

HIS MAJESTY SENDS CABLE OF GREETINGS

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Rodrigo Duterte of the Republic of the Philippines on his country's Independence Day anniversary. In his cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere greetings and wishes to the president and his country's people. — **ONA**



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HM SENDS CABLE OF CONDOLENCES TO EMIR OF KUWAIT

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of condolences to His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jabir Al-Sabah, Emir of Kuwait on the death of Sheikh Mansour Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Mubarak Al Sabah. In his cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere condolences and sympathy, praying to the Almighty Allah to rest the deceased's soul in peace and grant his family patience to bear the loss. — **ONA**



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PANDEMIC

Spike in COVID-19 cases sees increased hospitalisation rates

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A number of hospitals in Oman are reporting beyond hundred per cent capacity in COVID wards, with both Sohar and Nizwa operating at 157 per cent occupancy. Furthermore, the number of inpatients until June 11, 2021 stood at 338, or 99 per cent occupancy, according to Ministry of Health data.

Royal Hospital, which has 66 ICU beds, has reached 95 per cent capacity, Khoula, with 36 beds, is at 92 per cent capacity, and Sultan Qaboos University Hospital has all of its 11 beds occupied.

Furthermore, Rustaq Hospital, at 110 per cent, and Nizwa Hospital, at 157 per cent, which has 21 beds for COVID-19 patients, and has allocated them a further 12 beds, are both operating beyond capacity. The Armed Forces Hospital in Al Khoudh is running at 79 per cent occupancy, and Sultan Qaboos Hospital in Salalah is at 54 per cent capacity.

Both Khasab Hospital in Musandam, and the Armed Forces Hospital in Salalah have reported no coronavirus cases in their ICUs. Dr Ridha Al Lawati, an internist at the COVID-19 field hospital, asked people to take the vaccine as soon as they are eligible, to help bring down the numbers

of cases, and relieve pressure on hospitals and healthcare workers.

“The numbers of hospitalised patients have crossed 1,000, and the number of people in ICUs is beyond 300 now,” she explained. “On Thursday alone, more than 160 people were admitted to hospital...these are the highest numbers we’ve seen so far.”

Dr Zakaria Al Balushi, an inflammatory and infectious diseases consultant at the Royal Hospital, added, “When people see the numbers of COVID cases, this might affect them physically and psychologically. There are those who do take the right precautions against the disease, who might wonder why they are doing so when the case numbers are so high anyway... this might deter them from taking the vaccine.”

Another medical professional, Shatha Al Siyabi, a lab specialist at the Ministry of Health, said people who did come to get vaccinated had many questions about whether there were chances of getting infected even after being given their doses. “This indicates that people know of the chances of being infected even after vaccination, but I must remind them that being vaccinated does not replace precautionary measures,” added Al Siyabi.



MASS VACCINATIONS BEGIN AT PRIVATE HOSPITALS IN OMAN



Those who wish to get vaccinated at private hospitals will have to pay a fee

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Private hospitals in Oman have begun vaccinating tens of thousands of people with the COVID-19 vaccine, with preparations being made for them to store the jabs required to take

part in the country's immunisation drive.

Ministry of Health

In partnership with the Ministry of Health, private hospitals and clinics that have registered to take part in the national immunisation

campaign against the coronavirus can offer vaccinations to both walk-in patients, and those who have registered in advance.

Private hospitals

Those who wish to get vaccinated at private hospitals will need to pay a fee.

Over at NMC Hospital, patients can book the AstraZeneca vaccine at OMR 22 for both jabs. People who wish to register can visit the hospital's Facebook and Instagram pages, where instructions on how to sign up have been published in the Stories sections of

both platforms.

Google form

Alternatively, the hospital's Facebook page also contains a link to a Google form, where people can book their vaccination appointment according to their convenience.

“Irrespective of the hospital at which the person wishes to take their vaccine, the booking system for all our centres is the same, as we have a centralised vaccine platform,” said a spokesperson for the hospital.

