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The production of standard grade petrol (M-91) by Omani refineries stood at 11,188,900 barrels comprising a rise by 40 percent till the end of October 2021, compared to the same period in 2020. **>B1**



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42ND SUMMIT

Earnest desire among the GCC states to promote harmony: Sayyid Fahd

RIYADH: On behalf of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, His Highness Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmood Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for the Council of Ministers, headed the Sultanate of Oman's delegation taking part in the 42nd Arab Gulf Cooperation (GCC) Summit, which kicked off at Al Dar'eeya Palace on Tuesday.

HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence in Saudi Arabia, gave a speech in which he underlined a cluster of political and economic issues of concern to GCC states. He also commended the achievements made by the GCC at all levels.

In his speech before the 42nd GCC Summit, HH Sayyid Fahd expressed thanks and appreciation for the tremendous efforts HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman has exerted to advance the interests of the GCC and its member states.



HH Sayyid Fahd said, "For a long time, the GCC has not seen such a great scope of harmony and such earnest desire that is exhibited by all to promote joint action for the sake of GCC peoples."

HH Sayyid Fahd addressed a message of appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia and HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud for the attention they have accorded to the GCC march. This attention, he said, reflected on all our countries.

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REVIEW PLAN FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Called Ejada, the new system is expected to boost employee performance

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Starting next year, there will be quarterly performance reviews for all government employees, a senior official at the Ministry of Labour has said.

Mohammed bin Al Waleed Al Hinaa'ai, the project manager at the Ministry of Labour, said that a



new evaluating system, Ejada, will evaluate employee performances on a quarterly basis, unlike the other systems that evaluate the employee once at the end of the year.

"This will enhance the performance of the employees for the rest of the year," he said.

"The system uses a number of tools, including the annual plan of

the government institution, which reflects the functional goals and consequently the daily tasks that the employee works on to serve the goals and plans of his organisation. The methodology of this system also uses indicators to measure performance (KPIs), key objectives and results (KOR)," he added.

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GCC SUMMIT

<FROM A1 Sayyid Fahd conveys HM's greetings to GCC leaders

HH Sayyid Fahd also thanked King Hamad bin Issa of Bahrain for his role in managing the previous GCC Summit and the missions it accomplished.

In his speech, HH Sayyid Fahd said, "I am delighted to convey to you all the greetings of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik and Omani government and people, who express their sincere regards to you and all your peoples."

HH Sayyid Fahd voiced the Sultanate of Oman's welcome to chair the next summit, affirming that Oman will do its best during next year. Oman is envisaging a mechanism to maintain active convening of major GCC sessions in Saudi Arabia, said HH Sayyid Fahd.

Earlier, Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmoud Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for the Council of Ministers arrived in Riyadh to lead the Sultanate of Oman's delegation at the 42nd Summit of GCC Leaders.

HRH Prince Mohammad bin Salman Al Saud, KSA Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence headed the reception team welcoming HH Sayyid Fahd upon his arrival at King Khalid International Airport.

HH Sayyid Fahd was also received by Dr. Nayef Falah Al Hajraf, GCC Secretary General and Plenipotentiary Minister Saif Nasser Al Bada'i, deputy head of the Sultanate of Oman's mission in Saudi Arabia.

HH Sayyid Fahd gave a press statement upon his arrival reading as follows:



"On the convening of the GCC 42nd Summit of GCC leaders in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), I am honoured to convey the greetings of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik to his brethren, GCC leaders, along with His Majesty the Sultan's best wishes to the leadership and people of KSA.

Since its foundation, the GCC has made many accomplishments in different fields. This reflects the member states' conviction in the importance of cooperation and collaboration to meet the aspirations of the GCC peoples.

The successive developments in

the regional and international arenas have had their repercussions on the region's countries.

This requires the member states to exert more efforts and coordinate their stands to address the ensuing challenges and implications, so that they could focus on domestic development in a climate of security and stability.

The Sultanate of Oman reaffirms its constant support for the advancement of the GCC march. Oman also expresses its appreciation for the efforts exerted by the KSA. It prays to the Almighty Allah to grant further progress and prosper-

ity for the people of KSA and all GCC peoples."

HH Sayyid Fahd is accompanied by an official delegation comprising Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister, Dr. Abdullah bin Mohammed Al Saidi, Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, Dr. Said bin Mohammed Al Saqri, Minister of Economy, HH Sayyid Faisal bin Turki Al Said, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the KSA and Abdullah bin Khalfan Al Balushi, Head of the Private Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for the Council of Ministers. -ONA

ACCIDENT



Body of RNO staff arrives in Oman

MUSCAT: Rear Admiral Saif bin Nasser Al Rahbi, Commander of the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO) received the body of RNO staff Petty Officer Ali bin Abdulrahman Mubarak Al Balushi at Seeb Airbase yesterday.

He had died while performing his national duty on board one of the RNO vessels taking part in a joint naval drill (Al Thamar At-tayyib) carried out with Pakistani Naval Forces.

Petty Officer Ali Al Balushi suffered a serious injury leading to his death while helping in the docking of the vessel at the port.

The body was carried back to the Sultanate onboard a military plane of the Pakistani navy.

The body was received by a number of RNO officers, the ambassador of Pakistan accredited to the Sultanate and the military attaché at Pakistan's embassy in Muscat. -ONA

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Human rights workshop

MUSCAT: The National Museum, in cooperation with Oman Human Rights Commission, today organised a lecture titled "The Role of Oman Human Rights Commission in Enriching and Protecting Human Rights in the Sultanate of Oman."

The workshop was presented

by Salem Khalfan Al Ruashdi, Head of the Awareness and Education Department of the Omani Committee for Human Rights, in the presence of members of the Omani Women's Association in Muscat and students from the College of Law at Sultan Qaboos University (SQU). -ONA

MILITARY PARADE GROUND

Royal Navy of Oman marks Armed Forces, Retirees Days

AL MUSSANAH: The Royal Navy of Oman (RNO) on Tuesday marked the Armed Forces Day, which falls on 11 December every year, and the Retirees Day, which falls on 17 December every year.

The ceremony was held at the military parade ground in Said Bin Sultan Naval Base under the auspices of Dr. Khamis Saif Al Jabri, Head of Oman Vision 2040 Implementation Follow-Up Unit.

At the beginning of the ceremony, the Royal Anthem was played and the military salute was given to the chief guest.

Then the chief guest inspected the front parade column. Various

military and musical shows were staged by the parade column, including military formations, regular and slow march.

After that, the participants at the parade chanted the armed forces anthem and proclaimed thrice Long Live His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, the Supreme Commander.

The chief guest then pinned long service and good conduct medals on RNO personnel in appreciation of their sincere efforts in serving the country and their dedication in performing the national duty.

In his turn, Rear Admiral Saif Nasser Al-Rahbi, RNO Command-

er also pinned long service and good conduct medals on RNO personnel in appreciation of their sincere efforts in serving the country.

The ceremony was attended by Vice Admiral Abdullah Khamis Al Ra'eesi, Chief of Staff of the Sultan's Armed Forces (SAF), commanders of SAF, military and security units, members of the State Council and Shura Council, senior officers at SAF, military and security departments, as well as retired commanders and officers, sheiks and dignitaries of the governorates of South and North Al Batinah and RNO personnel.

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FUNCTION: The ceremony was held at the military parade ground in Said Bin Sultan Naval Base under the auspices of Dr. Khamis Saif Al Jabri, Head of Oman Vision 2040 Implementation Follow-Up Unit.

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Solar pilot project for desalination of water launched



GREEN SOLUTION: The water desalination system runs solely on renewable energy.

Korean-Omani pilot project aims to find effective solutions to the problem of salinity in farms and take advantage of modern scientific techniques

Times News Service

MUSCAT: In an initiative that can go a long way in addressing water salinity in a sustainable way, a pilot project of solar water desalination has been launched in the Sultanate.

The project which comes within the framework of the Korean-Omani cooperation, has been hailed by Chang-Kyu Kim, Ambassador

of the Republic of South Korea to the Sultanate of Oman.

The Korean-Omani pilot project for solar-powered water desalination is being implemented by the Korean Company Prosave in a farm owned by a citizen in the village of Al Nabra in the Suwaiq wilayat in the North Al Batinah Governorate.

The project, which is sponsored by the Korean Ministry of Environment, is one of the pioneering projects abroad being supported by KISA's and the KOTRA global green initiative, and aims to solve water shortage problems in countries suffering from water crises, especially in the Middle East.

It is worth noting that many farms in North Al Batinah Governorate suffer from water salinity, including the farm where the project was launched.

The project aims to find effective solutions to the problem of salinity in farms and take advantage of modern scientific techniques in this field. The water desalination system in this project is characterised by being solar powered (RO/PV) where electricity is generated from solar energy completely and all the energy used is renewable energy. The photovoltaic panels are connected to the desalination system to save energy and this is done through the utilisation of reverse osmosis process (RO).

Usually the reverse osmosis process utilises a large amount of electricity but this device can reduce the cost of electricity to be cost effective to operate the system which is designed to produce 32 tonnes of fresh water per day (8 hours) using 56 kilowatts of electricity. The system has the capacity to produce photovoltaic energy of 350 kilowatt in 8 hours, so the excess electricity can be used for other purposes.

The inauguration ceremony of the project was attended by a number of farmers from the Suwaiq and neighbouring wilayats, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Omani Agricultural Association, a number of officials from the Ministry of Agricultural, Fisheries and Water Resources, several officials from the Embassy of South Korea in the Sultanate, and the from the Korean Company Prosave, the company executing the project.

SalamAir set to launch two destinations to Kyrgyzstan

Times News Service

MUSCAT: As part of its network expansion plans, Sultanate's fastest-growing value-for-money airline SalamAir announced the launch of flight services to Bishkek and Osh in Kyrgyzstan.

The Muscat-Bishkek and Muscat-Osh direct routes mark SalamAir's first entry into the Kyrgyzstan market.

SalamAir will operate one flight a week to Osh every Monday, departing Muscat at 8:25 local time and arriving at the destination at 14:20 local time. The flight will depart Osh on Friday at 15:05 local time arriving in Muscat at 17:35 local time.

The flight to Bishkek will leave every Tuesday from Muscat at 18:00 local time arriving at the destination at 0:10 local time. The flight will depart Bishkek on Wednesday at 0:55 local time arriving in Muscat at 3:35 local time.

Both routes will have two flights a week starting 1st January 2022.

Captain Mohamed Ahmed, CEO of SalamAir, said, "We are pleased to launch direct flights between Oman and Kyrgyzstan. We look forward to serving customers travelling to Bishkek, the capital



Captain Mohamed Ahmed, CEO of SalamAir

of Kyrgyzstan and Osh, the oldest city in Kyrgyzstan. We have been operating to Osh as a charter flight for the past two months and now we see the opportunity to further enhance the route by increasing the frequencies and make it a scheduled flight. We will market Oman as a winter destination in Kyrgyzstan to attract tourist and business opportunities with direct flights, further we plan to supplement the route with the export and import of cargo.

