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REACHES \$2 BILLION**

Trade between the Sultanate of Oman and the United States has seen a significant increase since the end of 2020, according to data from the United States Census Bureau. **>B1**



**HM THE SULTAN CONGRATULATES
ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT**

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of congratulations to Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia on his country's Independence Day anniversary. In his cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere greetings along with his heartfelt wishes to the president and his country's people. **-ONA**



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AN ON-GROUND VIEW OF RELIEF, REBUILDING AFTER SHAHEEN



Called to help people in Khabourah region in the wake of cyclone Shaheen, our reporter signed on as a volunteer

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Thanks to the help of thousands of volunteers from across the country, and the tireless efforts of the government, emergency services and security forces, the rebuilding process is moving along quickly and continues to gather speed. Thanks to them, basic services were speedily restored, and life continues to rapidly return to normal.

Of course, government agencies were quick to put rebuilding efforts into practice, but huge credit must go to all the volunteers, without whom the reconstruction would have taken a lot, lot longer. To-



thousands across the country who share the same mentality I do.

Among them is the 80-year-old Nasser bin Abdullah Al Amri, who came all the way from Jabal Akhdar with his family to help people in Khabourah.

"How can we sleep at night, knowing that our brothers and sisters in other parts of the country have lost everything, and are facing so many problems?" he told me, when I asked him why he had come, despite having no obligation to do so.

When we first saw the situation in Khabourah, Suwaiq, and other parts of Oman where Shaheen left its trail of destruction, we wondered whether we were in a war zone.

Many of those caught in the aftermath of Shaheen hoped what they were experiencing was just a very bad nightmare, and wished it would be over soon.

Volunteers had come from everywhere to help: from Sur, Sohar, Nizwa, Buraimi, even from as far as Salalah. They all showed the same spirit of togetherness and unity, and had come all this way to help, expecting no reward in return.

People who lived in areas nearby willingly offered a place to stay to those who had suffered during Shaheen. **>A4**

gether, they have helped clean homes and roads of debris and mud, replant trees that have been washed away, taken part in search and rescue, organised relief supplies for people affected, selflessly cooked food for those involved in reconstruction, and offered their specialised skills, in case they were needed.

It is safe to say that during a time of great need, these volunteers came forward to aid their countrymen.

When the government called for volunteers, I was among the first to sign up: I could not bear to see the condition in which Shaheen had left the northern portion of my homeland. I was very pleasantly surprised to see there are

Dhofar Municipality

Dhofar support teams welcomed back home

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Support teams sent by Dhofar Municipality to assist in the cleanup and reconstruction efforts in North Al Batinah post-cyclone Shaheen have returned home.

On their return, they were welcomed by the mayor of Dhofar, who praised their efforts towards helping their countrymen.

"Dhofar Municipality received the teams that were sent to support the efforts being taken to deal with the effect of cyclone Shaheen in North Al Batinah, on their return," said a statement from the municipal corporation.

On their arrival, they were met by Dr Ahmed bin Mohsen Al Ghassani, the chairman of Dhofar

Municipality, and a number of municipality officials.

For their efforts, dedication and sincerity in helping out in North Al Batinah, the municipality team members who went north were met with praise.

While in North Al Batinah, teams from Dhofar Municipality helped disinfect areas of standing water, to prevent the spread of water-borne diseases, cleared debris from roads and homes, and removed dead and uprooted trees to allow traffic to flow once again. They also installed pedestrian and traffic signs that had been swept away in the flooding caused by Shaheen.

The teams returned to Dhofar on the night of Friday, 22 October.



**Qatar unveils
Al Thumama
stadium for 2022**

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TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES



OMAN Avoid wells, people in cyclone-hit areas told

1 People living in areas affected by cyclone Shaheen have been asked by specialists to not use well water for either drinking or domestic purposes, until further notice. **>A3**

WORLD Bulgaria may go for full COVID lockdown

2 If the anti-COVID measures underway do not work for the next 10-15 days, the only alternative is a complete lockdown," Minister of Health Stoycho Katsarov has said. **>A6**

SPORTS Australia beat SA in nail biting thriller

3 Australian all-rounder Marcus Stoinis played a knock of 24 runs as his side defeated South Africa by five wickets in a nail-biting thriller match at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium, on Saturday. **>A7**

CYCLONE SHAHEEN

Shaheen water fills up pristine inland lake



Times News Service

IBRI: Flood and rain water caused by cyclone Shaheen have flowed into an inland lake in the Governorate of Ad Dhahirah, causing it to fill up for the first time since 2019.

As a result of cyclone Shaheen, water has returned to the Safa lake in the Empty Quarter desert.

Shihab Al Shandoudi, a photographer from Ad Dhahirah, said, "Al Safa sand lake in Ad Dhahirah is formed by the water in the wadis that flow into the desert."

According to citizens in the governorate, water was last present in the lakes during the rainy season in 2019. They completely dried up after April 2020.

Safa lake is considered by some to be a stunning oasis in the middle of the desert, formed due to seasonal rain and water from wadis from both the Dhahirah and Buraimi governorates.

Safa is the Arabic word for 'view' or 'clear', and both meanings do the incredible lake justice: Safa's pristine, clear waters contrast with the stunning views of the desert around it, the sand dunes arrayed in a series of peaks and trough as far as the eye can see.

People from the Dhahirah region and other surrounding places often visit Safa lake, when they are in the area, or as part of a weekend trip. The place is also popular among picnickers and those who enjoy camping.



Images courtesy Shihab Al Shandoudi





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Oman to sign cultural agreements with Kuwait and Sudan

Muscat : (By our Staff Reporter)

The Sultanate of Oman is to sign cultural cooperation agreements with Kuwait and Sudan in the near future.

This was disclosed by the Minister of Education H. E. Ahmed Abdullah Ghazali while talking to newsmen at the airport on his



return from Amman on Thursday evening. The Minister who signed a cultural cooperation agreement with Jordan told newsmen that similar cultural cooperation agreements with other countries are also envisaged to increase collaboration in the field of education and culture.

In reply to a question about his invitation to Jordanian Education Minister to visit Oman, H. E. Ahmed Ghazali said that Mr. Dooqan Handawi will pay a return visit to Oman in December or January 1977.

In reply to another question H. E. Ghazali said that he has brought a message of best regards and good wishes for His Majesty Sultan Qaboos from the Jordanian monarch.

The Education Minister during his stay in Jordan called on H. M. King Hussain who conferred upon him the Jordanian first class Order of Merit. H. E. Ahmed Ghazali also had separate meetings with Crown Prince Hasan and Prime Minister Mudhar Badran. Bilateral relations and matters of mutual interest were the subject of discussion during these meetings.

Earlier on his arrival the Minister was greeted by the Director of Protocol, Mr. Abdullah Ghazali, the Jordanian ambassador and senior officials of the Ministry.

Muscat : (By our Staff Reporter)

The Abu-Dhabi Arab Economic Development Fund delegation arrived in Muscat Friday on a 3-day visit.

Ceasefire in Lebanon seems to be holding

Beirut : (AFP)

The latest cease-fire in the circumstances so far has been more successful than many expected. Most of the areas in and around the capital are reported quiet except sporadic incidents of shooting.

Israeli involvement in South Lebanon is confirmed by independent sighting and by reports from Israel itself.

The Lebanese rightists have announced the establishment of what they call an army for the defence of South Lebanon.

UN mandate in Sinai renewed

New York : (UPI)

The mandate of the United Nations emergency force in the Sinai desert due to expire this week has been renewed for another year.

ARAB SUMMIT OPENS IN CAIRO TOMORROW

Observer status for Commonwealth at UN

New York :

(By our Correspondent)

The Commonwealth has been granted observer's status at the United Nations. The Commonwealth Secretary General said the Commonwealth could help the world body in solving various international problems.

Revitalizing the British economy

London : (RR)

The employers' organization, the Confederation of British Industry has published a plan for revitalizing the British economy, which recommends limitations on the government's role and more efforts to cut inflation. Called 'The road to recovery' the document accuses the government of not allowing a free market economy to work efficiently.

The opposition leader Mrs. Thatcher has welcomed the CBI document.

Sheikh Waleed bin Zahir Hinai glorifies Islam

Family Planning and usury denounced

(By our Special Correspondent)

The Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs H. E. Sheikh Waleed bin Zahir Hinai has said that there is not even an iota of doubt about the entirety of the great Quranic ideals that enabled the Arabs to pull out of the depths of oblivion and stagnancy to change the course of human history consolidating the foundations on which the edifice of our present-day civilization stands. It would be only illogical to try to find in the same lofty ideals the reasons for the decay, Sheikh Hinai stated,

Speaking to the Times of Oman in an exclusive interview, the Minister said that history bears ample testimony to the fact that there has always been a calculated attempt to enfeeble the Muslims.

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Shah's plea for oil price increase

Tehran : (UPI)

The Shah of Iran has called for a rise in the price of oil of at least 15%. In a West German television interview he said that since the last increase Iran's purchasing power was dropped nearly 40% because of inflation affecting the goods she imported.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is to discuss oil prices in December, and Saudi Arabia is the only country known to oppose an increase.

