeaten 83 runs and ensuring Muscat CT claim 2 points of the contest. Brief Scores : AER Bin Ali 160/10 in 47.1 overs (Aamir Kaleem 33(40) 4x4 ; Munis Ansari 31/4 , Akash Mohit 44/2) lost to Muscat CT 161/3 in 30.4 overs (Shoaib Khan 83(98) 12x4 ; Mohd Hashim Syed 25/1) by 7 wickets.



(From left), Jiten Ramanandi , Sankata Prasad , Karan Sonavale.



YOU ORDER
WE DELIVER

Download the app

ROUND-UP

Alfardan conducts exclusive and luxurious drive experience for media

The guests drove through the streets of Oman to reach Jebel Sifah Resort and were treated to an elegantly luxurious experience in Prancing Horse brand’s 296 GTB and the Ferrari Roma

MUSCAT: Alfardan Motors, the official Ferrari Importer in Oman, has provided high-profile media in the Sultanate a special opportunity through an exclusive drive experience, to drive the Prancing Horse brand’s 296 GTB and the Ferrari Roma, which encapsulates the concepts of fun to drive and la Nuova dolce vita respectively. Beginning with a gathering at the Ferrari showroom located in Muscat, the guests attended a briefing session and received professional guides on the dynamics of both models before getting behind the wheels, feeling the compactness and modernity of the well-renowned 296 GTB and the combination of sports and luxury of the Roma. The guests drove through the streets of Oman to reach, Jebel Sifah Resort and were treated to an elegantly luxurious experience which mirrors that of

a Ferrari’s. The 296 GTB, which features a sporty, sinuous design and extremely compact dimensions, re-defines the whole concept of fun behind the wheel, guaranteeing pure emotions not just when pushing the car to its limits, but also in day-to-day driving situations. The 296 GTB, which gets its name through the combination of the car’s total displacement (2.992 l) and the number of cylinders with the GTB (Gran Turismo Berlinetta) acronym, ushered in an authentic revolution for Ferrari as it has introduced a new engine type to flank the marque’s multi-award-winning 8- and 12-cylinder power units: a 663 cv 120° V6 coupled with an electric motor capable of delivering a further 122 kW (167 cv) which gives a combined power output of 830cv. The 296 GTB’s plug-in hybrid



(PHEV) system guarantees it is an incredibly usable car as well as cutting pedal response times to zero and delivering a 25km range in all-electric eDrive mode. The car’s compact dimensions and the introduction of innovative dynamic control systems as well as meticulously honed aero ensure that the driver will instantly experience its astonishing agility and

responsiveness to commands. The Ferrari Roma, an icon of Italian design, represents the pinnacle of performance in the category, thanks to its turbocharged V8 from the family of engines that have won the overall International Engine of the Year award four years running. In this version, the engine reaches 620 cv at 7500 rpm and is coupled with the new

8-speed DCT gearbox that was introduced on the SF90 Stradale. With its distinctive flair and style, the car is a contemporary representation of the carefree, pleasurable way of life that characterised Rome in the 1950s and ‘60s. The Ferrari Roma offers discerning clients the finesse and refinement that brings the concept of “la Dolce Vita” right up to date.

The Roma also features harmonious proportions and elegantly balanced volumes which are very much in line with Ferrari’s front-engined grand touring tradition. Timeless and sublimely refined, from a technical point of view the Ferrari Roma introduces a series of unparalleled features that put it at the top of its segment in terms of performance and driving enjoyment.

SYSTEM INTEGRATOR

Aptus Infotech holds smart healthcare solution event

MUSCAT: Oman’s leading system integrator Aptus Infotech with over two decades of successfully implementing ICT & ELV solutions across all verticals held a seminar recently at the Crown Plaza Hotel for the hospitality industry. The event was organised to primarily showcase a smart healthcare solution from leading international experts with deep industry knowledge. The event in Muscat was attended by all the IT heads and stakeholders from across all 11 regions. Welcoming the large gathering Rajesh Malaviya, CEO of Aptus Infotech said, “Today, health informatics — a discipline that combines information systems, data, communications and medical care — is revolutionising the health care industry. Technological advancements have sparked industry-wide innovation across all disciplines within the medical field. From artificial intelligence to 3-D bioprinting and beyond, technology is at the forefront of the ongoing transformation of the healthcare system. This event is our small effort but a significant