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EXEMPLARY

No traffic offence in a lifetime of driving

Times News Service

MUSCAT: An 89-year-old man who claims to be the oldest vehicle driver in Ibri Wilayat, says he has not received a single traffic fine till date because he sticks to the speed limits while behind the wheel.

Born on New Year's Day in 1932, Sultan Al Ghafri bought his first set of wheels in 1970, aged 38, from one of his brothers. “It was a 1968 model Jeep, for which I paid OMR600, knowing full well it was a used car,” he recalled. “The car was large... it could accommodate as many as 11 people.

It didn't have the maximum speeds of cars today, which can reach 220km/hr. Its top speed was 120 km/hr.” It was a positive development not just for him, but his community as a whole: he could now take them where they needed



Sultan Al Ghafri

to go, particularly in times of an emergency, and was also able to help them better meet their daily needs.

“Whether it was the market, the hospital, or anywhere else they wanted, I could now take them,” he added. There was, however, one

small problem that needed resolving before he could begin driving: he didn't have a licence. He taught himself to drive, before obtaining his licence two years later, in 1972, from the Directorate General of Traffic in Bait Al Falaj in the capital, Muscat. “I used my car to meet my personal needs, and also offered rides to people who needed to travel to other parts of the country,” he said. “I would also make trips to three cities in the neighbouring United Arab Emirates: Abu Dhabi, Dubai, and Al Ain. I would make it a point to drive slowly – my speed did not exceed 60 km/hr, which was also because the streets were unpaved – and this has seen me not pick up any traffic fines so far.”

His car has been instrumental to many key memories in Sultan's life, and he is grateful for all the lessons he has learned because of it.

“I have gone through many sweet and bitter moments in this vehicle,” said Sultan, sharing one such experience. “One I will never forget is when I needed to take a pregnant woman to hospital – she was about to give birth. However, the distance to the hospital and the condition of the unpaved roads meant it would take time to get there, so she ultimately gave birth in the car.”

Al Ghafri ultimately sold his Jeep and bought a Toyota pickup, which continues to provide him with many key memories to share with people. “One piece of advice I would like to give to all drivers is to please adhere to the legal regulations concerning traffic,” he said. “This will really help you, particularly when you stick to speed limits, and avoid using the phone will driving.”



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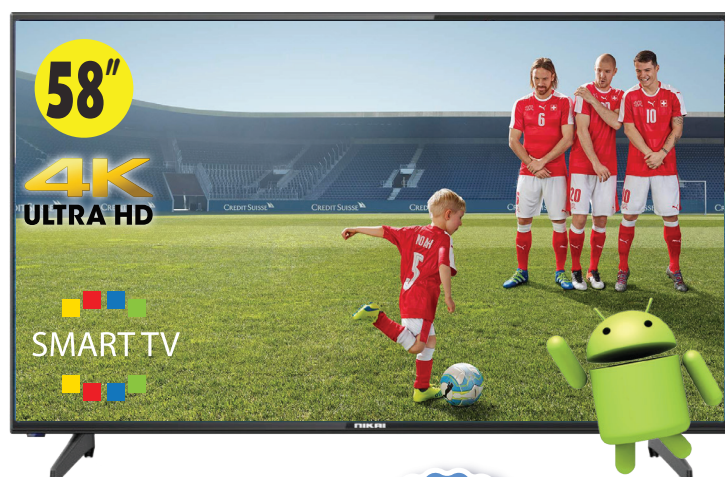
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NMC Healthcare Oman ready for mass vaccination

The whole idea of Mass Vaccination centre is to create a safer environment with easy access and Panorama Mall was the right choice as people were a little afraid of coming to hospital for the vaccination

Times News Service

MUSCAT: NMC Healthcare Oman, one of the largest Healthcare Groups in Oman in association with Ministry of Health, is well set for mass vaccination drive against COVID-19.