"In line with our international expansion strategy, this is yet another big milestone for us. The network expansion is in line with our vision to expand our footprint in strategic markets and to

grow our business profitably and meet Oman Vision 2040. We are delighted to announce these new routes which allow us to offer our customers an even wider range of destinations to visit. We expect the new routes to help attract more visitors and business travelers to the Muscat and to other destinations within our network."

With a population of over 6.5 million Kyrgyzstan has a growing adventure travel and eco-tourism sector. Tourism in Kyrgyzstan has something to offer every Omani tourist, from the adventure seeker to the cultural enthusiast. Kyrgyzstan is well known for its white peaks, green grasslands, flowing mountain rivers, and tranquil lakes.

For visitors from Kyrgyzstan to the Sultanate, Oman is an idyllic adventure destination with varied options for abseiling, trekking, rafting, scuba diving, canyoning, hiking, jet skiing and other outdoor activities. Oman has been charming tourists from across the world because of the exclusivity of tourism options it offers and the fact that a variety of tourist attractions are available just hours away from each other. Its varied climate with a coastline of over 3,000 kms is an added blessing.





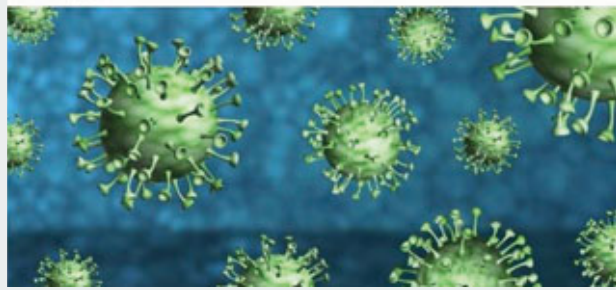
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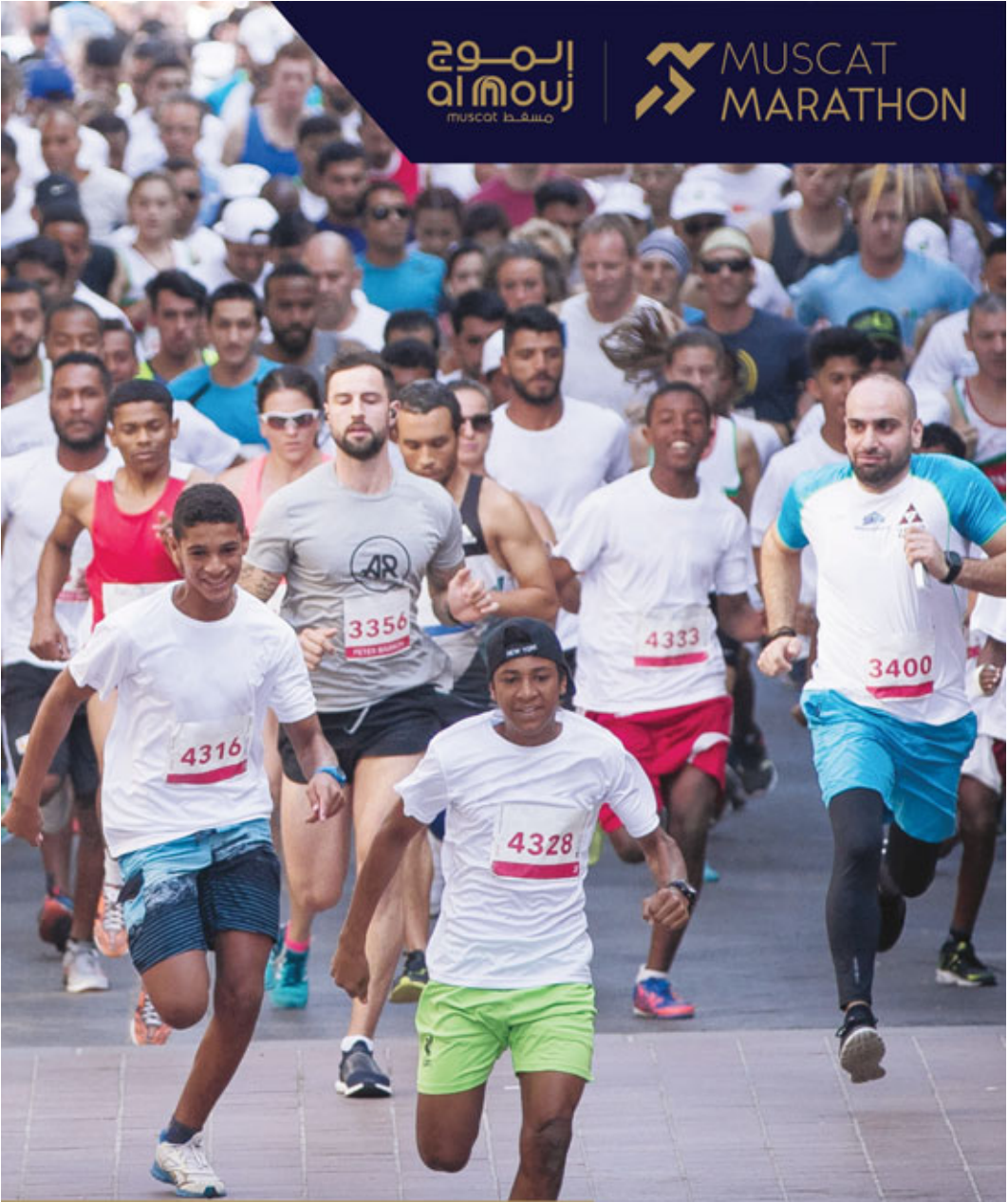
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SADAH, A BEAUTIFUL COASTAL VILLAGE IN DHOFAR

Sadah is a beautiful coastal village that lies 135 km north of Salalah. The little hamlet is bordered to the west by the wilayat of Mirbat and East by the wilayat of Shaleem and Al Hallaniyat Islands. Sadah is known for its beautiful beaches and tranquil bays and hence a popular tourist destination.

In Sadah there are remains of ancient historical cities, such as the ancient City of 'Al Mahalla', and the town of Hadhabram, located in the Niyabat of Hasik where there is an ancient cemetery. In the past Sadah was an important trade station to collect and export frankincense.

The Mount Natif area of Niyabat of Hasik is one of the most beautiful tourist destinations that attracts many visitors.

The valleys are spread throughout the Wilayat of Sadah. Of these valleys is Wadi Shilion, in addition to Wadi Rikut, which runs West of the Niyabat of Hasik. It is one of the deepest valleys in the town of Sadah, where Ghaidhat Rikut Spring is located and surrounded by palm trees.

Wadi Sinaq, located 10 kilometres east of the Niyabat of Hasik, is characterised by its blue lagoon and palm trees. Wadi Lushu slopping from the foot of Mount Samhan is a beautiful tourist site in the West of the Wilayat of Sadah.

The huge rock of Sidqan with its strange form is one of the most important features of the valley, in addition to the existence of ancient tombs. The

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Qiraf area is characterised by permanent water pools.

Of the beautiful tourist sites in the Wilayat of Sadah is Hat coastal park located 5 kilometres east of the city centre. It is one of the most beautiful places to visit with family and friends.

According to Dhofar Municipality's website, "The wilayat is known for its archaeological sites, the Sadah castle is one of its important features. Sadah Fort is considered to be an archaeological landmark for its traditional Omani style with unique architecture. In the past the castle was a shield to protect the city from external threats. The Fort of Sadah represents the eastern end of protection amongst a series of fortifications that protected the coast of Dhofar.

"The traditional crafts in Sadah are characterised by extract of frankincense beside other crafts such as fishing, honey extract, and grazing livestock, and making sea cages, fishing nets, leather tanning industry, knitting and embroidery."





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SAI

Oman keen to take steps for protecting public money

CAIRO: The Sultanate of Oman, represented by the State Audit Institution (SAI), is currently taking part in the 9th session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption.

This session of the conference is hosted by the Arab Republic of Egypt represented in its Administrative Control Authority.

The event saw wide international participation from the authorities responsible for combating corruption in the states parties to the convention, in addition to representatives of supreme audit and accountability bodies, representatives of international organizations, civil society institutions, universities and professional institutions.

The Sultanate of Oman's delegation in the 5-day conference is headed by Sheikh Nasser Hilal Al

Ma'awali, Chairman of SAI.

Sheikh Nasser delivered the Sultanate of Oman's speech at the conference, in which he affirmed that Oman, through SAI and all institutions concerned, is keen to enforcing law and taking all measures to ensure protecting public money and enhance the efficiency of its utilisation.

He added that Oman, since its accession to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in 2013 under Royal Decree 64/2013, has strived to implement the terms of the convention through measures that ensure promoting integrity and combating corruption.

SAI Chairman also underlined the keenness of Oman to actively participate with the international community in the areas of promoting integrity and combating corruption.

The conference's programme includes many topics, most notably: a review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption, the measures taken by the states parties to implement the convention, and the difficulties they face in addressing the convention, among other relevant topics.

On the sidelines of the conference, Sheikh Nasser Hilal Al Ma'awali, Chairman of SAI, met with a number of heads of counterpart authorities in the GCC states, as well as Arab and foreign countries.

They reviewed topics related to auditing aspects and areas of enhancing integrity and combating corruption, besides the existing aspects of cooperation and means to enhance them in a way that serves common interests.

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HUMAN CAPITAL

< FROM A1 Enhancing the efficiency

On Tuesday, the Ministry of Labour launched the individual performance and institutional proficiency system (Ejada) and reviewed its operational position since its launch in June 2020 in a meeting.

The meeting touched on the results planned to be achieved when applying the system in terms of improving government performance, enhancing the efficiency of human capital, and raising the government sector's ability to attract and retain talent.

During the meeting, the Ministry of Labour also reviewed the premises and justifications for activating this system. One of the chief among these justifications is that it would be an enabler of the Oman Vision 2040 and one of the tools of the initiative to review operating expenses and control spending in the financial balance plan.

Job evaluation

This system aims to develop the current job evaluation experience and link it to achievement, incentives and promotions, and then create a national system for evaluating individual performance.

During the meeting, the executive position of the system was reviewed since it was announced in June 2020. The team concerned with the implementation of the system in the Ministry of Labour conducted 186 training workshops in building job plans for a number of government agency employees.

It was noted in the meeting that the number of employees who received direct training in building job plans within the system stood at more than 130,000.

During the meeting, it was emphasised that the system will contribute to better governance of decisions to fill supervisory positions, finding solutions to some administrative practices that limit the development of government performance, increasing job affiliation, promoting a culture of proficiency in performance, raising the capacity of the government sector to attract and retain talent, and identifying the reasons of low performance and addressing it objectively.