step towards the comprehensive Oman Vision 2040 which covers all aspects of development and real opportunity moving to a new stage of progress he further reiterated.” On his part Mubin Mir, Sales Director said, “In the last few years, the healthcare sector business has

undergone digital transformations to better cope with the current situations. “This has considerably increased the scope of technology-driven healthcare solutions. Several existing and emerging technologies will have a positive impact on the healthcare industry in the future. Artificial intelligence, machine learning, virtual reality, augmented reality, and wearable technology will all become critical tools for healthcare providers and organizations to perform more efficiently.” Keeping in mind the interoperable healthcare information technology (Health IT) systems, the event showcased three major players in the healthcare industry starting with Austco the leading company from the USA specialising in Nurse Calling Systems providing an in-depth orientation on clinical communication solutions for hospitals and aged-care facilities. It was followed by a presentation from Avigilon which is a subsidiary of Motorola solutions specialising in the design and development of video analytics, network video management software and access control products. Finally Microsens from Germany which is one of the world’s leading manufacturers of fibre optic transmission systems and solutions for healthcare automation gave a detailed product overview.

SPECIAL OCCASION



Bangladesh School Sohar celebrates National Day

MUSCAT: The hearts of the students were filled with pride and happiness as Bangladesh School Sohar, the first and only Pearson Edexcel Curriculum accredited school in Sohar, celebrated the 52nd Oman National Day recently with a rainbow of talents. Shahed Ahmed Sultan, the President of the Management Committee attended the occasion as the chief guest and delivered words of wisdom and inspiration centred on everyone’s responsi-

bilities and contribution towards better camaraderie between the students and the Oman society in general. The Principal, Mohammed Abdul Kader, welcomed the guests, students and participants. Inspired by the school’s coherent vision to provide an environment where a child can grow and learn as a whole, the event incorporated cultural entertainment from the young boys and girls of BSS as they showed grace in traditional Omani dance.

AVIATION SECTOR



Oman Air highlights digital transformation achievements during annual workshop

MUSCAT: Continuing to drive transformation in the aviation sector, Oman Air’s digital department recently held its annual workshop. Attended by members of senior leadership and key stakeholders, the workshop reviewed the progress of the company’s ongoing digital transformation strategy and its IT Roadmap for 2023. Dr Khalid Al Zadjali, Senior Vice President - Digital at Oman Air, said, “In this digital age and the face of increasing competition, it’s vital that we capitalise early on advanced technologies to stay ahead of the curve. As such, we continue to invest in long-term, sustainable efficiencies, whilst improving IT service delivery right across the organisation, and to our guests.

This workshop was a chance for us to reflect on our progress, assess where we are currently, and identify strategic opportunities that will help us to reduce costs, improve operations, and ensure our guests enjoy a seamless and more connected experience through every interaction.” Streamlining its end-to-end customer touchpoints, Oman Air guests can now do more than ever via its digital platforms, from booking to check-in, and even selecting their preferred seats and extra baggage online. Meanwhile, the airline continues to invest in state-of-the-art technologies, partnering with a growing range of global service providers to meet the rapidly evolving needs of the industry, and travellers.

ADVANCED AUTO CARE

MHD ACERE Auto Expert opens new outlet in Dhofar

MUSCAT: Oman’s leading automotive business entity MHD ACERE inaugurated a second branch of Auto Expert in the Dhofar Governorate, its third one in Oman. MHD ACERE Auto Expert is a trusted name in vehicle care for offering advanced technology in auto diagnostics and services with a team of highly-trained technicians and dedicated customer-care personnel. The well-stocked service centres also feature an extensive range of global brands, in car care and off-road accessories. MHD ACERE Auto Expert’s other branches are in Salalah (Dhofar) and Azaiba (Muscat). People desire more from their vehicle, be it improved look or performance. Auto Expert is well-equipped to handle the demands and challenges when it comes to meeting customer expectations, both individual and fleet customers. Assuring quality services at cost-effective prices, the facility offers customization, smart repairs, accident repairs, periodic maintenance and service. Mohsin Hani Al Bahrani, CEO of MHD ACERE, expressed his views on the occasion, “When a nation is growing exponentially, the infrastructure follows suit resulting in an overall spike in the needs of the transportation, be it personal or public. Auto Expert was born to address the rising demands of quality vehicle care and thorough maintenance – with a state-of-the-art facility for diagnosis, an array