Dr Deep Makkar, General Manager NMC Healthcare said, "NMC Healthcare Oman is set for mass vaccination drive against COVID-19 with approval of regulatory authorities."

"As per Ministry of Health, Oman mass vaccination drive against COVID-19 is set to begin in full swing from the early week of June following the scheduled arrival of 1.25 million doses of the vaccine in one month, with the first shipment of 205,000 doses having already arrived last week in Oman and about 200,000 doses of the vaccine are expected to receive every week."

Dr Deep continued, "We want to contribute to the vaccination drive in Oman. We care deeply about the health of the general public."



Safe environment created

"So, we have created safe environment at NMC Hospitals as the entire medical staff at NMC - Doctors & Nurses - have got vaccinated the first dose of vaccine and set to offer vaccination to the residents of Oman."

"We thank Ministry of Health for giving priority to Private licensed healthcare workers for COVID vaccination and thanks to them very soon the whole target groups in Oman would be vaccinated."

"We, at NMC Oman, are happy and proud to announce that NMC has created a Mass Vaccination centre in partnership with Panorama Mall which is near to NMC Specialty Hospital Ghoubra."

The whole idea of Mass Vaccination centre is to create a safer environment with easy access and Panorama Mall was the right fit as people were little afraid of

coming to hospital for the vaccination. We thank Panorama Mall management who understood and gave importance to people safety and an experience of well being because the people who are coming for vaccination are healthy people."

The NMC COVID Vaccination centre at Panorama Mall was inaugurated on 10th June, 2021 under the auspices of Dr Mazin Al Khabouri, Director General for Private Health, MOH.

Dr Mazin expressed thanks to NMC Healthcare for providing such an efficient and safe environment for vaccination.

He further appealed to general public to register with MOH or private hospitals for COVID vaccination and get themselves and their family members vaccinated as soon as possible in line with guidelines of Ministry of Health.

"We owe our gratitude to all the corporates/companies who have placed trust in NMC Healthcare for vaccination of their employees and it is our duty to make sure that we create a better-than-expected environment for a safer vaccination."

The service will be available from 8am to 8pm, seven days in a week. Vaccination center at the Panorama Mall has capacity for up to 1,000+ vaccinations daily.

The infrastructure is in place and our medical team is all equipped for vaccination.

People coming for vaccination can experience ample parking space and can plan shopping as well in Panorama Mall during their visit.

We are expecting good footfall for vaccination as many corporates wish to have a safer and more spacious arrangements to get their employees vaccinated.

VACCINATION DRIVE

< FROM A1 Vaccines are safe to take, Ministry of Health assures

"In keeping with Ministry of Health guidelines, we are offering vaccines to Omanis above the age of 18, and to expatriates aged above 45."

"We have already begun our vaccination efforts, and are seeing plenty of demand for our shots, which we will be able to provide so long as we continue to receive vaccine doses," he said. "Patients have two options to pay for the vaccines: either they can pay online, and then upload the receipt to our Google Form, or they can pay in person when they come to take their shots."

To speed up its vaccination efforts, the hospital recently opened a vaccination centre in Panorama Mall, which was inaugurated by Dr Mazin Al Khabouri, the Director General of Private Health Establishments at the Ministry of Health.

On the Google form, patients need to provide their full name and email address, the names and national ID card copies of all those in their family who wish to take the vaccine, and need to book and pay for the number of doses they intend on being administered by the hospital.

A doctor at Badr Al Sama'a Hospital, one of the private medical centres taking part in immunisation efforts, said: "the cost of the vaccine will be borne by patients. Those who want to take the vaccine can walk in to any of our clinics, where they will be administered a vaccine of their choice, provided it is in stock."

Once they have been administered their vaccine, patients will need to wait for about 15 minutes at the hospital, where they will be observed for any adverse effects they experience from the jab. Registration details for Badr Al Sama'a hospitals will be made public soon. In the meantime, people can call their nearest hospital and book a vaccine appointment.



