

HM SENDS WRITTEN MESSAGE TO KING OF KSA

His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik sent a written message to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). **>A4**



HM CONDOLES EMIR OF KUWAIT

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of condolences to Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah, Emir of the State of Kuwait on the death of Sheikh Wafiq Mubarak Al Hamad Al Mubarak Al Sabah. In the cable, His Majesty expressed his heartfelt sympathies, praying to Allah the Almighty to rest the deceased's soul in peace in paradise and grant her family patience. **-ONA**

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TRANSPARENCY

Council of Ministers endorses study on amending Law on Protecting Public Funds

MUSCAT: The Council of Ministers has endorsed a study on amending the Law on Protecting Public Funds and Conflict of Interests promulgated under Royal Decree No. 112/2011.

The statute seeks to enhance transparency and government procedures on combating corruption, according to a statement issued by the Council reading as follows:

"In light of the constant attention accorded by the government to update laws, revise legislative and

auditing procedures and developing measures of accountability so that they could constitute the cornerstone of justice in future and consolidate the government's ability to achieve the goals of Oman Vision 2040, the Council of Ministers has endorsed a study on amending the Law on Protection of Public Funds and Avoiding Conflict of Interests promulgated under Royal Decree No. 112/2011, with a view to enhancing transparency and procedures undertaken by the government to combat corruption. **>A4**

DIWAN OF ROYAL COURT



His Majesty to visit United Kingdom

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik will go on a private visit this Tuesday to the United Kingdom (UK).

This came in a statement issued on Sunday by the Diwan of Royal Court, reading as follows:

"His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik will go on a private visit to the United Kingdom (UK) lasting several days, with effect from Tuesday, 14 December 2021.

During the visit, His Majesty the Sultan will be accompanied by a delegation comprising the Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs, the Minister of Culture,

Sports and Youth, the Minister of the Royal Office, the Foreign Minister and the Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the UK.

His Majesty's visit aims to upgrade the advanced relations between Oman and the UK, to serve the two countries' joint interests and achieve aspirations of their peoples.

The visit will also touch on regional and international topics of common concern.

May the Almighty Allah protect His Majesty the Sultan wherever he might be and grant him continued good health and wellbeing!" **-ONA**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN COVID booster dose for 18 years and above

1 The Supreme Committee in a meeting held on Sunday has said that the people aged 18 years and above should receive the third dose and booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine. Target groups and approved plan to be announced soon. **>A3**

WORLD

Indian PM's Twitter account hacked

2 Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's personal Twitter handle was hacked in the early hours of Sunday, his office said. "The matter was escalated to Twitter and the account has been immediately secured," the Prime Minister's Office said. **>A6**

MARKET

PDO-S signs first deal with Tethys Oil

3 Petroleum Development Oman Services (PDO-S) signed its first commercial contract with Tethys Oil Oman Onshore Limited for Seismic Acquisition in Block56. The agreement was signed on Sunday. **>B1**

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OMAN SET TO RECORD LOWEST BUDGET DEFICIT SINCE 2014

Preliminary indicators of the budget this year point to the possibility of achieving the lowest deficit since 2014, despite oil prices fluctuation. Deficit in 2022, estimated on the basis of \$50 a barrel, will stand at OMR1.5 billion.

Sultan bin Salim Al Habsi
Minister of Finance

Spending on basic services like education, health and social welfare figure high on the agenda of Budget 2020, Al Habsi said

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman's economy will be on a growth trajectory from 2021 to 2040, Dr. Nassir Rahsi Al Maawali, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Economy said on Sunday.

Al Maawali explained that the rate of expected growth in Oman's

economy for this year, according to the International Monetary Fund, is expected to be 2.5 percent, the second best rate of growth in the GCC region..

Sultan Salim Al Habsi, Minister of Finance, has said that total general revenues of the State Budget 2022 are estimated at OMR10.58 billion, 6 percent high-

er than revenues expected due to be collected by the end of this year (2021). Oil and gas returns are set to comprise 68 percent of total revenues, against 32 percent for non-oil and gas revenues.

This was stated during a press conference organised by the Finance Ministry on Sunday to raise the level of transparency and outline the financial, economic, commercial and investment results, as well as the government's approaches and general goals for next year.

Oil revenues

Following the principle of precaution habitually espoused in financial policy, oil revenues are calculated on the basis of \$50 a barrel,

said Al Habsi, adding that the volume of general expenditure estimated for fiscal year 2022 stands at about OMR12.1 billion, with an expected 2 percent increase in spending during 2022, compared to expected spending as at the end of 2021. This includes OMR1.3 billion as the cost of debt service. Al Habsi added that, "Deficit in 2022, estimated on the basis of \$50 a barrel, will stand at OMR1.5 billion. It stands for 15 percent of total revenues and 5 percent of the Gross Domestic Product. It also falls within estimated deficit of the Medium Term Fiscal Plan. The cost of repayment of government loans in 2022 is expected to stand at OMR2.7 bn."

Over the past few years, the na-

tional economy passed through a succession of financial hurdles: The recession of international oil prices due to the decline of global demand, the rise of general debt to record levels, the pandemic of coronavirus and the hike in cost of borrowing—which all caused a collective negative impact on Oman's creditworthiness.

Preliminary indicators of the budget this year point to the possibility of achieving the lowest deficit since 2014, despite oil prices fluctuation, said Al Habsi.

Budget 2022 was drafted in conformity with the 10th Five Year Plan and Oman Vision 2040 and this requires taking all current precautions into account, he said. **>A3**

NATURAL DISASTER

Cyclone Shaheen damage pegged at OMR200 million

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Cyclone Shaheen, which hit Oman in the first week of October, has caused damages worth OMR200 million.

Sultan Salim Al Habsi, Minister of Finance, said that damages due to the tropical cyclone Shaheen amounts to OMR200 million which includes infrastructure and aid.

On October 3, 2021, cyclone Shaheen made its landfall in between Musannah and Suwaiq affecting the governorates of North and South Al Batinah, Al Buraimi and Al Dakhiliyah.

The cyclone damaged hundreds of houses and shops of citizens besides cutting off the roads and the communication network and elec-



tricity in the wilayats of Suwaiq, Khaboura and Musannah.

Officials said that the wilayat of Khaboura was the worst affected, as the cyclone swept away homes and properties of several people.

All citizens from different governorates in the Sultanate came to the rescue and assistance of the people in the three affected

wilayats. Many companies, charitable organisations and voluntary civil teams gave financial support and joined hands to remove the remnants of the tropical situation and provide clothes, electrical and electronic appliances and home furniture, as well as providing alternative housing for those who lost their homes. **>A4**

Meteor showers now visible over Oman

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18 YEARS AND ABOVE

Supreme Committee decides to administer third vaccine dose

MUSCAT: The Supreme Committee tasked with tackling developments resulting from coronavirus (COVID-19) held a meeting on Sunday under the chairmanship of Sayyid Hamoud Faisal Al Busaidi, Minister of Interior.

The panel followed up Covid-19 developments, measures of protection against the disease and curb its spread, as well as addressing its different impacts.

The committee studied global updates about the virus and the propagation of its latest mutant, Omicron, which caused a big rise in the number of infections and resulted in an alarming increase in hospitalisations and some deaths in some countries.

Epidemiological reports and analyses about the situation in the Sultanate of Oman point to a minor increase in positive cases, with hospitalisations and intensive care cases maintaining low rates. The reports also show that 93% of the target population received one dose of Covid-19 vaccines.

To protect society against Covid-19 and other disease, the Supreme Committee decided the following:

1. To start administering a third dose of Covid-19 vaccine to people aged 18 years and above: The Ministry of Health will announce the target segments and the action plan set for the course.



2. To apply a "unified mechanism" on dealing with unvaccinated employees and students who attempt to enter units of the State's Administrative Apparatus and other legal entities. This is pursuant to the committee's earlier decision on endorsing the principle of vaccination as a prerequisite for entering all government and private sector establishments. The mechanism will be circulated to all units.

The Supreme Committee has underlined the importance of continue applying the decisions governing people's entry to mosques and the organization of conferences and other group activities within the Sultanate of Oman till further notice. This in-

cludes allowing venues of sports activities and exhibitions to operate only within 50% of their capacities and allowing access only to people who have received two doses of vaccines approved in the Sultanate of Oman (administered to those aged 18 and above), while at the same time sticking to physical distancing and wearing face masks properly.

The Supreme Committee laid emphasis on compliance with all relevant decisions and urged all to stick to precautionary measures to help avoid a probable rise in infection with the disease, which might entail the prohibition of some events and the closure of some activities.

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CELESTIAL PHENOMENON

Twin meteor showers to peak on Monday night

MUSCAT: Skies of the Sultanate of Oman are witnessing a flow of twin meteor showers that will peak tonight (Monday) and continue till the dawn of Tuesday (13, 14 December).

Ibrahim Mohammed Al Mahrooqi, Member of Oman Astronomical Society (OAS), said in a statement to Oman News Agency that the twin showers are named after the constellation of Gemini and that 2021 is ideal for watching the meteors due to prime conditions, with better chances to view them tonight after the moon sets at around 1.30 am.



Al Mahrooqi pointed out that, in 2020, a number of OAS members detected 1,063 meteors within 6 hours, with

the breathtaking spectacle peaking between 1.00 and 1.59 (227 meteorites).

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ECONOMY

< FROM A1 Economic and social goals top priority of budget

The budget aims to achieve a number of economic and social goals, among them maintaining safe levels of government spending, giving priority to projects of economic and social objectives and finalising digital transformation, to name a few, he added.

Maintaining spending on basic services like education, health and social welfare figure high on the agenda of Budget 2020, the minister said, noting that, in case oil prices rise higher than the endorsed rate, priority will be given to the use of financial returns to cut down deficit and repay loans.

In his turn, Qais Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, said that the contribution of service activities to the GDP during the first half of this year stood at 51.7 percent, wholesale and retail 8.9 percent, real estate activities 8.3%, industrial activities 20.4 percent and converting industries 8.7 percent.

Al Yousef added that a new price guide for government service fees (aimed to facilitate pro-

cedures for service beneficiaries) will begin to be implemented with effect from next year, as a first phase, on the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism and the municipalities sector.

For his part, Abdussalam Mohammed Al Murshidi, Chairman of Oman Investment Authority, said that more than 110 investment projects will be implemented in 2021 and 2022.

Investment spending

Al Murshidi added that the volume of actual investment spending stood at OMR2.6 billion in 2021. In 2022, the volume of spending is scheduled to stand at OMR2.9 billion through the expansion of current projects and the accommodation of new projects.