of global products and top-notch service offered by expert, dedicated staff. We believe the second branch in Dhofar would enable us to focus and serve the region even better. Our timely investment in technology and a trained team would prove to be an opportunity to deliver affordable vehicle care, be it on road or off the road, to our customers beyond their expectations.” Uncompromised performance that boosts the power of a car often comes with an understanding of the right part. At Auto Expert,

the technicians will hand-pick the air intake and exhaust systems, body kits, tuners, superchargers, etc. The Car Care division offers full-house car care solutions like a wash, polishing and professional detailing for car owners, enthusiasts and fleets. Tinting and paint protection is a must with the scorching summers in the region. Low-quality tinting jobs can interfere with a vehicle’s navigation and tend to bubble or change colour within a few months, causing damage

to the glass surface. The Paint Protection services use the top-quality international brand Chameleon, professionally applied by paint protection film experts at Auto Expert. This protects the paint from rocks, bugs, stones, sand, harsh weather, keys, salt, rings and other elements. An automotive workshop is where magic can happen if it is in the right hands. Auto Expert mechanics are extremely experienced in the areas of modifications and auto engineering including electrical, software, and safety systems. The off-road parts business is a booming industry by itself, the world over. This is also an area of speciality at the Auto Expert. Beginners in off-road adventures to seasoned auto enthusiasts seek quality and affordable high-end products or even an upgrade of their 4x4 vehicle. With the right modifications, 4x4 vehicles can go beyond terrain supremacy and offer the utmost performance, comfort and reliability. The Auto Expert outlet provides 4x4 accessories from Ironman such as rooftop tents, canopies, portable freezers, winches, recovery equipment, protective bars, lighting and electrical upgrades; car care treatment products from AutoGlym for complete restoration and many other global brands for Nano Ceramic and Graphene coating. Auto Expert facility will also provide and install world-class tyres and batteries under its roof.

ROUND-UP



HEALTHCARE



Al Hashar Pharmacy organises 2nd blood donation campaign

MUSCAT: Oman's leading healthcare provider for over five decades, Al Hashar pharmacy strives to provide quality service to its customers and the community.

In recent months, the company has organised various activities to support its CSR efforts, such as blood donation campaigns, green initiatives with tree plantation to protect our environment and donation of wheelchairs to private and government institutions for aiding physically immobile patients visiting the premises.

These initiatives have certainly helped create a sense of social awareness amongst their employees. More than 15 employees have yet again gathered to actively volunteer for a noble cause of blood donation in association with Cen-

tral Blood Bank, Bausher and collaboration with the Ministry of Health, DG of Specialised Medical Care, Department of Blood Bank Services - Oman.

CEO of Al Hashar Pharmacy Suresh Gandhi commended the blood donors with a certificate and a token gift of appreciation. "We live in an environment that is continuously changing and a society that is constantly evolving. As healthcare provider, it is our responsibility to ensure that the people of Oman get quality medications from world-renowned manufacturing companies. Besides our team is acutely aware of our commitment towards society as such we all have to do our bit to care for those who need the gift of life-saving blood," said Gandhi.

'ahliExpress' provides 24/7 digital services

ahlibank's 'ahliExpress' multi-functional device caters to the demand for express banking services, aims to expedite banking processes, and presents a quick and efficient avenue to serve its existing and new customers on their own time

MUSCAT: In line with its digital transformation strategy and its drive to match the global digitalisation trends, ahlibank's newly opened Madinat Al Sultan Qaboos branch is home to the bank's first multi-functional device.

Named "ahliExpress", this multi-functional device caters to the demand for express banking services, aims to expedite banking processes,



and presents a quick and efficient avenue to serve its existing and new customers on their own time.

As part of the "ahliExpress" device, ahlibank customers can carry out their banking transactions digitally, round-the-clock, including the opening of accounts for new customers, the opening of additional accounts for existing customers, updating profiles and Civil ID/resident cards, printing account statements and cheques instantly, issuance of debit cards, and contacting ahliconnect directly. ahliExpress device is equipped to issue new and supplementary debit cards and enable debit card activation, replacement,

and increase daily withdrawal limit. In addition, customers can also change their purchase limit, thus availing the freedom to carry out all their banking needs at any time.

