

MINISTER REPRESENTS OMAN IN MIDDLE EAST GREEN INITIATIVE

At the behest of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, Dr. Saud Hamoud Al Habsi, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources, represented the Sultanate of Oman at a ceremony yesterday to launch the Middle East Green Initiative. **>A3**



HM THE SULTAN CONGRATULATES AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Dr. Alexander Van der Bellen of the Republic of Austria on his country's National Day. In the cable, His Majesty expressed his sincere sentiments and best wishes of good health and happiness to President Dr. Alexander. His Majesty also wished the friendly people of Austria further progress and prosperity. **-ONA**



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CONTINUOUS COORDINATION

Sayyid Fahd visits State, Shura councils

MUSCAT: His Highness Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmoud Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for the Council of Ministers, and a number of Cabinet members on Monday went on tour of the State Council and the Shura Council.

HH Sayyid Fahd was received at the State Council's building by Sheikh Abdulmalik Abdullah Al Khalili, Chairman of the State Council.

At the Shura Council, he was received by Khalid Hilal Al Maawali, Chairman of the Shura Council.

The visit comes within the context of coordination between the Council of Ministers and Council of Oman on matters serving the public interest.

During the visit, HH Sayyid Fahd commended the role of the State Council and the Shura Council during the recent climatic condition.

He also hailed the efforts exerted by citizens in all parts of the Sultanate of Oman as they stood



by state institutions and private sector establishments in handling the situation.

HH Sayyid Fahd valued the role of non-governmental organisations and charity societies in lending help to people whose properties incurred damage.

These efforts and measures to restore normalcy received the commendation of many countries

around the world and they highlighted the values of solidarity that distinguish Omani people.

HH Sayyid underscored the significance of continuous coordination between the Council of Ministers and the Council of Oman towards achieving the level of cooperation needed to implement economic and social plans and programmes.

HH Sayyid Fahd pointed out that the government places cooperation between the two institutions on top of its priorities, since the visions and the studies they draft contribute directly to the country's comprehensive development.

HH Sayyid Fahd stressed the importance of the current period which, he said, witnesses challenges that require more efforts



to safeguard the country's gains, achieve further progress and intensify social awareness.

It was agreed during the meeting to activate the role of the committee tasked with coordinating between the State Council and the Shura Council so that the panel would play a greater role in addressing the requirements of the current stage.

The chairmen and members of State Council and Shura Council offices expressed their appreciation for the government's cooperation with them.

They pledged to work more closely to enhance the country's comprehensive development under the leadership of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik. **-ONA**

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SAYYID SHIHAB MEETS THE NETHERLANDS ENVOY



His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs received in his office at Al Murtafaa Garrison on Monday Stella Kloth, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands appointed to the Sultanate of Oman. The two sides reviewed the bilateral relations and exchanged views on matters of common interest. **-ONA**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

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26TH OCTOBER

Omani Youth Day: Looking forward with achievable hopes and aspirations



MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman will celebrate Omani Youth Day, which falls on 26 October every year. Since the outset of the renaissance, youth have been the focus of the State's attention.

His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik reiterated this approach at all events, the latest of which was the meeting of the Council of Ministers on 12 October 2021.

His Majesty the Sultan underscored the role of youth in the development process, noting that youth constitute the present and future of nations. In this context, His Majesty laid emphasis on the significance of establishing mechanisms and channels of communication capable of portraying the efforts made to answer the needs of development in all sectors.

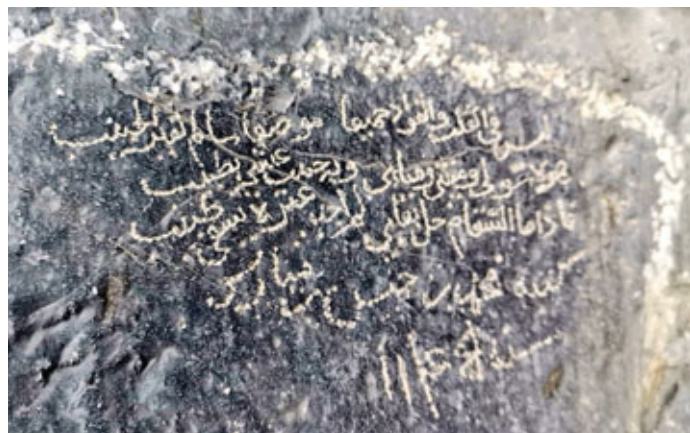
His Majesty the Sultan stressed the importance of listening to youth and responding to their aspirations. For this purpose, His Majesty the Sultan instructed governors, in cooperation with the departments concerned, to hold regular meetings with youth, to take up issues of concern to them and listen to their views in a manner that ena-

bles them to perform the role expected of them in promoting the march of nation building.

This has been a longstanding conviction expressed by His Majesty the Sultan during his Royal speech on 23 February 2020, when he said, "Youth are the wealth of a nation, its inexhaustible resource and the arms that build it. They are its present and future. We will always listen to them, and sense their needs, interests and aspirations which will definitely be accorded the attention that they deserve."

"We stand today with firm invincible will on the threshold of a vital stage of development and nation building. It is a stage in which you all have participated in drawing out its prospects in Oman Vision 2040, and contributed to devising its economic, social and cultural goals, in a manner that embodies a clear-cut vision, great expectation towards a more prosperous future. We are all aware of the challenges imposed by the current global conditions, and their implications to the region and to us, since we are part of this world, influencing it and are influenced by it." **>A2**

OMAN A TREASURE TROVE OF HISTORY THROUGH THE AGES



Research into the rock carvings left behind by ancient civilisations reveals interesting facets of lives in Arabia during those times

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Ancient rock formations and centuries-old artefacts found in the Sultanate of Oman point to the historical richness of the country that stretches across millennia.

A group of Omani researchers has conducted investigations into the rock carvings left behind by ancient civilisations that once inhabited Arabia. Their findings reveal deep connections between the various aspects of daily life followed by people of bygone eras.

Among them is Harith bin Saif Al Kharusi, who said that much can be learned about the conditions in which long-lost cultures thrived, just by analysing these carvings.

"The rock inscriptions and writings in the Sultanate are a legacy that lead to the discovery of the characteristics of the Omani environment," he said.

"The ancient Omanis carved many things on the rocks that are believed to be related to metaphysics, such as stone-cut carvings of the caribou, the sacred bull, the snake, the sun, and others."

"In Oman, a local version of the



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There are about 14 languages in the Arab world, some of which date back centuries. The oldest alphabet, as recognised by Western scholars, is the Sumerian alphabet, which goes back 5,600 years

Arabic alphabet also came into existence," he added. "Featuring 32 letters, there are still many facets of research being undertaken around this discovery. Many rock-cut inscriptions have been found, concerning literature, politics, society, military events, and climatic conditions."

Ali bin Ahmed Al Shahri, a researcher in history and rock inscriptions, explained that there are about 14 languages in the Arab world, some of which date back

centuries. "The oldest alphabet, as recognised by Western scholars, is the Sumerian alphabet, which goes back 5,600 years," he explained.

He added that there are also American books which confirm that Omanis - from southern Oman in particular - arrived in Peru on eight ships from Khor Rori in the Dhofar region, several millennia ago.

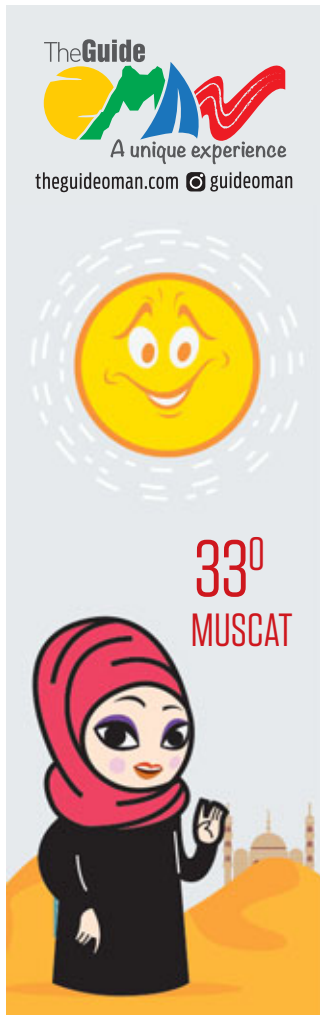
Dr Asmahand Saeed Al Jarro, a specialist in historical studies, chipped in saying that "inscriptions were carved on the rocks using ink made from tree resin. Writing styles in these Omani inscriptions varied between horizontal, vertical, curved, and oblique."

There are many places in Oman where such inscriptions in Oman can be found, revealed Mohammed bin Rashid Al Ruzaqi, another researcher.

"Some of the places where these sorts of writing and carvings are seen are in the governorates of North and South Al Sharqiyah, specifically in the Salut stone fortress in Al-Naba," he said. "You can also find this evidence in the settlements that emerged on the coasts of Oman, such as Ras Al Hamra and Ras Al Hadd."

Researchers and historians continue to conduct archaeological excavations, regularly unearthing finds from yesteryear civilisations. Recently, an ancient incense burner was found in Wilayat Saham in North Al Batinah. It was discovered in the area of Wadi Al Sukhn near the village of Dahwa.

Efforts to discover the artefact were conducted by the Archaeology Department of the College of Arts and Social Sciences at Sultan Qaboos University, in cooperation with the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism.





Sayyid Fahd praises efforts of citizens during climatic condition



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ASPECTS OF COOPERATION

Information Minister meets Secretary General of IFJ

MUSCAT: Dr. Abdullah Nasser Al Harrasi, Minister of Information received in his office on Monday Anthony Bellanger, Secretary General of the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) and Al Hashimi Al Nuwairah, Advisor of the IFJ.

The meeting reviewed aspects of cooperation between the Ministry of Information and the IFJ in various areas.

Al Harrasi underscored the importance of training and rehabilitating the journalists, which has a positive impact on their professional level and the important roles they carry out.

The Minister of Information also touched on the Omani Journalists Association's (OJA) host of the General Assembly's upcoming meetings of the IFJ's 31st Con-



gress, scheduled to be held in the Sultanate of Oman in 2022. He affirmed that the Sultanate of Oman will provide all facilities that would contribute in the success of the meetings.

In his turn, IFJ Secretary General expressed his delight to visit the Sultanate and closely view the

development witnessed in the media field. He commended the OJA roles at the local and international levels, which crowned the OJA with the unanimous approval of all IFJ members to host the 31st Congress meetings. The step reflects the progress reached by the Omani media. -ONA

NCSI DATA

Electricity generation up 76%

MUSCAT: Total electricity generation in the Sultanate of Oman increased by 7.6 per cent by the end of August 2021 to reach 28,281.2 GW per hour, compared to the same period in 2020, when the total production was 26,283.9 GW per hour.

Meanwhile, water production by the end of July 2021 stood at 279,670,000 cubic metres, a rise by 3.1%, compared to the same period in the previous year, according to statistics released by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI).

The total electricity generation in the governorates of North and South Al Batinah and A'Dhahirah reached 17,439.9 GW per hour by the end of August 2021, which is highest rate production among other governorates, comprising a rise by 6.5 per cent, compared to the same period in 2020, which it stood at 16,372.3 GW per hour.

The total electricity generation in the governorates of North and South A'Sharqiyah recorded 6,619.7 GW per hour, comprising a rise by 10.8 per cent as at the end of August 2021 compared to 5,975.8 GW per hour last year. Total production of electricity in the Governorate of Dhofar stood at 2,630.5 GW per hour, comprising an increase by 1.6 per cent, compared to 2,589.5 GW per hour in same period of last year.

The total electricity generation in the Governorate of Muscat stood at 820.3 GW per hour, comprising a rise by 20.3 per cent as at the end of August 2021 compared to 682.1 GW per hour during the same period last year. The total electricity generation in the Governorate of Al Wusta stood at 475.4 GW per hour, comprising an increase by 36.8 per cent, compared to 347.5 GW per hour.