Oman's General Secondary Certificate

Britain to consider recognition

Muscat : (By our Staff Reporter)

The Under Secretary to the Ministry of Education, Sheikh Aamir Ali Omeir returned to Muscat from London early Monday morning. During the course of his stay in London the Under Secretary held discussions with the British officials on the recognition of the Omani General Secondary Certificate by the British universities.

An official spokesman told Times of Oman that the Oman General Secondary Certificate is recognised everywhere in the world except Britain where the Omani students have to undergo a General Secondary Education course before joining the college.

Sheikh Aamir Ali Omeir apprised the British authorities of the syllabus and standard being maintained in the schools of Sultanate. The spokesman added that the British government is now actively considering Oman's viewpoint and a favourable decision is expected very soon.

America sweeps all prizes

New York : (UPI)

Americans have captured five Noble Prizes for this year in Science and Literature. This is for the first time that all Noble Prizes have been won by a single country.



The Belgian Ambassador called on H.M. The Sultan at Muscat palace. Photo : Mohammad Mustafa

LET US RECONCILE OUR INTERESTS WITH THE GENERAL INTEREST OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

—Qais Zawawi

(See full text of the speech on page 6)



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Avoid well water, people of cyclone-hit areas urged



The Food Safety and Quality Centre also advised people to continue to pump out well water to renew it and to get rid of any potential pollution



The Food Safety and Quality Centre confirmed that it would continue to collect and test water samples, and follow up pollution levels to ensure its safety.

Times News Service

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The centre also asked people to “continue to pump well water to renew it and to get rid of any potential pollution.”

Since the end of cyclone Shaheen and its effects, the FSQC has been conducting regular tests of food and water available in affected areas to make sure they are safe for consumption.

Specialists of the Central Food

Safety Laboratory, in cooperation with the water resources departments, take samples of water from wells, main government networks, and citizens’ homes, and examine them to ensure they are not contaminated. Field visits were also made to fishery facilities in the wilayats of Suwaiq and Khabourah to make sure they were not affected by Shaheen, while samples from storage and from markets were also taken to make sure they remain safe to eat.

Joint inspection campaigns between government agencies also extended to supermarkets and shops, to ensure that the food sold within was unspoiled by water.

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CYCLONE SHAHEEN

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Volunteers came to help fellow residents

Along with the government authorities and the armed forces, while they cleaned up hundreds of homes, and tidied up the roads, they were joined by children as young as eight and nine, who were also keen to volunteer.

Women also came to North Batinah in the dozens, making food for everyone. On site was also Hasan Al Barmani, the chairman of Khabourah Municipality, who was personally directing operations and bringing in heavy vehicles to fill sand in the potholes that had opened up because of the overflowing wadis.

Sawsan Al Yaqoubi, the vice chairperson for the Directorate of Social Development in Al Khabourah, was also tirelessly working on the ground, organising donations of clothes, electronic supplies, food and all the other items people had provided out of the kindness of their hearts, making sure they reached those who needed it most.

Many volunteers had also arrived before Shaheen struck, because they knew their help would be needed: by the evening of October 2, volunteers had come from other parts of North Al Batinah, where its impact was to be felt fiercest, to help provide food and other essentials to their relatives in Khabourah. Some had been sent by charitable organisations, others out of the goodness of their hearts. Ahead of the cyclone, although we were told to leave by 6:30pm so that they could reach home before the possibility of wadis overflowing with rainwater left them stranded, many of the volunteers were back after just a few hours' rest.

I remember that at 1am on Sunday, October 3, we went back to Khabourah and headed to the main souq. Although there wasn't much wind, the constant rain meant the shops were flooded, and there was mud and debris everywhere. All of us rushed to the marketplace to help the shopkeepers clean up their stalls, and try to save as many of their goods as they could.

With every passing hour, the



rain came down harder: it was at its peak around 4am, and all of us were required to help the shopkeepers as best as we could. The work only stopped once the sun came up, which is when we finally got time to sleep.

The next day, the fourth, I was back in Khabourah: my relatives had called me to help them. What we saw immediately after Shaheen shocked us. Khabourah was flooded as far as we could see in all directions. There are three wadis in and around the town, and all of these were overflowing.

"This was the main cause of rainwater flooding the ground

floors of many, many houses. Those who had a second floor had gone upstairs to escape the rain, while sadly, those who did not, had to climb up onto the roof. So many people's personal property had been just washed away, while others were deeply submerged in the water. There was debris in the form of collapsed walls, trees and rocks everywhere.

The government agencies were already on the scene: Royal Oman Police choppers were overhead, providing relief supplies and rescuing people, while the Civil Defence and Ambulance Authority had begun clearing debris and pumping out water from homes and streets.

They had been there all night responding to emergency calls, rescuing people from homes, and helping people stranded in wadis. At that time, it was hard to find even one family that did not need help: one of my relatives' neighbours had gone to help his cousin who had gotten stuck in a wadi.

The force of the current was so strong that he too was going to be washed away, and he survived by holding onto a wall. He waited there for five hours before he was



rescued. Another person's home had been completely washed away: all that was left of his house was the gate to his compound. He was shell shocked over what had just happened.

Another person's home just collapsed from underneath him: it was like he was experiencing an earthquake. He too has lost everything, but his story is that of very many people who have suffered from cyclone Shaheen.

The water was flowing so furiously that it also entered the drainage system and brought up sewage into people's homes. You can imagine the smell and condition after this has happened. The emergency services are dealing with this as well, because it could cause a lot of problems if not addressed.

At least three villages on the outskirts of Khabourah have been completely washed away in the cyclone: there is no trace of them. The people living there have lost

all their possessions, their livestock, and their homes, and are distraught.

But apart from the physical damage, the psychological damage has been too much for some to bear. There was an Omani man who wanted to communicate with us how he felt, but he was so overcome with emotion that he was shaking continuously.

Many women and children were crying, because they have never seen anything like this, but the arrival of the volunteers who came to aid their countrymen and fellow residents has probably provided them the biggest relief to their mental state.

It will take time for our homeland to recover from cyclone Shaheen, but what we have seen is that if we all work together, we will get there faster. Let us not forget that we are all here to help each other. It is extremely important to stay united during a time like this.

Oman's U-23 national team to play against India

FUJAIRAH: Oman national football team will play today against the Indian team at the opening of the Under-23 Asian Qualifiers for the Asian Cup Finals, in Uzbekistan 2022.

The match would start at 8:30pm, Oman time, within the competitions of the first round for Group Five.

The national team had a morning and evening sessions of training at the playground of Al Fujairah Sports Stadium, yesterday.

Minor changes
Coach of the National Olympic Team, Dario Pasic has made minor changes to the list of the national Olympic team, which participated in the West Asian Championship, where he incorporated in the list Arshad Al Alawi, Al Azhar Al Balushi and Esam Al Makhzomi.

Training sessions
The coach said that the team players were ready for the match and the training sessions would reflect positively on the performance of players who would extend due efforts to secure positive results and proceed for the finals.

"We understand it was not going to be an easy match but I fully trust our team players in translating all training sessions into positive result," he added.

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OMANI HOTEL GUESTS: The percentage of Omani hotel guests increased by 115.8 per cent to 619,194 by end of September 2021 compared to 286,867 guests during the same period in 2020. — OMA

40% surge in guests at top-end hotels in Oman

The hotel room occupancy increased to 35 per cent compared to 27.3 per cent during the same period in 2020, an increase of 28.2 per cent



MUSCAT: The total number of guests in three to five-star hotels in the Sultanate of Oman amounted to 934,255 by end of September compared to 604,940 guests during the same period in 2020, an increase of 37.9 per cent, according to statistics issued by the National Centre for Statistics

and Information (NCIS). The statistics of the National Centre for Statistics and Information indicated that the revenue of hotels stood at over OMR59.9 million by end of September, a decrease of 11.7 per cent compared to the same period in 2020, where the revenue amounted to over OMR67.1 million. The hotel room occupancy increased to 35 per cent compared to 27.3 per cent during the same

period in 2020, an increase of 28.2 per cent. **Omani hotel guests** The percentage of Omani hotel guests increased by 115.8 per cent to 619,194 by end of September 2021 compared to 286,867 guests during the same period in 2020, followed by Asian guests 98,752 compared to 55,004 guests during the same period in 2020, an increase of 79.5 per cent and

guests of Arab countries other than GCC states amounted to 32,151, respectively. European guests amounted to 29,732, guests of North and South America stood at 13,259, guests from the GCC States amounted to 13,452, from Oceania amounted to 3,916, from African countries amounted to 2,868 and other countries' guests amounted to 20,933 by end of September 2021.— OMA

Yellow-fin tuna fish catch rises in Oman

MUSCAT: The statistics of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources indicated that the total production of yellow-fin tuna fish in the Sultanate of Oman in 2020 stood at 68,000 tonnes compared to 37,000 tonnes in 2019. The year 2020 was an exceptional season in terms of the increase in production by 84 per cent compared to 2019, thanks to the dynamic and well-developed fishing fleet in the Sultanate and the slowdown of fishing pace of the yellow-fin tuna fish in other neighbouring countries. Production of yellow-fin tuna fish increased from 20,000 tonnes in 2016 to 68,000 tonnes in 2020. Governorate of South Al Sharqiyah represented 46 per cent of the production, followed by Al Wusta Governorate by 21 per cent. The fish landing of the yellow-fin tuna fish starts to increase from January to May and decreases during the summer months of June, July and August due to the monsoon winds at the Arabian Sea. Then the yellow-fin tuna fish landing starts to increase once again from September to December. — OMA



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Firstly: Agenda of the EGM

- To consider and approve amending article 12 of the Article of Association of the Fund as per the annexure.