Commenting on this, Hassan Al Zaabi, Head of E-Channels, Digital Banking at ahlibank, said, "We at ahlibank are always reaching to expand our services and enhance the bank's digitalization strategy and journey. Our "ahliExpress" device, provides comprehensive and advanced digital banking solutions that enhance the customer's experience and facilitates access to their accounts around the clock. We are always on the lookout for ways to improve the way our ser-

vices and products are offered, and our MQ branch is a grand testimony to that, and we are proud of our digital strategy and strides, giving our customers the luxury of getting their banking needs at their own time."

It is worth mentioning that ahlibank bank offers a comprehensive suite of technologically advanced services across its branches in Oman. All its product offerings and account types aim to inculcate a culture of savings and develop financial stability. In line with its vision of being a vibrant and innovative centre of banking, the bank also offers top-class retail, commercial, and investment banking solutions.

INSPIRATIONAL FILM

Jindal Shadeed's 'The Steel of Oman' film wins hearts; crosses 4 million views

MUSCAT: A community-centric organisation that acknowledges the country's fervent passion for football, Jindal Shadeed, the largest low-carbon-intensity steel producer in the country, launched the 'The Steel of Oman' campaign with an inspirational film at an exclusive event last month.

With a foot-tapping song as the background, the #yallahyallah-film was incredibly well-received by the community and has garnered over 4 million views on YouTube.

A truly heart-warming, visually artistic, musical film that took viewers on a journey across Oman and its beautiful culture and people, it highlighted how the spirit of football unites the nation. In addition, its background score, 'YallahYallah' has also gained increased popularity due to its cheerful, rousing, and upbeat rhythm that mirrors the authenticity of the Omani people.

Cementing its commitment to promoting football, Jindal Shadeed has also signed an MoU with Oman Football Association for opening nine under-14 training centres and launched a collaboration with Ali Al-Habsi's Academy for Football via the Jindal Shadeed-HFA campaign, therefore, taking a more holistic approach to promote inclusivity in the field and making football accessible to all.

Commenting on the success of the film, Harssha Shetty, CEO of Jindal Shadeed Iron and Steel, said, "Paying tribute to the country's love for football and in celebration of the ongoing Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022, our 'The Steel of Oman' campaign film has evoked strong emotions across the country. Riding on the current football fever in the GCC, it appealed to the people because it had the country's most loved sport at the epicentre,



and it also showcased the rich culture and traditions of the country in the backdrop of marvellous scenic views from across the country."

The official ambassador of the campaign, Oman's legendary footballer, Ali Al Habsi plays a key role in the film. His presence has, undoubtedly, contributed to the popularity of the film.

The campaign is live across key locations in the Sultanate with ex-

clusive printed works of renowned artist Hassan Hajjaj who captured the essence of Oman's sports scene by featuring some of the country's top athletes; the series includes shots of Imad Al-Hosni, Abdul Aziz Al-Muqbali, Hassan Rabia, Khalifa Ayil, Tharaa Al-Ismaili, Malak Al Zadjali, Mohammed Al Mashaikhi, the paralympic superstar, Barakat Al-Harthy, the Olympian star, Shihab Alhabsi,

the youngest racing sensation in Oman, and Nadhira Alharthy, the first Omani woman to scale Mt. Everest.

Jindal Shadeed's one-of-a-kind campaign is original, creative, and a reflection of the country. It not only instantly connected with the masses, but has also cemented Jindal Shadeed's ability to identify, acknowledge, and respond to what matters to the community.

'ENSEMBLE 2022'



Indian School Al Mabelah celebrates 12th Annual Day

MUSCAT: Indian School Mabelah celebrated its 12th Annual Day, titled 'Ensemble 2022' on January 10, amidst great splendor and zest. The programme was held from 5.30pm to 9pm on the school premises. Students from Kindergarten to Class 12 presented a variety of cultural programmes, which was based on the theme, 'Embracing Relations'.

Qasim Bin Marhoon Bin Muhammed Al-Amiri, Shura Council, Representative of Al Seeb, Muscat was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Syed Salman, Vice Chairman, BOD, Indian Schools in Oman and Ambujakshan M, Director, BOD, Indian Schools in Oman were the Guests of Honour.