Speaking in detail, Al Murshidi said that, in 2022, the volume of investment spending in the tourism sector is expected to stand at OMR193 million, OMR57 million in the mining sector, OMR116

million in the logistics sector, OMR156 million in the sectors of communications and information technology, OMR99 million in the food sector, OMR54 million in the fisheries sector, OMR1.41 billion in the energy sector, OMR803 million in the general services sector and OMR52 million in sundry sectors.

Economy Minister Dr. Said Mohammed Al Saqri said that the ministry is working in cooperation with other government departments to provide stimulus initiatives. "The Economic Stimulus Programme is still valid and we are working to upgrade it," said Al Saqri.

Meanwhile, Abdullah Salim Al Harthi, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, said that civil ministries' spending in 2022 is estimated at OMR4.3 billion. He added that the state budget 2022, which target safe and sustainable levels of spending, gives priority to productive sectors. Al Harthi added that government investment spending during 2022 will reach OMR5 billion.





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Hotel guests in Oman increase by 37.9%

The occupancy rate grew by 36.3 percent compared to 26.7 percent for the same period in 2020

MUSCAT: The total number of hotel guests in the Sultanate of Oman increased by 37.9 percent till the end of October 2021 to stand at 941,418 compared to 682,728 for the same period in 2020. Meanwhile, the occupancy rate grew by 36.3 percent compared to 26.7 percent for the same period in 2020, according the latest statistics released by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI). The total revenues of these hotels fell by 3.5 percent to OMR69,529,000 till the end



HIGHEST: The Omani guests constituted the highest percentage of visitors with a surge by 93.5 percent to stand at 680,238. - ONA

of October 2021, compared to OMR72,066,000 in the same period in 2020.

Among nationalities, the Omani guests constituted the highest percentage of visitors with a

surge by 93.5 percent to stand at 680,238, followed by the Asian guests with 109,764, the European guests with 44,628, the Arab guests (excluding GCC countries) with 37,259 and the GCC guests

with 20,751.

The number of American guests reached 15,246, followed by the Oceanian guests with 5,548, the African with 3,376 guests and 24,609 guests from other nationalities. - ONA

HM sends a written message to King of KSA

RIYADH: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik sent a written message to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). The message deals with the advanced relations binding the two countries and their peoples, and means of promoting them in all spheres. The message was handed over by Sayyid Badr Hamad Al Busaid,

Foreign Minister when he met here today with his Saudi counterpart HRH Prince Faisal Farhan Al Saud. During the meeting, Sayyid Badr conveyed greetings and best wishes of His Majesty the Sultan to King Salman and the Saudi people. On his turn, Prince Faisal asked Sayyid Badr to convey greetings and best wishes of King Salman to His Majesty the Sultan and the Omani people. - ONA



OCEC

Pharmaceutical Care Conference inaugurated



CONFERENCE: The conference, held under the theme "Professional Excellence in Pharmacy Practice", is organised by the Ministry of Health (MOH) represented by the Directorate General of Medical Supplies, and witnessed a wide range of local, regional, and international participation. - ONA

MUSCAT: Deliberations of the 10th Pharmaceutical Care Conference was inaugurated on Sunday at the Oman Exhibition & Conferences Centre (OCEC) under the patronage of Sheikh Al Fadhl Mohammed Al Harthy, Secretary General of the Council of Ministers. The opening ceremony was also attended by Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Al Saidi, Minister of Health, Undersecretaries of the Ministry and some senior officials. The conference, held under the theme "Professional Excellence in Pharmacy Practice", is organised by the Ministry of Health (MOH) represented by the Directorate General of Medical Supplies, and witnessed a wide range of local, regional, and international participation. The inauguration ceremony included DGMS welcome speech delivered by Ph. Nussaiba Habib Mohammed, Director General where she affirmed that such pharmaceutical forums seeks to upgrade the pharmacy profession and aspiring for more innovations

and progress in the area; bearing in mind the right of accessing to quality health care for patient. The Director General of Medical Supplies shed light on the significant role of pharmacist during the pandemic side by side with various health cadres as the profession has experienced unprecedented challenges represented in shortage in medicine, personal protective tool, and laboratories investigations. She pointed out that pharmacist has made tremendous efforts to overcome such challenges by ensuring the availability of medicines, finding suitable alternatives and developing strategies to avoid shortage of necessary medicines and medical supplies, as well as to continue dispensing prescriptions to all patients along with developing safer ways to communicate with patients and provide drug consultations. Moreover, Ph. Nussaiba outlined in her speech areas of focus that the conference will address over the three days. The Conference Keynote was

then delivered by Prof. Ahmed Al Jedai, Assistant Deputy Minister of MOH Medical Support Services, KSA. Prof. Al Jedai speech focused on the expended role of pharmacist over the years as now is playing essential part in the direct patient care. He highlighted the need for changing the pharmacy academic education to meet the new requirements of the profession and thus strengthening the health systems. Prof. Al Jedai elaborated on the necessity of expanding the role of pharmacist in the health care system through shifting to patient centered practice to contribute in disease prevention and reducing the total cost of care and illness management. Moreover, the opening included the inauguration of implementation of Barcode System on Medical Supplies. The system is widely used in health care services as it receives and stores a lot of information to enhance patient safety, increase the accuracy of receiving and dispensing, and reduce hu-



man errors. The Barcode System additionally facilitates inventories control and reduce their cost of printing and using. Moreover, each package contains a special serial number that enables service providers to track and trace medical supplies and detect counterfeit medicines. During the ceremony, Sheikh Al Fadhl also launched Shifa, a new mobile application for personal health file. At the end of the ceremony, the chief guest opened the accompanying exhibition of (60) local and international medication manufacturing companies in addition to other local institutions including be'ah, Consumer Protection Authority, Ministry of Heritage and Tourism, and the GCC Pharmacy societies. The exhibition displays the latest products and technologies in the medication industry and provided pharmaceutical information. It should be noted that the event is one of the most significant specialized conferences held in the region in the field of pharmacy prac-

tices. This year's version receives a wide-ranging international participation involving senior officials from different practice-advanced international organizations. The distinct participation of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), which regulates the pharmacy practice in the USA, will enrich the conference with the global expertise, practices, and experiences along with the participation of World Health Organization, the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), Pharmaceutical Care Network Europe (PCNE), Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP Canada), as well as Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, and the pharmaceutical societies of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. As many as 50 prominent local, regional, and international speakers will be highlighting various professional themes on latest developments in the pharmaceutical practice within (61) working papers that are distributed over (13) scientific sessions. - ONA

ROP

Eight held

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A gang of eight people of African nationality were arrested on charges of stealing money from vehicles. The ROP said: "The Muscat Governorate Police Command, in cooperation with the Special Tasks Police, arrested 8 people of African nationality on charges of stealing money from individuals."

PUBLIC FUNDS LAW

<FROM A1> Public funds

The State Audit Institution will coordinate with the authorities concerned about amendments to be introduced to the enforced law and institute better public funds protection." The Council of Ministers wished all departments success in achieving a high level of efficiency and boosting the comprehensive development process. - ONA

CYCLONE

<FROM A1> Shaheen cyclone

The National Committee for Emergency Management later said at least 26,000 cases of people being affected by cyclone Shaheen were recorded in North and South Al Batinah Governorates till October 24, 2021. According to it 26,166 cases affected by Shaheen were counted in the wilayats till October 24, 2021. Of them, 4,446 were in the wilayat of Musannah, 1,431 in the wilayat of Suwaig, 6,101 in the wilayat of Al Khaboura, and 1,308 in the wilayat of Saham.



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ASSIGNED BY HM

Labour Minister to patronise over SQU graduation ceremony

MUSCAT: Assigned by His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, Dr. Mahad Said Ba'Owain, Minister of Labour, will patronise over the graduation ceremony of the 32nd batch of Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) on Monday and Wednesday.

The first group of the 32nd batch will graduate on Monday, while the second group will graduate this Wednesday.

The first group represents students of the College of Arts and Social Sciences, the College of Education and the College of Engineering.

Meanwhile, the second group represents students of the College of Agricultural and Marine Sciences, the College of Medicine and Health Sciences, the College of Nursing, the College of Science, the College of Economics and Political Science, and the College of Law. -ONA



FUNCTION: Dr. Mahad Said Ba'Owain, Minister of Labour, will patronise over the graduation ceremony of the 32nd batch of Sultan Qaboos University. -ONA

TWO-DAY EVENT

Marhaba Oman event for tourism sector kicks off

MUSCAT: "Marhaba Oman" event kicked off on Sunday under the patronage of Maitha Saif Al Mahrouqi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism for Tourism at Kempinski Hotel Muscat.

The two-day event, organised by the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism, brings together a number of tourism sector partners in the Sultanate of Oman and their counterparts in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). Al Mahrouqi said that the event comes to open wider horizons and benefit from the strong ties binding Oman and KSA on various fields.

She further added that the event comes as a culmination of the visit of HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, KSA Crown Prince and the opening of the direct road, Empty Quarter, which will reflect positively on the growth of the direct intra-tourist movement between the two countries.

The event aims to attract major tourism companies in the Saudi market and create channels for communication to enhance areas of cooperation in the tourism sector, besides highlighting the national tourism strategy 2040.

It also aims to spotlight Oman's efforts in boosting the tourism sector and introducing various tourism products and services, as well as enhancing relations between the Omani tourism institutions and their counterparts in the Saudi market.



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tween the Omani tourism institutions and their counterparts in the Saudi market.

The event includes panel discussions and B2B meetings between the Omani and Saudi tourism companies to exchange expertise in tourism sector.

The event also includes visit programs to the most prominent tourist sites and landmarks in the Sultanate of Oman to familiarize the Saudi tourism companies with the potentials and capabilities of the tourism sector.

-ONA

PRIVATE SECTOR



Ministry of Labour taking initiative to boost wages of new Omani workers

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Labour is pressing ahead with its initiative to boost the wages of fresh Omani workers who recently joined the private sector.

The initiative encourages private sector firms to facilitate the employment of a new batch of 342 Omani workers having different specialities and qualifications.

Among them are 122 university degree holders, 100 post-General Education Diploma (GED) holders and 120 GED holders.

As many as 2,190 jobs were unveiled under the initiative since it was first announced in June 2021. A specialised team will follow up the jobs proposed for subsidy by the companies concerned

and check the commitment of the firms to the contract signed with the Labour Ministry. This includes checking the status of Omani workers taking the jobs.

The Labour Ministry keeps registering companies wishing to benefit from the government's subsidy to wages of newly employed jobseekers. -ONA

TWO-DAY CONFERENCE

OIA forum focuses on Oman Vision 2040, diversification

MUSCAT: Oman Investment Authority (OIA) held the fourth forum on its institutional connectivity programme "Rawabet".

The programme aims to link the policies of its affiliate firms with its overall approach to goals of Oman Vision 2040 targeting the development of sources of economic diversification, the consolidation of the volume of non-oil revenues in the Gross Domestic Product and the attraction of direct foreign investments to the Sultanate of Oman.