Secondly: Agenda of the OGM

- To elect new members of the Fund Management. Anyone who wishes to nominate himself/herself for the position must complete the prepared election form which can be obtained from Raghad Al Lawati, Secretary of the Fund's Management by way of an email to raghadn@bankmuscat.com. The nomination form must be submitted it to the Secretary of the Fund's Management at least 5 days prior to the OGM date before the end of the business day on Thursday, 4 November 2021. The candidate should observe the conditions required for the membership of the Fund's Management.

In accordance with the Fund's Articles of Association, every unitholder has the right to appoint any other person in writing as his proxy to attend the meeting and vote on his behalf, by way of a proxy card attached to the notice. Any such natural person should attach to the proxy card a copy of: their ID for adults, their passport for minors or those who do not have a civil card or resident card, and resident card or passport for non-Omanis. For corporates, the proxy form shall be signed by one of the authorized signatories and sealed by the company's stamp accompanied with copies of the commercial registration certificate and the specimen signature form. Kindly arrive at the meeting venue at least half an hour before the general meeting.

If you require any further information, please contact Raghad Al Lawati at 24768265 regarding matters pertaining to the Agenda of the EGM and/or OGM.

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TRAGIC ACCIDENT

Alec Baldwin said gun was safe before he shot cinematographer

WASHINGTON: An assistant director unwittingly handed Alec Baldwin a loaded weapon and told him it was safe to use in the moments before the Hollywood actor fatally shot cinematographer Halyna Hutchins, according to court records released late on Friday.

A search warrant filed in a Santa Fe court revealed Baldwin was informed by the assistant that he

was holding a “cold gun” on the set of the film “Rust.”

However, the gun was actually loaded with live rounds, and when Baldwin pulled the trigger on the set of his latest movie, he killed Hutchins.

No immediate charges were filed, and Baldwin has been allowed to travel.

Baldwin, who is the star and co-producer of “Rust,” said he was in

shock after the events. Questions have been raised about the safety conditions on the sets of the film, with reports of some of the crew members walking out.

Items seized

The warrant was obtained so that investigators could document the scene at the ranch where the shooting took place.

Baldwin’s blood-stained cos-

tume for the movie was taken as evidence, as was the weapon that was fired, according to the documentation.

“As the assistant director handed the gun to the actor Alec Baldwin, (he) yelled ‘cold gun’, indicating the prop gun did not have any live rounds,” clarified the affidavit.

Investigators also seized other props, such as guns and ammunition that were being used. **OW**

Full lockdown in Bulgaria if COVID control measures do not work in 10-15 days

The plan has already been discussed between the Minister of Health and the European Commissioner for Health



SOFIA: The European Commission has proposed that Bulgaria can transport COVID-19 patients to other countries if necessary. This plan has already been discussed between the Minister of Health Stoycho Katsarov and the European Commissioner for Health.

“The worst-case scenario for our country is to deplete the capacity of hospitals and they will not be able to accept patients,” Minister Katsarov told Awake. According to him, the current wave should be controlled in 10-15 days. “In 10-15

days we will have a big problem. Yesterday we had a meeting with the directors of the hospitals in Sofia, they are constantly opening new beds, but the capacity both as people and as respirators is almost exhausted,” explained Dr Katsarov. There were no respirators in the State Reserve either. Promises that we will receive such came from the World Bank.

“I also talked to the health commissioner the other day, who proposed this emergency response plan. If we get there, we can transport patients for treatment in other countries,” Katsarov said.

“I do not want to scare people, but the situation is extremely serious and this has forced us to resort to such measures, which are clearly not popular,” said Dr Katsarov. If the measures are boycotted by the people, they will not work, the minister added.

“If the measures do not work for the next 10-15 days, the only alternative to the measures is a complete lockdown,” said Minister Katsarov. If the measures work, children in grades 1 to 4 will return to school first. “This is the first thing that will happen,” the minister promised.

He also commented on the controversial issue of why restaurants work and children do not go to school.

“Yes, it’s a paradox. But with one significant difference. When entering a restaurant with a document, where everyone in this place has such a document - this is already a safe environment, such requirements have not been introduced in schools,” explained Minister Katsarov.

“The plan enrolls up to 500 per 100,000 patients, we have increased this limit to 750 per 100,000. Now in Sofia, it passes 900 per 100,000, so this opportunity to visit in an organized manner is not possible. There is a lot of resistance from parents to test their children, and that’s also something you can’t ignore. The question was asked about tests through the nose, I said that while I am a minister, I will not allow small children to be confused in their noses by anyone. We are now discussing other options for gentle tests for children, we are discussing them with parents, the Ministry of Education. If we agree on such an approach, I am ready to introduce such an approach and return the children,” said the Minister. **ANI**

RE-ARRESTED

Myanmar authorities re-arrest over 100 political prisoners after amnesty

NAYPYITAW: Myanmar authorities have rearrested around 110 political prisoners who were freed earlier this week under the general amnesty announcement by the junta, reported local media.

Family members have said that some of their loved ones were rearrested “right at the entrance of the prison,” while others were taken back within hours of returning home, reported Radio Free Asia [RFA]. Citing sources, the publication said, the detainees are now being held in police custody under Myanmar’s anti-terrorism law. “We are devastated -- our mother is 84 and her health is deteriorating,” RFA quoted a family member of Lay Lay Naing as saying, on condition of anonymity. Naing was arrested on May 21 and sentenced to three years in prison for charges of spreading “false news [or] agitates directly or indirectly a criminal offence against a government employee.”

“We went to meet her at the prison, hoping that the whole family would be reunited and happy. We saw her from a distance, and she was taken away. We were not allowed to say any-



thing,” the family member added. According to the publication, the junta on Monday had released 1,316 prisoners from various facilities throughout the country as well as 4,320 detainees who faced ongoing cases for anti-junta activities, including well-known politicians, celebrities, film actors and journalists. But the rearrest suggests that the amnesty was only a bid by the junta to appease the international community amid criticism of its rule, observers told RFA.

Earlier in June also, the junta had announced a general amnesty and freed nearly 200 detainees from detention across the country. **ANI**

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Australia defeat South Africa in nail-biting thriller



Chasing 119, Australia started off at a low pace with skipper Aaron Finch being sent back by Anrich Nortje without scoring a single run

ABU DHABI: Australia all-rounder Marcus Stoinis played a knock of 24 runs as his side defeats South Africa by five wickets in a nail-biting thriller match here at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium, Abu Dhabi on Saturday. Both the teams played the first Super 12s match of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 in Abu Dhabi on Saturday. Chasing 119, Australia started off at a low pace with skipper Aaron Finch being sent back by Anrich Nortje without scoring a single run. Following Finch, David Warner and Mitchell Marsh also lost their wickets and by the end of the 7.5

overs, Australia was 38/3. Steve Smith played an innings of 35 runs in 34 balls and kept the hopes for his side alive. But at the end of the 15.2 overs, Smith and Glenn Maxwell were also sent back, leaving the team's total to 81/5. It was Stoinis, who in partnership with wicketkeeper Matthew Wade, ended the match with a boundary and took Australia home. Earlier in the match, South Africa lost early wickets, with Australia's Josh Hazlewood and Adma Zampa scalping two wickets each. The South African skipper Temba Bavuma was the first

wicket, which was followed by Van der Dussen and Quinton de Kock. Batter Aiden Markram then smashed 40 runs off 36 balls and brought his side to a decent total of 118/9. Brief scores: South Africa 118/9 (Aiden Markram 40, Kagiso Rabada, 19; Anrich Nortje 4-21); Australia 121/5 (Steve Smith 35, Marcus Stoinis 24; Josh Hazlewood 2-19) Australia will now be facing Sri Lanka for their next ICC Men's T20 World Cup clash on October 28 in Dubai, while South Africa will be going against West Indies on October 26. **ANI**

'Socially distanced' family pods in Sheikh Zayed Stadium capture imagination of fans

ABU DHABI: The social distancing measures in the ongoing T20 World Cup are being well taken care of as South Africa and Australia kicked off the Super 12 stage on Saturday. Australia and South Africa locked horns at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi. The stadium has fenced areas on the grass bank in which four people can be seated together. Fans can easily enjoy the game without being in close contact with other spectators. The International Cricket Council (ICC) shared a video of the socially distanced family pods during the Australia vs South Africa game. "We had to take a moment to admire these socially distanced family pods that fans are taking in #AUSvSA from!" ICC posted a video on Instagram. Meanwhile, in the match Australia restricted South Africa to 118/9 and then chased down the target in 19.4 overs to start their T20 campaign with a victory. After 12 matches in the first round, four teams made their way to the Super 12 stages of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup. Sri Lanka and Namibia qualified from Group A while Scotland and Bangladesh have entered the next stage from Group B. Namibia and Scotland will lock horns against India, Pakistan, New Zealand, and Afghanistan while Sri Lanka and Bangladesh have made the group featuring England, West Indies, Australia and South Africa even tougher. **ANI**