The total electricity generation

in the Governorate of Musandam stood at 295.5 GW per hour, comprising an increase by 1.2 per cent as at the end of August 2021 compared to 292.1 GW per hour during the same period last year.

The total electricity generation in the Governorate of A'Dhakiliyah remained unchanged with 24.5 GW per hour.

The net figures are inclusive of purchases by Oman Power and Water Procurement Company (OPWP) and the Rural Areas Electricity Company (RAEC).

The Sultanate's net electricity generation by the end of August 2021 increased by 8 per cent to touch 27,393.2 GW per hour as at the end of August 2021, compared to 25,357.1 GW per hour during the same period in the prior year.

Governorates of North and South Al Batinah and A'Dhahirah scored the highest increase by 6.9 per cent. -ONA

YOUTH DAY

<FROM A1 Government committed to harnessing skills of youth

"We will also accord full attention and support to develop a comprehensive national framework of recruitment, considering it one of the fundamental pillars of the national economy."

An observer of the Omani renaissance would perceive that it has been established with youthful hands. This is evidenced by the speeches of the late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimour, who said that youth are the backbone of the nation. The tangible accomplishments made in every spot in the Sultanate in the north, the south, the east and the west of the country—and in the plains, the mountains, the cities and everywhere.

His Highness Sayyid Theyazin bin Haitham Al Said, Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth, gave a speech on the occasion of Omani Youth Day during which he stressed the Sultanate's firm belief in the role of youth in carrying forward the banner of the renewable renaissance. "The government has accorded great attention to youth since the beginning of the renaissance and empowered them to shoulder their responsibilities in the nation-building process.

Omani youth proved that they command a high sense of national responsibility. They compre-

hended the prerequisites of progress and proceeded to achieve it through a clear-cut vision based on partnership in promoting the renewable renaissance while at the same time interacting with the outside world and its culture for the sake of coexistence in a climate of love and peace," HH Sayyid Theyazin said.

He added that, in pursuance of the Royal directives of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik to accord full attention to youth and empower them, the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth has been established as an overarching institution that accommodates the aspirations of youth, their innovations and their aspirations. The role of youth has been underscored through their participation in formulating Oman Vision 2040, which affirms that the government depends on youth in promoting the development process. Therefore, the government embarked on developing the skills of youth and incorporated their projects and initiatives in the streamline of domestic development, keeping pace with global advancement spearheaded by the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) and the emergence of new economic activities.

According to Census 2020, the number of Omani youth stood at

549,969 and some of them contributed directly to the formulating Oman Vision 2040.

The vision lays the foundations of an empowered youth community whose individuals espouse innovation and take pride in their culture, values of citizenship and a decent life of sustainable welfare, health and productivity. A comprehensive, lifelong education is an inseparable part of this system through which Omani youth can develop their skills to be able to contribute to a better future in a country whose institutions enjoy a sense of flexibility and responsibility. An example of this is the fact that the media is in close contact with youth, so that it could open channels of dialogue with them.

Oman Vision 2040 underlines the need to upgrade the quality of education and develop educational programmes to enable educated youth to compete at the local and international markets and utilize their skills to promote high levels of productivity needed for building a vibrant economy.

Oman Vision 2040 inches closer to youth every day, not only by developing educational establishments, but also by applying international standards for modern, technical education, scientific research and innovation.

The strong bonds between academic and research institutions and the private sector played a great role in spreading awareness among individuals and society. This mandates commitment to values of performance linked to productivity, as well as the establishment of a national order to take care of talented youth and utilize their innovative ideas in the best possible manner.

Omani youth excelled on many occasions. Over the past five years, more than 1,000 youths took part in a number of activities under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth. The activities included Oman Quizzes, the Youth Excellence Award, Omani Youth Day, the Omani Researcher, the Young Author.

By 2020, 360 innovation initiatives saw the participation of 67,410 youths.

More than 260 Omani researchers took part in different local programmes and competitions, among them the Falling Walls Lab, Marathon of Biodiversity Ideas, OCCI Innovation Award, programmes of transforming 4IR graduation projects into small enterprises, Smart Applications on Covid-19 Control, London Youth International Youth Science Forum and Lindau Nobel

Laureates Forum.

More than 300 Omani youths took part in 2020 scientific research and innovation events.

Qais Salim Al Maqrahsi, CEO of Sada Youth, said, "Omani youth always strive to contribute to Oman Vision 2040 and hope that their contribution will promote the priorities of the vision." He calls for more involvement of youth in shaping programmes and projects that will respond to their aspirations.

Marwa Abdullah Al Rawahi, Project Specialist at Royat Al Shabab (youth vision) company, said Omani youth have received a good share of empowerment and that various establishments have been set up to look after their needs. "This has resulted in tangible results over the past few years."

Oman Vision 2040 played a major role in achieving the ambitions of youth in technical, literary, sports and other areas, she said, adding that youth have also influenced the vision in many ways.

Eng. Abdullah Hamad Al Kalbani, Sales Engineer at Seven Seas Petroleum company, said that the 26th of October, Omani Youth Day, was designated by the late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimour. He added that "Omani Youth Day rekindles in us the

enthusiasm to do more for the sake of our dear country."

Al Kalbani urged Omani youth to work hard in developing their skills and capabilities, bearing in mind the significance of technology, notably the advancements of the 4IR, for the achievement of goals of Oman Vision 2040.

Malak Khamis Al Alawi, CEO of Tamkeen company, said that Omani Youth Day is a remarkable occasion that proves young people's ability to adapt to address difficulties and make change. She affirmed that Oman Vision 2040 responds to the aspirations of youth and focuses on their needs. In this respect, she quoted the numerous projects and initiatives developed during this period to promote youth welfare.

Rahma Darwish Al Shaqsi, Head of Service Development at Oman Post, said that Royal speech always accords attention to youth, who constitute the cornerstone of renewable renaissance, as stated in the Royal speech of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik. She said, "His Majesty the Sultan made us, youth, partners in Oman Vision 2040 and allocated certain institutions to look after our needs and our potential to contribute to the nation-building process in the upcoming period." -ONA



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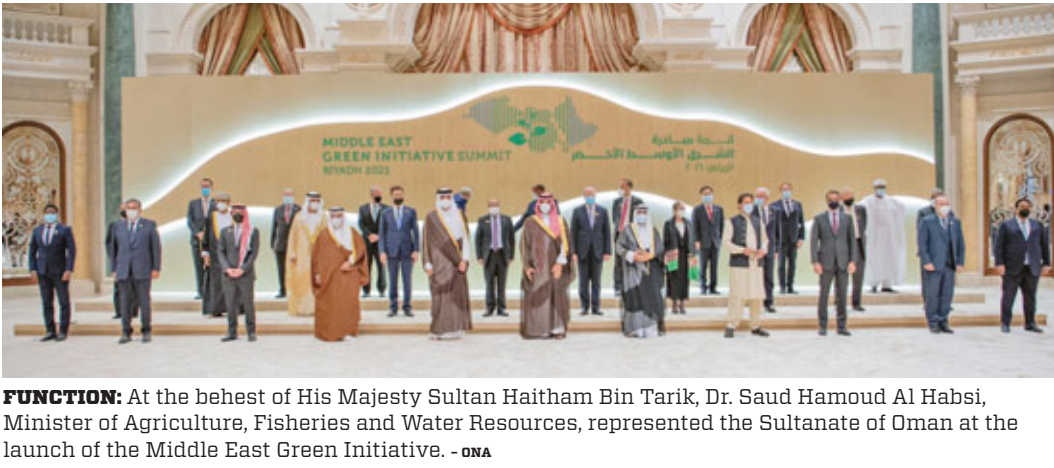
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Minister takes part in Middle East Green Initiative

of the global landscaping target, said Prince Mohammed bin Salman, adding that “We will work together to devise a regional roadmap and a methodology of action to achieve that objective.”

The KSA will establish an investment fund for Circular Carbon Economy Technology Solutions in the region, Prince Mohammed said.

750 million people

This is in addition to an international initiative to provide clean fuel solutions to provide food for 750 million people in the world, he added, noting that KSA’s investment in the two initiatives stands at around 39 billion Saudi Riyals.

Prince Mohammed announced the foundation of the “Green Initiative Establishment” as a non-profit organisation to support the tasks of the summit. -ONA

‘The KSA will establish an investment fund for Circular Carbon Economy Technology Solutions in the region’

RIYADH: At the behest of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, Dr. Saud Hamoud Al Habsi, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources, represented the Sultanate of Oman at a ceremony yesterday to launch the Middle East Green Initiative.

The initiative aims to combat climate change in the Middle East, consolidate investment and rally efforts towards the implementation of joint environment protection obligations.

Prince Mohammed bin Sal-

Oman oil crosses \$84 per barrel

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The price of Oman oil crossed the \$84 mark to climb to the highest price it has reached in a long time, and could go even higher, said an economist in the country.

According to the Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME), the marker price for Oman crude futures rose by more than a dollar and a half overnight to reach \$84.26 on 25 October.

“Yes, it is true that the current price of oil is the highest it has been in several years, even as oil prices continue to rise steadily,” explained Dr Mohammed Al Wardi, an economic analyst. “This is due to two main reasons: the first is the recovery of the global economy from the coronavirus pandemic, which has led to increased demand for oil.

“The second reason is also global in nature: it is to do with issues around electricity supply, particularly in the countries of the European Union,” he added. “Weak winds have led to a drop in output from renewable energy, while there has also been a fall in gas stockpiles, since gas suppliers are few in number.

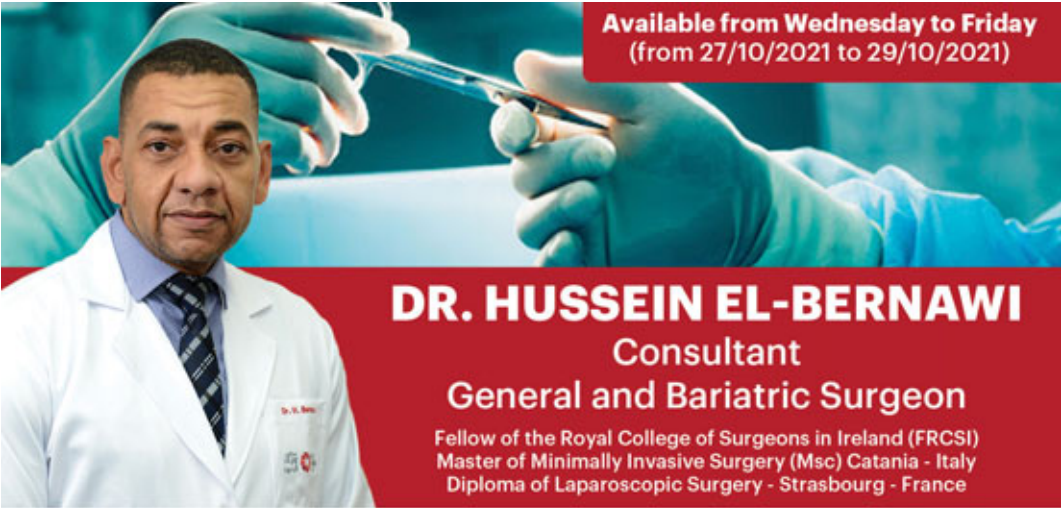
“This has led to gas prices increasing nearly five-fold during this year, while coal prices have also climbed, which has led to power supply problems in China, since that country relies on coal to fuel its power plants,” he added.

“The increased demand for coal and gas means it is likely more countries will turn to oil, and that has led to an increase in prices.”

Despite the hike in oil prices, however, they remain significantly lower than either coal or gas.