The two-day conference is attended by ministers, undersecretaries, chairmen of boards of directors of OIA firms, CEOs and other specialists.

The first day's activities included the launch of a programme of ICV for OIA firms, identified as the aggregate in-country spending benefiting businesses, contributing to the development of human resources and motivating productivity of Omani economy.

The forum also touched on the role of OIA firms in empowering small and medium enterprises so that they could contribute to economic diversification in the country.

With a view to exchanging expertise available at OIA companies, the forum's workshops focused on major challenges and best practices to address them, the organisation of joint activities and the development of a clear-cut



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plan of action on ideal initiatives to be implemented.

The forum explored the march of Rawabet programme since its inception and its outcomes like combining corporate governance policies, ICVs, social investment policies, research and innovation.

Rawabet was launched by the OIA in September 2020.

Since then, it conducted more than 400 events involving the contribution of more than 300 employees of its affiliate firms.

It also organised three workshops with chairmen of boards of directors and CEOs. It also held more than 40 workshops with executives tasked with the unified framework of governance. -ONA

2021

Credit extended by ODCs grows 5% till October

MUSCAT: The total outstanding credit extended by the other depository corporations (ODCs) consisting of conventional and Islamic banks in the Sultanate of Oman grew by 5.0 percent to OMR27.8 billion at the end of October 2021, while the credit to the private sector demonstrated moderate increase of 2.4 percent (Y-o-Y) to reach OMR23.4 billion.

According to the data issued by the Central Bank of Oman (CBO), the non-financial corporate sector receives the highest share of the total private sector credit, over 46.6 percent, followed by household sector accounted for 45.1 percent at end of October 2021. The share of financial corporations was 4.7 percent and other sectors received the remaining 3.6 percent of the total private sector credit as at end of October 2021.

Total deposits held with the ODCs registered a Y-o-Y growth of 5.3 percent to reach OMR25.2 billion at the end of October 2021. Total private sector deposits increased by 4.3 percent to OMR17.1 billion.

In terms of the sector-wise composition of private sector deposits, the biggest share goes to households' deposits at 51.6 percent, followed by non-financial corporations at 32.1 percent, financial corporations at 13.9 percent and the other sectors at 2.4 percent. -ONA

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HACKED

PM Narendra Modi's Twitter account hacked with link to Bitcoin scam

NEW DELHI: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's personal Twitter handle was hacked in the early hours of Sunday, his office said.

"The matter was escalated to Twitter and the account has been immediately secured," the Prime Minister's Office said in a tweet.

While it was not immediately clear how long the handle had been compromised, Modi's office added that any tweet shared during "the brief period" must be ignored.

Another Bitcoin scam?

The Indian premier's Twitter handle @narendramodi, which has more than 73 million followers, sent out a tweet falsely declaring that India had adopted Bitcoin as legal tender.

"The government has officially bought 500 BTC and is distributing them to all residents of the country," the fake tweet said.

This was followed by a link to a



blog promising a Bitcoin giveaway that has since been taken down.

A similar incident occurred with the Twitter handle of Modi's personal website in September 2020.

At the height of the coronavirus pandemic, a tweet was sent through the handle @narendramodi_in asking followers

to donate to a relief fund using cryptocurrency.

This came just months after high-profile US Twitter accounts, including those of Barack Obama, Kanye West, Jeff Bezos, and Mike Bloomberg were hit by what appeared to be a scam to dupe social media users into making bitcoin donations.

India on cryptocurrency

Earlier on Saturday, Modi spoke about cryptocurrencies at a virtual "Summit for Democracy" hosted by US President Joe Biden.

In his address, he said that emerging technologies like cryptocurrencies should be used to empower democracy, not undermine it.

"We must also jointly shape global norms for emerging technologies like social media and cryptocurrencies so that they are used to empower democracy, not to undermine it," Modi said.

The Indian government also announced last month that it planned on introducing a bill that "seeks to prohibit all private cryptocurrencies in India."

The bill would allow "for certain exceptions to promote the underlying technology of cryptocurrency and its uses," according to a bulletin of parliament's upcoming business.



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BREAKING COVID CURBS

UK PM Johnson under pressure over breaking COVID curbs

LONDON: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Sunday was accused of breaking COVID curbs after he was pictured sitting next to two colleagues during a Downing Street Christmas quiz.

The photo published by the *Sunday Mirror* newspaper was from an event last December when the UK was in lockdown and indoor gatherings were restricted. The prime minister's office said he "briefly took part virtually" as a thank you to staff.

However, the paper said Johnson was involved for up to 15 minutes, asking questions as quiz-master in one round.

Second scandal over disregard for lockdown rules

The photo throws up fresh questions about the conduct of Johnson and his government, days after it emerged last week that his staff held an illegal Christmas party on December 18, 2020.

The British prime minister has faced a barrage of criticism and calls to quit, amid plummeting public support for his administration.

An Opinion poll published Saturday for the Observer newspaper, showed 57 percent of Brits think Johnson should now resign. The same poll found support for his ruling Conservatives has fallen four points to 32 percent.

Backing for the opposition Labour Party has risen to 41 percent, its biggest lead since 2014.

Claims of double standards

Public anger has also exploded on social media in recent days, with many people complaining that while they were stopped from visiting elderly relatives at Christmas, government officials were secretly ignoring the rules.

Last December, events were banned and indoor mixing of more than two people from two households was not permitted, which scuppered Christmas plans for millions after months of tight restrictions.

Education Secretary Nadhim Zahawi dismissed the latest report, telling Sky News television: "Many people would have had similar Zoom quiz nights around the country."

GAS METHANE LEAK

One dead, several missing after buildings collapse in Sicily

MILAN: One person died and several others, including children, were missing after several buildings collapsed in the Sicilian town of Ravanusa following a gas explosion, Italian emergency services said early Sunday.

One of the buildings was on fire after a gas methane leak caused the blast at about 8:30 p.m. local time on Saturday.

The explosion, in the town of 11,000 near the Sicilian city of Agrigento, affected four buildings, according to Sicily's civil protection unit DRPC Sicilia.

However, Italian news agency ANSA later cited it as saying that six buildings were hit.

Rescue workers were able to contain the fire triggered by the explosion around 11:15 p.m., but

emergency workers could access the site due to "pockets of gas," DRPC Sicilia said.

About 250 rescuers, including civil protection volunteers, joined the operation, aided by sniffer dogs and overhead drones.

They started to search the rubble for missing residents, including a young couple expecting a baby and two children.

One body was pulled from the rubble, DRPC Sicilia said, adding that two women were rescued and a further eight people remained missing.

An elderly woman was rescued from the rubble of a building "probably near to those affected by the disaster," DRPC Sicilia said in an update early Sunday.

WORST ON RECORD

Biden vows help to states hit by devastating tornadoes



KENTUCKY: US President Joe Biden on Saturday authorized federal aid for Kentucky after at least 70 people died when devastating tornadoes tore through six US states late on Friday night.

The twisters, which could be the worst on record, reduced buildings to rubble and could have killed "over 100 people" just in Kentucky, said the state's governor Andy Beshear. A total of 36 deaths from 5 US states have so far been officially confirmed.

Biden laments tornado 'tragedy'

Created out of powerful 'super-cell' thunderstorms that formed in the US state of Arkansas the tornadoes moved to Tennessee and Kentucky wreaking devastating damage on everything in their path.

US President Joe Biden said it was "one of the largest tornado outbreaks in our history."

He approved an emergency declaration for Kentucky, the White House said.

"It's a tragedy. And we still don't know how many lives are lost and the full extent of the damage," Biden said on television. He promised assistance to all six states impacted by the natural disaster.

Biden said the affected states would "have what they need as the search for survivors and dam-

age assessments continue."

He said he would be asking the Environmental Protection Agency to investigate whether climate change contributed to the extreme weather.

Biden also questioned tornado warning systems after the US National Weather Service issued its highest level of alert on Friday night for the states of Kentucky, Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri and Illinois.

"What warning was there? And was it strong enough and was it heeded?" he asked.

'Unlike anything I have ever seen'

Officials declared the western Kentucky town of Mayfield "ground zero" after tornadoes leveled city blocks, destroyed historic homes, toppled trees and overturned cars.

Mayfield mayor Kathy O'Nan said "it looked like matchsticks" on Saturday.

The governor of Kentucky said Saturday that the collection of tornadoes was the most destructive in the state's history.

"The level of devastation is unlike anything that I have ever seen... We were pretty sure that we would lose over 50 Kentuckians, I'm now certain that that number is north of 70. It may in fact end up exceeding 100 before the day is done," Beshear told reporters.

According to Beshear, 189 National Guard personnel have been deployed to assist with the emergency response.

The tornado also derailed a 27-car train, even throwing one of the cars up a hill and onto a house. No-one was hurt.

"This has been one of the toughest nights in Kentucky history and some areas have been hit in ways that is hard to put into words," he said.

The governor said he had declared a state of emergency.

Dozens of factory workers missing

In Mayfield, some 110 people were inside a candle factory when the tornado struck, taking down the roof, Beshear said. At least 40 of them have been rescued, he added.

Mayfield Fire Chief Jeremy Creason, whose own station was destroyed, said the candle factory was diminished to a "pile of bent metal and steel and machinery" and that responders had to at times "crawl over casualties to get to live victims."

Emergency teams were using heavy machinery to remove rubble at the factory, said Kentucky State Trooper Sarah Burgess, adding it could take a day or more.

Burgess said coroners were on the scene to recover bodies, but she did not know how many they had found.

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EGYPT SURVIVE SCARE TO SEE OFF JORDAN; ALGERIA BEAT MOROCCO ON PENALTIES

DOHA: The last-four line-up at the FIFA Arab Cup is complete after Egypt and Algeria edged epic encounters to set up semi-finals against Tunisia and Qatar respectively.

The North African duo emerged triumphant after two very different but equally thrilling matches, both of which ebbed and flowed before going into extra time and, in the later kick-off, beyond. Les Fennecs needed penalties to edge a titanic tussle with Morocco, while Egypt fell behind before battling back to dominate and, ultimately, overpower a valiant Jordan side.

Only once in their last 27 international matches have Egypt have conceded more than one goal.

Having faced just two shots on target throughout the entire group stage, Mohammed El Shenawy needed to deal with five from Jordan in the opening 45 alone – all of which might easily have ended up in the net.

Ultimately, only a mixture of El Shenawy's excellence and ill fortune prevented the underdogs extending their early lead, and when Ali Olwan saw a superb shot flash off the underside of the crossbar and rebound to safety off the post, Jordan must have sensed that this was not to



be their day.

Sure enough, Egypt equalised, emerged as a team transformed in the second half, strengthened their stranglehold in extra time and departed the field as genuinely deserving winners.