GROUP A



POINTS TABLE

POS	TEAM	PLD	NRR	PTS
1	ENGLAND	1	+3.970	2
2	AUSTRALIA	1	+0.253	2
3	BANGLADESH	0	+0.000	0
4	SRI LANKA	0	+0.000	0
5	SOUTH AFRICA	1	-0.253	0
6	WEST INDIES	1	-3.970	0

Adil Rashid stars as England kick-off campaign with 6-wicket win over Windies

DUBAI: Adil Rashid scalped four as England thrashed West Indies by six wickets in their opening Super 12 match of the ongoing T20 World Cup on Saturday. Set a paltry target of 56 by West Indies, England completed the formalities in 8.2 overs despite a wobble which saw them losing four wickets. With this win, England defeated West Indies at the men's T20 World Cup for the first time in six games. Chasing 56, England started off decently but soon lost two wickets. While Jason Roy was dismissed by Ravi Rampaul at the start of the third over, Jonny Bairstow departed six balls later leaving England at 30/2. England lost two more wickets during their chase as Moeen Ali was run out while Liam Livingstone got dismissed as Akeal Hosein took a catch off his own bowling in the seventh over. In the end, Buttler and Morgan made sure England don't suffer



any further hiccups as the side cruised to victory in the ninth over. Earlier, put into bat first, West Indies got off to a bad start that only worsened as the game progressed. West Indies lost three wickets in the first five overs as England bowlers came firing on cylinders. The Kieron Pollard-led kept losing wickets at regular intervals and were soon found reeling at 44/7 in the 11th over. West Indies had some hopes from Pollard and Russell but the duo also met the same fate as the side was folded for 55/10 in 14.2 overs. Earlier in the day, Australia kickstarted the Super 12 stage of the T20 World Cup 2021 with a nervy five-wicket victory over South Africa in a low-scoring contest in Abu Dhabi. **ANI**



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India aim to keep record intact over Pakistan in today's high-octane clash

After almost over two years, Virat Kohli and Co. will face-off against Babar Azam-led Pakistan

DUBAI: All roads will lead to the Dubai International Cricket Stadium this Sunday as it gears up to host the mother of all battles on the cricket pitch - India versus Pakistan. Both teams will open their campaigns in the Super 12 stage of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 with what is billed to be a mouth-watering clash.

After almost over two years, Virat Kohli and Co. will face-off against Babar Azam-led Pakistan and rekindle the age-old rivalry. Pakistan is yet to get a one-up over India in World Cups as the head-to-head has been heavily dominated by the Men in Blue.

However, both teams have entered the tournament with a fresh perspective, filled to the brim with enormous young talent and the hunger and eagerness to



T20 WORLD CUP: Both teams have entered the tournament with a fresh perspective, filled to the brim with enormous young talent and the hunger to prove themselves on the biggest stage.

prove themselves on the biggest stage of them all. Virat will be eyeing a huge victory over the rivals, which will also set the precedent

and momentum in the marquee tournament.

The mentorship of MS Dhoni will help in resonating a positive

mindset and confidence amongst the Indian team. Exceptional performances topped by victories in the two warm-up games against

England and Australia have been massive confidence boosters for young talents like Ishan Kishan, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant and Rahul Chahar, who have showcased their talent and skill ahead of the opener.

The opening pair of KL Rahul and 'Hitman' Rohit Sharma have shown their prowess and never cease to impress. Jasprit Bumrah's job with the white ball will be to once again hunt at the top and shut down the dangerous early efforts of Babar Azam with the bat.

For Pakistan, skipper Babar is their biggest hope with the bat. His 50 off 41 balls against the West Indies in the warm-up game is a warning sign for India because once the 27-year-old gets going, he becomes very difficult to contain. Currently ranked second in the ICC Men's T20I rankings, the Pakistan captain averages a remarkable 46.89 in T20 internationals.

Shoaib Malik and Mohammad Hafeez bring a comforting amount of experience to the Pakistan side, their previous experience of playing against India in World Cups will be a definite advantage for the team. Shaheen Afridi, a 21-year-old prospect proven in the Pakistan Super League, has dished out top performances in both warm-up games by picking up a total of

4 wickets.

Hasan Ali looks to be the standout pacer for the Men in Green. The lanky pacer excels on the slower wickets in the UAE, his variations and lengths will be a tough task for the Indian batters to manage and they must play him with a cautious approach at the top.

The stakes are at an all-time high with Kohli and Co. looking to continue their dominance against Pakistan in ICC World Cups. Both sides have a strong lineup and it will be about keeping calm and rising to the occasion when they set foot on the pitch come Sunday.

India Squad: Virat Kohli (c), Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Rahul Chahar, Ravichandran Ashwin, Shardul Thakur, Varun Chakravathy, Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, and Mohammad Shami.

Pakistan Squad: Babar Azam (captain), Shadab Khan (vice-captain), Asif Ali, Fakhar Zaman, Haider Ali, Haris Rauf, Hasan Ali, Imad Wasim, Mohammad Hafeez, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Rizwan, Mohammad Wasim Jnr, Sarfraz Ahmed, Shaheen Shah Afridi, and Shoaib Malik. **ANI**

T20 WORLD CUP

Kohli over Rohit because he loves performing on big stage, says Amir

DUBAI: Mohammad Amir will always be remembered for bowling Pakistan to victory against India in the final of the 2017 Champions Trophy in England. The Indian team could never fight back after losing Rohit Sharma, Shikhar Dhawan and Virat Kohli to the left-arm pacer.

And Amir believes the clash between the arch-rivals in the T20 World Cup on Sunday will once again be the game that will create heroes as it doesn't get bigger on the cricket pitch than an India-Pakistan encounter.

Speaking to ANI on the eve of the much-anticipated game, Amir threw light on rising to the challenge against India, the issue with the current crop of fast bowlers, bowling in shorter formats of the game like T10 leagues -- he plays for Bangla Tigers in Abu Dhabi T10 -- and also who he would pick between Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma.

"As a cricketer, I always believe it is not about India-Pakistan, it is about cricket. I have always enjoyed the tough moments of the game. I love rising to the occasion and when you do well there, the moments stay with you in your career. Performing in big matches gives you the ultimate high," he smiled.

Asked if this has helped him succeed across formats? The Bangla Tigers pacer said: "Dubai tracks tend to be on the slower side and as a bowler, I don't play with the batsman, I play with the wicket. If I see the wicket and feel the slower ball will hold the key, why should I bowl at 140kph? Maybe bowl at 120kph and pick wickets. As a bowler, you need to see what the wicket demands. Once you learn that,



you can succeed in any format."

Swing

"I always believe in checking the wicket after reaching the ground. As a bowler, you get an idea after the first two balls whether it will swing or not. If you need more time than that to understand what the wicket is doing, you don't deserve to be at that stage. When I feel the wicket is assisting swing, I bowl full. My success ratio is because I have bowled according to the demand of the wicket. I don't see if it is Kohli, Rohit or Smith batting, I see what the wicket demands and bowl accordingly."

Talking of Rohit and Kohli, the two will hold the key for India throughout the T20 World Cup. But personally, for Amir, he picks Kohli over Rohit as he believes the India skipper loves winning big games.

"I will always go with Virat because just like me, he also likes pressure situations. I have always done well in pressure conditions thanks to God and if you take out Virat's stats, you will see he always performs well in pressure

situations. I love this about him because he performs when under pressure," he pointed.

Asked about the current generation pacers, Amir feels they are too focused on bowling fast. "There are many shots and survival is very difficult for a bowler. The current generation of batsmen have a lot more shots in their bags and as a bowler, you need to get smarter. Bowlers nowadays are struggling mostly because the moment they bowl at 150kph, we tend to take them to the sky by praising them."

"Pace is important and does matter, but you cannot forget your skills in trying to bowl fast. They don't work on swing and variations. If you bowl fast on true wickets, you will get hit. I always carry two plans. The first is to get the ball to swing. But Plan B should be stronger and when the ball isn't swinging, that is when the next plan comes in. I bowled to Kohli with a scrambled seam in the Champions Trophy and it worked. You need to use angles and wrist positions when the pitch is true. Pace with

smartness is the key."

And the pacer feels reading the wickets have helped him even in the T10 format. "Dubai tracks tend to be on the slower side and as a bowler, I don't play with the batsman, I play with the wicket. If I see the wicket and feel the slower ball will hold the key, why should I bowl at 140kph? Maybe bowl at 120kph and pick wickets. As a bowler, you need to see what the wicket demands. Once you learn that, you can succeed in any format," he said.