On an external level, the system will be able to make a qualitative leap in the performance of government units and improve the

Sultanate's rank in some international indicators, in addition to motivating government units to improve the level of their services to raise the efficiency of the state's administrative apparatus and raise the Sultanate's competitive indicators in accordance with the Oman Vision 2040.

It is noteworthy that the system began with the experimental electronic application of 175,000 employees in 57 government agencies, which will continue until the end of this month, and the actual application will start on January 2, 2022.

Due to its limited human intervention, the system will contribute to a fair and equitable evaluation of all employees at various levels of employment.

The system will also contribute to the employee's participation in defining periodic work goals and periodic evaluation, positive competition in the work environment, and create an efficient, productive and influential government employee on par with the proficiency of his institution, which is reflected in the community's trust in that institution.

CPA

Proposal for digital transformation



MUSCAT: The board of directors of the Consumer Protection Authority (CPA) on Tuesday reviewed a proposal to amend its organisational structure and the authority's digital transformation initiative to align with Oman Vision 2040.

The initiative, scheduled to be implemented during the current five-year plan (2021-2025), comprises a system to modernize correspondences and endorse

partner firms.

The board, headed by Dr. Saud Hamoud Al Habsi, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources, Chairman of the CPA, also studied efforts made by its personnel in all governorates of Oman to promote consumer interests. The members of the board laid emphasis on the need to establish a consumer-friendly market by utilizing all measures to achieve this goal. -ONA

SURVEY MAPS

Ministry launches book

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Heritage and Tourism, in co-operation with the British University of Southampton and the Western Australian Museum, yesterday inaugurated the book "Maritime Archaeological Survey of Oman" under the patronage of Sayyid Said Sultan Al Busaidi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth for Culture.

The book includes 349 pages, comprising 7 chapters and 8 appendices, besides a number of bibliographic references and geophysical survey maps of some underwater cultural heritage sites. -ONA



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All clear after strong earthquake, tsunami warning in Indonesia

The US Geological Survey (USGS) said the powerful quake was registered at a depth of 18.5 kilometres in the Flores Sea

JAKARTA: The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre warned of "hazardous waves" after a 7.3-magnitude earthquake struck 100 kilometres (62 miles) north of an Indonesian town called Maumere in the Flores Sea. The warning was later lifted.

"Based on all available data [...] the tsunami threat from this earthquake has now passed," the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre said later on Tuesday.

The center added, "Minor sea level fluctuations may occur in some coastal areas."

The US Geological Survey (USGS) said the powerful quake was registered at a depth of 18.5 kilometres (11 miles) in the Flores Sea at 12:20 p.m. local time.



POWERFUL QUAKE: Tsunami warnings were registered for the areas of Maluku, East Nusa Tenggara, West Nusa Tenggara and Southeast and South Sulawesi.

The USGS said there was a small chance of casualties from the earthquake.

But it added that "recent earthquakes in this area have caused secondary hazards such as tsunamis and landslides that might have contributed to losses."

"Everyone ran out into the street," Agustinus Florianus, a resident of Maumere town on Flores island, told Reuters news agency.

Several aftershocks tipping the scales above magnitude 5 followed

in the subsequent hours.

"We have checked and there are no reports of damage," East Flores district chief Anton Hayon told Kompas TV. Television channels showed residents escaping the coast on motorcycles and on foot in fear of a tsunami. Tsunami warnings were registered for the areas of Maluku, East Nusa Tenggara, West Nusa Tenggara and Southeast and South Sulawesi.

An official of the Indonesian meteorology agency, Muhamad Sadly

warned people to stay away from beaches for at least two hours, after which the tsunami warning would be lifted.

"I was in the field. People ran in panic. I am still... scared," said Nuraini, a who lives in Adonara island in the East Flores Regency.

Indonesians have suffered greatly from living on the Ring of Fire, with a 2004 tsunami from a 9.1 magnitude tremor killing 220,000 people in the region, 170,000 from archipelago. **ANI**

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38-DEGREE CELSIUS

UN adds record Siberia temperature to extreme weather archive



SIBERIA: The United Nations agency dedicated to weather-related phenomena announced on Tuesday that it had entered a new record into the World Weather & Climate Extremes Archive.

The event was a 38-degree Celsius (100 degrees Fahrenheit) temperature in the Siberian town of Verkhoyansk on June 20, 2020, which has now been formally added to the UN's archive of extreme weather reports.

What's so significant about the measure?

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) says sweltering summer Siberia heat should sound "alarm bells" over climate change.

It is the first time the WMO has added a high-temperature record in the Arctic Circle, currently the fastest-warming region on Earth.

The record comes at an unprecedented time of record high temperatures globally. The agency said 38 degrees in Verkhoyansk was "more befitting the Mediterranean than the Arctic."

"It is possible, indeed likely, that greater extremes will occur in the Arctic region in the future,"

the WMO said.

What is behind the record high?

Verkhoyansk rests roughly 115 kilometres (70 miles) north of the Arctic Circle. Temperature recordings began there in 1885.

The record was measured at a meteorological station during an exceptionally long heat wave in Siberia. The summer 2020 heat wave sparked uncontrolled wildfires and caused sea ice to melt.

Average temperatures during the Siberian heat wave were 10 degrees Celsius higher than average for that time of year. The Arctic's pace of heating is more than double the global average.

Petteri Taalas, head of the WMO, said in a statement that his organization "has never had so many ongoing simultaneous investigations."

The probe into the heat in Verkhoyansk is among several open investigations the WMO into record temperatures around the globe. It is also investigating record highs from this year on the Italian island of Sicily and last year in California's Death Valley. **dw**

FATALITIES

WHO expects increase in number of deaths from COVID variant Omicron

GENEVA: The World Health Organization (WHO) has said that it expects an increase in the number of hospitalisations and fatalities related to the new Omicron coronavirus strain, reported Sputnik.

"As case numbers linked to a variant of concern increase globally, we expect the number of hospitalized cases and even deaths to

be reported," the WHO said in a statement. The UN health agency also said that more information is needed to fully understand the clinical picture of those infected with Omicron and WHO encourages countries to contribute to the collection and sharing of hospitalized patient data through the WHO COVID-19 Clinical Data

Platform, according to Sputnik.

It comes as the WHO last week had shed light on features of the new COVID-19 variant Omicron, including the extent to which it will spread, and the number of mutations in the newfound strain.

The UN-health agency had suggested that a new variant could have a major impact on the course

of the pandemic, but it's still too early to say for sure.

Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General, last week had said that highlighted "a consistent picture of the rapid increase in transmission" but he added that the exact rate of increase relative to other variants remains difficult to quantify. **ANI**



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DOHA: The quarter-finals of the FIFA Arab Cup Qatar 2021™ certainly produced their share of excitement.

Now just four sides remain in contention for this coveted title: Egypt, who take on Tunisia, and Qatar, who face Algeria. The winners will then square off in next Saturday's final at Al Bayt Stadium and the losers contest the third-place match at Stadium 974 earlier the same day.

The meeting of the Carthage Eagles and the Pharaohs will be particularly special for Tunisians Ali Maoulou, Seifeddine Jaziri, Ferjani Sassi and Hamza Mathlouthi. Both Jaziri and Mathlouthi currently play for Egypt's Zamalek, while Maoulou plies his trade with fellow Cairo club Al-Ahly. For his part, Sassi was one of Zamalek's most prominent players last year before his move to Al Duhail in Qatar. The game promises to see a renewed mini battle between Sassi and Egypt's Al-Ahly midfielder Amro Elsouli.

Egyptian quartet
Egypt and Tunisia encounters have always been hard fought and frequently decided by small details. The most recent match



between the pair saw Egypt win 3-1 on 16 November 2018 during the 2019 AFCON qualifiers. The Pharaohs started their campaign at this Arab Cup with a narrow victory over Lebanon, before hitting their stride with a 5-0 defeat of Sudan and a draw with Algeria to win their group. In the last eight, they came from behind to beat Jordan 3-1. For all that, the

Bounedjah will also be available after completing the six-day concussion protocol that followed his injury against Egypt. This match will be a special one for Belaili, Bounedjah, Mehdi Tahrat and Djamel Benlamri, four Fennec players who ply their trade in Qatar and know many of their opponents well.

Asian champions face African counterparts
The Qatar-Algeria match is also a showdown between the reigning Asian and African champions, following their respective continental triumphs in 2019.

The hosts, for their part, are the only last-four side to have won all four of their games so far. They were too strong for Bahrain, Oman and Iraq in the group stage, before seeing off UAE in the quarter-finals. Al Annabi, who also went unbeaten during their Asian Cup triumph, have had the most potent attack at the Arab Cup, finding the net 11 times so far, compared to 10 for Egypt, nine for Algeria and eight for Tunisia. Interestingly, the most recent encounter between Qatar and Algeria was a friendly that Qatar won 1-0.

-FIFA

ARAB CUP

Abdulaziz Hatem, Qatar's man for the big occasion

DOHA: In-form Qatar will meet Algeria at the Al Thumama Stadium on Wednesday in what promises to be an exciting semi-final showdown. Al-Annabi (The Maroons) have maintained their perfect start to the FIFA Arab Cup™, winning all three of their group games and following that up with a resounding 5-0 win over UAE in the quarter-final.

In their quest to reach the decider, Qatar will be relying upon their prolific forwards, Almoez Ali and Akram Afif. Between them they have scored five times, almost half of their team's goals. Veteran midfielder Abdulaziz Hatem also



plays a crucial role and has consistently performed for Al-Annabi in major tournaments over the last two years.

Hatem it was who stole the headlines after the 2019 AFC Cup quarter-final, when his blistering strike from distance earned Qatar a maiden semi-final berth. Then he was back for more in the final against Japan, netting his side's second from outside the box en route to their first AFC Asian Cup crown.

Hatem seems to be somewhat of a long-range specialist, with history repeating itself this July with his stunning long-range

strike against El Salvador in the Concacaf Gold Cup quarter-final. The 31-year-old addressed his flair for scoring world-class goals in big matches, saying: "It's a great feeling for any player to score in big games. There's no secret to it, only hard work and God's will."

Hatem admitted that he regularly practices long distance shots in training, with the hard work paying dividends on the pitch. His goal against Al Abyad was a first-time shot from the edge of the box that curled past the motionless Ali Khaseif into his top-left corner.

"I normally practice my distance shooting after training so

that when the chance presents itself in a match, I'm ready. It's part of the job for a midfielder to shoot from outside the area. Of course, the faith that my coach and teammates have in my abilities gives me the confidence to shoot. Sometimes I score, sometimes I miss."