Spreading the strikes

Whatever criticisms are levelled at Carlos Queiroz's Egypt, it cannot be said that they are short of attacking weapons.

While other sides in Qatar have looked to the same players for goals and assists, the Pharaohs have found attacking inspiration throughout their team.

That is reflected in the fact that their ten goals at the FIFA Arab Cup have been shared between nine different players, with Ahmed Refaat – the super-sub who fired them in front in extra time with his second goal of the tournament – the sole exception to this rule.

Belaili's brilliance

By almost any and every metric, Morocco were the team of the group stage. They won all three games without conceding a goal, scored more than anyone else and even attempted more shots and won more corners in the

process. But they hadn't run into an opponent quite like Algeria. So it was that this erstwhile unstoppable Atlas Lions team suddenly met its match, with an impossibly tight and evenly matched encounter illuminated by a moment of real magic.

Youcef Belaili was the man to etch his name into Algerian football folklore with an audacious spin and long-range volley that looped over the stranded Anas Zniti and very nearly lifted the roof off the Al Thumama Stadium. Qatari fans, though, had seen this kind of thing from Belaili before; indeed, he scored a near-identical wonder goal for his Doha-based club, Qatar SC.

The same man later kicked off the shootout for Algeria, setting the tone - and the standard - with an ice-cool finish.

Fans bring the noise

As enthusiasm for the FIFA Arab Cup continues to grow, crowds have been increasing and so too have the noise levels. Nearly 30,000 Egypt and Jordan fans proved that the first game before the decibel levels were raised further still by a truly wonderful atmosphere at the Al Thumama Stadium.

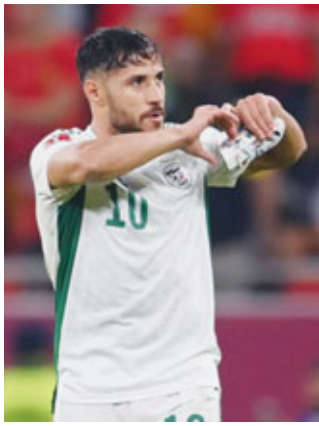
—FIFA

ARAB CUP

Belaili: An Algerian jewel with Brazilian talent

DOHA: The name Rabah Madjer invariably comes up whenever Algerian football is the topic of discussion. A shining star of the 1980s, he appeared at two FIFA World Cups for his country and helped Porto defeat Bayern Munich in the 1987 European Cup final.

While all are agreed on Madjer's exceptional talent, seasoned watchers of the Algerian national team and the country's domestic scene will say that Lakhdar Beloumi was every bit as gifted. Less well known than Madjer, on account of the fact that he played all



his club football in Algeria, Beloumi's talent was such that he is one of the greatest players Africa has ever produced.

Years on from those halcyon days, Algeria have produced a player reminiscent of Beloumi, one who is not afraid to express himself and who glides past opponents with ease. His name is Mohammed Youcef Belaili, an Algerian jewel with Brazilian talent.

"We dedicate this win to the people of Algeria," said Belaili after the final whistle had sounded on his side's penalty-shootout

defeat of Morocco in the quarter-final of the FIFA Arab Cup. His delight was shared by his compatriots, many of whom were in the stadium on Saturday evening, with celebrations taking place around the world, nowhere more loudly than in Algeria and France.

Belaili was in the thick of the action against Morocco. After almost earning a penalty in the first half, he won the spot-kick that gave Algeria the lead in the second, skipping past a defender in the Morocco box before being tripped by Badr Benoun. —FIFA



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Max Verstappen crowned 2021 Formula One world champion

Hamilton did his best to hold Verstappen at bay but eventually, the fresher tyres paid off as he overtook Hamilton to seal the race win

ABU DHABI: In the most dramatic finishes to one of the most dramatic seasons in years, Max Verstappen was crowned 2021 Formula One world champion after overtaking Lewis Hamilton on the final lap.

In a fittingly dramatic race, Hamilton looked set to win before a late safety car and decision from the race stewards to first state lapped cars wouldn't overtake only to then change their minds and order the five cars between Hamilton and Verstappen to overtake the Safety Car, changed everything.

With one lap left, Hamilton did



DRAMATIC FINISH: Formula One's latest world champion Max Verstappen has developed into a top driver.

his best to hold Verstappen at bay but eventually, the fresher tyres paid off as he overtook Hamilton to seal the race win and his first drivers' championship.

Race drama

Hamilton got the better start than Verstappen, taking the lead off the

Dutchman from the first corner. Verstappen nearly took it back just a few corners later, but Hamilton retained top spot having taken a shortcut after being forced wide.

Verstappen, who started on softs, had to pit first. Hamilton, on mediums, soon followed as both drivers swapped to hards.

With Verstappen eight seconds back, the Dutchman had to rely on his teammate, Sergio Perez, who was leading after Hamilton had pitted, to slow the Briton down.

The Mexican kept Hamilton at bay with superb driving, regularly forcing him back, and continually making life difficult for the defend-



ing champion. Eventually Perez cut Hamilton's lead by eight seconds, with Verstappen calling him "a legend" over the radio.

With 38 laps left that left the top two directly battling against each other once again.

Although the gap had been closed, Hamilton began to re-establish his lead. By lap 32, Hamilton's lead was back to just under five seconds but on lap 36 a virtual safety car opened the door for Verstappen again, who pitted in the hope he could close the gap.

With an 18-second lead and confidence that would be enough on his tires, Mercedes decided not to bring Hamilton in. The Briton voiced his concern about risk over the radio.

Initially the gap began to close, but with eight laps to go Hamilton,

having navigated through some traffic, still found himself leading by 11 seconds.

Fittingly for the season, just when more drama didn't look possible, it arrived when Nicholas Latifi crashed with just five laps left, bringing out a safety car.

Verstappen took advantage, pitting for newer tires. Hamilton, based on track position, just missed his window to do so and was left saying on the radio: "This is unbelievable man."

The safety car stayed out until there was one lap left.

Thrilling season

Formula One couldn't have asked for a better way to finish what has been one of the most thrilling seasons in F1 history. **AW**

CRICKET

Want to create a strong bond among players: Rohit Sharma

NEW DELHI: India white-ball skipper Rohit Sharma feels that one should not pay attention to the outside talks as they are 'immaterial' and focus on the game.

Rohit was on Wednesday named India's new ODI skipper and the star player will take over from Virat Kohli starting with the South Africa series in January next year. "When you are playing cricket for India it is always going to be high pressure. The pressure is always going to be there. There will be a lot of people talking about it, positives and negatives. For me, personally, as a cricketer, not as a



captain, it is important to focus on my job and not to focus on what people are talking about because you can't control that. I have said it a million times and I will keep

saying that," said Rohit in a video posted by BCCI on Twitter.

"This is also the same message to the team and the team understand that when we are playing a high-profile tournament, there will be a lot of talks. It's just important for us to focus on what we have in hand; which is to go and win games and play the way you are known to play. So, those talks outside are immaterial," he added.

Rohit further said that India's new head coach Rahul Dravid is helping the team in building a strong bond among each other.

"For us, it is important what

we think of each other. What I think of XYZ, that is important. You want to create a strong bond between players and that is what will help us achieve the goal we want to and Rahul Bhai is helping us with that," said Rohit.

Rohit was also named as India's Test vice-captain as the All-India Senior Selection Committee picked an 18-member squad for the upcoming three-match Test series against South Africa. The Test series, which gets underway from December 26, will form a part of the new cycle of the ICC World Test Championship. **ANI**

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Barcelona has 'psychological issue' not 'football one': Xavi

BARCELONA: FC Barcelona head coach Xavi believes that his side has a 'psychological issue' and further admitted that players in his team lack courage.

Xavi who replaced Ronald Koeman at the Camp Nou in November has managed to deliver two wins and a draw in his first three games. However, Barca then suffered a 1-0 loss to Real Betis and exited the Champions League after a 3-0 defeat to Bayern Munich. After such heavy losses, the manager was left questioning the collective mental strength within his dressing room. "It is a psychological issue rather than a football one," the Spaniard told a press conference, as per goal.com.

"They have to believe it and that is my job. We are encouraging them to dare and be brave. At Barcelona it's not worth playing 6/10 or 7/10. You have to aim for excellence. This is what is missing. Courage, aiming high and not low because that is not what Barcelona do. Being brave and understanding the game, we are not that far from what we want," Xavi added.

The Champions League exit was historical low for Barca as it was for the fourth time that the Catalan-based side has been knocked out from a CL group stage. And this was for the first time since 2000/01 when they played the UEFA Cup. **ANI**

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PDO-S signs first commercial agreement with Tethys Oil

Valued at over \$14 million, the agreement involves the 3D seismic acquisition of an area covering approximately 2,018sqkm

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Petroleum Development Oman Services (PDO-S) signed its first commercial contract with Tethys Oil Oman Onshore Limited for Seismic Acquisition in Block 56.

The deal was signed on December 12 by PDO Managing Director Steve Phimister and Tethys Oil Oman Onshore Limited Managing Director Dr Fredrik Robelius.

Valued at over \$14 million, the agreement involves the 3D seismic acquisition of an area covering ap-

proximately 2,018sqkm. The primary objective of this acquisition is to produce high-quality 3D seismic images for the eastern flank of South Oman and tertiary basins in Block 56 which is operated by Tethys Oil Oman Onshore.

Phimister said, "Signing this contract with Tethys Oil Oman Onshore is a great milestone for PDO-S achieved in a relatively short time after its establishment. It is a true demonstration of how PDO-S is delivering its key value drivers by filling supply chain gaps in the oil and gas market in Oman."

Dr Robelius commented, "We are delighted to have this opportunity to work with PDO-S that offers state of the art technology to help us unlock the great potential in block 56."

The signed contract reflects the value and capability of resources and expertise available in-country. It will also pave the way for further collaboration opportunities between PDO-S and other oil and gas operators in Oman in different applications.

PDO New Business Development Manager Dawood Al Qassabi said, "We thank Tethys Oil Oman Onshore for their trust in PDO-S and for the collaborative approach they showed in finalising this contract. It is an invitation to other oil and gas operators in Oman and beyond to tap into PDO's decades of experience in geosolutions, EOR, learning and development, project management, ICV, technology and others."



COLLABORATION: The deal was signed on December 12 by PDO Managing Director Steve Phimister and Tethys Oil Oman Onshore Limited Managing Director Dr Fredrik Robelius. - Supplied picture

CENTRAL BANK OF OMAN

Guidelines issued to provide banking services to persons with disabilities



Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) has issued a set of special directives targeted at 'providing convenient banking services to persons with disabilities,' the bank said in a statement.

"The directives have been issued in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Development (MoSD), concerned non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the Oman Banks Association," the CBO said in its statement.