In fact, Amir feels T10 is the best format for cricket to be played in the Olympics. "Considering the time it takes, T10 can be the best option in the Olympics. First thing is to get the process right. Just like a journalist needs to prepare to become one, a player also needs to prepare as per the format. Like when I go into a T10 game, I know I have 12 balls and the batsman won't stop. So when you train, the mindset is to escape being thrashed. The idea is to be economical as you rarely get 10 wickets in a T10 game," he signed off. **ANI**

FIFA WORLD CUP 2022



Al Thumama Stadium unveiled for Qatar 2022

DOHA: Qatar's sixth FIFA World Cup 2022 tournament venue was unveiled on Friday night when Al Thumama Stadium hosted the Amir Cup Final between Al Rayyan and Al Sadd.

The inauguration ceremony took place prior to the final and involved local schoolchildren celebrating the design of the stadium. On the pitch, Al Sadd won the final 5-4 on penalties after the match finished 1-1 after 90 minutes. It was a record 18th victory in the competition for the Wolves. The stunning venue -- which was designed by Qatari architect Ibrahim M Jaidah -- was inaugurated in the presence of Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Emir of Qatar.

Designed to resemble the 'ghafiya' head cap worn by men and boys across the Arab world, Al Thumama is the first FIFA World Cup stadium to be designed by a Qatari architect. The 40,000-capacity venue will host matches up to the quarter-finals stage during Qatar 2022. It follows Khalifa International, Al Janoub, Education City, Ahmad Bin Ali and Al Bayt in being declared ready to host matches

during next year's tournament.

FIFA President, Gianni Infantino, said as per Qatar 2022 official website: "Qatar continues to amaze the football world and it will not stop until the curtain closes on the FIFA World Cup. Al Thumama Stadium is another work of art and carries a lot of significance for the country and the region. I cannot wait to see the first FIFA pan-Arab football tournament being held right here in a few weeks' time, and to witness the first FIFA World Cup in the Middle East just one year from now."

"I am thrilled to be here today, next to His Highness the Emir, and to have the opportunity to personally thank him for Qatar's efforts, which go way beyond delivering what will be the best FIFA World Cup ever in 2022," added Infantino.

Al Thumama features state-of-the-art cooling technology, which will allow the venue to host events throughout the year. Its precinct includes a number of sporting facilities, including cycling and running tracks, and extensive green spaces, for the benefit of the local community. **ANI**

TENNIS

Ashleigh Barty pulls out of WTA Finals to focus on Australian Open

QUEENSLAND: The world number one, Ashleigh Barty has ended her stellar 2021 session on Saturday as she turns her attention to Australian Open 2022 preparations. The two-time singles major champion has decided not to contest the WTA Finals in Guadalajara, Mexico. Notably, the defending WTA Finals champion returned home to Australia shortly after contesting her 13th event for 2021 at the US Open in September. "I wanted to let everyone know that I won't be competing in any further tournaments in 2021, including the WTA Finals in Mexico," said Barty, as per Tennis Australia.

"It was a difficult decision but I need to prioritise my body and my recovery from our 2021 season and focus on having the strongest preseason for the Australian summer."

Barty's tour-leading five singles titles included her second Grand Slam victory at Wimbledon, where she was the first Australian woman to triumph since her friend and mentor Evonne Goolagong Cawley claimed the 1981 ladies' title.

There were also trophies lifted at the Melbourne Summer Series, Miami, Stuttgart and Cincinnati.

"With the ongoing challenges of travelling back to Queensland and

quarantine requirements, I am not willing to compromise my preparation for January," Barty added. "I wish the WTA team and the players all the best for a successful WTA Finals and rest of the year."

"My focus is now on the Australian summer and doing everything I can to win the Australian Open. I can't wait to play at home again," the 25-year-old said.

Soon to spend her 100th week at world No.1, Barty is eyeing an improvement on already impressive results at her home Grand Slam. In 2020, she was the first Australian woman to reach the semifinals since Wendy Turnbull in 1984. **ANI**



FIRST VISUALLY-IMPAIRED JOCKEY IN THE WORLD

Khamis Al Sharji of Oman is the first visually-impaired jockey in the world to qualify for endurance races. Al Sharji was able to pass the endurance race for a distance of 40 km organised by the Oman Equestrian Federation. Oman News Agency said: "Khamis will be the first visually-impaired rider to participate in endurance races around the world." -- **ONA**

NEW ZEALAND-BRITAIN DEAL

New Zealand has secured a free trade deal with Britain, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced. The new agreement would accelerate New Zealand's Covid-19 economic recovery, Ardern said. > **B2**

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Oman-US bilateral trade exceeds \$2bn

This year Oman is running a trade surplus with the United States of \$151 million, according to the latest figures. In 2020, the top Omani exports to the United States were aluminium, plastics, chemicals, other commodities, and goods in transit to Canada

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MUSCAT: Trade between the Sultanate of Oman and the United States has seen a significant increase since the end of 2020, according to the US Census Bureau. Total bilateral trade reached over \$2 billion as of the end of August 2021, surpassing the total for all of 2020. This year Oman is running a trade surplus with the United States of \$151 million, according to the latest figures. In 2020, the top Omani exports to the United States were aluminium, plastics, chemicals, other commodities, and goods in transit to Canada. "In January 2021 alone, the US imported over \$200 million of Omani products," said Ali Daud, President and Chairman Emeritus of the Oman American Business Council (US Chamber of Commerce affiliate in Oman).

"This is more than twice the average we've seen in the past ten years. The trade surplus is a very healthy indication that the world's largest economy, with which Oman has a unique trade agreement, is buying Omani products," Daud continued. "The time is now to strengthen the relationship further by establishing a commercial presence for Oman in the United States. This will make it easier for Omani exporters to navigate and penetrate the US market. Oman is one of only two GCC countries that have free trade agreements with the United States. As a nation, Oman should build on this impressive growth in 2021, and take this success to even greater heights." US Ambassador to Oman Leslie M. Tsou said increased trade is a sign of the overall strength of the US-Oman relationship. "The partnership between



Ali Daud, President and Chairman Emeritus of the Oman-American Business Council (US Chamber of Commerce affiliate in Oman). — Supplied picture

our countries is rooted in strong historical ties of friendship, bolstered by a flourishing economic relationship," she said. "We see this increase as a sign of Oman's desirability as a destination for US investment." The Oman American Business Centre (OABC) was founded in 2003 with a mission to foster the development of commercial activity between Oman and the United States, promote US business, and support the Oman business community through programmes and events. As the official affiliate of the US Chamber of Commerce in Oman

(AmCham Oman), OABC promotes understanding, partnerships & other matters of mutual economic interest between business communities in Oman and the United States. The focal endeavour of the OABC is to provide a forum for the exchange of insights, information, ideas, and direction with respect to increasing trade, commerce, and investment between the two countries. Every year, the OABC has around 30 events focused on knowledge sharing, business opportunities and challenges, legislative changes and networking within the Oman business community.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

India's retail sector witnessing a surge after May 2021

NEW DELHI: The retail segment was witnessing a surge after May 2021, when second wave restrictions were eased; the festival season also acted as catalyst for the jump in sales and footfall at various malls. As per CBRE's 'India Retail Reboot 2021' report, the recovery gained momentum in early 2021, especially across southern and northern cities as Pan-India retail sales in February 2021 touched almost 93% of February 2020 (pre-COVID) levels. With the opening up of the economy post-lockdowns, the recovery has been strong. "Retail sentiments seem to be getting back on track in a strong fashion ahead of the festivities, riding on the back of strong pent up demands, managed and better COVID scenario & vaccinations being done at a rapid pace. Consumers are poised to shop heavy this season, and we are already seeing positive indicators with our iPhone 13 launch across our Tresor Imagine Apple stores. Omnichannel and e-comm traffic

is on ever highest peaks already," said Kumar Nishant, COO & VP - Group Business Operations, Tresor Systems and Tresor Healthcare. After the second wave began in April 2021, the re-imposition of the lockdown restrictions affected consumer confidence and purchasing activity once more. However, unlike the 2020 national lockdown, the impact on retail was less severe because most limitations were regional or localised. "Since early June, when limitations were gradually lifted, footfalls have been steadily increasing. We have seen a significantly greater rebound from the second wave, with largely recreation-driven footfalls improving in the mall. This recovery was seen from July 2021 onwards, and retail sales achieved more than 70% of July 2019 levels," said Abhishek Bansal, Executive Director, Pacific Group. The festival season also erased the negative impact of the March 2020 lockdown, which had a detrimental influence on the selling of products that fell under 'non-essential category'. — ANI



AVAYA ONECLOUD CCaaS

Omantel announces strategic partnership with Avaya

Times News Service

DUBAI: Avaya on Saturday announced a new partnership with Infoline, Omantel ICT's business process outsourcing leader, that will see Infoline significantly advance customer experience across the Sultanate of Oman as it adopts Avaya OneCloud™ Contact Centre as a Service. One of the first deployments of its kind in the region, the Avaya solution will enable Infoline, a subsidiary of the Omani telecom (Omantel), to seamlessly meet the

demands of a regional market set to grow by 6.9 per cent annually to 2028, when it will be worth almost \$20 billion. **Growing market** That growing market will serve increasingly discerning end customers on behalf of a variety of clients, and Omantel/Infoline will be better placed to address their needs with Avaya OneCloud CCaaS. The new technology will deliver effortless experiences across the entire customer journey – whether they're interacting via voice, web,

chat or email. And it will also enable end customers to be intelligently matched with the best agents to serve their needs. "At Infoline, we are keeping pace with changing expectations by committing to a digital-ready customer experience, and through our partnership with Avaya, we are enabling our joint clients with the same capabilities," said Aladdin Abdullah Baitfadhil, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Infoline and VP of Consumer Business Unit at Omantel. "Avaya OneCloud CCaaS will

further empower our clients with the advanced solutions needed to address fast-moving customer demands, and help them move forward with the e-Oman vision and strategy," he added. "Our priority is, and always has been, on enriching the experience of our clients' customers, and the technology that we choose is always based on that guiding principle. With Avaya OneCloud CCaaS, we will be able to deliver meaningful experiences for end customers regardless of their chosen interaction method, while also empow-

ering our own agents to drive increased customer loyalty on behalf of our clients," said Mohammed bin Hamad al Maskari, Chief Executive Officer of Infoline. Indeed, the cloud-based solution will help Omantel & Infoline to create personalized agent experiences with custom workspaces that bring customer insights from different applications into a single pane of glass. This will help agents stay ahead of every customer interaction by predicting needs and proactively engaging with customers.