Wilson George, Former Chairman BOD, Indian Schools in Oman, was the special invitee. The principals of other schools were also among the dignitaries. The National Anthems of Oman and India marked the commencement of the programme, followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the chief guest and other eminent dignitaries. Sujith Kumar S, President, SMC,

ISAM, welcomed the guests and the gathering. The principal, P Prabakaran, shared the school's achievements through the Digital Annual Report. Meritorious students were given prizes for excellence in academics and other co-curricular activities. The staff were also felicitated for their exemplary service and various achievements. The addresses by the chief guest, the guest of honour and the special invitee, enlightened the audience. The array of cultural programmes, enthralled the gathering. The musical events Harmonic Happenings, Ragamalika, Happy Vibes, Mehefil-e-Sama and Sound Splash mesmerized the audience.

The dance events included Welcome Dance, Suryamukhi, Shudanubandhanam, Superheroes on the Move, Let's Go Globe Trotting and Rahmania, the highlight of the evening which left the audience spell bound. It was a delightful evening which gave everyone a lot of lovely moments to cherish!

The grand event culminated with the School Anthem.



Alkaline Ionized Drinking Water



HYDRATE SMARTLY

- ✓ Ultra-hydrating
- ✓ Revitalizing
- ✓ Energizing

pH 9.1 to 9.5



Toll-free
800 71 222 or
9275 5522

C.R. No.: 1365452



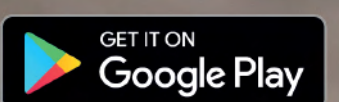
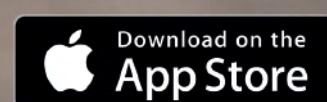
Get your Mojab card



www.thawani.om

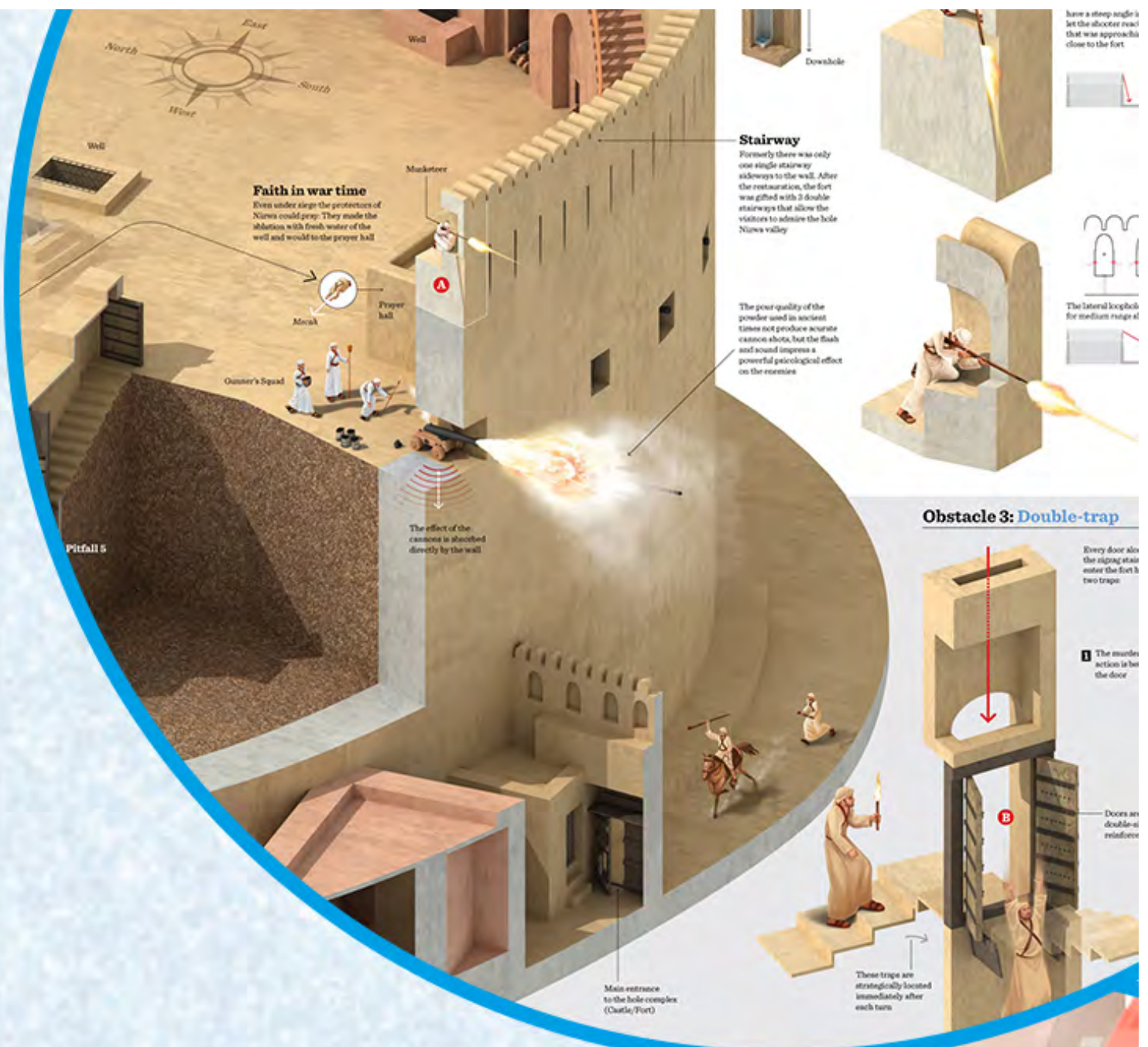
Contact us:
merchant@thawani.om
+968 91304608