Oman's central bank said that this initiative was undertaken due to the importance of enabling persons with disabilities to benefit from banking services, and given the bank's continuous endeavour to achieve 'financial inclusion' and to deliver banking services to all segments of society equally without any discrimination.

The new set of instructions mandates all local banks to up-

grade their banking infrastructure across their network of branches so that customised banking services can be provided to people with disabilities with much ease and in a friendly and amicable manner. The directives also require the banks to open and operate at least one dedicated branch for the people with disabilities in each of the governorates of Oman.

Emphasising the need to take advantage of the modern and secure financial technologies, the new directives call upon the banks to develop the latest and customised banking applications for this segment of people, enabling them to avail banking and associated services with much ease and convenience.

The provision of appropriate and targeted training opportunities to bank employees has also been emphasised as part of the new directives so that the trained bank staff can effectively deliver banking services to persons with disabilities.

PETROCHEMICALS PROJECT

Commissioning ceremony of OMR2.7bn Liwa Plastics to be held on December 20

Times News Service

MUSCAT: As part of celebrations marking the 51st National Day of the Renaissance, Liwa Plastics Industries Complex, a transformational project of OQ - the globally integrated energy group of the Sultanate of Oman - will witness the official commissioning ceremony at its site in Sohar Industrial Port on December 20.

The successful implementation of the petrochemicals project, with an investment of OMR 2.7 billion (approx. \$7 billion), exemplifies the Omani government's efforts to diversify revenue sources, support local manufacturing opportunities, and most importantly, to add value to the country's natural resources by opening up avenues for investments in downstream petrochemical industries.

Significantly, Liwa Plastics achieved an In-Country Value (ICV) contribution amounting to approximately OMR578 million (approx. \$1.5 billion) during the construction phase through the localisation of various goods and services procured from Omani companies, including small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

LPIC consists of four EPCs, of which the second, third and fourth EPCs have been launched, while the first EPC (Steam Cracker) is at commercial commissioning. This phased launch is in line with the delivery programme prepared by project management teams



DIVERSIFY REVENUE SOURCES: The successful implementation of the petrochemicals project, with an investment of OMR2.7 billion, exemplifies Oman government's efforts to diversify revenue sources, support local manufacturing opportunities, and most importantly, to add value to the country's natural resources by opening up avenues for investments in downstream petrochemical industries. - Supplied picture

to enable the overall complex to reach full production capacity by the first quarter of 2022.

Kamel bin Bakheet Al Shanfari, Acting CEO - OQ Downstream, commented, "Liwa Plastics Industries Complex (LPIC) is the biggest of OQ Group's current investments with the potential to position OQ as a major global petrochemicals producer. When fully operational, Liwa Plastics will contribute to a significant increase in OQ's portfolio of petrochemicals and associated chemical commodities. This includes a momentous increase in its polymer output, which will be targeted at local and global markets."

The project, he further noted, will boost the industrial sector through the annual production of 838,000 tonnes of polyethylene -

a raw material used in nearly 40 per cent of plastics-based products and commodities produced globally, and about 215,000 tonnes of polypropylene. The output of these two polymers will eventually rise to 1.4 million tons annually. Since the start of soft operations earlier this year, Liwa Plastics achieved a total output of roughly 474,000 tonnes of petrochemicals as of October-end 2021, he stated.

The complex, he further explained, consists of a number of key components, including a gas extraction plant located in Fahud which is linked to the main plant within Sohar Industrial Port by a 300km-long, 14-inch pipeline. At the heart of the main plant is a steam cracker that processes the light hydrocarbon gases produced by OQ's other plants in Sohar, as well as rich gas

coming from Fahud. Integrated into the complex are polymer plants designed to produce High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE), Linear Low-Density Polyethylene (LLDPE), and polypropylene.

The overall project has been designed and constructed in line with international best practices and standards, and is comparable with petrochemical projects in its class anywhere in the world. Incorporating the latest technologies, the complex also meets the most stringent international benchmarks for environmental safety - standards certified by an environmental consultancy firm accredited by the Environmental Authority. The certification has also been endorsed by various experts and the project's financiers, he added.

FIRST NINE MONTHS

Sohar Port and Freezone reports solid performance

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Sohar Port and Freezone has reported solid performance in the first nine months of 2021 despite a global downturn in trade and supply chain disruption. The port's performance saw an overall increase of 6.1, wheeled cargo increased by 46 per cent year-on-year and liquid bulk increased by 7 per cent, dry bulk increased by 4.3 per cent, while breakbulk remained the same. Ship to ship cargo saw impressive growth of 59 per cent.

The freezone's performance has been stellar with a 16 per cent increase in land occupancy and a 14 per cent increase in throughput compared with the same period last year. The complex also saw an 8 per cent increase in exports. Sohar Port and Freezone remains on course for a strong end to the year.

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MARKET

MSX index ends lower

Dhofar Generating, up 8.57 per cent was the top gainer while, Oman Fisheries down 4.55 per cent, was the top loser

MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 3,987.09 points, down 0.53 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended up by 0.32 per cent at 532.77 points. Dhofar Generating, was the top gainer up 8.57 per cent while, Oman Fisheries down 4.55 per cent, was the top loser. Shares of Ahli Bank were the most active in terms of the number of shares traded as well as in terms of turnover. A total number of 236 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR3 million, with more than 8.53 million shares changing hands. Out of 38 traded securities, 8 advanced, 12 declined and 18 remained unchanged. At the session close, domestic investors were net sellers

for OMR1.52 million while foreign investors were net buyers for OMR1.5 million followed by GCC and Arab investors for OMR13,000 worth of shares. Financial Index closed at 6,380.23 points, down 0.26 per cent. Ahli Bank, Al Anwar Investment, Bank Dhofar and Oman United Insurance were up 1.80 per cent, 1.05 per cent, 0.81 per cent and 0.57 per cent respectively. Sohar International Bank, United Finance, Bank Muscat and HSBC Bank Oman were down 2.73 per cent, 1.92 per cent, 1.20 per cent and 1.08 per cent respectively. Industrial Index closed at 6,021.14 points, down 0.47 per cent. Services Index was up by 0.12 per cent before closing at 1,597.42 points. — United Securities

MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

INDICES							
Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%	
MSX 30 INDEX	4,014.86	3,986.21	3,987.09	4,008.15	-21.07	-0.53	
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,415.48	6,364.66	6,380.23	6,396.88	-16.66	-0.26	
Industry Index	6,045.48	6,021.14	6,021.14	6,049.68	-28.54	-0.47	
Services Index	1,603.35	1,597.43	1,597.43	1,595.58	1.84	0.12	
MSX Shariah Index	532.78	532.50	532.78	531.10	1.68	0.32	
MSX TR INDEX	4,831.30	4,796.83	4,797.89	4,823.24	-25.35	-0.53	

Trading Summary							
Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
8,528,977	3,002,917	236	21,950,601,848	8	12	18	38

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PD	LAST BD	LAST OFFER	PUR VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET															
OM0000002226 ALJAZEERA SERVICES	21,100	7,179	8	0.338	0.346	0.338	0.340	0.328	0.012	3.659	0.340	0.334	0.356	0.100	20,809,453
OM0000002200 AHLI BANK	4,594,126	518,791	29	0.110	0.113	0.110	0.113	0.111	0.002	1.802	0.113	0.110	0.113	0.100	220,311,284
OM0000001772 ALANWAH INVESTMENT	356,891	34,215	20	0.096	0.097	0.094	0.096	0.095	0.001	1.953	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.100	18,200,000
OM0000001087 OMAN UNITED INSUR.	15,000	5,350	2	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.348	0.002	0.575	0.350	0.000	0.350	0.100	35,000,000
OM0000001400 OMAN FLOUR MILLS	1,049	827	2	0.788	0.788	0.788	0.780	0.780	0.000	0.000	0.788	0.704	0.788	0.100	122,850,000
OM0000001418 RAYSUT CEMENT	36,040	8,505	3	0.236	0.236	0.236	0.236	0.236	0.000	0.000	0.236	0.236	0.240	0.100	47,200,000
OM0000001533 OMINVEST	121,000	37,110	5	0.314	0.314	0.306	0.306	0.306	0.000	0.000	0.306	0.306	0.314	0.100	247,178,333
OM0000002176 JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	2,751	963	1	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.356	0.356	0.000	0.000	0.350	0.350	0.360	0.100	44,463,674
OM0000005005 ALMAHA CERAMICS	59,829	29,935	5	0.500	0.502	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.000	0.000	0.502	0.502	0.506	0.100	27,500,000
OM0000001535 OMAN INVEST FIN.	362,400	50,759	26	0.141	0.141	0.139	0.140	0.141	-0.001	-0.709	0.139	0.139	0.140	0.100	33,180,000
OM0000003026 OMAN TELECOM	115,355	81,210	18	0.704	0.704	0.704	0.704	0.712	-0.008	-1.124	0.704	0.704	0.704	0.100	528,000,000
OM0000002796 BANK MUSCAT	656,355	322,638	19	0.486	0.486	0.480	0.482	0.488	-0.006	-1.205	0.480	0.480	0.492	0.100	1,758,641,598
OM0000001749 OMAN CEMENT	10,283	2,417	3	0.235	0.235	0.235	0.235	0.238	-0.003	-1.261	0.235	0.235	0.235	0.100	77,755,087
OM0000002168 AL ANWAR CERAMIC	29,000	11,310	2	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.398	-0.008	-2.010	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.100	85,800,000
OM0000003224 RENAISSANCE SER.	182,118	78,311	17	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.440	-0.010	-2.273	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.100	101,656,300
OM0000003396 SOHAR INT. BANK	27,630	2,860	2	0.108	0.108	0.107	0.107	0.110	-0.003	-2.727	0.107	0.106	0.108	0.100	319,576,665
Total	16	6,581,927	1,192,378	162											