Tough path to the final
Qatar have faced four Gulf teams in the tournament so far: Bahrain, Oman, Iraq and UAE. Now all that stands between them and a place in the final, which will be held at Al Bayt Stadium on Saturday 18 December, are Algeria.

Hatem knows the challenge

that awaits them against the AFCON 2019 winners, saying: "Algeria are a strong team with a different style of play to those we've faced so far. No doubt it will be a tough match because they're African champions and on a good run of form."

"We relish these sorts of challenges and will no doubt benefit from playing against different styles before the World Cup. The best team on the day will reach the final and we hope it's us."

Hatem, who struck the first ever goal at Al Bayt Stadium, has happy memories there and hopes to score once again. -FIFA



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Pakistan becomes first team to win 18 T20Is in calendar year

Skipper Babar Azam's third career duck didn't deter Pakistan from recording a win against West Indies



KARACHI: Pakistan has become the first men's team to win 18 T20Is in a calendar year following the hosts' victory over the West Indies in the opening match of the series.

Skipper Babar Azam's third career duck didn't deter Pakistan from recording a comprehensive and comfortable 63 runs victory over two-time T20 World Cup champions West Indies at the

National Stadium on Monday. With this win, Pakistan's improved their own record of 17 victories in 2018.

Batting first, Babar was caught at the wicket off left-arm spinner Akeal Hosein on the second ball he faced but 105 runs third-wicket partnership between Mohammad Rizwan and player of the match Haider Ali, and Mohammad Nawaz's 10-ball cameo lifted Pakistan to 200 for six after

they were 75 for two at the half-way stage.

Fast bowler Mohammad Wasim Jnr then produced three brilliant wicket-taking yorkers on way to a career-best four for 40 and Shadab Khan was at his best, picking up three for 17 as the West Indies were bundled out for 137 in 19 overs despite Pakistan dropping three catches.

Shai Hope top scored with 31, followed by Odean Smith (24),

Rovman Powell (23) and Romario Shepherd (21).

This was Pakistan's 10th T20I win in 11 matches, while their score of 200 was the third time against the West Indies and ninth overall that they reached the 200-run mark.

Pakistan's 205 for three and 203 for five against the West Indies at the same venue three years ago. Pakistan's highest, however, remains 232 for six against England at Trent Bridge, according to the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB).

Babar's first duck was against Bangladesh in Lahore in January 2020, while his second came against South Africa at the same venue earlier this February.

Following the latest failure, Babar is now in danger of losing his No.1 T20I ranking to England's Dawid Malan when the ICC releases the latest T20I player rankings on Wednesday. Babar presently leads Malan by four points, while South Africa's third-ranked Aiden Markram is another nine points behind. **ANI**

COMMENTARY

Something not right in the Indian camp

Anis Sajan, Vice Chairman, Danube Group

Something is not right in the Indian camp. The bubble seems to have burst after the removal of Virat Kohli as Captain from the ODI team.

Yesterday it was announced that Rohit Sharma would be missing the test series because of a hamstring injury for which Virat Kohli is the captain.

The injury as mentioned seems to have taken place in the nets for which no clarity has been given beforehand. And then today the news broke out that Virat Kohli will be missing the ODI series in South Africa to celebrate his daughter's first birthday.

We had not heard a single comment so far from Virat Kohli after his axing as ODI Captain but his childhood coach Raj Kumar Sharma had said in the media that there was no transparency or communication given to Virat for his removal as Captain of ODI team.

Things don't look good at the moment and hope Rahul Dravid, the head coach, can get the cold war which seems to be clearly visible between Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma



to end as both are stalwarts of Indian team and mind you no one is above the team.

The best way to end this drama is to keep cricket away from politics which is hampering the Indian cricket.

Today, India is the number one in Test Cricket, number two in T20 and number 4 in ODI cricket and can top all the three formats if the talent what India has is well used by the seniors of the Indian team.

COVID POSITIVE

US Open champion Emma Raducanu tests COVID positive

ABU DHABI: The US Open champion Emma Raducanu has tested positive for COVID-19 and has withdrawn from this week's Mubadala World Tennis Championship.

The exhibition event which will undergo from December 16-18, was set to see Britain's 19-year-old star take on Olympic champion Belinda Bencic in Abu Dhabi on Thursday. "I was very much looking forward to playing in front of the fans here in Abu Dhabi, but unfortunately after testing positive for Covid-19, I will have to postpone

until the next opportunity," Raducanu said.

"I'm isolating as per rules and hopefully will be able to get back on court soon." A statement from the tournament organisers added: "Emma is now isolating and following all necessary protocols. We wish her a quick recovery and hope to see her back on the court soon." Among the male players taking part in the tournament are Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray. Raducanu is due to travel to Australia after Christmas in preparation for next year's first Grand Slam of 2022. **ANI**

CRICKET

Spin has played a big role at Adelaide, need to consider playing Leach: Root

ADELAIDE: England Test skipper Joe Root on Tuesday said that spin has played a big factor at the Adelaide Oval in the past, so the team needs to consider playing Jack Leach in the second Ashes Test. Australia and England will square off in the second Ashes Test, beginning Thursday at Adelaide. The match would be contested under lights. Stuart Broad and James Anderson had missed the first Test which Australia won by nine wickets to gain a 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

"From our point of view, it's not over-thinking that night-time part of it. There will be two sessions of the game where the sun will be out, then it might not do as much.



Not falling into the trap where it will swing around corners for five days, understanding the different challenges that a pink-ball Test at this ground takes. Also, as a batting group, managing those different phases and finding ways to make big totals," ESPNcricinfo quoted Root as saying.

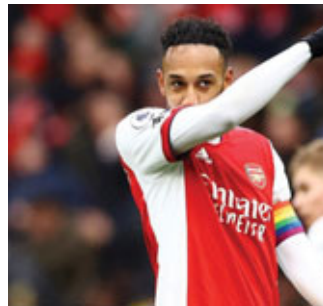
"The most important thing from a batting element is recognising when those periods come along. It could be very good for batting, sun out, for large portions of the day then it's making sure if it does start moving around you adapt and don't lose three wickets in ten overs and let the turn Test on its head," he added.

Talking about spinner Jack Leach, Root said: "Spin has generally played a good factor in recent times on this ground, especially as the game progresses, so it's something we'll have to look at. See where we are physically as a bowling group and how we can be balanced out."

"I'm sure he [Leach] will want to respond and get back into the series. I don't think it's as straightforward as looking at that as a concern, actually you look at it, they [Australia] took an opportunity, played it pretty well, and if they try to do that on a wicket that's a bit more responsive then it brings him into the game even more." **ANI**

PREMIER LEAGUE

Aubameyang stripped of Arsenal captaincy



LONDON: Premier League club Arsenal on Tuesday confirmed Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang has been stripped of the club's captaincy following a disciplinary breach.

"Following his latest disciplinary breach last week, Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang will no longer be our club captain, and will not be considered for selection for Wednesday's match against West Ham United," Arsenal said in an official statement. "We expect all our players, particularly our captain, to work to the rules and standards we have all set and agreed. We are fully focused on tomorrow's match," it added.

Earlier, Aubameyang was dropped from the squad to face Southampton in the Premier League on Saturday due to a disciplinary breach, Mikel Arteta revealed.

Speaking ahead of the Saints clash, Gunners head coach Arteta said: "Unfortunately [he's been dropped] due to a disciplinary breach."

"I think we have been very consistent that we have certain non-negotiables in the team that we have set ourselves as a club and he's not involved," he added. **ANI**

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RETAIL INFLATION RISES

India's retail inflation rose to 4.91 per cent in November led by a surge in food and edible oil prices, the government data showed. The Consumer Price Index based inflation accelerated to 4.91 per cent in November from 4.48 per cent in the previous month, as per the data released by the National Statistical Office.

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MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

The MSX index closed at 4,025.88 points, up 0.48 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.89 per cent at 530.63 points. Ahli Bank up 2.73 per cent was the top gainer while, Al Hassan Engineering down 25.00 per cent, was the top loser.

NCSI DATA

Oman's automobile fuel production rises by 6%



MUSCAT: The refineries in Oman recorded an increase in the production of automobile fuel until the end of October 2021 by 6 per cent, compared to the same period of 2020, according to data released by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI).

Of the total production, sales of petrol (M-95) stood at 10,605,600 barrels, an increase of 14 per cent, while its exports stood at 1,422,200 barrels, comprising a rise of 0.4 per

cent, compared to the same period in 2020. The production of standard grade petrol (M-91) by Omani refineries stood at 11,188,900 barrels comprising a rise of 40 per cent till the end of October 2021, compared to the same period in 2020. Domestic sales of petrol (M-91) stood at 7,280,800 barrels, a 12 per cent increase, while its exports reached 3,973,200 barrels, a rise of 38 per cent, compared to the same period in 2020.

Gas oil (diesel) output increased

by 4 per cent to 29,773,800 barrels. Domestic sales of diesel stood at 11,142,600, a rise of 0.3 per cent, and its exports reached 18,437,500, an increase by 6 per cent, compared to the same period in 2020.

Aviation fuel oil production fell by 24 per cent to 4,753,600 barrels at the end of October 2021, compared to the same period in 2020. Its domestic sales declined by 17 per cent to 1,233,600 barrels. Exports of aviation fuel also dropped

by 27 per cent to 3,549,300 barrels.

Production of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) increased by 17 per cent to 6,043,500 barrels until the end of October 2021. Its domestic sales increased by 162 per cent to 5,959,500 barrels. Of the total production, exports of LPG reached 392,200 barrels, a decline of 88 per cent. As far as petrochemicals are concerned, benzene production increased by 18 per cent, compared to October 2020 to reach 183,200

metric tonnes, while its exports stood at 183,800 metric tonnes.

The output of paraxylene stood at 471,400 metric tonnes, while its exports reached 478,300 metric tonnes. Production of polypropylene stood at 177,700 metric tonnes, comprising a decline of 9 per cent. Its domestic sales increased by 24 per cent to stand at 36,500 metric tonnes. Its exports reached 130,100 metric tonnes, a decline of 11 per cent. -ONA

Islamic banking assets surpass 15% market share in Oman

As per IFSB Stability Report 2021, Oman has become the 15th country in the world that has achieved this market share



areas of the Sultanate.

On this occasion, Executive President Tahir Salim Al Amir stated, "I am glad that Islamic banking sector in Oman has continued to expand its outreach and exhibited consistent growth since its introduction eight years ago. Backed by a robust legal, regulatory and Sharia governance framework for the Islamic banking sector promulgated by the CBO, this sector has offered an additional option to the public for meeting their saving and financial needs, which has enhanced financial inclusion and boosted national saving and investment in Oman."

He further mentioned, "Introduction of Islamic banking in the Sultanate has helped corporates and businesses to raise, manage and grow their capital and investment and diversify their funding sources, which has advanced entrepreneurship, competitiveness and diversification in the economy. Similarly, the licensing of new players has expanded the sophistication and range of products in the financial sector, leading to more efficiency through better service quality, product

innovation and digitisation."