It is expected that oil prices will continue to rocket forward, towards the \$90 mark, or may even reach a value of \$100 per barrel.

“This is according to the expectations of some Western sources, especially in the coming winter season, where the low temperatures will increase demand for electricity for heating and other purposes,” said Al Wardi.



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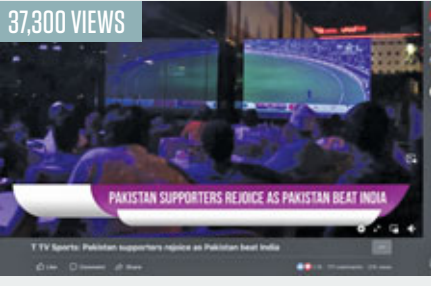


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BANGABANDHU SHEIKH MUJIBUR RAHMAN

Birth centenary of founding father of Bangladesh celebrated in Oman

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Bangladesh community in Oman gathered in festivity to celebrate the strength of its youth generation in an event jointly organised by the Embassy of Bangladesh and the Bangladesh Social Club, Oman on Sunday.

The event titled “Bangladesh and the Young Generation” included discussion and cultural programmes which were joined by hundreds of Bangladeshi youths of the second generation born and brought up in Oman.

The event was organised as part of the celebrations by Bangladesh of the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founding father of Bangladesh, and the Golden Jubilee of the country’s independence in 1971. It was aimed to create enthusiasm among young Bangladeshi expats, especially those who belong to the second generation, to learn more about their motherland, as well as to encourage them to become responsible global citizens.

The event kicked off with a video messages from the Foreign Minister and the Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh. Both the Minister and the Secretary praised the role of the Bangladeshi youths for their hard work, dedication and contribution in the development activities in their motherland as well as in the Sultanate of Oman.

They urged the young generation to uphold the ideals, principles and the teaching of the Father of the Nation in every aspect of their life.

Foreign Minister of Bangladesh Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, while addressing the young generation, reminded the young people about their responsibilities and duties towards their motherland and urged them to work as brand ambassadors in creating a positive image of Bangladesh.

He encouraged them to learn more about the glorious history



of the country, the thousand-year-old tradition, culture and traditions, important tourist destinations, the history of continuous economic development of the country and spread the values of the land among the people of other countries.

Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen, in his video message, also emphasised the young generation to learn the true essence of Bangladesh and advised them to disseminate these values and ideas among their neighbours, friends and co-workers across boundaries.

Chaired by the President of Bangladesh Social Club, Oman, and in the presence of Ambassador Mizanur Rahman, Bangladesh Ambassador to Oman, as Chief Guest, the discussion programme took place.

Ambassador Rahman, in his speech, reminded the youngsters of their duties and responsibilities to their motherland and said that the spirit of selfless patriotism of all would play the main role in the successful implementation of ‘Vision-2041’, the development agenda announced by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Ambassador Rahman further thanked the people and the government of Oman, especially His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, for the warm hospi-

tal and cooperation extended towards the Bangladesh community and advised the Bangladeshi expatriates to reciprocate the kind gesture.

Sirajul Hoque, President of Bangladesh Social Club, Oman, as the Chair, urged the young members of the club to build a positive image of Bangladesh in the host country through taking part in sports and cultural activities and by working closely with other expatriate communities.

A cultural segment followed the discussion showcasing traditional Bangladeshi culture. The evening immediately became cheerful and festive with Bangla songs and dances performed by students of the Bangladesh School, Muscat along with other young expatriates.

The performances evoked the patriotic spirit among young souls who missed their motherland dearly, as well as the spirit of harmony and peace among all the people of the world.

The cultural session was followed by the distribution of prizes among winners of a previously held essay writing competition. Young generation members of the Bangladesh expatriate community wrote heart-warming essays on their thoughts about the history, culture and other aspects of their country.

ROYAL NAVY OF OMAN

Naval drill begins

MUSCAT: The Royal Navy of Oman (RNO) on Monday began the naval drill ‘Assad Al Bahar’ or ‘Sea Lion’ in Al Batinah coastal zone.

The drill, which continues till 28 October, sees the participa-

tion of RNO ship crews and with the support of aircrafts from the Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO).

The drill is part of RNO’s annual training plans, which aim to sustain preparedness in all fields.

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MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Ministry funds 446 research projects

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MoHERI) funded 446 research projects with a total value of OMR2.30 million.

The funded research projects are from 30 research and academic institutions in the public and private sectors. Moreover, research projects of self-funded Omani students abroad in 23 different academic institutions were also covered.

The ministry’s support of re-



search projects aims to build the local research capacity and to find scientific solutions for local challenges in all sectors. — ONA



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01	Supply of Text Books for the year 22-23	A004/2021-22	28/10/2021	10/11/2021	Nil
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03	Cleaning/House Keeping Services	A006/2021-22	28/10/2021	14/11/2021	Nil
04	Supply of School Uniforms (Regular, P.E.)	A007/2021-22	28/10/2021	14/11/2021	R.O. 25
05	Supply of School Uniforms (Winter Pullover and Blazers)	A008/2021-22	28/10/2021	14/11/2021	R.O. 20

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS ON 30 SEPTEMBER, 2021

CHAIRMAN REPORT

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

Dear, Shareholders,

After compliments,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to present the unaudited financial statement for the Third quarter ended on 30th Sep 2021.

During the period, the company has achieved a net profit of an amount of OMR 331,691 which lead to decrease Retained losses from OMR (632,769) in the year ended 31 December 2020 to retained losses OMR (301,078) in the period of the current year.

On the other hand, the ore reserves at the company’s current sites represent a major challenge for the future of the company, which are sufficient for one-year of production. The board of directors and the executive management are striving to obtain licenses for new sites in order to carry out periodic follow-up and hold meetings with the relevant authorities. At the same time the executive management continues to follow up the exploration operations at the sites that obtained its license during the year 2020. The future of the company is still highly linked to its capacity to obtain permits for economically feasible sites.

Finally, on behalf of the board of directors and the executive management, I would like to express my sincere loyalty, appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, may God protect him, and convey our thanks to the wise government for the extended support. I would also like to thank all the shareholders of the company for their continued support, confidence and above all for their trust in the board and the, executive management of the company and its employees.

Thank you,

Humaid bin Masoud Al Maqbali
Chairman

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30, SEP, 2021

	Sept.- 2021 RO.	Sept.- 2020 RO.
ASSETS		
Non-current Asset		
plant and equipment	269,014	109,561
Intangible assets	241,657	246,280
Deferred Tax Assets	182,675	70,842
Total Non-current Assets	693,346	426,683
Current Assets		
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	5,142	5,820
Inventories	647,894	1,864,304
Trade and other receivables	301,406	113,742
Cash and bank balance	673,747	16,329
term deposits	1,600,000	1,600,000
Total Current Assets	3,228,189	3,600,195
TOTAL ASSETS	3,921,535	4,026,878
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserve		
Share capital	3,000,000	3,000,000
Legal reserve	812,489	784,489
Retained earnings (loss)	(301,078)	80,915
Total capital and reserve	3,511,411	3,865,404
Non-current Liabilities		
Employees benefits liabilities	17,955	15,218
Total Non-current Liabilities	17,955	15,218
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	327,131	130,630
Income tax (estimate)	65,038	15,626
Paid dividend	0	0
Total Current Liabilities	392,169	146,256
total liabilities	410,124	161,474
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	3,921,535	4,026,878
Net assets per share	1.170	1.288

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 Sep 2021

	Sept.- 2021 RO.	Sept.- 2020 RO.
Revenue	2,161,621	713,027
Cost of Sales	(1,194,155)	(210,639)
Gross profit	967,465	502,388
Other income	9,721	23,155
Total operating profit	977,186	525,543
Salaries and other related staff costs	(186,379)	(237,229)
Selling and distribution expenses	(298,777)	(130,274)
General and administrative expenses	(116,766)	(111,643)
Finance cost	(6,287)	(4,702)
Profit from operations	368,978	41,695
Realised gains on sales of investment at fair value through profit or loss	(973)	(560)
Interest income	65,579	63,039
Net profit before tax for the period	433,584	104,174
Income tax expenses	(65,038)	(15,626)
Net Profit after tax and total comprehensive income for the period	368,546	88,548
Basic earnings per share	0.123	0.030



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SECURITY LAW

Amnesty International plans to close Hong Kong offices over security law

HONG KONG: Amnesty International said on Monday that it plans to close its offices in Hong Kong by the end of this year because of the danger posed to its staff by a national security law imposed on the city by Beijing.

“This decision, made with a heavy heart, has been driven by Hong Kong’s national security law, which has made it effectively impossible for human rights organisations in Hong Kong to work freely and without fear of serious reprisals from the government,” Anjhula Mya Singh Bais, chair of Amnesty’s board, said in a statement.

“Hong Kong has long been an ideal regional base for international civil society organizations, but the recent targeting of local human rights and trade union groups signals an intensification of the authorities’ campaign to rid the city of all dissenting voices,” the statement went on. “It is increasingly difficult for us to keep operating in



such an unstable environment.”

Under the law, which came into effect in July 2020, authorities have clamped down on dissent in the city, effectively putting an end to Hong Kong’s exceptional

status under the “one country, two systems” principle that was agreed when it became a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China in 1997.

Amnesty said its Hong Kong

office addressing human rights and campaigns in the city would close on October 31, and that its second office — tasked with research and advocacy work across east and Southeast Asia and the Pacific — would be shuttered “by the end of 2021.”

Civil society under threat

The national security law, which was introduced in Hong Kong in the wake of 2019 pro-democracy protests in the former British colony, imposes harsh penalties on any person or body guilty in China’s eyes of secession, subversion, collusion with foreign forces or terrorism.

More than 70 people, many of them prominent pro-democracy activists, have already been charged under the law.

Since the law was introduced, numerous civil society groups have disbanded to avoid being investigated by authorities on allegations of being subversive. **DW**



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ENHANCED ENGAGEMENT

European Union plans to reopen diplomatic mission

BRUSSELS: The European Union is seeking to reopen its diplomatic mission in Afghanistan soon as the bloc is looking to enhance its engagement with the new Taliban government.

The 27-member bloc will return to the capital city of Kabul as Brussels seeks to co-ordinate aid efforts and the continued evacuation of some Afghans, UK based

newspaper reported.

This move comes at a time when the international community is working on ways to deal with the country’s new leadership. The bloc has said it is heading for a “calibrated approach” to the outfit, pursuing engagement with the administration, without recognising them.

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Board of Director's Report for 3rd Quarter 2021

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at September 30th 2021

On behalf of board of directors of Dhofar Poultry Company, I have pleasure in presenting the un-audited financial statements for the 3rd Quarter and the period ended 30th Sept 2021.

Financial Performance:

Total sales revenue for 3rd Quarter of year 2021 reached RO 6.80 Million compared to RO 6.65 Million same period last year showing an increase of 2.36%. The Gross profit for the period was RO 1,040 K compared to RO 1,506 K . The Net Loss of the period is RO (485 K) compared to Loss of RO (122K) for the same period last year 2020. The loss increase is mainly due to Liquidation of Frozen Stocks at low Realization , substantial increase in Hatching Eggs and Bank finance cost .

COVID 2nd wave , lockdowns & short shopping Hrs during Ramadhan / Eid festive seasons have resulted accumulation of FG Stocks , major portion of which were liquidated below Cost in 3Q. The Management is working hard to increase sales and reduce inventory through marketing strategies and increase farm and hatchery operation efficiency of smaller flocks with optimum cycles etc . The Management has taken all possible measures to increase operation efficiency and achieve integration between sectors to use resources in their full utilization. The Management has co -ordinated with Banks to facilitate Cash flow to mitigate Inventory carrying cost .