Click to download
and order your card for free





novagram



Let Novagram tell your story

Infographics
Infomercials
TV Ads
Corporate Videos
Insta Reels
Video Editing
Multimedia & Animation
Studio Services

CALL US:
97211869

sales@novagram.om



مجموعة مسقط للإعلام
Muscat Media Group





DO MORE

FESTIVAL of DREAMS!

YOU ARE WELCOME TO A
WORLD OF ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES



WIN BIG!
**BUY AN MG, WIN ANOTHER MG
8 CARS TO BE WON,
ONE EVERY WEEK!**



BE DELIGHTED!
**TEST DRIVE AN MG,
WIN A SMART PHONE**



GET MORE!
**GET FREE REGISTRATION,
INSURANCE & SERVICE**



OFFER VALID FROM 01/11/2022 TO 31/12/2022 ONLY FOR CUSTOMERS BUYING MG VEHICLES FROM MHD DEALERSHIP. FREE INSURANCE 1ST YEAR (OMAN & UAE), FREE 1ST YEAR REGISTRATION, FREE SERVICE IS FOR 30,000 KM. "FESTIVAL OF DREAMS" COUPON APPLICABLE ONLY ON PURCHASE OF MG CARS. THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 8 DRAWS (1 MG5 STD EACH) ON 03/01/2023. TEST DRIVE COUPON – CUSTOMER IS ENTITLED TO WIN NOKIA PHONE C21 MOBILE PHONE THROUGH A RAFFLE DRAW THAT WILL TAKE PLACE ON 03/01/2023. IMAGES ARE FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY.

* T&C APPLY

CR NO. 1001990



Al Manuma | Al Azaiba | Bidayah | Al Buraimi | Ibra | Ibri | Nizwa
Jalan Bani Bu Ali | Salalah | Sinaw | Sohar | Sur | Wattayah