The Islamic Banking sector in the Sultanate of Oman has witnessed consistent and rapid growth since its introduction, with a combined average annual growth rate of 30.3 per cent between 2013 and 2020.

As of June 2021, Islamic banking sector assets in Oman have reached OMR5.679 billion (equivalent to over \$14.7 billion), with a market share of 15.13 per cent. Similarly, the market share of Islamic banking in gross financing and total deposits reached 16.9 per cent and 16.8 per cent respectively on this date.

This robust growth has been backed by high asset quality with a low non-performance financing ratio of 1.93 per cent as of December 2020. Moreover, other stability indicators of the Islamic banking sector all exceeded regulatory requirements with an average capital adequacy ratio at 15.61 per cent against CBO requirement of 12.25 per cent as well as liquidity coverage ratio and a net stable funding ratio of 116 per cent and 119 per cent against 100 per cent requirement.

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Islamic banking sector in Oman accomplished a major milestone at the end of June 2021 when the total assets of Islamic banking entities surpassed 15 per cent market share in the banking sector.

International organisations like the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB) consider a jurisdiction with a 15 per cent market share as a "systemically important Islamic banking system". As per IFSB Stability Report 2021, Oman has become the 15th country in the world that has achieved this market share.

Since the licence of the first Islamic bank in Oman in December 2012, this landmark market share has been achieved in eight and half years with the active participation of two Islamic banks and five Islamic banking windows of conventional banks. Currently, Islamic banking entities are operating a total of 94 branches in most geographical

CENTRAL BANK OF OMAN

CBO issues treasury bills worth OMR47mn

MUSCAT: The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) raised OMR47 million by way of allotting treasury bills on Wednesday.

The treasury bills are for a maturity period of 91 days, from December 15 until March 16, 2022.

The average accepted price reached 99.820 for every OMR100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at 99.820 per OMR100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 0.72027 per cent and 0.72157 per cent, respectively.

The interest rate on the Repo operations with CBO is 0.5 per cent while the discount rate on the Treasury Bills Discounting Facility with CBO is 0.75 per cent.

The treasury bills are short-term highly secured financial instruments issued by the Ministry of Finance, and they provide licensed commercial banks the opportunity to invest their surplus funds. -ONA

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Public Authority for Social Insurance (PASI), announces following E-Tenders for 2021:

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28/2021	FortiGATE Firewalls Renewal with Local Support	20 Dec 2021	27 Dec 2021	25 OMR
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MARKET

MSX index ends higher

Ahli Bank up 2.73 per cent, was the top gainer while, Al Hassan Engineering down 25.00 per cent, was the top loser

MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 4,025.88 points, up 0.48 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.89 per cent at 530.63 points. Ahli Bank up 2.73 per cent was the top gainer while, Al Hassan Engineering down 25.00 per cent, was the top loser. Shares of Sohar International Bank were the most active in terms of the number of shares traded as well as in terms of turnover.

A total number of 415 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR3.08 million, with more than 16.21 million shares changing hands. Out of 39 traded securities, 6 advanced, 9 declined and 24 remained unchanged. At the session close, foreign investors were net sellers for OMR200,000 while domes-

tic investors were net buyers for OMR179,000 followed by GCC & Arab investors for OMR21,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 6,446.17 points, up 0.56 per cent. Ahli Bank, Sohar International Bank, National Bank Oman and Bank Muscat were up 2.73 per cent, 2.70 per cent, 1.06 per cent and 0.81 per cent respectively. Al Sharqia Investment, Al Omaniya Financial Services, United Finance, Muscat Finance and Ominvest were down 5.56 per cent, 4.84 per cent, 1.96 per cent, 1.82 per cent and 0.65 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,002.37 points, down 0.56 per cent. Oman Cement was the only gainer by 0.43 per cent.

Services Index was down by 0.19 per cent before closing at 1,576.86 points. — **United Securities**

MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	4,030.05	4,007.20	4,025.88	4,006.64	19.24	0.48
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,450.20	6,405.36	6,446.17	6,410.97	35.20	0.55
Industry Index	6,039.47	6,002.37	6,002.37	6,037.06	-34.69	-0.57
Services Index	1,579.82	1,576.53	1,576.87	1,579.82	-2.95	-0.19
MSX Shariah Index	533.99	530.63	530.63	535.39	-4.76	-0.89
MSX TR INDEX	4,849.58	4,822.09	4,844.56	4,821.41	23.15	0.48

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap.	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
16,207,044	3,082,253	415	22,044,440,684	6	9	24	39

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	51,008	5,787	5	0.113	0.114	0.113	0.113	0.110	0.003	2.727	0.114	0.111	0.114	0.100	220,311,294	
OM0000003398	SOHAR INT. BANK	8,582,137	9,772,728	45	0.112	0.114	0.112	0.114	0.111	0.003	2.703	0.114	0.102	0.114	0.100	340,867,101	
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	117,619	58,526	10	0.498	0.498	0.494	0.494	0.494	0.004	0.810	0.494	0.494	0.498	0.100	1,170,088,446	
OM0000001525	OMAN INVST&FIN	1,457,960	206,362	51	0.141	0.142	0.141	0.141	0.141	0.001	0.709	0.141	0.141	0.141	0.100	33,654,000	
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	105,000	24,780	8	0.236	0.236	0.236	0.236	0.235	0.001	0.426	0.236	0.234	0.236	0.100	78,085,960	
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	2,100	271	1	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.131	0.131	0.000	0.000	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.100	11,135,000	
OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	78,990	62,544	13	0.788	0.788	0.788	0.788	0.788	0.000	0.000	0.788	0.788	0.788	0.782	0.100	124,110,000
OM0000001418	RAYSUT CEMENT	8,300	1,955	4	0.236	0.236	0.234	0.236	0.236	0.000	0.000	0.234	0.236	0.234	0.100	47,200,000	
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	1,069,097	101,544	13	0.094	0.095	0.094	0.095	0.095	0.000	0.000	0.095	0.094	0.095	0.100	19,000,000	
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	246,000	83,375	12	0.380	0.380	0.376	0.380	0.380	0.000	0.000	0.376	0.378	0.400	0.100	83,600,000	
OM0000003000	AI MAHA MARKTING	60,600	37,330	8	0.616	0.616	0.616	0.616	0.616	0.000	0.000	0.616	0.612	0.616	0.100	42,504,000	
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	214,171	150,738	35	0.708	0.708	0.700	0.704	0.704	0.000	0.000	0.700	0.700	0.704	0.100	528,000,000	
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SER.	1,068,000	454,442	9	0.428	0.430	0.428	0.430	0.430	0.000	0.000	0.430	0.424	0.460	0.100	101,656,300	
OM0000003948	OSREDPO	184,329	64,515	34	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.000	0.000	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.100	227,830,461	
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	305,250	63,228	6	0.308	0.308	0.304	0.306	0.308	-0.002	-0.649	0.304	0.304	0.310	0.100	247,178,333	
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	29,494	10,346	11	0.352	0.352	0.350	0.350	0.354	-0.004	-1.130	0.350	0.348	0.350	0.100	43,714,286	
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	171,511	9,262	10	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.055	-0.001	-1.818	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.100	16,388,902	
OM0000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	44,210	14,512	18	0.330	0.330	0.322	0.328	0.340	-0.012	-3.629	0.322	0.310	0.324	0.100	20,075,002	
OM0000002077	AL OMANIYA FIN.	100,000	11,800	4	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.124	-0.006	-4.839	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.120	0.100	34,448,350
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	1,250,600	614,180	36	0.502	0.502	0.490	0.492	0.518	-0.026	-5.019	0.490	0.482	0.510	0.100	27,050,000	
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INV.	52,500	4,468	6	0.085	0.086	0.085	0.085	0.080	-0.005	-5.556	0.086	0.083	0.086	0.100	7,650,000	
Total	21	15,188,876	2,997,393	339													

Parallel Market

OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	100,000	19,000	2	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.188	0.002	1.064	0.190	0.188	0.190	0.100	308,929,808
OM0000001517	HSCB BANK OMAN	94,830	8,779	5	0.092	0.093	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.000	0.000	0.093	0.093	0.094	0.100	184,028,777
OM0000001897	MAJAN COLLEGE	4,000	584	1	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.157	0.157	0.000	0.000	0.146	0.146	0.148	0.100	14,130,000
OM0000002028	GULF INT'CHEMI	2,000	192	1	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.000	0.000	0.096	0.100	0.096	0.100	2,016,000
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV. H.	290,500	17,430	15	0.060	0.060	0.059	0.060	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.059	0.059	0.061	0.100	12,000,000
OM0000003281	TAAGEER FINANCE	94,500	6,710	9	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.000	0.000	0.071	0.070	0.073	0.100	18,004,890
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	741	82	1	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.112	0.112	0.000	0.000	0.110	0.106	0.123	0.100	9,117,108
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	118,476	11,305	4	0.095	0.096	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.000	0.000	0.096	0.095	0.096	0.100	212,510,538
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	130,600	12,377	11	0.094	0.095	0.094	0.095	0.095	0.000	0.000	0.094	0.094	0.095	0.100	16,623,000
OM0000004925	ALBATRAH POWER	83,800	4,022	7	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.000	0.000	0.048	0.047	0.048	0.100	32,394,597
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	1,008	49	1	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.048	0.048	0.000	0.000	0.049	0.048	0.049	0.100	34,291,504
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	9,000	432	4	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.000	0.000	0.048	0.045	0.048	0.100	70,204,870
OM0000007407	DHOFAF GENERATING	500	39	1	0.077	0.077	0.077	0.076	0.076	0.000	0.000	0.077	0.000	0.077	0.100	16,890,240
OM0000008447	OMAN REIT FUND	4,000	336	1	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.082	0.082	0.000	0.000	0.084	0.084	0.000	0.100	53,690,233
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	59,480	2,974	7	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.051	-0.001	-1.961	0.050	0.050	0.054	0.100	17,457,221
Total		15	993,535	84,309	70											

GOVERNMENT DATA

India's retail inflation rises to 4.91 per cent in November

NEW DELHI: India's retail inflation rose to 4.91 per cent in November led by a surge in food and edible oil prices, the government data showed on Monday.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) based inflation accelerated to 4.91 per cent in November from 4.48 per cent in the previous

month, as per the data released by the National Statistical Office. Despite the increase, the headline inflation remains within the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) target range of 2-6 per cent for the fifth consecutive month.

The RBI has been mandated to keep retail inflation at 4 per cent

with a margin of 2 per cent on either side.