Despite high market competitions, the Company addressed a new strategy for sale and marketing sector & focusing on brand building activities and emphasize on fresh products sales as a better alternative from health and hygiene aspects as compared to frozen products and improve company products realization rate per Kg .

The Management through their new UAE Branch is expanding secured Customer base & Launching new products with focus on product quality by ensuring implementation of ISO and HACCP standard and staff training programs.

Corporate Governance :

The Board of Directors have taken all possible measures to ensure full compliances of CMA rules and regulations through Audit Committee and reviewing internal audit reports and related parties' transactions. The company's internal regulation laws and procedures were also reviewed to ensure quality control procedures. The Board review policies and evaluate Management performance through reviewing monthly reports.

Future Outlook :

Poultry meat demand has increased in last few years in spite of country frozen chicken import increased. The Management is targeting high value product consumers segments by improving product quality and introduction of new products. The Company is looking for strategic partners to increase local and regional sale volume.

On behalf of the Board, I express my sincere gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tariq for his wise leadership, support and generous attitude towards private sector. Finally, I would also like to thank my colleagues & fellow board members, management & staff for their consistent efforts and our customers for their continuous support.

Salim Bin Abdullah Al-Awadi
Chairman

	31/03/2021	31/03/2020
	RO	RO.
ASSETS		
Non-current Asset:		
Property, plant and equipment	7,040,597	7,371,518
Intangible asset	53,198	60,294
Right to use Asset	37,240	56,287
Deferred Tax Asset and Other Expenses	44,532	16,698
	7,175,567	7,504,797
Current Assets:		
Inventories and biological assets	3,190,846	3,518,752
Trade receivables, prepayments and others receivables	2,191,842	2,259,271
Cash and cash equivalents	35,302	196,301
Total Current Assets	5,417,990	5,974,324
TOTAL ASSETS	12,593,557	13,479,121
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Shareholders' Equity:		
Share capital	4,000,000	4,000,000
Special reserve	137,033	137,033
Legal reserve	221,560	221,560
Accumulated losses	(2,741,092)	(2,011,925)
Revaluation reserve	587,751	616,150
Net Shareholders' equity	2,205,252	2,962,818
Non-current Liabilities:		
Non-current portion of term loans	-	94,024
End of service benefits for employees	246,782	214,980
Non-Current portion of Lease Liabilities	30,546	32,196
Total Non-current Liabilities	277,328	341,200
Current Liabilities:		
Bank overdraft & LTR	6,408,774	6,123,159
Current portion of term loans	94,225	280,000
Trade Payables and accruals	3,596,178	3,745,264
Current Portion of Lease Liabilities	11,800	26,680
Taxation	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	10,110,977	10,175,103
Total Liabilities	10,388,305	10,516,303
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS'EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	12,593,557	13,479,121
Net Assets Per Share (RO.)	0.055	0.074

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the nine months ended 30th September 2021

Particulars	30/09/2021	30/09/2020
	RO.	RO.
Sales (Net of Discount)	6,802,682	6,646,108
Cost of sales	(5,762,642)	(5,139,665)
Gross profit/(loss)	1,040,040	1,506,443
GP%	15.29%	22.67%
General and administrative expenses	(571,419)	(664,815)
Selling and distribution expenses	(631,886)	(642,876)
Finance costs	(347,250)	(331,297)
Directors' Fees	(25,500)	(23,800)
Other income	51,040	33,958
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	(484,975)	(122,387)
Taxation	-	-
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period	(484,975)	(122,387)
Basic profit/(loss) per share (RO.)	(0.012)	(0.003)

Notes : detail 1st Quarter Financials will be sent to shareholders within 7 day from their request send to company by fax 23281131.

Detail financials are uploaded to MSX website .

IMPERIAL WEDDING

Japan's Princess Mako set to marry commoner amid controversy

TOKYO: Hours before Japan's Princess Mako is due to marry her commoner fiancé, Kei Komuro, there is little indication of the public or the domestic press relenting their criticism of the first imperial family wedding in nearly 30 years.

An unforgettable day of traditional pomp and finery will instead be reduced to the signing of paperwork and a press conference.

The princess, who turned 30 on Saturday, will on Tuesday morning complete the procedures to register her marriage to Komuro, also 30, whom she first met more than a decade ago at Tokyo's International Christian University.

As well as confirming the marriage, the paperwork will mean that, under Japanese law, the princess is no longer a member of the imperial family. She will move out of the palace and into a private apartment to commence a new life.

It will be a bitter-sweet moment for the princess, who has grown up within the cloistered world of the imperial palace in Tokyo, arguably made more difficult by the unrelenting attention of the Japanese tabloid media.

Support wanes as Komuro family reports surface

Though there was widespread joy for the princess and her boyfriend when their engagement was initially announced in September 2017, that has since soured.

Within weeks of the wedding being set for November 2018, the Shukan Josei weekly magazine ran a story claiming that Komuro's mother was in a dispute with a former boyfriend over money.

According to the report, Komuro's mother — who had fallen on hard times after her husband committed suicide — had borrowed 4 million yen (€30,205, \$35,110) from the man to cover the costs of Komuro's university education.

Komuro's mother and her for-



mer partner were in dispute over whether the money was a gift or a loan that needed to be returned.

The Imperial Household Agency — consistently averse to the slightest whiff of scandal — quickly announced that the wedding was being delayed.

Undeterred, the press pack stepped up their reporting of the affairs of the Komuro family, leading to suggestions in different magazines that he had enjoyed a string of relationships at university and that his family were descendants of Korean immigrants.

In part to escape the media attention, Komuro moved to the US in 2018 to study law at Fordham University in New York. He stayed in touch with the princess, and in September kept his promise to return and marry her.

Any hopes that they might be able to quietly go ahead with the wedding have been dashed after media reports emerged in recent weeks claiming that the wedding poses the biggest threat to the stability of the imperial family in a century.

Media reports also claimed Komuro would not be able to earn a sufficient wage to support the former princess and that his family is

primarily motivated by the potential financial and social windfalls that will result from the union.

Wedding fuels protests in Tokyo

This weekend's coverage has focused on the amount that the Komuro family is costing the Japanese taxpayer, with claims that the government has promised Komuro's New York law firm lucrative contracts to ensure that the princess is financially cared for.

Another magazine has questioned the cost of 24-hour security outside the apartment of Komuro's mother, in the western suburbs of Tokyo.

The impending wedding has even led to unprecedented protest marches in Tokyo, made up largely of conservatives and middle-aged persons who feel so strongly about the marriage that they are brandishing placards that read “Stop the Cursed Marriage” and “No, Komuro.”

“I cannot say that I am at all excited about the events that will take place tomorrow,” said Yoichi Shimada, an academic and staunch supporter of Japan's monarchy. **DW**



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Afghanistan thrash Scotland by 130 runs

If Mujeeb picked five, Rashid Khan took four wickets to dismantle Scotland batting as the five batsmen registered ducks during the chase

SHARJAH: Mujeeb Ur Rahman stole the show with his fifer as Afghanistan thrashed Scotland by 130 runs in the Group 2 match of the ongoing T20 World on Monday.

If Mujeeb picked five, Rashid Khan took four wickets to dismantle Scotland batting as the five batsmen registered ducks during the chase.

Chasing 191, Scotland crumbled as Mujeeb picked three wickets in the fourth over. From there on Scotland never really recovered as the side kept losing wickets at regular intervals.

Mujeeb came back to pick two more wickets as Scotland got reduced 45/7 in the eighth over. In the end, Scotland was folded for 60 runs in the 11th over as Rashid



whacked boundaries in the powerplay and took their side over the 50-run mark within six overs.

While Shahzad scored 22, Zazai missed out on fifty as his blistering knock of 44 came to an end in the 10 over.

Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Najibullah Zadran then stitched an 87-run stand for the third wicket. While Gurbaz departed in the 19th over, Najibullah took Afghanistan to 190 before being dismissed.

Brief Scores: Afghanistan 190/4 (Najibullah 59, Gurbaz 46; Safyaan Sharif 2-33) vs Scotland 60/10 (George Munsey 25; Mujeeb Ur Rahman 5-20. -ANI



Lahiru Kumara and Liton Das fined for breaching ICC Code of Conduct

SHARJAH: In the recently concluded Group B, Super 12 game of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh on Sunday in Sharjah, Sri Lankan bowler Lahiru Kumara and Bangladeshi batter Liton Das Kumar were both fined for breaching level 1 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel.

Kumara was found guilty of breaching Article 2.5 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to "Using language, actions or gestures which disparage, or which could provoke an aggressive reaction from a batter upon his/her dismissal during an

International Match."

Das was found guilty of breaching Article 2.20 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to "Conduct that is contrary to the spirit of the game."

The incident occurred in the fifth over after the dismissal of batter Litton Kumar Das in the Bangladesh innings.

After he dismissed the batter Das, Lahiru Kumara walked towards him using actions and words which provoked an aggressive reaction from the batter.

Having been provoked by the bowler Kumara, Das reacted aggressively and in a manner that was contrary to the spirit of cricket. -ANI

WORLD CUP

Bowling to Babar in nets helped Afridi prepare against Kohli

DUBAI: Pakistan pacer Shaheen Afridi, who stole the show on Sunday with his brilliant bowling against India, said he bowled to India skipper Virat Kohli just like he used to do to Babar Azam in the nets. Shaheen Afridi got the better of Rohit Sharma (0) and KL Rahul (3) and India were reduced to 6/2 in the third over before he dismissed Kohli in the 19th over. "Had planned to dismiss Virat but he is a number one player. There is no difference in the batting of Babar and Virat. I just bowled how I used to bowl Babar in nets. I didn't get the swing in my third over so I tried to hit the good length or bowl a slower cutter," said Shaheen Afridi in the post-match press conference.

The Pakistan pacer stole the show with his tight bowling in the power play as India looked almost clueless after losing Rohit and Rahul.

Shaheen revealed it was the first time in his career that he bowled three overs in the power play and also said he had planned to dismiss Rohit. "It is the first time that I've bowled three overs in the power play and the ball was moving, so I wanted to give a breakthrough to my team and the conditions were such that the ball was moving," said Shaheen. -ANI

PAKISTAN VS INDIA

Don't get over excited after beating India, focus remains to win T20 WC: Babar to team

DUBAI: Pakistan skipper Babar Azam does not want his team to get over-excited just because they managed to defeat India in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup as their prime focus remains to win the entire tournament and take the trophy home.

Mohammad Rizwan and skipper Babar Azam put on a remarkable show on Sunday as Pakistan thrashed India by 10 wickets at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

"Look guys, this win was not a result of any individual performance. We gave a complete team performance and we do not have to let go of this. This is just a start, enjoy it, but do not get over-excited after beating India. We need to look ahead and our focus is to win the T20 World Cup. We will never be relaxed, just look to give your 100 per cent. Do not get over-excited," said Azam while addressing the Pakistan cricket team, in a video shared by the official Twitter handle of the Pakistan Cricket Board.

"We have a habit of being inconsistent, but please do not do this. We have to change this and it will hopefully. Well done boys for the win against India," he added.



Rizwan (79*) and Babar (68*) didn't give any chance to India bowlers to come on top as the two batsmen dominated the proceedings. Pakistan chased down the target of 152 without losing a wicket as India looked clueless in their opening match.

This is the first time that India has lost a T20I by ten wickets.

Coincidentally, this is also the first time that Pakistan has won a T20I by ten wickets. Shaheen Afridi was adjudged as Player of the Game after a three-wicket haul.