Parallel Market															
OM0000007407 DHOFAR GENERATING	40,310	3,064	3	0.075	0.077	0.075	0.076	0.070	0.006	8.571	0.077	0.068	0.075	0.100	16,890,240
OM0000004925 ALBATINAH POWER	28,000	1,272	5	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.048	0.001	2.083	0.049	0.047	0.049	0.100	33,069,484
OM0000002549 BANK DHOFAR	89,400	11,158	2	0.122	0.125	0.122	0.125	0.124	0.001	0.806	0.125	0.125	0.127	0.100	374,543,930
OM0000001178 MUSCAT GASES	1,000	163	1	0.163	0.163	0.163	0.164	0.164	0.000	0.000	0.163	0.163	0.164	0.100	4,920,000
OM0000001483 NATIONAL BANK OMAN	925,500	172,137	13	0.186	0.186	0.184	0.186	0.186	0.000	0.000	0.184	0.184	0.186	0.100	302,428,022
OM0000001855 MALAY GLASS	5,000	780	1	0.156	0.156	0.156	0.162	0.162	0.000	0.000	0.156	0.156	0.160	0.100	4,807,775
OM0000002333 SALALAH PORT SR	1,126	676	2	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.000	0.000	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.100	107,902,400
OM0000003281 TAGAER FINANCE	88,000	6,248	12	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.000	0.000	0.071	0.070	0.071	0.100	18,004,890
OM0000003661 VOLTAMP ENERGY	73	8	1	0.112	0.112	0.112	0.112	0.112	0.000	0.000	0.112	0.106	0.112	0.100	9,117,108
OM0000003711 SOHAR POWER	530	21	1	0.039	0.039	0.039	0.040	0.040	0.000	0.000	0.039	0.039	0.042	0.100	8,940,400
OM0000004420 BANK NIZWA	505,222	47,994	7	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.000	0.000	0.085	0.085	0.097	0.100	212,510,538
OM0000004735 SEMBICORP SALALAH	1,000	73	1	0.073	0.073	0.073	0.074	0.074	0.000	0.000	0.073	0.070	0.078	0.100	70,638,324
OM0000004933 AL SUWADI POWER	3,600	173	1	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.050	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.048	0.047	0.049	0.100	35,720,317
OM0000005963 PHOENIX POWER	11,759	565	2	0.048	0.049	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.000	0.000	0.049	0.048	0.049	0.100	70,204,870
OM0000007084 MCT DESALINATE	400	37	1	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.098	0.098	0.000	0.000	0.092	0.090	0.092	0.100	15,243,939
OM0000001517 HSBC BANK OMAN	62,169	5,693	2	0.092	0.092	0.091	0.092	0.093	-0.001	-1.075	0.091	0.092	0.093	0.100	184,028,777
OM0000003521 GALFAR ENGINEER	5,005	365	1	0.073	0.073	0.073	0.074	0.074	-0.001	-1.351	0.073	0.073	0.074	0.100	14,818,011
OM0000002374 UNITED FINANCE	55,000	2,815	4	0.052	0.052	0.051	0.051	0.052	-0.001	-1.923	0.051	0.051	0.052	0.100	17,806,365
OM0000008447 OMAN REIT FUND	58,563	4,902	5	0.085	0.085	0.082	0.082	0.085	-0.003	-3.529	0.082	0.082	0.085	0.100	53,890,233
OM0000001566 OMAN FISHERIES	39,206	2,480	7	0.066	0.066	0.063	0.063	0.066	-0.003	-4.545	0.063	0.063	0.065	0.100	7,575,000
Total	20	1,922,046	260,735	72											

TECHNICAL COOPERATION

Pact signed to develop environmental aspects in special economic, free zones

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones (Opaz) and the Environment Authority signed a technical cooperation programme aimed at strengthening and developing cooperation in environ-

mental aspects in the special economic zones and free zones. The pact was signed by Dr Ali bin Masoud Al Sunaidy, Chairman of the Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones, and Dr Abdullah bin Ali Al Omari, Chairman of Environment Authority.

The programme stipulates strengthening the coordination between the two authorities in the legislative and supervisory aspects and cooperation in conducting awareness programmes aimed at spreading awareness and installing concepts and requirements for dealing with the environment.

CYBER WEEK REPORT

2021 global online sales hit all-time high of \$275 billion

DUBAI: Salesforce, the global leader in CRM, released its annual Cyber Week report, which analyses shopping data from over one billion shoppers on the Salesforce Customer 360 platform and activity across commerce, marketing, and service. Overall, 2021 global online sales hit an all-time high of \$275 billion, up 2 per cent compared to 2020. The data shows that digital patterns established during the pandemic are still a force this holiday season, with strong early November growth driven by consumers who were not deterred by higher prices, lower discounts, and decreased product inventory. Cyber Week (November 23-29) itself saw muted growth as a result of these early-season shoppers working ahead of the traditional shopping peak. The major digital holiday shopping period is over: Holiday shopping began in earnest at the start of the season with consumers spending \$74 billion over the first three weeks of November (up 10 per cent YoY) and \$297 billion globally (up 5 per cent YoY). The largest single shopping day over Cyber Week was Black Friday (up 2 per cent YoY global) as holiday demand was smoothed out across the entire month of November.

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Contact: 92187572
Email: sifathhasan1995@gmail.com

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

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An Indian, Graduate Civil Engineer having 22+ yrs Exp. in Construction Sector on Buildings, Infrastructure & Electro-Mechanical Projects with Project Management/ Contracts Exp. looking for a Middle Management Position in the Consulting/Contracting Firm. Valid Engineer Visa & D/ L, NOC available/Transferable Visa.

Contact No. 91996650

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Please contact: 91245950

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Bachelor's degree in BA & IOSH.
10 years experience in HSE and O&M.

Contact +968 95555865

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Contact on +96871551938

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GSM: 92334161

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Whatsapp 0091 9656724161
Email - rajeshm117821@gmail.com

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Contact Number # 78556829

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Contact 97264447

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CONTACT: 96211885

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CONTACT 94619442

FINANCE & ACCOUNTS MANAGER

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

Contact 93270023 rajugetme10@yahoo.com

SALES / PURCHASE

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

Email: gaisebukhari@gmail.com
Contact: 94560161

Senior Manager (HR/Administration/Operations)

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

Contact: 94326527
Email: sreekanth.kerala987@gmail.com

JOB WANTED

ACCOUNTS/FINANCE

Accountant seeking suitable placement Experience 15 years in Oman with Oman D/L. Contact 98895039

ACCA affiliate with 2 years experience. Currently in Muscat, having NOC and D/L. Contact 96595067. Email: farleymartyres19@gmail.com

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Email: duminduudara@gmail.com

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Gmail: ranjuvettom@gmail.com

Indian female having 14yrs experience to handle Admin/Secretary/ Executive Secretary/Accountant-Office Co-ordinator & all office related works. Resume will be send on request. Contact 79630320

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Email: shoji074@gmail.com

Indian male, 12Yrs of experience in accounts-payables & receivables + 12Yrs in Sales Administration in a MNC, Oman, seeks suitable placement. Oman D/L. Contact 92116238. Email: ramdas16091970@gmail.com

Indian male graduate Executive Secretary with Stenography/Oman driving license and 20years experience in Muscat available with NOC for immediate joining. Contact 79256679

Freelancer 2D /3D Autocad Revit drafting MEP, Arch, B.Tech. Contact 99506977

Multi-skilled Indian male, 25+ years (8 years GCC) well experience in Accounts / Administration / HR available to join immediately with release and D/L. Contact 96251394

Indian male graduate Executive Secretary with Stenography/Oman driving license and 20years experience in Muscat available with NOC for immediate joining. Contact 79256679

MEDICAL

Medical Lab Technician 12 year experience seeks job. Contact 90269108, 91371404

Bachelor Degree with 7 years of experience in the Accounting & purchasing field. 4 years of experience in Oman. seeks suitable job Available with Omani D/L. Contact 79399509
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Bangladeshi driver with 5 yrs experience in Oman looking for job. Contact 79185382, 79141820

MECHANIC/TECHNIC.

Diploma Mechanical Engineer & CNC VMC operator exp 3 yrs currently in Oman. NOC available. Contact 94227542.
Email dinithidas@gmail.com

Young Indian Accountant, B.Com graduate having 3 years experience in Accounts looking for immediate placement. Contact 97092353

MANAGER

Plant Manager with 25 years Exp for construction machinery is available for immediate joining. Contact 79724650

PURCHASE/PROCUREMENT

Warehouse Incharge & inventory controller having 6 years experience with Oman D/L seeks suitable job. Contact 97915240

Senior Accountant, Indian Male, 12 years experience in Oman, Having D/L and NOC. GSM 91469060

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Contact +919633154156, Email: vishnuvasudevan11@gmail.com

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B.Tech graduate with 1+ years of experience working as a Site Engineer & Quantity Surveyor. Proficient in Quantity Survey, Quality Control, 2D Drafting, 3D Modelling & Project Management. Currently in Oman. Available to join shortly.

92408363
sawad.mohammed@outlook.com

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Contact +919633154156, Email: vishnuvasudevan11@gmail.com

B.E. Civil Project engineer/Project coordinator (INDIAN) with 8+ years of experience. Qualified Project management (QS & QC) with a knowledge of MS office, Autocad, MS project & estimation. NOC is available, can join immediately. Contact 97389893, mohammadshkaeerm1@gmail.com

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Civil Engineer having 3 years Indian experience as a site engineer, presently in Oman. Looking for suitable job. Contact 94130276

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Indian, MBA (Marketing & Finance, with experience of 1 year in Sales (India) seeking for a job & presently available in Oman. Contact +968 79858680
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Indian, 7 years of experience as a FMCG Sales executive in Oman with Oman D/L, looking for suitable placement. Contact 78642042

Indian, 12 years of experience as a Sales executive in Oman, FMCG & textiles. Oman D/L, looking for suitable placement. Contact 91883131, 79871821

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DAILY YOGHURT INTAKE MIGHT MANAGE HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

According to a study by the University of South Australia, daily consumption of yoghurt could help people manage high blood pressure. The research has been published in the 'International Dairy Journal'. Conducted in partnership with the University of Maine, the study examined the associations between yoghurt intake, blood pressure and cardiovascular risk factors, finding that yoghurt is associated with lower blood pressure for those with hypertension.

Globally, more than a billion people suffer from hypertension (high blood pressure), putting them at greater risk of cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) such as heart attack and stroke. CVDs are the leading cause of death worldwide - in the United States, one person dies from CVD every 36 seconds; in Australia, it's every 12 minutes.

UniSA researcher Dr Alexandra Wade said that this study provided new evidence that connected yoghurt with positive blood pressure outcomes for hypertensive people. "High blood pressure is the number one risk factor for cardiovascular disease, so it's important that we continue to find ways to reduce and regulate it," Dr Wade said.



"Dairy foods, especially yoghurt, may be capable of reducing blood pressure. This is because dairy foods contain a range of micro-nutrients, including calcium, magnesium and potassium, all of which are involved in the regulation of blood pressure," Wade added.

"Yoghurt is especially interesting because it also contains bacteria that promote the release of proteins which lowers blood pressure. This study showed for people with elevated blood pressure, even small amounts of yoghurt were associated with lower blood pressure," Wade explained.

"And for those who consumed yoghurt regularly, the results were even stronger, with blood pressure readings nearly seven points lower than those who did not consume yoghurt," Wade said.

The study was conducted on 915 community-dwelling adults from the Maine-Syracuse Longitudinal Study. Habitual yoghurt consumption was measured using a food frequency questionnaire. High blood pressure was defined as being greater than or equal to 140/90 mmHg (a normal blood pressure level is less than 120/80 mmHg).