Call / Whatsapp : 71557334

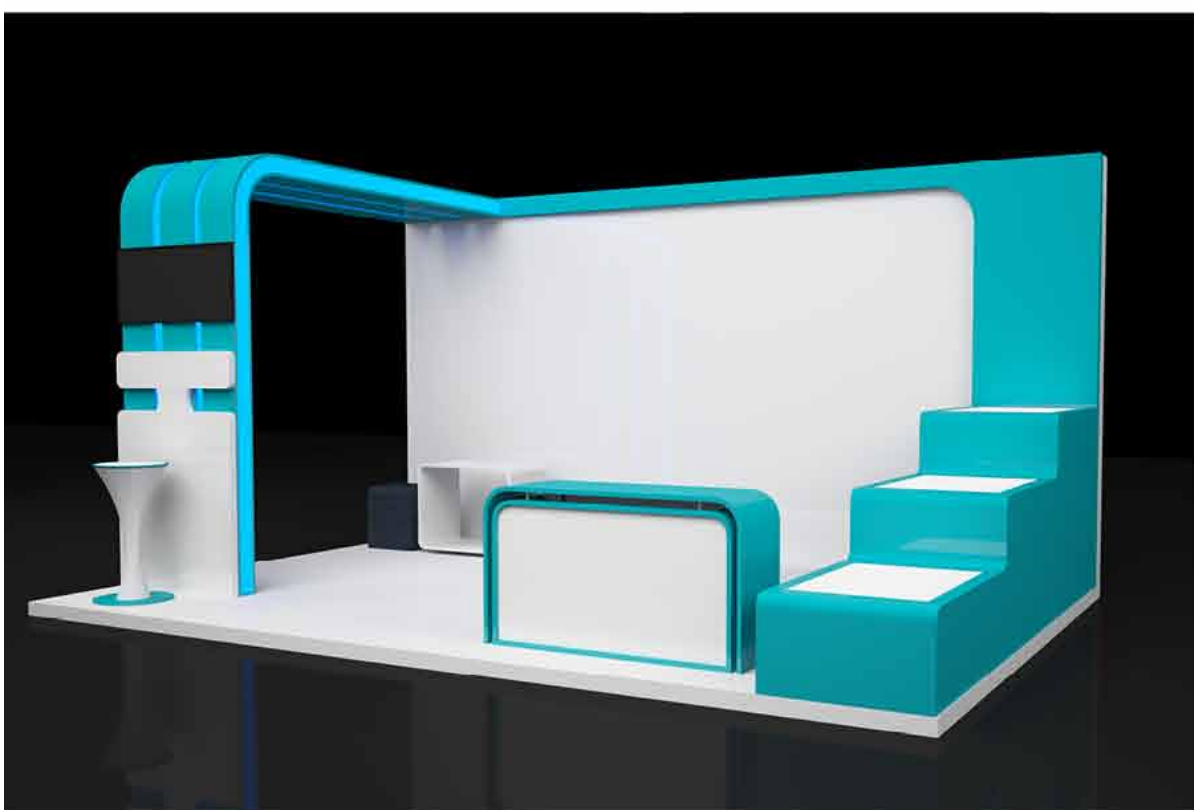
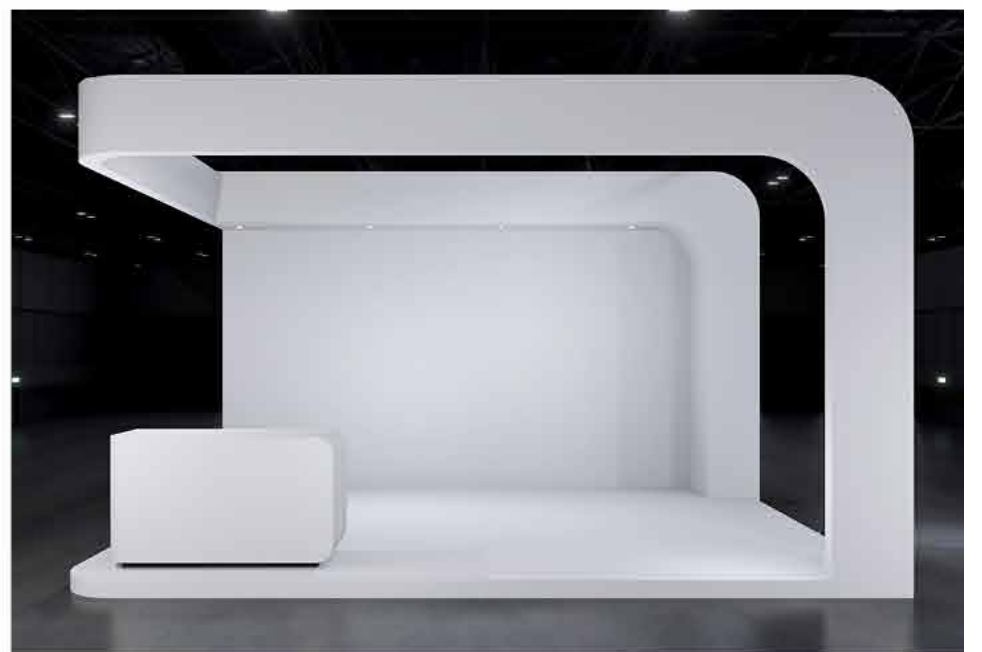
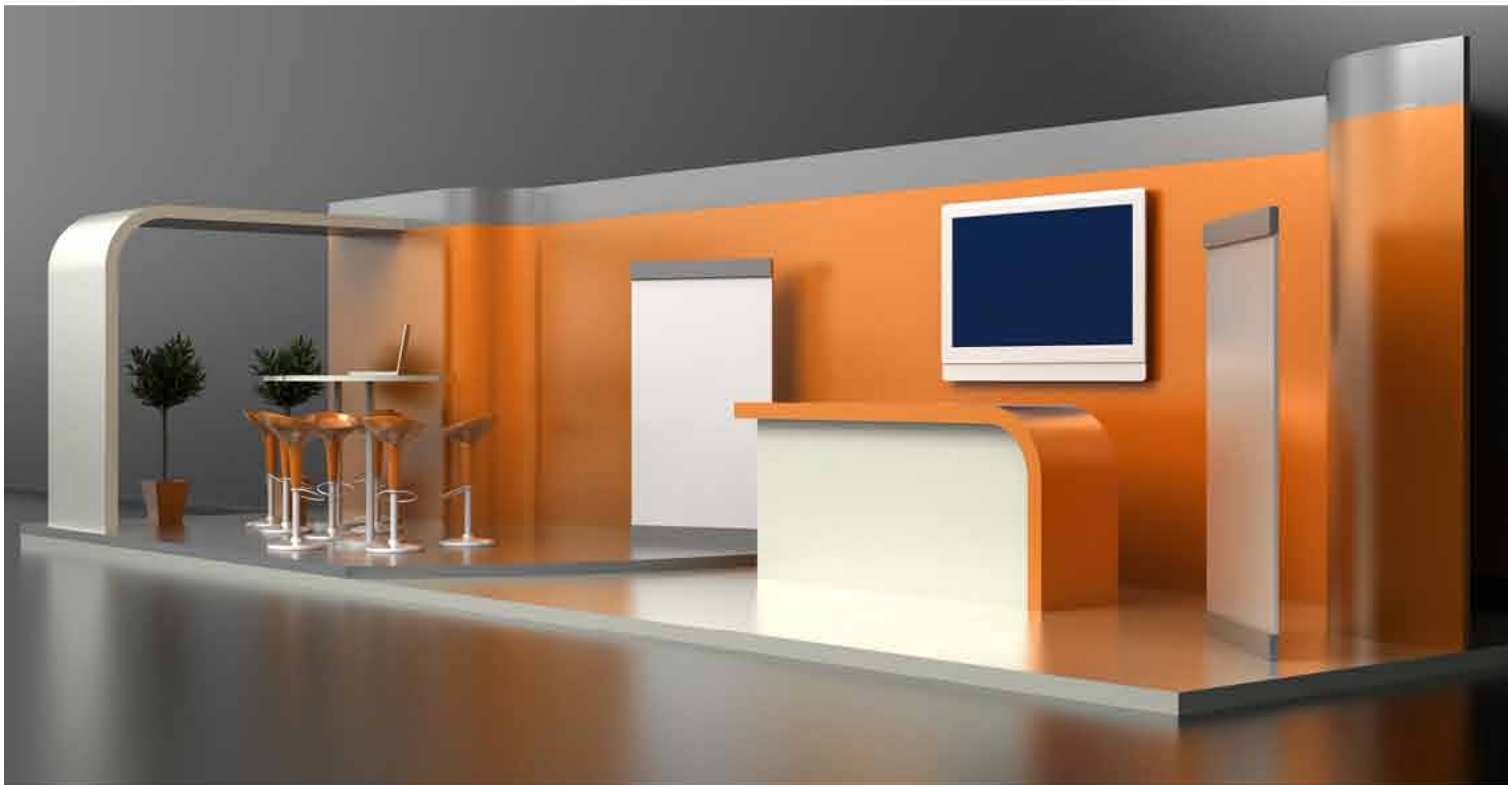
mg-om.com
/mgmotoroman
@mgmotoroman





**FOR COST
EFFECTIVE
EXHIBITION
BOOTHS/
DISPLAY
STANDS**

**Call us on
99614066**



**Contact us on wefix@mmg.com
or call/whatsApp 99614066/ 95405033
to make customized exhibition booths**