Though there is a rising trend in inflation in recent months, the November 2021 figure is much better than the one recorded during the corresponding period last year. CPI inflation stood at 6.93 per cent in November 2020. —**ANI**

INVESTOR WORRIES

Oil prices fall on demand concerns over Omicron spread

SINGAPORE: Oil prices fell on Tuesday due to investor worries about demand after renewed restrictions were imposed in Europe and Asia amid a rise in coronavirus cases.

Brent crude oil futures eased by 34 cents, or 0.5 per cent, to \$74.05 a barrel by 04:01 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures fell by 35 cents, or 0.5 per cent, to \$70.94.

"Energy traders don't want to bet against OPEC+ but all the short-term risks from Omicron to Fed tightening are proving to be very disruptive to the short-term outlook for oil prices," said Edward Moya, senior analyst at OANDA, Reuters reported.

"The virus spread across Europe is delivering a bigger hit than expected and when you calculate family gatherings for the holidays, the short-term outlook could get slashed over the next month."

Governments around the world, including most recently Britain and Norway, were tightening restrictions to stop the spread of the Omicron variant.

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Landscape Architect, BLA (Honours), 27, Sri Lankan, experienced in Soft & Hard Landscape Design, Master Planning, 3D Visualizations and Site Inspections, seeks suitable placement in Oman. Contact 9550 7986 Email: duminduudara@gmail.com

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Indian Male, 12 years work experience in Oman seeks job for Admin/HR/Secretary or suitable post. Holding Oman D/L & NOC. Contact 94019955, vinrai99@gmail.com

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Indian Male, MBA,BCOM having 7 yr Oman & 4 yr India experience in HR / Administration & Purchaser looking for suitable placement. Contact 97914340. Email: sampathrajkv@gmail.com

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Contact 78644119
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MBA - Finance with 15years experience in 5 countries including GCC & Africa. Handled accounts, costing & banking of Trading, Manufacturing, Oil & Gas, Construction & service company. Available for employment in Muscat with transferable visa.

Contact 93270023 rajugetme10@yahoo.com

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Contact: 92187572
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Contact on +96871551938

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Indian Male(31), MBA-Finance, 7 years experience as Sales Procurement Specialist, specialized in electrical & lighting for residential and commercial projects, Seeking suitable position. D/L available.

Email: qaisebukhari@gmail.com
Contact: 94560161

MECHANICAL ENGINEER

Indian, 23, (B.E Mechanical), fresher PG Diploma in Oil and Gas Piping and Pipeline, QA/QC, NDT, looking for suitable job.

Contact: 79056363, 99501396
Email: rejiakhil111@gmail.com

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Contact +968 95555865

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GSM: 92334161

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CONTACT 94619442

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Indian male, 42, MBA, 12yrs' experience with international exposure. Having GCC experience. Also having Experience in the Education Industry (India). Presently in Muscat. D/L Available.

Contact: 94326527
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92408363
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B.E. Civil Resident Engineer 35 Yrs. Exp. 12Yrs.in Oman & 3 yrs. in Qatar rest in India. Infrastructure mainly Roads, Bridges Utilities & STP works. Seeking in Consultant firm. WhatsApp No. +91 6385754610 Email: mrk6409@gmail.com

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B.E. Civil Project engineer/Project coordinator (INDIAN) with 8+ years of experience. Qualified Project management (QS & QC) with a knowledge of MS office, Autocad, MS project & estimation. NOC is available, can join immediately. Contact 97389893, mohammadshkaeermr@gmail.com

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Indian, 23, Civil Engineer, fresher with Oman D/L, looking for suitable job. Contact 95257524

Indian male Civil diploma, 10 years of Oman experience in Site engg. looking for suitable placement. Contact 79864288

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STOPPING ARTHRITIS BEFORE IT BEGINS



The researchers at the Keck School of Medicine of USC recently have used a stem cell-based bio-implant to repair cartilage and delay joint degeneration in a large animal model.

The novel off-the-shelf bio-implant containing embryonic stem cells has the potential to revolutionise the treatment of cartilage injuries.

The research has been published in 'npj Regenerative Medicine Journal'. The work will now advance into humans with support from a \$6 million grant from the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine (CIRM).

The research was led by two researchers at the Keck School of Medicine of USC — Denis Evseenko, MD, PhD, associate professor of orthopaedic surgery, director of the skeletal regeneration program, and vice-chair for research of orthopaedic surgery; and Frank Petrigliano, MD, associate professor of clinical orthopaedic surgery and chief of the USC Epstein Family Center for Sports Medicine.

Osteoarthritis occurs when the protective cartilage that coats the ends of the bones breaks down over time, resulting in bone-on-bone friction. The disorder, which is often painful, can affect any

joint, but most commonly affects those in our knees, hips, hands and spine.

To prevent the development of arthritis and alleviate the need for invasive joint replacement surgeries, USC researchers are intervening earlier in the disease. "In some patients, joint degeneration starts with posttraumatic focal lesions, which are lesions in the articular (joint) cartilage ranging from 1 to 8 cm2 in diameter," Evseenko said.

"Since these can be detected by imaging techniques such as MRI, this opens up the possibility of early intervention therapies that limit the progression of these lesions so we can avoid the need for total joint replacement," he added.

The joint preservation technology developed at USC is a therapeutic bio-implant, called Plurocart, composed of a scaffold membrane seeded with stem cell-derived chondrocytes—the cells responsible for producing and maintaining healthy articular cartilage tissue. Building on previous research to develop and characterise the implant, the current study involved implantation of the Plurocart membrane into a pig model of osteoarthritis. The study resulted in the long-term repair of articular cartilage defects.

"This is the first time an or-

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thopaedic implant composed of a living cell type was able to fully integrate into the damaged articular cartilage tissue and survive in vivo for up to six months," Evseenko said.

"Previous studies have not been able to show survival of an implant for such a long time," he added.

Evseenko said that molecular characterisation studies showed the bio-implant mimicked natural articular cartilage, with more than 95 percent of implanted cells being identified as articular chondrocytes. The cartilage tissue generated was also biomechanically functional—both strong enough to withstand compression and elastic enough to accommodate movement without breaking.

With support from the \$6 million translational grant from CIRM, the researchers are using this technology to manufacture the first 64 Plurocart implants to be tested in humans.

"Many of the current options for cartilage injury are expensive, involve complex logistical planning, and often result in incomplete regeneration," said Petrigliano.

"Plurocart represents a practical, inexpensive, one-stage therapy that may be more effective in restoring damaged cartilage and improve the outcome of such procedures," he concluded. -ANI

ROUND-UP

Own Lexus IS with exclusive benefits

The new IS evokes lower, wider proportions with muscular fenders, reflecting the vehicle's high performance

MUSCAT: Owning a Lexus IS, is now even more attractive with exclusive benefits like free service 3 years/ 30,000km (whichever is earlier) and 1 year of free registration. The campaign is valid up to December 30. (Conditions apply. Visit any Lexus showroom for details).

The new IS evokes lower, wider proportions with muscular fenders, reflecting the vehicle's high performance. The sleek lines are also complemented with aggressive sharpness carved into the side



and shoulder character lines.

Owners can choose from two engine options; a 2.0-litre, turbo-charged and intercooled inline four-cylinder engine delivering 241 hp and 35.7 kg.M of torque, and a sophisticated 3.5-litre V6 engine that produces 312 hp and 38.5 kg.M of torque. The two engines are paired with an eight-speed sport direct-shift automatic transmission that offers superb drivability, together with outstanding fuel efficiency and quietness even at high speed.

The IS' distinct personality is completed by its exquisite interior, which invites drivers and passengers to enjoy a range of ad-

vanced features for a refined cabin experience. These include a new 10.3-inch touchscreen multimedia system featuring Apple CarPlay and Android Auto compatibility, a 4.2-inch colour multi-information display (MID), and a dual-zone automatic climate control system with touch-sensitive controls. The vehicle also offers SmartAccess with a push-button start, a 17-speaker Mark Levinson sound system, a power moonroof, power-adjustable and ventilated front seats, as well as ample luggage space thanks to the 60:40 split-folding rear seats.

As with any Lexus vehicle, safety is a top priority for the new

Lexus IS. Drivers can enjoy complete peace of mind thanks to the Lexus Safety System+, an advanced safety technology package that includes Pre-Collision System (PCS) which include Emergency Steering Assist (ESA), Day-time Pedestrian Detection (DPD), all-speed range Dynamic Radar Cruise Control (DRCC), Lane Departure Alert (LDA), Lane Tracing Alert (LTA), and Automatic High-beam System (AHB).

For those seeking to experience the ultimate in thrilling responsiveness, the IS, is also available in an F Sport version. Engineered for exhilaration, the F brand DNA has trickled down from the legendary LFA, which represents the pinnacle of refined performance. The IS F Sport model boasts exclusive interior and exterior features, including a distinctive 'F' mesh pattern, a grille-bottom air intake, a rear spoiler, and 19-inch alloy wheels. It comes equipped with Active Sound Control to enhance the performance notes of the V6 engine. Inside the cabin, the 8-inch colour TFT LCD meter features a movable meter ring that enables a dual display using a single meter.

ALFARDAN MOTORS



New Maserati Levante Hybrid arrives in Oman

MUSCAT: Alfardan Motors, the official importer of Maserati in the Sultanate, has announced the arrival of the new Maserati Levante Hybrid in Oman.

With the brand's first electrified SUV, Maserati takes a major step forward in its strategy for electrification, which began last year with the Ghibli Hybrid. Levante Hybrid is faster than diesel, more sustainable than diesel or gasoline, and unique in its specific characteristics.

Levante Hybrid combines the 4 cylinders, 2-litre engine with a 48-volt Hybrid system to recover energy during deceleration and

braking. With a maximum power output of 330 hp and torque of 450 Nm delivered from just 2,250 rpm, the performance data of the new Levante Hybrid, only available with all-wheel drive, is impressive: a top speed of over 240 km/h and acceleration from 0 to 100 km/h in 6 seconds.

On the exterior, blue characterises the air ducts and coloured brake callipers. The blue colour was chosen by Maserati to identify hybrid cars and is already used on the Ghibli Hybrid.

The Levante Hybrid is on display at the Maserati Oman Showroom, located in Al Azaiba.

INSURANCE CAMPAIGN

Vision Insurance launches unique campaign for private motors



MUSCAT: Vision Insurance recently launched an attractive Motor Third Party Insurance campaign for private vehicles under the slogan of: "More than Third Party insurance!".

The campaign is an initiative to show our Company's commitment toward the corporate social responsibility programs in the Omani insurance market.

The campaign comes following the Shaheen Tropical Cyclone, which recently battered parts of the Sultanate. Upon joining the Campaign package, customers will enjoy free coverage under the Mo-

tor Third Party insurance policy for their own damage in case of a total loss due to a natural disaster.