Researchers said that future observational and intervention studies should continue to focus on at-risk individuals to examine the potential benefits of yoghurt. - **ANI**



DOSSIER CONSTRUCTION AWARDS AND SUMMIT 2021 CELEBRATES THE NATION BUILDERS

The Dossier Construction Awards and Summit 2021 organised under the auspices of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Planning on 6th December congregated the leading names from the construction, infrastructure, real estate, manufacturing and design & engineering consultancies. The ninth edition of the event was hosted by His Excellency Sheikh Salim Bin Mustahail Al Mashani.

The event was supported by Oman Real Estate Association and the Chief Guest was His Excellency Dr. Khalfan Al-Sueili, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning. In an awards ceremony, the best industry performers, practices, technologies and projects were felicitated, and overall 36 awards were presented to the deserving companies, professionals and industry leaders across various categories.



LIST OF WINNERS

- Business Icon of the Year
Sheikh Qais Salim Al Khalili
Chairman & Group Managing Director
Al Khalili Group
- Business Leader of the Year
Damodar R. Katti
Design Group Engineering Consultants
- CEO of the Year
Joey Ghose
Raysut Cement Company
- CEO of the Year – Contracting
Angshuman Chakraborty
Best Infrastructure Developers
- Global Omani Company of the Year
Raysut Cement Company
- Best Sustainable Project
Ras Al Hamra Development Project
- Best Renewable Energy Project
Amin Solar PV Project
Petroleum Development Oman (PDO)
- Best Oil & Gas Project
Yibal Khuff Project
Petroleum Development Oman (PDO)
- Claims Management Consultant of the Year
Masin Project
- Real Estate Services Company of the Year
Al Osool
- Cinema Project of the Year
Wow Cinema
Managed by Grand Entertainment
- Most Promising Mixed Use Project
Maysan Square, Duqm
- GCC's Best Transformer Manufacturing Company
Voltamp Power
- Commercial Vehicle of the Year
Foton Aumark
Gulf Great Sands
- Excellence in IFM Services
Al Osool
- Best MEP Supplier
Middle East Engineering Solutions
- Best Interior Design - Restaurant Project
Nexus Design Studio
- Best Interior Design – Office Project
Towell Talati
- Best Project Design – Office Complex
Ayman Saif Alquri
National Engineering Office
- Best Project Design – Masjid Project
Dr. Luai Al Jubori
- Best Architect
Luis Mejias
Atkins
- Best Engineer
Amroo Ibrahim Al Hinai
Ras Al Hamra Development Project
- Best Engineering Consultant – Residential Project
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- Best Project Management Consultant for a Commercial Project
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- Best Engineering Consultant – Commercial Project
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- Best Engineering Consultancy – Infrastructure Project
Hill International
- Best Engineering Consultant – Infrastructure Project
Renardet S.A. & Partners Consulting Engineers
- Best Engineering Consultant - Industrial Project
Design Group Engineering Consultants
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F&M Middle East
- Best Construction Safety Initiative
Douglas OHI
- Best MEP Contractor
Bahwan Engineering Company (BEC)
- Best EPC Contractor
Larsen & Toubro (Oman)
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ROUND-UP

Dossier Construction Awards 2021 felicitates top performers

Leading names from the construction, infrastructure, real estate, manufacturing and design & engineering consultancies participated in the ninth edition of the event

MUSCAT: The Dossier Construction Awards and Summit 2021, an exclusive construction, infrastructure and real estate industry event took place at Hotel Sheraton Oman. The event was organised under the auspices of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Planning and was supported by Oman Real Estate Association. The chief guest was Dr Khalfan Al-Sueili, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning.

Leading names from the construction, infrastructure, real estate,

tate, manufacturing and design & engineering consultancies participated in the ninth edition of the event, which was hosted by Sheikh Salim Bin Mustahail Al Mashani.

The summit began with a presentation by Rohit Singhal, CEO, Masin Middle East, where he focused on claims disputes and arbitration, and how the pandemic has delayed the claims processes and altered the arbitration clauses and disputes resolution. The presentation was followed by a panel



discussion on 'Way Forward in the Challenging Economic Environment', which highlighted the challenges and opportunities in the sector. The panellists included Hassan Mohammed Juma, Founder & MD, Al Osool Group; Fahad Al Ismaili, Founder of Tibiaan Properties; Asim Al Zadjali, Chairman, Oman Real Estate Association; Himansu Mohapatra, Group General Manager - Investments, Muscat Overseas Group; Yousef

Ahmed Alawi Al Ibrahim, Chief of Support Services & Business Development, Raysut Cement Company. The moderator for the panel was Akshay Bhatnagar, Executive Vice President & Group Managing Editor, United Media Services.

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and industry leaders across various categories. The awards included Business Icon of the Year - Sheikh Qais Salim Al Khalili, Chairman & Group Managing Director, Al Khalili Group; Business Leader of the Year - Damodar R. Katti, Design Group Engineering Consultants; CEO of the Year - Joey Ghose, Raysut Cement Company; CEO of the Year - Contracting - Angshuman Chakraborty - Best Infrastructure Developers; Global Omani Company of the Year - Raysut Cement Company; Best Sustainable Project - Ras Al Hamra Development Project; Best Renewable Energy Project - Amin Solar PV Project, Petroleum Development Oman (PDO); Best Oil & Gas Project - Yibal Khuff Project, Petroleum Development Oman (PDO); Claims Management Consultant of the Year - Masin Projects, Real Estate Services Company of the Year - Al Osool, to name a few.

The event was supported by

leading companies in the Sultanate. Onboard was Raysut Cement Company - the Strategic Partner; Real Estate Partner - Al Osool; Associate Partner - Al Khalili Group; Knowledge Partner - Atkins SNC-Lavalin; Real Estate Services Partner - Tibiaan Properties; Support Partners - Foton Commercial Vehicles, Best Infrastructure Developers, Maysan Properties, MRP Advisory, Wow Cinema (managed by Grand Entertainment), Middle East Engineering Solutions, Voltamp; the Design Engineering Consultant was F&M Middle East; and the Media Partners for the event were OERLive.com, Alam Al-Iktisaad, Times of Oman and Al Shabiba. The event was managed by UMS Events, the specialist events and conferences arm of United Media Services (UMS).

This event was instituted by Dossier magazine, published by United Media Services, part of Muscat Overseas Group.

SECOND LEVEL

Oman Paralympic Committee, BP Oman, Oman Sail, conclude National Paralympic Coaching Course

MUSCAT: In partnership with BP Oman, Oman Paralympic Committee concluded the second level of the National Paralympic Coaching Course at the Amal Club in Muscat, in a closing ceremony held in celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disability last week. The event was held under the patronage of Her Highness Sayyida Hujaia Jaifer Al Said, Chairwoman of the Association for the Welfare of Handicapped Children in Oman.

The course trained 23 coaches, six of which are Oman Sail coaches, to obtain a nationally accredited certificate in the field of para-sports. They will also be trained in the advanced level to develop their theoretical and practical knowledge in para-sports at the next level. The next current level focused on coaching people with disabilities and educates coaches on topics such as functional classification of athletes with disabilities, paralympic



categories and classifications, human anatomy, sport psychology and coaching psychology.

The coaching course is delivered as part of the Sail Free programme - implemented in partnership with Oman Sail and BP - and was first launched in 2019 to empower disabled youth in the sport of sailing.

Shamsa Al-Rawahi, BP Oman social investment manager, commented, "We value embracing diversity in society and this pro-

gramme is a great example of how we can provide equal opportunities to society in sports. We are proud of our partnership with Oman Paralympic Committee and their huge efforts to empower positive changes in paralympic sports within our community."

Dr Mansoor Al Tauqi, President of the Oman Paralympic Committee, further added: "The Oman Paralympic committee in partnership with BP Oman, demonstrated

the significant role of Paralympic sports in empowering our youth to play sports internationally. We are grateful to have delivered this coaching course as it will provide improved capabilities towards the Sail Free programme."

The CEO of Oman Sail Dr Khamis Al Jabri commented: "Sail Free has made excellent progress since launching and we have already seen the first selection of para sailors represent Oman at World Championships held in Europe and at Mussanah Race Week for the very first time. It is vital that we keep advancing and improving the level of coaching through the course provided by OPC in order to maximise the potential of the athletes and the coaches for future international games. Our ultimate goal is to win an Olympic medal for Oman in sailing and building the capacity of our coaches to train talented athletes is an important step in that direction."

PRESTIGIOUS

Bank Muscat wins Bank of the Year award

MUSCAT: Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in Oman, has won the Bank of the Year (Oman) award from The Banker. The award was presented to the bank after a thorough evaluation by the judges based on a number of different criteria including the product mix, financial performance, asset and revenue quality, customer satisfaction, and digital offerings.

The prestigious award adds to the list of accolades and achievements by the bank and is the result of the bank's adoption of global best practices and its customer-centric approach in banking.

Today, Bank Muscat leads the financial services sector in the Sultanate with over OMR12 billion in assets, 174 branches and more than 800 ATMs and CDMs spread across the country making it the preferred choice for customers. The bank has a good presence even in remote



areas and is greatly enhancing financial inclusion in Oman. In keeping with technological developments, the bank's digital channels including Mobile and Internet banking have been witnessing tremendous growth over the recent past. With about 2 million customers, Bank Muscat is a clear leader in the banking sector in Oman and has the largest portfolio in the country across the retail, corporate, wholesale and Islamic banking space.

RECOGNITION

Sohar International bags 'Debt Deal of the Year - Oman' and 'Equity Deal of the Year - Oman' award

MUSCAT: Sohar International has been successful in maintaining a pioneering position in the banking sector within the Sultanate. Adding to its list of accolades, the bank won the 'Debt Deal of the Year - Oman' and 'Equity Deal of the Year - Oman' award at the recently concluded Corporate and Investment Banking Awards presented by Asian Banking and Finance (ABF) Magazine, based out of Singapore.

The annual award ceremony, which was conducted virtually, recognises the very best of players in the banking and finance industry. The award was presented to the Investment Banking division at Sohar International for its advisory and placement services to clients, even under challenging macro environment conditions.

Speaking on the occasion, Ahmed Al Musalmi, Chief Executive Officer, Sohar International, said, "At Sohar International, we are driven by a vision to become a world-class Omani services company that helps customers, community and people to prosper and grow. These awards place us at



par with international organisations and are a testament to the effectiveness of our growth strategy. It also gives us the assurance that our well-conceived plans are geared in the right direction having instilled the required capabilities both on the people and technological fronts, whilst continuously contributing meaningfully to the economy. Like every win at Sohar International, these accolades will serve as an impetus for us to achieve greater milestones, set new benchmarks and lead the way in the banking sector."