India will next square off against New Zealand on Sunday, October 31 while Pakistan will take on New Zealand on Tuesday, October 26. -ANI

GROUP A & B



POINTS TABLE

GROUP A				
POS	TEAM	PLD	NRR	PTS
1	ENGLAND	1	+3.970	2
2	SRI LANKA	1	+0.583	2
3	AUSTRALIA	1	+0.253	2
4	SOUTH AFRICA	1	-0.253	0
5	BANGLADESH	1	-0.583	0
6	WEST INDIES	1	-3.970	0

GROUP B				
POS	TEAM	PLD	NRR	PTS
1	AFGHANISTAN	1	+6.500	2
2	PAKISTAN	1	+0.973	2
3	NAMIBIA	0	+0.000	0
4	NEW ZEALAND	0	+0.000	0
5	INDIA	1	-0.973	0
6	SCOTLAND	1	-6.500	0



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Second place in final of GT Open Race for Al-Zubair and Soucek

The result meant that Soucek finished outright second in the championship standings and Al-Zubair was third

BARCELONA: Al-Faisal Al-Zubair and Andy Soucek secured a hard-earned second place in the final International GT Open race of a successful debut season at the Catalunya circuit in Barcelona on Sunday.

The Lechner Racing Porsche 911 GT3 R crew climbed through the field from a starting position



GT OPEN: The Lechner Racing Porsche 911 GT3 R crew climbed through the field from a starting position of 10th on the grid to secure the runner-up position.

of 10th on the grid to secure the runner-up position just 0.686 seconds behind the Inception Racing McLaren of pole winners, Nick Moss and Joe Osborne.

Their main championship rivals and series winners, Michele Beretta and Frederick Schandorff, rounded off the podium places in the Vincenzo Sospiri Racing Lamborghini and reached the chequered flag just under five seconds adrift. Jim Pla and Thomas Drouet finished fourth in a Mercedes AMG and Belgium's Baptiste Moulin and Japan's Yuki Nemoto rounded off the top five.

The result meant that Soucek finished outright second in the championship standings and Al-Zubair was third, having missed the Hungaroring races through illness. Al-Zubair said: "What a great way to end the season, starting in 10th place after a disappointing qualifying. But, we made it back to second place and we were really

fighting for first overall. It was an amazing race. I am so proud of the whole team and the project we created this year.

"I don't think anyone would have expected us to come and fight for wins at every race. Vice-champions and third place for myself after missing a round. I could not have asked for much more. I am very happy about this and could not thank my family enough and the whole team. I am just looking forward to announcing my plans for next year." Soucek had qualified the Lechner Porsche down in 10th place for the last of the season's races with a best time of 1min 44.184sec during an eight-lap stint. Inception Racing's Moss and Osborne claimed pole position with a tour of 1min 43.085sec in their McLaren 720 S GT3 and Jim Pla and Thomas Drouet were second. Brendan Iribe and Ollie Millroy rounded off the top three places in a second McLaren.

LA LIGA

Barcelona condemn violent attack on coach Koeman after defeat in El Clasico

BARCELONA: Spanish club Barcelona FC has condemned the attack on manager Ronald Koeman after the side were defeated by Real Madrid in La Liga on Sunday.

After suffering a defeat, people surrounded Koeman's car as he tried to exit the Camp Nou, reported Goal.com.

"FC Barcelona publicly condemns the violent and disdainful acts that our manager experienced when leaving the Camp Nou. The Club will take security and disciplinary measures so that such unfortunate events do not happen again," the club said in an official statement.

David Alba and Lucas Vazquez goals' helped Real Madrid defeat Barcelona in the La Liga on Sunday here at the Camp Nou. Real Madrid defeated Barcelona 2-1 on Sunday to consolidate its position at the top of La Liga standings with 20 points from nine games.

Madrid now is level with sec-



ond-placed Sevilla on points, but is ahead in the standings on the basis of goal difference.

Alba registered a goal for Real Madrid in the 32nd minute of the game. Madrid doubled its lead through Lucas Vazquez.

Sergio Aguero pegged one goal back for Barcelona, but it was not enough to hand his side the victory. Real Madrid will next lock horns against Osasuna on Wednesday while Barcelona will square off against Rayo Vallecano on the same day. **ANI**

PREMIER LEAGUE

Man Utd fans deserve better than this: Ronaldo after Liverpool thrashing

MANCHESTER: After being defeated 5-0 by Liverpool in the Premier League, Manchester United striker Cristiano Ronaldo on Monday said that the fans of the club deserve better and the onus is now on the players to deliver on the pitch.

"Sometimes the result is not the one we fight for. Sometimes the score is not the one we want. And this is on us, only on us, because there's no one else to blame. Our fans were, once again, amazing in their constant support. They deserve better than this, much better, and it's up to us to deliver. The time is now," Ronaldo wrote in an Instagram post. Mohamed Salah, Diogo Jota all got on the scoring charts as Liverpool thrashed Manchester United in the Premier League on Sunday here at Old Trafford. Liverpool defeated United 5-0 to move to second place in the standings,



just one point away from table-toppers Chelsea.

Before halftime, Liverpool registered four goals and they were scored by Naby Keita, Jota and Salah. The Egyptian striker Salah scored a brace in the first half, giving Liverpool a comfortable lead.

Salah then went on to complete his hat-trick in the 50th minute of the game as Liverpool gained a 5-0 lead. No more goals were scored in the match, and in the end, Liverpool registered a comprehensive 5-0 win. **ANI**

US GRAND PRIX

Verstappen edges Hamilton to seal victory in United States Grand Prix

TEXAS: Max Verstappen won a spectacular duel with title rival Lewis Hamilton in the 2021 United States Grand Prix, with Red Bull gaining ground on Mercedes thanks to Perez's podium finish - and the championship leader extending his lead to 12 points.

From second on the grid, Hamilton enjoyed a stellar start off the line as the lights went out in Austin, and despite Verstappen squeezing him as far as possible down the inside to the run-up to Turn 1, the Briton gained P1 from the Dutchman to lead going into the esses. Perez, starting third, followed and began to lose hundredths, then tenths, to the leaders. "Red Bull championship hopeful Verstappen opened the pit window on Lap 11, pitting from medium tyres to hards, while Mercedes' reigning champion Hamilton followed in on Lap 14 only to emerge second behind the under-cutting Red Bull driver. But there was another pit stop to come under the scorching Texas sun," read an official F1 report.

Charles Leclerc drove brilliantly to P4 for Ferrari having held off Daniel Ricciardo of McLaren at the start, the Australian having made up one place at the expense of Carlos Sainz early on. That left Valtteri Bottas sixth for Mercedes ahead of Carlos Sainz, the Ferrari driver passed for the place late on by the Mercedes man who recovered from ninth on the grid. **ANI**

ASIAN CUP 2022 QUALIFIERS

Indian team beats Oman in AFC Under-23 Asian Cup Qualifiers opener

DUBAI: India U-23 team defeated Oman 2-1 in their opening fixture of the AFC U-23 Asian Cup 2022 Qualifiers at the Fujairah Stadium in Dubai, UAE on Sunday.

Rahim Ali (6') converted an early penalty, before Vikram Partap Singh (37') doubled the lead to earn a crucial victory on the night. Waleed Salim scored a consolation goal in added time but the three points headed India's way.

Igor Stimac, after the recent success in the SAFF Championship in Maldives, got into the act quickly in pursuit of qualification to the AFC U-23 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2022 for the first time ever since the inception of the tournament in 2013.

He started with experienced Dheeraj Singh under the woodwork and two full-backs in the form of Asish Rai and Akash Mishra to support the attacking moves. Deepak Tangri and Narender Gahlot were put in at the heart of the defence.

India's U-17 FIFA World Cup-per duo Jeakson Singh and Suresh Wangjam (captain) manned the middle of the park, while Rahul KP and Vikram Partap Singh were deployed at the flanks. Rahim Ali and Aniket Jadhav were at the attacking third.

Before the opponents could settle in, Igor Stimac's boys started hurling attacks from both wings and in the fifth minute, Vikram earned a penalty that Rahim Ali calmly converted. Omani goalkeeper Ibrahim Yousuf had guessed the right way, but Rahim's spot-kick was placed perfectly, as the ball went past the upright and



nestled into the side-netting.

Vikram and Rahul, with their lightning speed, kept the Omani midfield on their toes throughout, something that helped them punch through for the second goal in the 37th minute.

Stimac made a few changes towards the end of the game and the boys responded in a similar manner to hold their fortress against Oman.

Bryce Miranda, who was thrown into the fray on 71 minutes, almost scored his first goal in the 80th. Having played a brilliant one-two with Rahim Ali, he snuck into the Oman penalty box

COMMENTARY

A bittersweet bond



Anis Sajjan, Vice Chairman, Danube Group

India and Pakistan share a passionate rivalry on the cricket field and the fans of the two countries share a unique bond as their love for the sport outweighs the cricketing battle. Over the years plenty of times fans from both sides of the border have exhibited their appreciation for players of the other team.

It was the first time ever that a World Cup match between India and Pakistan was being played in the UAE which is like a melting pot of cultures, where people from all nationalities come together and celebrate each other. Though the people from these 2 countries have their fair share of banter during the match, at the end of the day's game, the expats of both the countries sit together and have a healthy discussion over it.

A classic example of such a celebration was observed yesterday at the residence of Mr. Anis Sajjan, Vice Chairman of Danube Group who is also known as Mr. Cricket UAE, given his love and passion for the game. Despite being a cricket aficionado, where he organized a special

screening of the iconic match at his residence for a close group of family friends from both the nationalities, instead of going to the stadium.

The vibe for the game started with the guests getting their face painted in support of their favourite team. Each wicket, boundary and six was celebrated with splendid performance of the dhol and the supporting fans dancing to tunes of Chak De India and Dil Dil Pakistan.

Sajan says, "I am lucky to able live my passion for the game and glad to be sharing it with all the other fans. Though India lost the match, it was great experience watching the game with my friends from both the nations."

To say the least, the Pakistan fans ended the celebration on a high note after the iconic victory by 10 wickets against India.

It is the love for the game that prevailed over the competition on field, which was seen clearly amongst all the guests after the match.

Anis signed off by saying, "Cricket is a Gentleman's game and in this beautiful country, we are able to spread love and peace thanks to this wonderful game."

OIL PRODUCTION IN OMAN

Tethys Oil's share of the production, before government take, from Blocks 3&4 onshore the Sultanate of Oman amounted in September 2021 to 345,273 barrels of oil, corresponding to 11,509 barrels of oil per day.

MARKET

BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

The MSX index closed at 4,011.69 points, up 0.52 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.76 per cent at 561.22 points. Al Batinah Power was the top gainer, up by 3.92 per cent, while Asaffa Foods, down 9.92 per cent, was the top loser.

CBO cites improvement in financial stability in Oman

While acknowledging the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the report mentions that the policy measures taken by the government and CBO to support businesses and households avoided any major setback and supported a rapid recovery of the economy

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MUSCAT: The outlook for financial stability has improved with the roll-out of vaccines and gradual transition to normalcy, the Central Bank of Oman (CBO) said in its ninth issue of the Financial Stability Report (FSR).

While acknowledging the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the report mentions that the policy measures taken by the government and CBO to sup-

port businesses and households avoided any major set-back and supported a rapid recovery of the economy.

"Despite the heightened global uncertainty about the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccinations and the new strains of the novel coronavirus, the outlook for the Omani economy looks positive in 2021 and 2022," CBO said in its report.

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cal consolidation measures taken by the government, as well as the implementation of the government's large-scale vaccination programme.

"A survey of a cross-section of market participants and other stakeholders conducted in August

2021 revealed that the majority of the respondents showed confidence in the Omani financial system, and their optimism regarding the likelihood of an adverse event in the near future improved as compared to the previous survey," the report added.

The combined impact of the drop in oil prices and the strict precautionary measures caused nominal GDP to decline by 17 per cent in 2020. Similarly, real GDP declined by 2.8 per cent, a considerably smaller contraction than what was expected by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The persistent twin deficit along with the upward trend in public debt remained key challenges to macroeconomic stability in the Sultanate, the CBO report said.