Nidal Abou-Ltaif, President, Avaya International, added: "Improving the quality of experiences through both the customer and employee journey is today among the most important differentiators and creators of brand affinity. This is a fact that the leadership of Infoline and Omantel know extremely well, as the two companies are rightly celebrated for advancing customer experience across the Sultanate. We are proud to be contributing to that effort as we empower them with Avaya OneCloud CCaaS."

E-COMMERCE SERVICE



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New service delivers US shipments now at customers' doorsteps

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Post and Asyad Express' 'Matjar+' e-Commerce service, which allows customers in Oman to make purchases in the United States, now delivers shipments to the customers' doorstep across the Sultanate. Starting October 22, customers using the Matjar+ service can pre-pay all their shipping fees and taxes in one simple online payment at the time of order. To enhance the overall customer experience several new enhancements have been introduced, including online tracking, dedicated Matjar+ customer support. All packages will be delivered to the customer door from the US

within seven to nine business days. Customers can register with Matjar+ for free online, where they will receive a unique 'virtual' postal address in the US, enabling them to shop online at all their favourite stores, enjoying discounts and promotions. All Matjar+ items will be directly delivered to their selected addresses in Oman. Matjar+ customers can save on shipping costs by consolidating their packages at their 'virtual' postal address for up to 30 days at no extra charge. This feature avoids customers incurring unnecessary delivery costs when making multiple orders at separate times. Matjar+ offers competitive pricing with 0.5 kg rates starting from as low as OMR4.

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US Fed reports supply chain bottlenecks and inflation

The US Federal Reserve's "beige book" on economic conditions reports pandemic-related uncertainty

WASHINGTON: The US Federal Reserve said Wednesday supply chain bottlenecks and labour shortages have caused US economic growth to slow down and resulted in inflationary pressures in its "beige book" report.

The bottlenecks in critical sectors such as semiconductors have resulted in "significantly elevated prices" in much of the US. The uncertainty has elevated concerns about the state of the economy.

The Fed forecasts a temporary supply chain, inflationary struggle. The US economy faces pressure from supply chains, labour shortages and uncertainty over the



CRITICAL SECTORS: The bottlenecks in critical sectors such as semiconductors have resulted in "significantly elevated prices" in much of the US. -DW

delta variant of the coronavirus. However, the Fed's latest survey of business conditions around the US reveals consumer spending, the main driver of the economy, remains quite strong.

Auto sales are flailing as manufacturers struggle to obtain semi-

conductors and steel, which are key components. Labour shortages are also forcing companies to charge more or cut back hours of operation, especially in the service, hospitality and manufacturing sectors.

"Firms reported high turnover as workers left for other jobs or

retired," the Fed said in its report, noting, "Child-care issues and vaccine mandates were widely cited as contributing to the problem."

To entice workers, many companies are offering more training, increased wages, signing and retention bonuses, flexible work

schedules or increased vacation time. However, the Fed said the economic outlook remained strong despite the setbacks which are expected to be temporary even as the coronavirus crisis remains a protracted one.

The Fed's benchmark interest rate has remained ultra-low at zero to 0.25 per cent since the COVID pandemic began in early 2020. There are growing calls to raise interest rates to tamp down the tide of inflation.

What is the beige book?

The beige book is a report on US economic conditions based on surveys carried out of business contacts by the Fed's 12 regional banks. The latest survey took place on or before October 8 and will form the basis of discussions at the next meeting of central bank officials in early November.

It is expected that the Fed will begin to reduce its monthly bond purchases of \$120 billion (€103 billion) starting in either November or December following that meeting. These bond purchases are designed to boost the economy by keeping long-term interest rates low.

In the second half of next year, rate hikes are expected as well. -DW

NEW AGREEMENT

New Zealand secures free trade deal with Britain

WELLINGTON: New Zealand has secured a free trade deal with Britain, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced. The new agreement would accelerate New Zealand's COVID-19 economic recovery, Ardern said.

"This deal serves New Zealand's economy and exporters well as we reconnect, rebuild and recover from COVID-19, and look forward into the future," she said.

"It's one of our best deals ever and secured at a crucial time in our COVID recovery."

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said the deal was "the cherry on the top of a long and lasting partnership" between the two countries.

"It is good for both our economies, boosting jobs and growth as we build back better from the pandemic. We already share deep ties of history, culture and values, and I look forward to the next chapter in our friendship."

The agreement, which has been agreed in principle and whose text will be finalised in the coming months, would give New Zealand "unprecedented access" to the British market, Ardern said. -BNA

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MEDC's appeal to companies

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Muscat Electricity Distribution Company (MEDC) has appealed to all the companies working in field works and various projects to obtain drilling permits before commencing any work in Muscat.

This step comes as a result of some companies' non-compliance with taking the necessary

drilling permits from the Company and cutting the electrical cables, which caused about 158 power outages for its subscribers in Muscat.

Muscat Electricity Distribution Company also indicated that the failure to obtain drilling permits by the companies prior to commencing the works and field projects exposes to accountability and legal punishment.

FOCUS TIME ENTRIES



Google adding new dedicated focus time entries' to Calendar

WASHINGTON: To make work schedules easier for its users, tech-giant Google is adding new dedicated focus time entries to Calendar that will auto-decline meetings for the users.

According to The Verge, the focus time entries will have a small headphones icon on the calendar and could be given a different colour by Google to help separate them from other things on the user's schedule. A user would also be given a choice to set focus time entries to automatically decline meetings that get scheduled during that block, which could help ensure that their focus time stays open and free from meetings.

Focus time entries will also appear in the "Time insights" panel so the users can see how much of their time is being spent in meetings and on focused work.

The Verge reported that focus time entries begin rolling out on Wednesday to the users on the Rapid Release track, but they will not be available to every Calendar user.

As per Google, the feature is coming to Google Workspace Business Standard, Business Plus, Enterprise Standard, Enterprise Plus, Education Fundamentals, Education Teaching, and Learning Upgrade, Education Standard, Education Plus, and Nonprofits customers. -ANI

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BRINGING ANIMATION TO LIFE



LIFESTYLE

Thanks to new technology, animation is evolving at lightspeed. From High Dynamic Range imaging and faster internet speeds to software that brings 3D capability and Virtual Reality to their fingertips, animators can create almost anything they imagine. The evolution of animation also reflects how consumers view content - on smart TVs, phones, computers and tablets. However, just as animation has continued to evolve throughout the pandemic, so too have the technological tools and tricks of the trade employed by animators and graphic designers.

Here are top trends appearing in animation, along with ways designers can make the most of them.

1 Bold colour use
Better technology allows de-

signers and animators increased precision and a wider range of options when it comes to colour usage. To make colour stand out, many artists and animators are choosing a limited colour palette - then highlighting a couple of bold, even unexpected colours within that palette. It's only possible to realise a creative vision based on very specific color choices if you have the right tools to bring your vision to life.

2 Hybrid techniques
One hot trend is combining different media to create layered, textured and complex worlds, such as blending animation with live video footage or photography— like a mixed-media collage.

Another intriguing hybrid style juxtaposes 2D and 3D imaging. While 3D imaging blasts open the limits of what 2D animation can do, combining the

two creates a new level of visual experiences. You can move viewers through 2D frames that showcase 3D objects within them, creating depth and movement in fascinating ways.

3 Thin line style
Contrasting with rich 2D and/or 3D world-building in many video games and movies, a minimalist style using thin lines is on trend - creating the appearance of hand-drawn art. This effect allows animators to direct the viewer's eye, making it seem like a drawing is being brought to life in an elegant, fluid style. You can also use this style to evoke earlier periods of animation in a cool, retro kind of way.

4 Vertical orientation
Animation is also adapting to the formats consumers use to engage with social media, advertising and entertainment.

Most mobile phone users tend to hold their phones vertically most of the time, and designers are catching on, creating more content specifically designed for a vertical format.

5 Virtual Reality (VR)
While VR is popular in gaming, video animation is also jumping aboard the Virtual Reality train, thanks to more VR software becoming available. This allows animators to create everything to scale within the digital environment, rather than doing 3D modeling on screen separately. Some programs allow animators to create frame by frame, so scenes and animations transfer to other 3D programs seamlessly.