Both accolades award the issuance of OMR 6 million Perpetual Sukuk al Mudaraba Trust Certificate, by Takaful Oman Insurance completed successfully earlier this year. Being the first-of-its-kind, the Perpetual Sukuk has an initial

yearly profit rate of 8.5%, payable semi-annually through Takaful Sukuk Specialized Purpose Company (SPC). As the issue managers and financial advisor, Sohar Islamic, Sohar International's Islamic Window, played a pivotal role in ensuring the successful issuance and completion of the entire activity. The placement of the issue was done through a private placement to select investors whilst receiving strong interest from institutions, fund managers, and wealth management clients of the bank.

Ahmed Al Musalmi added, "The one-of-a-kind Perpetual Sukuk was initiated and completed with immense success on all fronts. This transaction helps in boosting CMA's strategy to upgrade various sectors and maximise domestic and foreign investors' confidence in the local market. These awards reflect the great success of the Perpetual Sukuk which illustrates investors' strong confidence in the bank's strategy and growth potential. It also underpins the large untapped growth potential in the Oman insurance sector in both traditional as well as the Takaful space."

ISLAMIC FINANCE

Manar Alizz hosts postgraduate students

MUSCAT: As part of Manar Alizz initiative, Alizz Islamic Bank, represented by the Sharia Compliance and Audit Department and the Learning and Development Department, welcomed a group of postgraduate students from the College of Sharia Sciences to learn about the bank's Islamic banking activities.

This is part of a larger programme to spread awareness about Islamic finance and its developmental role while highlighting the role of Islamic banks in driving a sustainable economy and providing researchers and scholars with important knowledge on the Islamic economy in general and the Omani experience in this sector.

During the visit, Issa Al-Riyami, Head of Sharia Audit and Compliance at Alizz Islamic Bank delivered a presentation to highlight key differentiators between conventional and Islamic banking. Al Riyami further elaborated on the strategic objectives of Manar Alizz initiative, which has been designed to attract international researchers and scholars to learn about the Omani experience on Islamic banking, educate mem-



bers of the society about Islamic banking products, encourage banking innovation, and enable the bank's experts to generate and share knowledge in their various fields of expertise. He explained that knowledge is the most valuable intangible asset that Alizz Islamic Bank is keen to develop through this initiative, acknowledging its vital importance in the world of finance and business as a platform to drive and build a sustainable partnership.

"By devising innovative ap-

proaches and initiatives like 'Manar Alizz' we make sure to benefit the society and fulfil the mission of Islamic banking. There are many other interesting initiatives that we are launching soon as part of our drive to make the community at the centre of all that we do and offer. We believe in giving back, which will not only bring about positive change in the communities in which we live and work but will have a more far-reaching impact to enable individuals and businesses to thrive," stated Al Riyami.

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is equipped with unique features that make drivers and passengers look forward to those long drives.

5.3L Ecotec3 V8 with dynamic fuel management
Yukon brings you incredible performance, delivering exceptional power and efficiency on all terrains. As a natural progression to technology, it offers you the advanced V8 engine with a dynamic fuel management system, enabling the engine to operate in multiple patterns up to full 8-cylinders, depending on the driving conditions.

10-speed automatic, electronically controlled with overdrive
Experience incomparable performance and enjoy the perfect blend of capability and comfort with the top-class transmission efficiency in the GMC Yukon. Enjoy excellent driver control and enhanced acceleration with a smooth launch and climb through the gears, as well as downshifting without any sense of jarring interruption.

Traction Select System including tow/haul

Be unstoppable with a best-in-class Traction Select System which allows you to quickly switch between multiple traction configurations, including Sport mode, Tow/Haul mode, to optimise powertrain calibrations, traction control settings and stability control system calibrations for a variety of terrain and driving conditions.

Panoramic sunroof
Enjoy refined comfort and discover the world above with the panoramic sunroof. Get more natural light to complement the lively, spacious



ambience all set to transform your driving experience. With a comfortable cabin, equipped with everything you'll possibly need, this GMC Yukon is the ultimate companion for a versatile life, making every day more joyful and fun.

20" 6-spoke polished aluminium wheels
Go big and get noticed with the 20" wheels giving your Yukon a more aggressive look. Styled to impress, they give you better control of your Yukon and the confidence to dominate the unknown. The lightweight

6-spoke polished aluminium wheel is strong and can withstand high temperatures and the impact of bumpy terrains.

9-speaker Bose audio system
You'll love how your drive sounds with the premium Bose Audio System. Its 9 high-performance speakers and new-age sound technologies deliver an unmatched audio experience for entertainment and beyond. Amp up your favourite songs with crisp, clear audio and rich, deep bass to hear more of what matters.

INTERACTIVE LEARNING

KR Eshraqa launches Stemazone Centre at Children's Museum in Qurum

MUSCAT: Aligning itself to the Sultanate's objectives of building a knowledge economy, Eshraqa, the Corporate Social Responsibility Arm of Khimji Ramdas, has announced the opening of the Stemazone Centre at the Children's Museum in Qurum - Muscat.

Stemazone, the STEAM education programme aims to introduce Omani children to the wonderful world of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. Stemazone is being presented in partnership with the Ministry of Education (MoE) and the Ministry of Culture, Sports & Youth (MoYSC). While its operations commenced in November, the museum is not open for the public yet but the new Stemazone Centre is receiving schools that have pre-booked their slots. The programme is also available online at www.stemazoneoman.om. The online platform 'e-stemazone' offers virtual workshops and a host of other interactive learning tools.

"The jobs of the future will need specialised skills, hence relevant education becomes the building blocks for any nation. We have chosen the innovative STEAM educational program for this initiative to teach and inspire students to imbibe future skills required in the local and global labour market,



in line with Oman Vision 2040," said Nailesh Khimji, Director, Khimji Ramdas. "It gives me great honour to also announce that Eshraqa's Stemazone has recently won a number of awards including the Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Youth (MoCSY)'s Youth Proficiency Award which recognises and honours significant initiatives that are innovative and exemplary. The initiative was also honoured with three coveted titles at the Future Skills and HRD Awards, which were held under the supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Labour."

"Despite the fact that the education system was no exception to the immense challenges faced

during the Covid-19 pandemic, the initiative has proven its success in providing appropriate alternatives to benefit students from it. We are proud to partner with Eshraqa in launching Stemazone initiative - a successful exemplary integration between the public and private sectors, building the innovative and creative capabilities of young people," said Dr Maya Al Azri, Director of the Department of Innovation and Science Olympiad, MoE.

"This comes in the framework of achieving the outlined objectives of the national agenda that aim to build an effective national ecosystem for scientific research, creativity, and innovation, based on national competencies with viable competitive capabilities that con-

tributes towards fostering the development of Oman's knowledge-based, diversified and sustainable economy."

Mirroring similar values geared at making a lasting difference in the world by enriching the lives of individuals, Eshraqa has also joined hands with DAI Global to ensure that the programme is implemented according to global standards. "We are proud to partner with Eshraqa, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Youth to contribute to realising Oman's Vision 2040. The Stemazone initiative was designed and implemented according to global standards, taking into consideration the Sultanate and its future vision," said Ahmed Al Abri, Sr. Manager, DAIGlobal.

Commenting on the launch of the Stemazone centre in the Children's Museum, Salwa Al Rashdi, Acting Director of Children's Museum said, "We are delighted to launch the Stemazone centre in the Children's Museum in cooperation with Eshraqa and the Ministry of Education. Through this unique programme, we seek to inspire the youth of Oman to explore and learn future skills in an innovative educational way, enabling them to be productive in the world of the modern knowledge economy."

RECOGNITION

Maisarah named 'Most Innovative Islamic Banking Window'

MUSCAT: In pursuant of its comprehensive innovation journey towards reaching a strategic vision of being the best Islamic banking solutions provider in Oman, Maisarah Islamic Banking Services has bagged the 'Most Innovative Islamic Banking Window' award by the London-based *Global Business Outlook* magazine.

Since the inception of its operations in 2013, the Islamic banking window of BankDhofar has distinguished itself with outstanding customer service, developing innovative products and launching state-of-the-art financial solutions. Implementing a customer-centric business model, Maisarah embarked on an organisation-wide all-inclusive transformation drive that focused on operational excellence, customer service excellence and ultimately business excellence.

Kamal Uddin Hassan Al Maraza, Chief Maisarah Islamic Banking Officer, reaffirmed Maisarah's commitment to product innovation and offering best-in-class customer experience, noting that: "Our ambitions are boundless, and we certainly have the capabilities and the human



cadre that enable us to lead the change in the Islamic banking industry nationwide.

"We read the market requirements and we understand the aspirations of our customers. Hence, we are committed to offering innovative products, high-end quality services and state-of-the-art financial solutions that are specifically tailored to fulfil the needs of our customers."

Gearing up for the next phase of growth and aiming towards further development, Maisarah has adopted world-level work mechanisms and business processes that are based on utilizing advanced technology within the context of the latest trends in the financial sector to provide a unique Maisarah experience for all stakeholders.

FORTUNE INDIA

Kalyan Jewellers recognised among Top 500 companies

MUSCAT: Kalyan Jewellers, one of India's most trusted and leading jewellery brands, has marked its debut on the prestigious Fortune India 500 list.

After being successfully listed on the National Stock Exchange in March 2021, Fortune India has ranked the company at 164th position in the overall list and 3rd among the public-listed companies from Kerala.

Fortune India 500 List is a definitive ranking revealed an-

nually, rating the public-listed companies in India, basis a detailed analysis of sales and gross revenue figures.

As categorised by Fortune India, Kalyan Jewellers has been awarded 2nd position in the gems and jewellery industry. This showcases the growing dominance of the company in India and West Asia.

In 2019, Kalyan Jewellers was featured in Deloitte's Top 100 Luxury brands list globally.

PROMOTION

Benefits on Nissan Patrol Super Safari

MUSCAT: Nissan Oman from the house of Suhail Bahwan Automobiles (SBA), is offering a wide range of benefits for customers of Nissan Patrol Super Safari as part of its new special offer promotion.

The special promotion on offer includes 3 years/60,000km periodic maintenance service, free first-year insurance, free first-year registration and more. The offer, which is available on all models purchased for personal use, will go on till January 9, 2022.

A senior official from Nissan



Oman, from the house of Suhail Bahwan Automobiles, "We are delighted to offer the promotion on Nissan Patrol Super Safari which

carries on astounding auto enthusiasts because of its legacy and reputation for versatility, capability and extreme performance."

Customers of Nissan Patrol Super Safari can enjoy a free periodic maintenance service package for 3 years/ 60,000 km. This offer is valid for 10,000km service intervals.

Customers of Nissan Patrol Super Safari can enjoy free insurance in Oman & UAE for the first year for private registration.

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