"Both domestic and external public debt increased during 2020 and the first half of 2021 to finance the elevated twin deficit. External debt continues to be the main source of deficit financing, but it also played an important role in supporting CBO's foreign reserves," the report added.

Despite these challenges, CBO foreign reserves remain adequate to support the stability of the fixed exchange rate regime and to provide suitable coverage of imports.

Price stability continued to be one of the strengths of the Omani economy. The stable fixed peg to the USD continued to serve as a credible nominal anchor that supports price

stability and minimises the risk of imported inflationary pressures.

"Consumer Price Index inflation turned negative in 2020, but it is expected to moderately rise in 2021 due to the anticipated economic recovery and the application of the VAT," the CBO report said.

The report also highlights that the Omani banking sector continued to be robust with strong soundness indicators despite the challenging operating conditions. The stress-induced by the pandemic has created fragilities for the banks and the borrowers. However, due to the international regulatory reforms and domestic regulatory norms, banks in Oman entered the pandemic from a position of strength with large capital buffers, which helped them sail through the stressed period.

The robust capital base of the banks provided them ample cushion to expand their balance sheets while absorbing the shocks. Resultantly, the sector supported the economy by providing relief to the affected borrowers in the form of deferment of loans besides extending additional credit to meet the financing needs of the economy.

EXHIBITION

OQ set to showcase solutions for more sustainable future in polymers at ArabPlast

MUSCAT: As OQ gears up for ArabPlast 2021 to be held in Dubai from November 15 - 18, it plans to exhibit polymer products and solutions aligned with its outlook to drive a more sustainable future.

At ArabPlast 2021, Oman's state-owned energy firm will be one of the main exhibitors showcasing its product offerings in key sectors - flexible packaging, rigid packaging and durables, and infrastructure & construction.

With the ambitious Liwa Plastics Industries Complex (LPIC), OQ has pioneered the Sultanate's first production of polyethylene thereby diversifying its product portfolio to include HDPE (high-density polyethylene) and LLDPE (linear low-density polyethylene) production.

LPIC has enabled OQ to expand its production capacity of polyethylene and polypropylene to 1.5 million tonnes.

The global polymer demand is on the rise as it is a widely used petrochemical product in multitudes of applications across industrial sectors. The market size for polymers is forecasted to soar

to \$750 billion by 2025, growing at a CAGR of 5.1 per cent during 2020-2025. According to Goldstein Research, the GCC polymer industry is expected to reach 34.5 million tonnes by 2022, supporting further downstream development, while growing at a CAGR of 3 per cent. To capitalise on the global and regional demand, OQ has undertaken an aggressive growth plan and aims to increase its polymers product portfolio by over four times.

Gilles Rochas, Vice President - Performance Chemicals at OQ said, "The polymer industry has witnessed a steady increase in demand over the past year, attributed to the accelerated demand for secure food packaging solutions and products aimed at personal health and safety.

"The shift in consumer behaviour towards online retail and food delivery has also spurred demand. OQ aims to capitalise on this opportunity to bring to the forefront a range of durable polymer products to address the sustainability challenges brought about by rapid urbanisation and growing population."

SINO-OMAN INDUSTRIAL PARK

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MUSCAT: The Special Economic Zone at Duqm (Sezad) celebrated the opening of Duqm Hongtong Piping Factory, under the patronage of Eng. Yahya bin Khamis Al Zadjali, In-Charge of Managing the Operations of Special Economic Zone at Duqm.

The ceremony was attended by Su Wei, CEO of Wanfang Oman Company, the executive management of Hongtong Duqm Piping Company, Weihai Hongtong Piping, the project's partner and representatives from Sezad and the Special Economic Zones and Free Zones.

The first-of-its-kind factory in Oman stands as the first project in the Sino-Omani Industrial Park in Duqm. The factory produces non-metallic Reinforced Thermoplastic Pipes, which are mainly used for the oil and gas industry and specifically for the collection and transfer of hydrocarbon fluids



through the piping networks. At the initial stage, the factory's products will serve the local market, while afterwards these Omani-made products will be promoted and supplied to other regional and international markets in Asia, Africa, America and Europe.

General Manager of Duqm Hongtong Piping Company, Dr

Shao Longnan, pointed out: "We are pleased to be the first in the Sultanate to bring this business, which meets the increasing demand for the Reinforced Thermoplastic Pipes in Oman and the region. We selected to set up the project in Duqm as a promising economic destination as well as to benefit from the competitive

advantages offered by the business environment in the Sultanate. On the other hand, this project will serve transferring and exchange technologies from China to Oman for it will thrive the oil and gas industry with our products and contribute to the in-country value through the training and offering job opportunities."

Eng. Yahya bin Khamis Al Zadjali, In-Charge of Managing the Operations of Special Economic Zone at Duqm, stated, "This factory marks one of the main projects in the Chinese-Omani Industrial Park in Duqm, which will play a significant role in meeting the demand for this product by the various economic projects in the zone and oil and gas companies operating in the concession areas. In addition, the project will contribute to strengthening partnership and trade relations between Omani companies and their international counterparts worldwide."

COHERENT OPTICAL TECHNOLOGY

Omantel deploys Ciena 800G technology to connect data centres, submarine cable landing stations

MUSCAT: Oman Telecommunications Company (Omantel), Oman's first and leading integrated telecommunications services provider, has deployed Ciena WaveLogic 5 Extreme 800G coherent optical technology to connect data centres, submarine cable landing stations and telecom exchanges in various regions across the Sultanate to accommodate the rapid increase in network traffic.

Marking the first rollout of 800Gbps wavelengths in the MENA region, this upgrade allows Omantel to support the increasing digital needs of businesses and consumers, while supporting hyperscalers' growing network demands with 400GE connectivity. This deployment underpins the Oman Vision 2040 which promotes economic diver-

sification with a focus on technology, knowledge and innovation.

Samy Al Ghassany, Chief Operating Officer at Omantel, said, "Amidst the fast digital transformation in Oman, in line with the Sultanate's Vision 2040 goals, we are witnessing a surge in bandwidth demand. Ciena's 800G technology will help pave the way for enhanced high-speed network capabilities for our clients across the Sultanate on various domains like 5G, wholesale, cloud, ICT and IoT services. As Omantel prepares its network to handle the next generation of connectivity, we actively collaborate with partners, like Ciena, to jointly architect a scalable and programmable network foundation so we can set the scene for a more digitally connected society."

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MARKET

MSX index ends higher

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A total number of 414 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR2.7 million, with more than 18.7 million shares changing hands. Out of 48 traded securities, 12 advanced, 15 declined and 21 remained unchanged. At the session close, local investors were net buyers for OMR1.1 million while GCC & Arab investors were net sellers

for OMR1.1 million followed by foreign investors for OMR10,000 worth of shares. Financial Index closed at 6,338 points, up 0.69 per cent. Prices of HSBC Bank Oman, Sohar International Bank, Al Anwar Investment, Bank Dhofar and Ominvest were up 3.37 per cent, 2.13 per cent, 2.02 per cent, 1.63 per cent and 0.64 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,157.81 points, up 0.05 per cent. Prices of Al Anwar Ceramics and Jazeera Steel Product were up 1.43 per cent and 0.53 per cent respectively. Asaffa Foods, Gulf International Chemical, Oman Chlorine and NAPI were down 9.92 per cent, 9.52 per cent, 8.21 per cent and 3.94 per cent respectively.

Services Index up by 0.01 per cent before closing at 1,674.72 points. — **United Securities**

MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff %
MSX 30 INDEX	4,019.34	4,000.01	4,011.69	3,991.12	20.57	0.52
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,351.43	6,308.94	6,338.28	6,295.12	43.16	0.69
Industry Index	6,170.84	6,154.72	6,157.82	6,154.88	2.94	0.05
Services Index	1,676.97	1,674.32	1,674.72	1,674.55	0.17	0.01
MSX Shariah Index	565.53	561.23	561.23	565.53	-4.30	-0.76
MSX TR INDEX	4,830.83	4,807.60	4,821.64	4,796.92	24.73	0.52

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
18,706,193	2,726,907	414	22,031,252,206	12	15	21	48

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

ISIN	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR.	LAST RD	LAST OFF.	PUR VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000003398	SOHAR INT. BANK	3,256,022	312,561	20	0.096	0.096	0.095	0.096	0.094	0.002	2.128	0.095	0.095	0.097	0.100	287,045,980
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	1,706,850	172,164	32	0.100	0.102	0.100	0.101	0.099	0.002	2.020	0.100	0.098	0.101	0.100	20,200,000
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	206,700	88,024	11	0.420	0.426	0.420	0.426	0.420	0.006	1.429	0.420	0.410	0.420	0.100	93,720,000
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	15,000	2,010	3	0.134	0.134	0.134	0.134	0.133	0.001	0.733	0.134	0.130	0.134	0.100	11,380,000
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	5,500	1,727	2	0.314	0.314	0.314	0.314	0.312	0.002	0.641	0.314	0.310	0.320	0.100	253,640,511
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	11,003	41,680	23	0.372	0.378	0.370	0.376	0.374	0.002	0.535	0.378	0.374	0.378	0.100	46,961,533
OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	35,000	27,754	4	0.792	0.796	0.792	0.792	0.792	0.000	0.000	0.796	0.724	0.792	0.100	124,740,000
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	40,150	9,636	4	0.240	0.240	0.239	0.240	0.240	0.000	0.000	0.239	0.238	0.240	0.100	79,409,450
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	661,571	320,859	36	0.488	0.490	0.476	0.486	0.486	0.000	0.000	0.476	0.476	0.480	0.100	1,737,194,749
OM0000003000	AI MAHA MARKETING	4,000	2,898	1	0.732	0.732	0.732	0.732	0.732	0.000	0.000	0.732	0.700	0.732	0.100	50,508,000
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SER.	3,092	1,410	3	0.456	0.456	0.456	0.460	0.460	0.000	0.000	0.456	0.448	0.460	0.100	108,748,600
OM0000003968	QOREDOO	2,275	7,664	3	0.378	0.378	0.378	0.378	0.378	0.000	0.000	0.378	0.378	0.380	0.100	246,056,919
OM0000006920	VISION INSURANCE	30,000	2,250	1	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.075	0.077	0.100	7,500,000
OM0000002226	AL JAZEERA SERVICES	11,500	4,255	6	0.370	0.370	0.370	0.370	0.372	-0.002	-0.538	0.370	0.362	0.370	0.100	22,645,581
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	95,474	70,288	23	0.740	0.740	0.736	0.736	0.740	-0.004	-0.541	0.736	0.736	0.752	0.100	552,000,000
OM0000001525	OMAN INVST&FIN.	1,201,150	163,409	23	0.136	0.138	0.134	0.135	0.137	-0.002	-1.460	0.134	0.132	0.136	0.100	31,995,000
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	11,000	638	1	0.058	0.058	0.058	0.058	0.059	-0.001	-1.695	0.058	0.058	0.064	0.100	17,814,487
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INV.	210,000	19,395	12	0.094	0.094	0.092	0.092	0.094	-0.002	-2.128	0.092	0.091	0.092	0.100	8,280,000
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSUR.	122,447	37,959	11	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.318	-0.008	-2.516	0.310	0.300	0.310	0.100	31,000,000
OM0000002077	AL OMANIYA FIN.	371,000	42,245	9	0.115	0.115	0.113	0.114	0.117	-0.003	-2.564	0.113	0.113	0.116	0.100	33,280,609
Total		8,126,794	1,328,896	228												