Issam Mouslimani, CEO of Vision Insurance Company, stated: "We are pleased to launch such a campaign, which contains an awareness message as well as an insurance benefit, while it coincides with the Sultanate's celebrations on the glorious 51st National Day. We are also keen that our campaign demonstrates the importance of insurance as an efficient solution for tackling risks in a thoughtful and justified manner to help customers to

avoid what could happen due to unexpected circumstances."

He emphasised that the campaign's slogan of "More than Third Party insurance" is relevant to the nature of the motor third party insurance product that is usually targeted by the majority of customers, for which the campaign provides an opportunity to draw the people's attention to the importance of verifying what the policy is usually covering and what can still be covered for people to avoid specific consequences related to natural disasters and its impact on their vehicles.

He clarified that the campaign by Vision Insurance aims to raise awareness of the importance of insurance and to provide appropriate solutions at a quick, efficient and professional level of services and coverage at a reasonable price.

Mouslimani pointed out that, this insurance campaign is for a limited period of time, while it carries many advantages. Those who are interested to utilise its benefits can contact the Company, where the relevant team at Vision will provide them with the necessary details, advice and support to come up always with the right decision.

AWARENESS SESSIONS

NBO holds workshop on security and anti-money laundering regulations



MUSCAT: National Bank of Oman (NBO) recently conducted its latest series of sessions to raise awareness on security and anti-money laundering regulations.

The Know Your Customer and Anti Money Laundering workshops have become a key component in the bank's fight against fraud, educating corporate and government customers about topics such as identification requirements and their responsibilities under NBO's comprehensive transaction monitoring framework.

Hassan Abdul Amir Shaban, NBO's Chief Government and Alliance Officer, said, "At NBO we en-

sure we are always operating to the highest standards. In order to continue to serve our customers as well as we possibly can, and in line with recent developments in the financial and regulatory environment, we invited them to learn about how we are keeping them safe and their responsibilities in adhering to current regulations. Meanwhile, we continue to act with transparency and in our customers' best interest, implementing the latest security methods, introducing new technologies, and supporting a secure, digital-based financial sector."

NBO's identity verification tools and transactional approvals op-

erate within Oman's regulatory guidelines while contributing to an intuitive, personalised service for its customers. Its commitment to the highest security standards is in line with the bank's drive to set the benchmark for best-in-class banking experiences, as it continues to help its clients maintain due diligence and keep up to date with the ever-evolving rules and regulations. In 2019, the bank also hosted the Anti Money Laundering Summit for the banking community, which included attendees from the Central Bank of Oman, the Capital Market Authority, governmental authorities and NCFI.

BEST COMPANIES

Alam Al-Iktisaad Awards honour top-performing companies of 2021

MUSCAT: The top-performing companies were recognised at the 11th Edition of Alam Al-Iktisaad Awards that was held recently at Al Bustan Palace, A Ritz Carlton Hotel, Muscat.

The chief guest for the event was Maitha Al Mahrouqi, Undersecretary - Tourism, Ministry of Heritage & Tourism, and the event was hosted by Shaikh Salim bin Mustahail Al Mashani.

Alam Al-Iktisaad has always been supported by leading companies and this year National Life & General Insurance was the insurance partner; United Securities and Eva Clinics were the support partners, and Ubhar Capital was the knowledge partner for the event. The event was managed by UMS Events, the specialist events and conferences arm of United Media Services (UMS) and the media partners for the event were OERLive.com, Times of Oman and Al Shabiba.



The top five best companies, based on their performance on select seven financial parameters in the financial year 2021 were felicitated in three different categories - large-cap, mid-cap and small-cap. Special awards were also presented to individuals and companies that excelled across categories.

The first set of awards was presented to Small-Cap companies with a market capital between

OMR 10 million to OMR 25 million. The five companies that were awarded included Muscat City Desalination, Oman Education & Training Investment, SMN Power Holding, Al Maha Ceramics and Dhofar Insurance. Later, the best-performing companies in MidCap with a market capital between OMR 25 million to OMR 75 million were awarded. These included Oman Refreshment, Al

Jazeera Services, Al Batinah Power, Al Ahlia Insurance and Oman United Insurance.

The Large Cap segment included the companies with a market capital of above OMR 75 million. The winners were Oman Flour Mills, Bank Nizwa, Sembcorp Salalah Power & Water, Al Anwar Ceramic Tiles and National Life & General Insurance.

The red carpet awards ceremony was attended by over 150 industry leaders and senior officials. Apart from the awards, there was a fireside chat with the young business leader, Abdullah Al-Shakry, the co-founder & CEO of Phaze Ventures. Fatma Sultan Bahwan, the co-founder of the Al Rud'ha platform moderated the fireside chat.

The event further commemorated the 51st National Day of Oman with a book launch published by United Media Services. The coffee table book 'Oman - A Nation on the Move'.

SMARTWATCH

Huawei Watch GT 3 - Moon Phase Collection II now available in Oman

MUSCAT: The Huawei Watch GT 3 Moon Phase Collection II, is now available across Huawei e-commerce platforms and certified retailers with Huawei Watch GT 3 46mm at a price starting from 104.9 OMR and Huawei Watch GT 3 42mm at a price starting from 99.9 OMR. Bringing together the classic watch aesthetic looks with a new Moon Phase collection II, up-to 2-week long battery life and all-day health management, fitness tracking features in addition to cool and convenient life assistant features.

Boasting a Moon Phase Collection II, the latest smartwatch from Huawei brings to users a unique combination of classic watch design ethos and smartwatch technology. Its design is inspired by nature.

The minimalist lugs, large lenses and lightweight design make the smartwatch look classic. Bringing to the table a brand-new smart interactive experience, the Huawei Watch GT 3 comes with a rotating crown with tactile feedback, offering high-precision finger movement recognition. Always on display Dials (AODs) can stay awake during daily usage, and custom watch faces allow exercise data and applications to be easily accessed just by lifting the wrist. Moreover, the Huawei Watch GT 3 is compatible with Huawei devices as well as other Android and iOS devices.

The Huawei Watch GT 3 46mm supports a 14-day battery life in typical usage, while Huawei Watch GT 3 42mm offers a 7-day of long battery life in typical usage.

Healthwise, Huawei has significantly enhanced its health management capabilities, this smartwatch can provide continuous, real-time and accurate SpO2, sleep, and stress, monitoring features for comprehensive health



managing. The Huawei Watch GT 3 is equipped with Huawei TruSleep 2.0 sleep monitoring technology. It can perform sleep stage monitoring, real-time heart rate monitoring, sleep breathing monitoring, and assessment of sleep quality without disturbing the user's sleep. Huawei's latest smartwatch can also act as users' stress management assistant. It monitors users' stress 24/7 and takes care of their health around the clock.

The new Healthy Living Shamrock has added many small features to better-fit users' daily health needs. Through personalised settings, users can receive regular reminders like Health challenges, daily water intake, daily mindfulness, early sleep reminder, exercise volume, and staying positive are all small things related to your health.

The Huawei Watch GT 3 features a whole new Huawei TruSeen™ 5.0+ heart rate monitoring technology, which adopts eight photodiodes in a circular layout, two sets of light sources 8-in-1 LED lens light-emitting chip, multi-channel for receiving light signal and curved design to realise better light penetration, lower power consumption and more comfortable wearing experience.

ROUND-UP

OOMCO begins operations at its new central warehouse in Al Sawadi

The 2,900 square metre facility has the capacity for 4,500 pallet positions, serving to accommodate the increasing demand for Oman Oil Marketing Company’s lubricants across Oman while helping the company continue to deliver on its “You Trust We Care” promise

MUSCAT: Oman Oil Marketing Company (OOMCO) has commenced operations at its new central warehouse in Al Sawadi, with the support of its long-term partner, Al Madina Logistics Services.

The 2,900 square metre facility has the capacity for 4,500 pallet positions, serving to accommodate the increasing demand for OOMCO’s lubricants across Oman while helping the company continue to deliver on its “You Trust We Care” promise.

“The new centralised warehouse in Al Sawadi will ease our lubricants supply chain processes. With direct access from the main road of Al Batinah Highway and the Expressway, the location will allow us to expand our reach beyond the populated areas in Muscat and permit shorter delivery times,” said Talib Omar Al Maadi, Supply Chain General Manager at Oman Oil Marketing Company. “We are always working on building valuable long-term partnerships with local companies and our collaboration with Al Madina Logistics Services is a great addition. Its expertise, equipment and information technology

will certainly be an added value to our growing operations.”

Nader Hakim, Chief Operating Officer at Al Madina Logistics Services commented, “We continue to expand our portfolio and we welcome this opportunity with Oman Oil Marketing Company as a demonstration of the trust they have placed in our services. With our versatile and cost-efficient approach to inventory and warehouse management, we place our customers’ business requirements first and foremost. Our main goal is to provide the technology and resources to manage and optimise the distribution process.”

With the aim to position itself as the most customer-centric marketer in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), OOMCO provides a complete range of lubricant supplies and services in all areas of Oman. Constantly enriching the lives of all those visiting any of its locations, the company continues to offer one-stop-shop experiences as well as build long-term partnerships with various industry leaders to support the country’s economic diversification.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Alizz Islamic Bank AGM values Sharia supervisory procedures

MUSCAT: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Alizz Islamic Bank expressed its appreciation of the sincere efforts made by the board and executive management to strengthen the Sharia Supervisory Procedures, which in turn contributes to promoting the bank as a leading financial institution in the Islamic banking sector.

This annual general meeting was held in the bank’s head office in Ruwi. It was chaired by Yahya Said Al Jabri, Chairman of the board of directors and attended by shareholders and Sulaiman Al Harthi, the Chief Executive Officer of the bank.

The board highlighted the bank’s role in promoting various packages of media and informative messages to increase awareness about the role played by Islamic banking and community initiatives. The bank, from time to time, appoints new resources with bright ideas to push Islamic banking forward.

As part of these efforts, the general assembly approved the board’s proposal regarding the appointment of Sheikh Dr Ibrahim Al Sawafi as a member of the Sharia Supervisory Board.

Awareness

In this context, Sulaiman Al Harthi, Chief Executive Officer of Alizz Islamic Bank, said, “Our approach is based on a number of key principles, primarily investment in our communities and

increasing media messages and packages to enhance awareness about the role of Islamic banking.

“Since I assumed my leadership position in the bank, I talked to the team about the importance of developing a prudent strategy so that Alizz Islamic Bank will be a leader of Islamic banking in the Sultanate. We already started the implementation of this strategy by launching several initiatives, the last of which was ‘Manar Alizz: A will is a religious and cultural value’. Such initiatives were widely welcomed as it revives the sunna practice of writing ‘wills’.