Whether you're a designer, photographer or animator, knowing the latest trends and tools can put you further along in your career. —PT



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ROUND-UP

Johnny Rockets launches new branch in Madinat Sultan Qaboos

The new branch in Souq Al Madina at Madinat Sultan Qaboos maintains the brand’s fun, casual, and upbeat environment with interiors that represent a traditional ‘American Diner,’ while the exterior is more rustic and urban, with an exclusive seating area for their customers



MUSCAT: Johnny Rockets launched its newest branch on October 20 in Souq Al Madina, at Madinat Sultan Qaboos. The new outlet was inaugurated by Zakariya Mubarak Ismail Al Zadjali, Rtd. Colonel and Member of the Board at BankDhofar, marking the second branch of the popular diner in Oman, with its first outlet in Al Khoud.

“When we opened our first branch in Al Khoud, we were overwhelmed by the response of the locals and expats towards our restaurant and the food we serve,” said T. Thiru, Business Manager for Johnny Rockets Oman. He further added, “We realised that the location in Al Khoud is not easily accessible to a group of residents who were eager to try our world-famous burgers and milkshakes,

which is why opening another branch in MQ was ideal.” The new branch in Souq Al Madina at Madinat Sultan Qaboos maintains the brand’s fun, casual, and upbeat environment with interiors that represent a traditional ‘American Diner,’ while the exterior is more rustic and urban, with an exclusive seating area for their customers. In addition to the design, the staff’s friendly ser-

vice and classic old-school music which is lightly played in the background enhance the brand’s vibe as a relaxing place to hang out. One of the customers present at the opening was beyond excited about the new branch. He told us, “When I heard about Johnny Rockets opening in MQ, I was thrilled. Finally, we have a branch closer to us. This whole experience is so exciting. While

everyone knows the food here is brilliant without a doubt, this new location is really great. It’s ideal for those who go shopping and want to grab a bite or those who just want to relax with good food, friends, and family.” Johnny Rockets is a 35-year-old American restaurant franchise famous for its signature milkshakes, fresh burgers and crispy fries. Burgers are cooked to order

using 100 per cent halal beef, as well as chicken and veggie burgers, malts, and much more. Functioning across 30 different countries, Johnny Rockets goes by the idea of serving their customers a time of “burgers, shakes, fries, and fun” as stated in their logo. The new branch in MQ is open from 12pm -11pm and their branch in Al Khoud is open from 12pm to 12am.

CAR RENTAL COMPANY

Budget Rent A Car adds Renault vehicles to its fleet

MUSCAT: Entering into a partnership with Renault Oman, Oman’s leading car rental company Budget Rent A Car recently added a wide range of Renault models to its fleet. Among the popular models inducted include Renault Duster, Symbol and Koleos. A spokesperson for Renault Oman said, “We are delighted to supply Renault models to Budget Rent A Car’s fleet. Renault cars have been very popular with the customers of the car rental agency. The models continue to be the most preferred choice for corporate entities, rent-a-car fleets as well as families. Packed with top-notch technology and innovation, Renault vehicles offer performance, significant power, fuel efficiency.” Budget rent a car has been operational in Oman since 1981 and was the first international car rental company to start operations in Oman. Budget Oman is the only car rental agency in the country that offers a wide range of top branded cars for its valuable customers. “Renault vehicles are well known for their revolutionary French designs, technologies and affordability which suits our customer profile,” said Fahad Al Balushi, Fleet Manager for Budget Rent a car.

Renault Duster Renault brand’s celebrated model the aspirational SUV Duster, is about strength, functionality, and safety. Consisting of a powerful engine, an attractive modern design, a comfortable and spacious cabin, Renault Duster is available as 1.6 litre 2WD and 2.0 litre 4WD or the Urban and Sports variants. Reflecting Renault’s inherent characteristics of strength and SUV capability, the Duster’s variants feature a powerful engine, an attractive modern design, a comfortable and spacious cabin, in addition to strength, functionality and safety to meet the aspirations of buyers. The SUV is characterised by powerful engines, 1.6 litre 2WD and 2.0 litre 4WD for off-road enthusiasts. It also has an advanced automatic transmission with outstanding performance and significant fuel economy and carbon dioxide emissions to keep pace with the current trends and needs. One of Renault’s celebrated models characterised by strength, functionality and safety, the new Renault Duster adds more splendour and elegance with its distinctive features. The sports utility vehicle offers a



refreshing take on 4WD driving experience, equipped with the same off-road capability and affordability to beat the best in the market. Renault Duster’s ‘Urban’ and ‘Sports’ editions are loaded with superior SUV capabilities and enhanced features have been designed to make a statement. Equipped with multiple outstanding features and technology enhancements, it is certain to set new benchmarks in Oman. The additional features of Renault Duster’s ‘Urban’ edition, which is a 4x2 model include a door sill, boot sill, 16” alloy wheels and side steps. Renault Duster’s 4x4 model ‘Sports’ edition boasts of wing extension, door moulding, side bar and 16” alloy wheels along with feature of three modes selection. Comfortable on any terrain, all new Duster features roof bars that meet the highest standards in terms of solidity. On excursions with friends, bulky leisure equipment like surfboards or skis can be transported in complete safety.

Renault Koleos With its athletic profile, robust front end, roomy seats, taut lines underscored with chrome, Renault Koleos allows owners to take their journey with confidence. Renault Koleos LE model has LED fog lamps with chrome borders, new 19-inch Kavea alloy wheels and resplendent new front grill. The Renault Koleos SE has been augmented with Sand Grey leather seats, tilt adjustment front headrests, one touch easy folding rear seats with two step reclining and power seats, electric power seats for driver and passenger, 18-inch Argonaute two tone alloy wheels, auto folding rear view mirrors with door lock, auto-dimming rear view mirror. It also supports Apple car play and android auto. Featuring a powerful and efficient engine and more on-board technologies, Renault Koleos fully embodies the values of the top of the Renault line-up. Its high-performance attributes, assertive design and sophisticated interior, makes

it one of the most popular vehicles ever. Its elegant appearance, muscular shoulders and stylish bodywork fully meets its customers’ expectations and requirements. The spacious SUV known for its elegant design and unparalleled four-wheel drive technology has been completely structured to offer powerful styling, unique features and full SUV capability. The all mode 4x4-i transmission available on Koleos features technology has been proved on millions of alliance vehicles worldwide. This all-wheel drive system permanently monitors grip levels to guarantee optimal traction in any condition. Very easy to use, a control switch situated to the left of the steering wheel enables the driver to select one of the three modes: 2WD, 4WD AUTO or 4WD LOCK. The combination of high ground clearance (210mm) and approach and departure angles of respectively 19 and 26 degrees ensures go-anywhere ability. The stylish body colours and wheel

designs selected for Koleos ensure an elegance. It is available in seven metallic body colours. Koleos benefits from Renault’s vast experience in the realm of safety and targets excellence in the independent NCAP tests. The following features are standard equipment: Two adaptive front airbags that inflate according to the type of impact and the occupant’s position in the car, two lateral thorax/shoulder airbags for the front occupants, two curtain airbags, anti-whiplash front and rear head rests, anti-submerging front seats, rear ISOFIX anchorage for child seats. All the seat belts are equipped with pretensioners and load limiters.

Renault Symbol The compact sedan offers spacious interior with seating for five adults, a 510 litres boot space, and the possibility to increase it up to 1,257 litres with the rear bench seat folded. With its excellent design inside and out, combined with low fuel consumption feature,

Renault Symbol is loaded with competitive advantages such as roominess, boot space, advanced equipment, and engine displacement to make the sedan stand out from the crowd. Renault Symbol also offers plenty of safety features. It is equipped with front driver and passenger airbags, driver seatbelt unlock alarm, ISOFIX attachments for child seats, three points rear seatbelts with three rear headrests in addition to a central locking system and a speed sensitive door lock. It also boasts as standard front fog lights, daytime running lights, and most importantly an Antilock Braking System (ABS). The front C-shape LED daytime running lights and rear end lighting signature are now expressing the Renault brand identity. Many elements normally associated with vehicles from the upper segment: a glossy black and chrome grille, fog lamps embellishers, side mouldings and strips, B-pillar with shiny black striping, and a new boot door with chrome are part of the Symbol. It has impeccable finishes, modern upholstery, and redesigned central fascia, plus an ergonomic armrest to make users feel good. Many convenient features are included: inside fuel flap opening, one touch turn indicator, a boot handle, height adjustable driver seat and front seatbelts, radio steering wheel control and chrome interior door handles. The steering wheel comes with an exclusive soft feel cover, in black titane colour and satin chrome. Featuring the new Media Nav 2.0 multimedia system, an integrated rear-view camera and parking sensors, driver’s side one touch electric window, Renault Symbol is redolent of quality and strength, its elegant interior is in perfect harmony with its exterior lines. Renault Symbol has five generous seats to comfortably accommodate passengers. They can enjoy useful and smart new storage areas, including phone, a front passenger-side net, and a new 12 V output in the rear for charging your devices. There is also a 1/3-2/3 rear bench seat and a spacious boot to transport everything ones need in the way that suits them. The Media Nav multimedia system also gives easy access to highly practical features thanks to its 7” touchscreen: GPS, audio streaming music, as well as access to your phonebook and call history through Bluetooth.