Parallel Market

OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	22,000	1,166	2	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.051	0.002	3.922	0.053	0.051	0.056	0.100	35,769,034
OM0000001517	HSBCBANK OMAN	834,541	85,959	23	0.090	0.092	0.090	0.092	0.089	0.003	3.371	0.092	0.092	0.093	0.100	184,029,777
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	50,000	2,600	2	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.051	0.001	1.961	0.052	0.051	0.052	0.100	37,149,130
OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAR	56,140	7,018	5	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.123	0.002	1.628	0.125	0.124	0.130	0.100	374,543,990
OM0000002572	OMAN OIL MARKETING	8,910	8,980	3	0.986	0.986	0.980	0.986	0.986	0.012	1.339	0.980	0.980	0.990	0.100	55,637,700
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	485,000	94,276	14	0.194	0.196	0.194	0.194	0.193	0.001	0.518	0.195	0.194	0.195	0.100	315,433,593
OM0000001095	DHOFAIR INSURANCE	6,448,704	967,314	2	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.000	0.000	0.190	0.000	0.190	0.100	10,000,000
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT. ENG.	10,000	950	2	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.000	0.000	0.095	0.093	0.099	0.100	12,350,000
OM0000001566	OMAN FISHERIES	2,000	138	2	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.075	0.075	0.000	0.000	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.100	9,375,000
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	400	28	1	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.000	0.000	0.070	0.068	0.070	0.100	8,531,250
OM0000001897	MAJAN COLLEGE	3,000	465	1	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.000	0.000	0.155	0.000	0.167	0.100	13,950,000
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	43,630	2,443	6	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.000	0.000	0.056	0.055	0.056	0.100	19,552,087
OM0000003281	TANGER FINANCE	260,600	19,024	24	0.073	0.073	0.073	0.073	0.073	0.000	0.000	0.073	0.072	0.073	0.100	18,512,070
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	795,500	62,414	29	0.081	0.081	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.000	0.000	0.078	0.075	0.078	0.100	15,832,943
OM0000003661	VOLITAMP ENERGY	2,783	353	3	0.132	0.132	0.132	0.135	0.135	0.000	0.000	0.132	0.122	0.132	0.100	10,989,371
OM0000004420	BANK NUZWA	72,737	7,290	7	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.000	0.000	0.085	0.087	0.085	0.100	212,510,558
OM0000004735	SEMBORP SALALAH	1,000	83	1	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.000	0.000	0.083	0.083	0.088	0.100	79,229,472
OM0000005983	PHOENIX POWER	534,402	25,652	14	0.048	0.049	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.000	0.000	0.049	0.048	0.050	0.100	70,204,870
OM0000007084	MCT DESALINATE	1,700	143	2	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.079	0.079	0.000	0.000	0.084	0.079	0.084	0.100	12,388,462
OM0000001178	MUSCAT GASSES	24,900	4,153	2	0.166	0.167	0.166	0.166	0.167	-0.001	-0.599	0.167	0.163	0.167	0.100	4,980,000
OM0000004788	MADINA TAKAFUL	244,530	23,720	11	0.098	0.098	0.097	0.097	0.098	-0.001	-1.020	0.097	0.096	0.100	0.100	16,975,000
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV. H.	95,015	5,923	7	0.063	0.063	0.062	0.062	0.063	-0.001	-1.587	0.062	0.061	0.063	0.100	12,400,000
OM0000001962	AL MADINA INV.	7,530	468	2	0.059	0.059	0.059	0.059	0.060	-0.001	-1.667	0.059	0.055	0.059	0.100	4,130,000
OM0000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	126,500	15,431	15	0.126	0.126	0.120	0.122	0.127	-0.005	-3.977	0.122	0.122	0.127	0.100	12,959,695
OM0000002341	OMAN CHLORINE	309,731	58,840	1	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.207	-0.017	-8.213	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.100	12,959,695
OM0000003028	GULF INT'CHEM.	15,000	1,425	1	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.105	-0.010	-9.524	0.095	0.095	0.090	0.100	1,995,000
OM0000002804	ASAFFA FOODS	1,696	1,286	3	0.227	0.227	0.227	0.227	0.252	-0.025	-9.921	0.227	0.227	0.232	0.100	27,240,000
Total		10,568,459	1,397,640	185												

TETHYS OIL

Tethys September oil production in Oman tops 345,000 barrels

MUSCAT: Tethys Oil's share of the production, before government take, from Blothe Sultanate of Oman amounted in September 2021 to 345,273 barrels of oil, corresponding to 11,509 bar-

rels of oil per day. Oil production in Oman is currently subject to production limitations under the OPEC+ agreement. As a consequence, production from Blocks 3&4 is subject to limitations.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

National Finance to provide home solar power solutions

MUSCAT: As part of its efforts to preserve the environment and encourage the use of renewable energy, National Finance, the Sultanate's largest finance company, partnered with Nafath Renewable Energy - an Omani company specialising in renewable energy - to provide home solar power solutions.

The agreement was signed by Tariq Al Farsi, Chief Executive Officer of National Finance, and Eng. Abdullah Al Saidi, Chief Executive Officer of Nafath Renewable Energy.

Under the agreement, Nafath Renewable Energy will provide solar photovoltaic systems for clients who are willing to install the system in their houses as part of National Finance's recently launched Green Finance product. This product comes in line with National Finance's 'Imtidad', an independent wing for the company's sustainable initiatives, through which the company aspires to add long-lasting value to people and the environment.

"We are delighted to join hands with Nafath. It is an innovative Omani company in the renewable energy industry. The collaboration with them reflects our commitment toward supporting the national objectives of preserving the environment and diversifying energy sources. Furthermore, we aim to contribute to the In-country value by supporting national SMEs," Tariq Al Farsi commented.

Eng. Abdullah Al Saidi said, "The collaboration is aimed at encouraging consumers to consider solar energy to reduce their electricity consumption at home. We are proud of this strategic partnership with National Finance's green solutions which endeavour to strengthen the Sultanate's position as one of the leading countries in the solar power industry."

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LIFESTYLE

Swimming can boost your mental health

Swimming is one of the most enjoyable sports known to mankind especially if you are just floating in the water and not doing laps. It will make you forget all your problems and put you in a state of well-being. Whether it is doing laps around the pool or just chatting with your friends, it is great a relaxing activity.

Here are 5 ways swimming can boost your mental health:

Great Way to Meet People
Believe it or not, swimming pools usually have a lot of people and there are many ways to meet new people here.

Whether it is by the section with kids or by the stairs of the

pool, there are many opportunities to strike a conversation with complete strangers. It would feel great to have a lot of friends and that is one way to start.

Relaxes Your Mind
Just lying down on a floating toy at a pool would make you relax your mind. In fact, it is going to make you ask yourself why you did not think of it earlier. You are going to be so at ease that you won't know how fast time flies.

Before you know it, you will have already spent a couple of hours just relaxing at the pool. You will immediately think that you are ready to take on tomorrow like nothing happened today. Nothing feels like a good fresh start.

Releases Endorphins
Since swimming can give you a sense of happiness, it will release endorphins that will bring a sense of positivity.

Yes, it won't be long before you can say goodbye to all those negative thoughts in your mind. You would not have to think of the things in front of you in a negative manner. In fact, you can now do it in a positive way as only good things can come out from that.

Reduces Stress
It is normal for people to swim after a long day at work. The reason for this is that they know the activity as a stress buster. The moment you swim, all that stress in your body would automati-

cally go away. We all know life would be a lot better without any stress in it.

For a Good Sleep
You will be surprised at how well you are going to sleep after just a couple of hours of sleeping even if you are by yourself. It won't matter whether you swim at the nearest swimming pool or at the beach. It would give you the feeling of happiness especially when you are in a quiet and peaceful place with nobody else in the pool or at the beach.

You can't help but think about all the good things in life.

If you do not know how to swim yet, it is never too late to look for a training school and join their swimming lessons. -articlecity



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MEET-THE-PEOPLE CAMPAIGN

HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN COMPLETES HIS DHOFAR REGION TOUR

Muscat : (By our Staff Reporter)

H.M. Sultan Qaboos left Salalah on monday morning for Thamreet accompanied by Sayyid Hamad bin Hamood, Minister of Sultan's Diwan Affairs and Sayyid Mohd Ahmad, Minister of Land Affairs. On his way to Thamreet H. M. The Sultan was received with great ovation and cheers by thousands of citizens throughout the mountainous region of Dhofar.

On arrival H.M. Sultan Qaboos went round Thamreet Airbase where he spent an hour and a half talking to the SOAF Eagles.

Later the Royal caravan made its way to the capital, again to meet the people which is most usual of His Majesty. All along the route H.M. The Sultan halted at many places to watch the progress of different developmental projects. During the tour His Majesty was also accompanied by Sheikh Hamood al-Ghaferi, Minister of State and Wali of Dhofar.

H.M. Sultan Qaboos proceeded towards Haima on tuesday morning. Haima's population who had keenly awaited the arrival of Royal caravan for hours, greeted H.M. The Sultan with loud cheers and applause to the accompaniment of folk dances and chanting songs of gratitude for His Majesty's favours bestowed upon the masses.

Here H.M. The Sultan received H.E. Qais Abdul Munim al-

SHAHANSHAH'S BIRTHDAY

Iranian Ambassador holding a reception on October 27

Muscat : (By our Staff Reporter)

Iranian Ambassador to the Sultanate, Dr. Bahman Zand has arranged a reception to celebrate birthday anniversary of Shahan-shah of Iran on October 27, at 7 p.m. at Ras al-Hamra Club, PDO.

Zawawi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, who had arrived to apprise H.M. of the outcome of Arab Foreign Ministers meetings that were recently held in Cairo.

Later H.M. Sultan Qaboos received notables and tribal chiefs, and discussed with them in detail matters relating to the welfare of the area. H.M. The Sultan was too pleased to enjoy Arab-coffee with the dignitaries of the area.

At al-Harasees area the Royal Guard Regiment held a fire exercise with live ammunition which demonstrated their high skill and determination to live and die in protecting their motherland and serving their beloved leader H.M. The Sultan. H. M. The Sultan expressed his admiration by joining the exercises. Thereafter H.M. Sultan Qaboos returned to Muscat after visiting Izki and Fanja on thursday afternoon.

Sayyid Faisal to inaugurate refresher course for Education Inspectors

Muscat :

(By our Staff Reporter)

H.E. Sayyid Faisal bin Ali, Minister of Education and Training will inaugurate a two-week refresher course for the education Inspectors today (sunday) at 8.30 a.m. at the Islamic Centre Wattaya.

The course is aimed at imparting knowledge of modern techniques in education. H.E. Sayyid Faisal Ali Faisal had returned home Friday from Riyadh, where he had led the Sultanate's delegation to the meetings of Arab and Gulf Ministers of Education and Training.

During his stay there he had an opportunity to meet King Khalid of Saudi Arabia who asked the Minister to convey his greetings to H.M. Sultan Qaboos.

Nationalist China delegation discusses joint ventures

Muscat : (By our Staff Reporter)

Under Secretary of Foreign Ministry, Mr. Yusuf Abdullah al-Alawi monday morning received in his office the Chinese delegation to the Sultanate led by Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Farid al-Hinai, Minister Plenipotentiary at Foreign Ministry and Mr. Mohd Abdul Rehman, Director of Trade Relations at the Ministry of Trade & Industry.

After the meeting, Mr. Alawi said that the discussions centered round measures to be adopted for the consolidation of relations. He added that setting up of joint industrial ventures would serve the interests of both the countries.

Later, the Chinese delegation called at Chamber of Commerce and Industry where it was received by Mr. Mohd al-Jamali, Secretary General of the Chamber.