Crowdfunding programme

“We seek to implement this initiative across the governorates of the Sultanate. In addition, we launched the Orphan’s crowdfunding programme in collaboration with the Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs to support 1,000 orphans in the Sultanate in aspects relating to financial management, as well as our Manar Alizz initiative that aims at increasing awareness about Islamic economy and its developmental role and the role of Islamic banks in sustainable economy and providing researchers and scholars with the necessary knowledge regarding Islamic economy, in general, and the Omani Islamic Banking experience, in particular. We have other initiatives in the pipeline to support the society.”

CAFÉ

Cliff Deck at Muscat Bay offers trendy dining experience

MUSCAT: Opened earlier this year, Cliff Deck café at Muscat Bay rose to almost instant fame for its trendy dining experience that blurs the boundaries of indoor and outdoor eatery options.

Sporting the best view in town and an airy, bright dining room, Cliff Deck is an idyllic place to enjoy the surroundings away from any city noise. This standalone café is managed by Sheraton Oman Hotel. With convenient access directly from the spacious

parking and lively ambience, it offers an on-trend classy and distinct experience.

The Instagram-worthy café needs no introduction to users of the social media platform, who will likely have seen viral photos of its stunning views and vibrant interiors on their feeds when it first opened in June.

Not quite indoors, not quite outdoors, Cliff Deck is an idyllic place to enjoy the gorgeous weather. There is no better way to enliven

the dining experience than with a little fresh air and great views. The vibe is informal, sociable and fun. Be ready to pose with your iced coffee, as there are different photo spots with breathtaking views.

This lively café is the place to be, with a generous menu of dips and salads to start, substantial mains such as lamb shank Ouzi and signature pappardelle ragout, and a separate desserts counter. There’s ample space between tables for diners to maintain social distancing while savouring flavorful dishes. Come during the day to soak in the vistas as you dine in and stay on after sundown for a lively atmosphere over a tippie.

Mixed with a spectacular view and good food, there’s no wonder why CliffDeck has been a success. The café boasts breathtaking bird’s eye views of the Muscat Bay skyline, promising an inimitable al fresco dining experience. Cliff Deck is fast gaining the attention of café hoppers and diners alike.

NOVEMBER WINNERS

OAB picks 2021 Hasaad Savings Scheme winners

MUSCAT: Oman Arab Bank (OAB) announced the names of the November 2021 winners of its Hasaad Savings Scheme. The draw saw 108 customers winning prizes of OMR 500 each. As for Elite account holders, two customers won OMR 10,000 each from the Samail and Al Khuwair branches.

Commenting on the winners of the month, Rashad Al Shaikh, Head of the Retail Banking Division at OAB, said, “We continue to see an increased number of winners as we are close to the end of our Hasaad Savings Scheme for 2021. We are keen to see a larger number by December, in comparison to last year, signifying the success we have seen as part of our efforts to encourage savings among all our valued customers.

“We believe that sound saving

practices are important, not only among individuals and families but for the young generation as well. In this way, we can play an important role in supporting them to create a more stable financial future for themselves and those around them and also reward them with incredible prizes for their efforts.”

The Hasaad Savings Scheme 2021 will see 101 lucky winners each month from the 53 branches winning OMR 500 each. This is in addition to a Big Prize draw which will see two winners of OMR 10,000 each, every quarter.

The Elite Draws will see two winners every month of OMR 10,000 each. This is replaced by an Elite grand prize draw conducted every three months with one lucky winner of OMR 25,000.

LUXURY 100 AWARDS

INFINITI QX80 Black Edition wins ‘Powerhouse Luxury SUV of the Year’ award

MUSCAT: Recognising it for its excellence and impeccable performance, INFINITI QX80 Black Edition, has been honoured with the ‘Powerhouse Luxury SUV of the Year’ award at The Luxury 100 ceremony held recently.

With an amped-up performance quotient and innovative new technologies, the QX80 Black Edition is the perfect package that merges elegance and performance to an already commanding presence. Truly bespoke, it brings hand-crafted luxury, convenience, and refinement for all its passengers.

A spokesperson for INFINITI Oman said, “We are honoured to



be recognised at The Luxury 100 Awards ceremony. It is one of the most prestigious and respected awards in the luxury market.”

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ROUND-UP

MHD reveals elegant all-new Range Rover at exclusive preview event

The elegant new Range Rover defines modern luxury, provides more refinement, customer choice and scope for personalisation than ever before

MUSCAT: At an exclusive preview event at the Land Rover showroom in Muscat, MHD ACERE revealed the New Range Rover and its breathtaking features and unmatched capabilities to Range Rover enthusiasts and prospective customers.

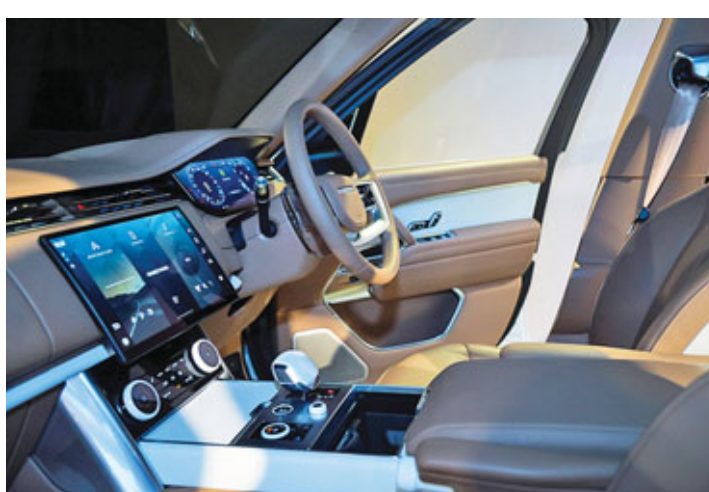
The elegant new Range Rover defines modern luxury, provides more refinement, customer choice and scope for personalisation than ever before.

Areej Mohsin Haider Darwish, Chairperson, MHD ACERE, avers: "We are overwhelmed with the response that the New Range Rover is getting. The car inspired awe in our guests who were mesmerised by its aesthetic grace.

"Range Rover is the original luxury SUV and has led by example for 50 years, combining serene comfort and composure with an all-conquering capability. The New Range Rover is the most desirable yet, mixing ultimate refinement with contemporary luxury and making every journey an occasion to be remembered."

Mohsin Hani Al Bahrani, CEO, MHD ACERE comments, "From power-assisted doors to hot stone massage seats – every aspect of the New Range Rover delivers a luxurious travel experience. The luxury features are complemented by executive comfort, extra space, seamlessly integrated connectivity, most advanced powertrains providing heightened performance, efficiency and refinement, that's peerless and never seen before. We are delighted to see the overwhelming response that befits a car of this stature."

With a suite of efficient mild-hybrid and plug-in hybrid powertrains plus a choice of four, five or



seven-seat interiors available across standard and long wheelbase body designs, the new Range Rover is at home in any environment.

The new Range Rover SV is an exquisite interpretation of Range Rover luxury and personalisation.

By combining state-of-the-art engineering techniques with new levels of virtual development and Land Rover's punishing development programme, the New Range Rover will deliver new levels of quality, giving customers even

more scope to create a truly individual vehicle with a choice of exclusive design themes, details and material choices from SV.

This hand-crafted model is the first vehicle to carry the new ceramic SV roundel and simplified

naming strategy – known simply as SV. The SV roundel represents the distillation of Special Vehicle Operations' design and engineering passion for modern luxury, performance and capability.

The new luxury SUV is avail-

able in SE, HSE and Autobiography models. A First Edition will be available throughout the first year of production, based on the Autobiography and featuring a unique specification. It is exclusively available in a Sunset Gold Satin finish, among a choice of five exterior colours. Both Standard (SWB) and Long Wheelbase (LWB) body designs are available with five seats, while the New Range Rover LWB model is available with a third-row for extended comfort for up to seven adults. The car promises to deliver peerless refinement for every occupant, including those in the new third-row seats. By eliminating unwanted noises, vibrations and distractions – and reducing the cognitive load on the driver and passengers – occupants will arrive at their destination feeling refreshed, even after the longest journeys.

The New Range Rover brings new levels of wellbeing to the luxury SUV sector and Cabin Air Purification Pro is the culmination of this pioneering technology. It combines dual-nano™ TM X technology for allergen reduction and pathogen removal, to help significantly reduce odours and viruses, while PM2.5 Cabin Air Filtration enhances air quality. Advanced nano™ TM X technology is scientifically proven to significantly reduce viruses and bacteria including SARS-CoV-2 viruses. The innovative technology is active in the air, so particles don't have to pass through a filter to be trapped and neutralised. A second nano™ TM X device in Row 2 optimises its effectiveness for all occupants.

This car is also the first Land Rover to feature Dynamic Response Pro. The powerful new active 48-volt electronic roll control system is faster-acting and more efficient than a hydraulic set-up, with a torque capacity of up to 1,400Nm fed into the anti-roll bars to keep body movements under control.

The New Range Rover will be produced exclusively at the Solihull Manufacturing Facility in the UK using a state-of-the-art production line housed in the building used to produce early Series Land Rovers. The historic building is the spiritual home of a Land Rover and its reimagining as a new, ultra-modern centre for Range Rover production showcases the way the company protects its heritage.

The New Range Rover is available to order now.

CC ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

CCED and partners support MoE schools' initiative

MUSCAT: Building on its legacy of giving back, CC Energy Development (CCED), along with its partners in Blocks 3 & 4, Mitsui E&P Middle East B.V. and Tethys Oil Block 3 & 4 Limited, have renewed their collaboration with the Ministry of Education (MoE) which started in the academic year 2019/2020 and continues in the academic year 2021/2022.

The programme 'For the country positive interaction and a sense of responsibility' aims to involve students from 44 government schools, who will be tasked with devising projects that address socio-economic challenges in their communities.

Dr Badriah Hamad Al Masharfiya, Head of Citizenship Studies, Department of Citizenship at the Ministry of Education said, "In alignment with Oman's Vision 2040, we are working to educate young people in a way that incorporates Oman's values and is consistent with the contemporary require-

ments of sustainable development and future skills. The private sector is key to helping us achieve this and we are pleased to be partnering once again with CCED and its partners for our latest initiative, which will usher new paths of development and encourage students to broaden their horizons and awareness of current issues.”

Since the beginning of its operations in 2007, CCED and its partners has been focused on community and people development under its 'think global, act local' motto. Among its initiatives with the Ministry of Education, CCED recently celebrated the successful completion of the Ministry of Education's book, along with many other initiatives across the fields of education, business development, as well as community and wellness.

CCED and its partners in Blocks 3 & 4, Mitsui E&P Middle East B.V. and Tethys Oil Block 3 & 4 Limited recently pledged support for two youth-development organisations, Outward Bound Oman and Youth Vision. That collaboration, which offers different kinds of skill-building courses, is part of CCED's CSR programme that is committed to empowering young, talented Omanis and creating long-term economic and social value for Oman.



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