ROUND-UP

25 Zeinah customers rewarded at Omani Women's Day draw

Held in line with the bank's commitment to appreciating the role of Omani women in the progress and development of the Sultanate and to encourage savings culture, the draw gave away a total of OMR25,000 to Zeinah customers

MUSCAT: Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate, rewarded 25 Zeinah customers with OMR 1,000 each at a special Omani Women's Day draw at the Grand Ballroom of the Oman Convention and Exhibition



Centre in Muscat.

Held in line with the bank's commitment to appreciating the role of Omani women in the progress and development of the Sultanate and to encourage a savings culture, the draw gave away a total of OMR 25,000 to Zeinah customers. It was part of a special Women's Day event attended

by Ilham Murtadha Al Hamaid, Deputy General Manager - Large Corporates, Bank Muscat, and well known social entrepreneur and life coach, Hala Kazim.

Speaking on the occasion Ilham Murtadha Al Hamaid, Deputy General Manager - Large Corporates, said, "Bank Muscat is particularly proud of the role that Omani

women play in various sectors. By achieving their full potential, Omani women are contributing greatly to the economic progress and development of the Sultanate. Women now form more than 48% of the over 3,800 employees at the bank and work across all departments. They have demonstrated their capabilities within the bank's

senior management and are role models at the workplace."

Ilham Al Hamaid added: "Omani women are ambitious and focused on their careers even as they balance their work and family life very well. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to each and every Omani woman, who is working for the advancement of our beloved country."

Addressing the gathering, Hala Kazim congratulated Omani women on the occasion of Omani Women's Day. She elaborated on the concepts of investing in oneself, setting future goals and being financially secure. This can help individuals attain their true potential in life. Hala, who works to inspire women to become more effective and positive role models for themselves, their families, their community and the world at large, shared many motivational examples and success stories with the audience. She congratulated the Zeinah customers for their savings habit, which is the starting point for all investments.

The Omani Women's Day celebrates the important role that Omani women play in nation-building. All Zeinah customers who maintained an average monthly balance of OMR1,000 were entered into

the special draw to reward their good savings habits. Zeinah also holds a monthly draw that rewards 10 women customers with OMR 1,000 each every month as part of the Al Mazyona 2021 prize draw scheme. Customers who maintain a minimum balance of OMR100 will be automatically entered into the monthly Zeinah draw.

The Zeinah suite of products and services is based on the premise that women prefer to use special banking services that enhance their privacy. Zeinah ensures privacy and a relaxed atmosphere for women customers at Bank Muscat branches. The unique products available for women include the Zeinah Debit card, tailored merchant discounts and a health and beauty finance scheme.

Al Mazyona is the longest-running savings scheme, offering the biggest total prize money in the country. It offers OMR 11 million to 7,470 winners throughout 2021, with the number of winners up by 12 per cent compared to last year. Al Mazyona will feature several special draws in the coming months including the National Day draw, and an End of Year draw. Special prizes have been reserved for high-savings customers as well as other customer segments.

PRIVILEGE CLUB BENEFITS

Qatar Airways Holidays unveils special travel packages for Fifa Arab Cup Qatar



DOHA: Qatar Airways Holidays has launched extensive travel packages for the inaugural Fifa Arab Cup Qatar 2021 welcoming global football fans to enjoy the finest Qatari hospitality and follow their favourite team in person. The region's showpiece tournament will take place from November 30 to December 18.

As Privilege Club is the Official Frequent Flyer Programme of the Fifa Arab Cup Qatar 2021, members can earn double Qmiles when they purchase a travel package, including a hotel stay of three nights or more by 31 October 2021. New members who join Privilege Club can also enjoy a sign-up bonus of 1,500 Qmiles when using the enrolment code JOINMECP21.

Fans will be offered the flexibility to build their package for the Fifa Arab Cup Qatar 2021 which includes flights with Qatar Airways, the official airline partner of Fifa. The 'Build Your Own' fea-

ture will give them the functionality to choose their preferred travel dates, hotel accommodation and match tickets.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, Akbar Al Baker said, "Not only will this tournament showcase the country's readiness for the Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022 but it will help us unite football fans from the Middle East and North Africa. With over 140 destinations to choose from, our network will provide them seamless connectivity across the globe. It is time for us to kick off with these unique travel packages and give people a memorable taste of Qatari hospitality, and reignite the region's collective passion for football."

The tournament will take place exactly a year before the much-awaited Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022 inaugurates and will serve as an opportunity to test operations and facilities ahead of the first Fifa World Cup in the Middle East.

The tournament's draw was conducted after the qualifying round earlier in June 2021, grouping the 16 contesting nations which feature Group A: Qatar, Iraq, Oman and Bahrain; Group B: Tunisia, UAE, Syria and Mauritania; Group C: Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Palestine and Group D: Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon and Sudan.

The event itself will offer travellers a glimpse into the spirit of Qatar and the world-class stadiums set to host the Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022. The magnificent Al Bayt Stadium located in the northern city of Al Khor is scheduled to contest the tournament's inaugural and final matches. It is built in the shape of a traditional Bedouin tent as a symbol of hospitality.

The other stadiums include Al Thumama Stadium, Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium, Ras Abu Aboud Stadium, Education City Stadium and Al Janoub Stadium.

2022 Renault Koleos is engineered to demand attention and make heads turn

MUSCAT: Renault's first SUV the Koleos remains a favourite among customers and those looking for something different, which speaks volumes about the innovativeness that the car was built on.

Well-defined edges make the overall profile of the 2022 Koleos appear solid and athletic and are one of the most prominent features in this new version. A great combination of power and refinement, the Koleos makes its presence felt with large shoulders and muscular side panels that are further enhanced by a robust front-end; broad, smart-looking tires; and a distinctly large wheelbase.

A spokesperson for Renault Oman, from the house of Suhail Bahwan Automobiles, said, "The 2022 car is engineered to demand attention and make heads turn. Offering off-road capability with its all-wheel-drive transmission, Renault Koleos stands out with its assertive exterior design and enhanced interior comfort. With its athletic profile, robust front end, roomy seats, taut lines underscored with chrome, Renault Koleos allows owners to take their journey with confidence. Featuring a powerful and efficient new engine and more onboard technologies Renault Koleos fully embodies the values of the top of the Renault line-up."

The all-mode 4x4-i transmission results in a car that promises owners all the power and comfort they would require on the road. The engine can be switched between two- and four-wheel driving giving drivers the liberty and flexibility to choose their own experience.

The car is engineered to mirror the comfort of being home, with spacious leg space, ventilated memory seats, a breathable cabin. With a choice of colours for the seats, owners can choose what defines them the best – for a roomier feeling, one can opt for lighter shades, while darker ones can be picked for more assertive looks. The 2022 Koleos also comes with all-new black titanium trims that



replace its predecessor's wooden trims. The car's ambient lighting, Apple CarPlay/Android Auto connectivity, R-LINK 2 all make for a memorable drive each time. The 2022 Renault Koleos is certainly a notch above when it comes to contemporary SUVs that set out to offer a bit of everything to cater to all customers, no matter their drives.

The 2022 Renault Koleos also comes with additional features, such as rich acoustics with the BOSE audio system, lighting options, multimedia, navigation, Bluetooth and driving assistance systems in addition to easy park assist. Renault Koleos has been capturing everyone's attention in Oman with its charismatic, features rich and packed with safety attributes. If you are looking for a spacious SUV with elegant styling and unparalleled four-wheel drive technology, Renault Koleos is the car to buy.

Sabeel Al Mashari from Muscat says, "Renault Koleos stands out with its assertive exterior design and enhanced interior comfort. The wide-ranging suite of driver-assistance systems and infotainment options it offers make it a top brand."

Afrah Al-Kharusi from Nizwa is fascinated with the brand's easy trunk access and hand-free function. She says, "With a sensor located under the bumper, all you need is a simple gesture with your foot to open the boot with ease. It

is very practical when your hands are full when returning from the office or shopping. I also like its 8.7" touchscreen navigation with R-Link2 system & Bose sound, 5 colour ambient lighting."

Sameer Zedjali from Rusayl likes Renault Koleos for its strong and high-end design, comfort and outstanding performance. He says, "Koleos extends a variety of features that are among the most capable in the market. I particularly like its blind spot warning with flank protection warning, auto park assists and remote start engine with timer option."

The model's spacious cabin-inspired Taamir Al Hinaï from Muscat into buying a Renault Koleos. "Renault Koleos has a 2,705 mm wheelbase – for a total vehicle length of 4,673mm – counts amongst the longest in the class and allows Koleos to boast record-breaking interior space to position itself as a D-segment SUV," Taamir says.

Sohail Al Jabri, who loves to go on adventure drives, loves Renault Koleos All mode 4x4-i technology. "One can get off the beaten track with Renault Koleos at any time. Its all mode 4x4-i technology, swap between 2WD mode, Auto mode and 4x4 (lock) mode is really impressive. It offers an ideal balance of torque between the front and rear wheels for perfect grip in all circumstances," he adds.

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