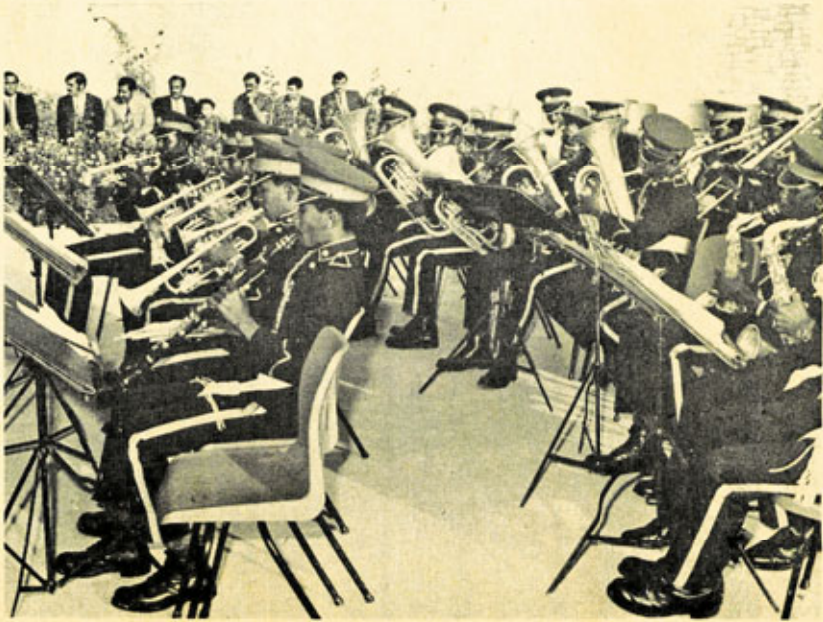
Shahanshah's special envoy brings letter for H.M. The Sultan

Muscat : (By our Staff Reporter)

Mr. Amir Kheru, special envoy of His Imperial Majesty Mohd Redah Pahlavi of Iran carrying a letter from The Shahinshah for H.M. Sultan Qaboos arrived here thursday noon.

He was received at the airport by Dr. Aasim al-Jamali, Minister of State and special envoy of H.M. Sultan Qaboos, ambassador Abdullah al-Ghazalli, Chief of Protocol at Foreign Ministry, Lt. Col. Said Salim al-Wahibi, Master of Diwan's ceremonies. Also to welcome him at the airport was Iranian Ambassador, Dr. Bahman-Zand.

During the meeting the delegation acquainted itself with the chamber's activities in the matter of promoting the trade and industry of Oman. They also exchanged views on the development of trade relations between the Sultanate and Nationalist China.



The Royal Band playing "Rabat" at Salalah.



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ROUND-UP

51% discount on vehicle health checks from Mercedes-Benz Oman

The National Day Vehicle Health Check offer includes a comprehensive 51-point check of exterior bodywork inspection, vehicle undercarriage inspection, front and rear brake and brake fluid check, AC filters, suspension components, steering components, an electronic diagnostic test and much more

MUSCAT: Keeping vehicles performing at their best, this National Day Mercedes-Benz Oman is offering a special 51-point Health Check along with a 51 per cent discount on parts from November 1 to 30.

Available at Mercedes-Benz Service Centres in Muscat, Sohar and Salalah, the offer is valid on all registered Mercedes-Benz models. Ensuring that vehicles always perform at their peak, the check is designed to specifically target components that are prone to wear and tear and even minor faults, so that drivers can continue to enjoy the best driving experience.

“At Mercedes-Benz, our customers’ safety and peace of mind are our



number one priority, and we work hard to keep that standard,” said Shaun Michael, Chief Executive Officer at Mercedes-Benz Oman. “In celebration of Oman’s 51st National

Day, we are thrilled to extend this exclusive offer to our customers as we consistently push ourselves to exceed our reputation for reliability, excellent customer service and

dedicated after-sales care.”

The National Day Vehicle Health Check offer includes a comprehensive 51-point check of exterior bodywork inspection, vehicle undercarriage inspection, front and rear brake and brake fluid check, AC filters, suspension components, steering components, an electronic diagnostic test and much more.

Customers can also benefit from the brand’s latest digital solution, StarView, which allows service advisers to provide customised video updates, providing real-time status reports and immediately updating them on the results of their health check.

NEW CAMPAIGN

Muscat Eye Laser Centre releases ‘Thank You’ video to appreciate frontline workers

MUSCAT: In giving importance to staying in touch and being at the service of the Omani community, Muscat Eye Laser Centre launched their newest campaign.

A heart-warming video that thanks to all frontline workers for their unflinching support and co-operation during the COVID-19 pandemic. The short video thanks to the doctors, nurses, healthcare professionals, petrol station attendants, delivery boys, waste management employees, in addition to essential services such as hospitals, pharmacies, airports, and others, for their selfless service and reaching out to the

community during the pandemic.

Social responsibility

Elaborating on its corporate social responsibility campaign, Sameer Al Awam, CEO, Muscat Eye Laser Center, said, “In coping with the difficult pandemic situation for over a year, we value the selfless contribution of the frontline workers, including doctors and nurses, who have been in close proximity with those affected by the coronavirus. They have put the welfare of society above themselves and helped in the speedy recovery of those affected.”

Starting in 2002 and celebrating

19 years, Muscat Eye Laser Centre has touched and improved the quality of life of more than a hundred thousand patients, besides conducting thousands of successful surgeries.

Based in Shatti Al Qurum and Al Mawaleh North, the premier eye laser centre is known for its international standards of quality and safety in the field of ophthalmology and surgery with an expert team of world-leading Omani and expatriate surgeons.

The centre provides patients with eye care, namely, laser vision correction, treatment of corneal diseases, cataracts, retinal diseases,

glaucoma, and other procedures. It also has a special department for paediatric ophthalmology.

It is the only private centre accredited by the Oman Medical Specialty Board to train Omani licensed ophthalmologists.

Muscat Eye Laser Centre has the most advanced diagnostic and therapeutic equipment such as the highly accurate Schwind Amaris 1050 RS automated machine, conforming to international standards.

Muscat Eye Laser Centre also lays great emphasis on research and development, in the field of ophthalmology, for ‘life is better... when you see better.’

ONE-STOP-SHOP

Khedmah provides Oman Post and Asyad Express services in selected branches

MUSCAT: Oman Investment & Finance Co. (Khedmah) recently collaborated with Oman Post and Asyad Express to create a one-stop-shop for customers looking to avail of Oman Post and Asyad Express’ wide range of postal or logistics services at Khedmah locations across the Sultanate. This partnership comes as part of Khedmah’s constant efforts to provide value-added services to its clients and meet their aspirations.

Along with Khedmah’s wide array of solutions, customers can now benefit from a gamut of Oman Post & ASYAD Express services outside their working hours through a selected number of Khedmah branches. The services include post box subscriptions, subscription fee payments, subscription renewals and sending parcels locally and internationally.

Customers can obtain these services at any of the eight Khedmah branches that are located in Muscat City Center, Muscat Grand Mall, Nesto Hypermarket Al Mabelah, Liwan Asafinah Mall in Al Ghubra, Al Nawras Mall in Al Khuwair, Saefer Mall Sohar, Al Jabal Al Akhdar and Al Ashkharah. For further information regarding these services, please contact Khedmah call centre on 24727272.

“We strongly believe that integrating our individual efforts and working towards a common goal not only serves the interest of both parties but also provides greater value to our customers. OIFC constantly analyzes the latest trends in the market to meet the dynamic needs and demands of its customers. Placing customers as a top priority, OIFC takes great pride in



creating tailor-made services to suit the varying needs of its diverse client portfolio,” said Maryam Al Jenaibi, Khedmah Branch Manager of Liwan Asafinah Mall.

“Through our collaboration with Oman Post and Asyad Express, we aspire to establish a seamless and efficient platform for clients and offer them a comprehensive mix of services under one roof. This will save them time, effort and money.

Seeking to cement its leading position in the market, OIFC will continue its development drive by forming strategic partnerships with various companies that will prove beneficial for clients and also contribute to the progress of the country,” she further stated.

Through Khedmah branches, customers can easily pay their electricity, water and telephone bills, recharge their phone, and

also pay their electricity prepaid meter bills. In addition, customers can make payments to the Public Authority for Social Insurance (PASI) and recharge any entertainment subscription. These services can be availed at any of the 68 OIFC branches spread across the country, the OIFC kiosks or through its digital platforms like the website and the highly popular Khedmah phone app.

FINE VEHICLE



Stylish, sleek Toyota RAV4 engineered to maximise fun, make journeys exciting

MUSCAT: The Toyota RAV4 is engineered to maximise fun and make journeys exciting. Sleek, stylish and powerful, the RAV4 makes a fine vehicle to make the most of where ever you go.

Thrilling drive personality

Complementing the RAV4’s daring looks is a thrilling drive personality imbued by two powertrain options. A 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine that produces 204 hp and 24.8 kg.m. of torque, mated to an eight-speed automatic transmission (8AT), resulting in quicker and smoother acceleration. On the other hand, a hybrid system combines two power sources consisting of a petrol engine and an electric motor producing a combined power of 219 hp. It is also paired to a Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT) that provides the lowest fuel consumption value of 22.2km/L (Fuel economy may vary due to driving conditions) while delivering a new level of driving pleasure.

Major additions

One of the two major additions to the RAV4 is the hybrid electric model, which combines two power sources consisting of a petrol engine and an electric motor.

The class-leading model, which offers the lowest fuel consumption value of 22.2km/L (As per GSO Certification. Fuel economy may vary due to driving conditions). The second addition to the RAV4 is the adventure model, which was established as a symbolic model to appeal to active users through

enhanced Waku Doki – the equivalent of “heart-pumping excitement” in Japanese – and a more powerful image.

It is distinguished by a more aggressive bumper, grille design and fog light surrounds, and exclusive 19-inch, split five-spoke wheels with matte-black accents.

The RAV4’s distinct personality is completed by its expansive and comfortable cabin, which displays exceptional quality and finish throughout.

The instrument panel’s horizontal layout has a slimmer profile and a lower position than before to enhance forward visibility. The centre console is wider and more versatile with expanded console storage.

The RAV4’s cabin is accentuated with a range of advanced features, including a wireless charging system for smartphones (Qi-enabled device), dual auto air conditioning system, a 7-inch multimedia infotainment display, six-speaker sound system, power driver seat and front ventilated seats.

Advanced safety system

As with any other Toyota model, safety remains a top priority for the RAV4 that comes with an advanced safety system, a comprehensive array of safety features to protect its occupants, such as 7 SRS airbags, Vehicle Stability Control (VSC), Anti-lock Braking System (ABS), Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD), Brake Assist (BA), Electric Parking Brake with Hold function, Down-hill Assist Control (DAC) among many others.

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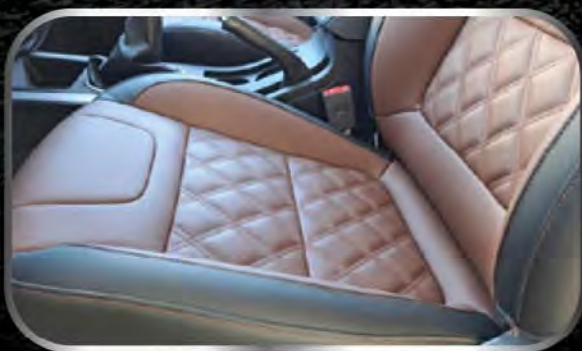
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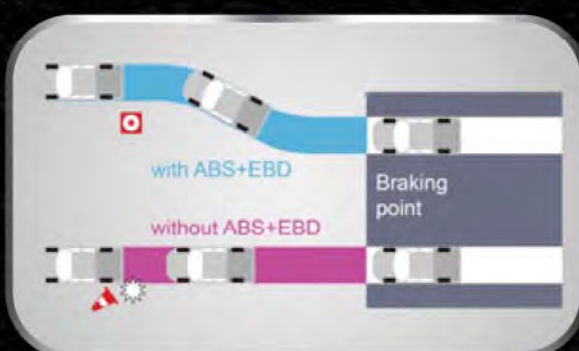
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