All preparations made

"We have made all the preparations required to distribute vaccines to people, and are just awaiting the green light from the Ministry of Health," said the doctor. "We expect to receive this soon, and once done, we will provide an online link where people can register to take the vaccine. In the meantime, however, people can still book vaccine appointments by calling our hospitals, and they will be among the first to be vaccinated, once we are allowed to immunise people."

An official from the Ministry of Health said that the AstraZeneca vaccine is priced at OMR11 per dose, owing to the cost of the jab itself, which costs OMR8, with the remaining OMR3 covering administrative costs for hospitals.

The ministry has also clarified that the vaccines are safe to take, and has asked people to not listen to rumours about alleged side-effects or harmful complications associated with them.

"We have witnessed many citizens and residents queuing up to take the vaccines, and this represents a high level of awareness," said Shatha bint Ahmed Al Siyabi, a lab specialist assigned to the vaccination efforts at the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex in Boushar.

HONOUR

Arab award for Omani doctor

MUSCAT: Dr. Kadhim Jafar Al Lawatia, senior consultant in cardiology and the Director General of Specialised Medical Care at the Ministry of Health obtained the Arab Doctor Award 2021.

The Award was announced during the virtual regular session of the Arab Health Ministers Council. Dr. Kadhim was given the prize in recognition of his contributions in the field of developing the cardiology services

at the local, regional and international levels.

The Award targets physicians of health field and its various branches, as well as health sciences in Arab world or those working abroad with distinct initiatives carried out within Arab lands and lead to the enhancement of health services. The Arab Doctor Award promotes innovations and health programs to achieve progress in primary health care. -ONA



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‘Oman is against injustice, darkness, and on the side light and harmony’

Three-month long Insan campaign highlighted ways to detect human trafficking victims and how to supplement government efforts to crack down on the perpetrators

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Aimed at spreading awareness on the evils of human trafficking, and the suffering of its victims, the Insan campaign organised by the National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking came to a conclusion on May 31, 2021.

Organised over a three-month period, the campaign began on March 1 this year, and highlighted ways to detect them and how government efforts that are used to crack down on human trafficking can be supplemented by others.

Commenting on the conclusion of the campaign, Sayyid Badr bin Hamad bin Hamood Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister and Chairman of the Committee said, “The Sultanate is a country that respects all human beings. This is the principle that the late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimour – may the Almighty rest his soul in peace – made clear in his speech at the Annual Session of The Council of Oman 2003.



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“In his speech, he said, ‘we are against injustice and darkness and on the side of justice, light and harmony. Mankind will only enjoy happiness and a sense of security if there is justice and respect for all those things which guarantee human beings their legitimate rights. First and foremost of these is their right to honour, dignity and freedom from humiliation, and their right to liberty and independence.’

“This is the same principle that His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik – may the Almighty protect him – reinforced in his speech on

February 23, 2020. He said, ‘we are proud that the citizens and residents in our dear country live, thanks to the Almighty, in the purview of the State of Law and institutions, a state built on the principles of freedom, non-discrimination, and equal opportunities, a state established on justice and dignity of individuals whose rights and liberties are secured therein’. Therefore, these are the principles of the Omani people, which make them a means of support and strength of the law enforcement forces as it continues

its battle against heinous crimes in society,” said Al Busaidi.

“I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the parties who were a part of the campaign. I am especially grateful to the members of the National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking, who worked tirelessly to achieve the objectives of the campaign,” added the Foreign Minister. “Moreover, we are proud of their efforts to deliver this message to the farthest reaches of society and especially to the groups who are the most vulnerable to being victims of trafficking.”

From his side, His Excellency Nasr bin Khamis Al Sawai, Attorney General and Deputy Chairman of the Committee stated, “The Government of Oman, represented by The National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking, strives tirelessly to combat human trafficking crimes. This is made further possible by reviewing the legislative system and proposing laws for perpetrators of the crime.

“The committee is also keen on tracking the crime index through the statistical systems, providing care and protection to the victims,” he added. “Furthermore, the committee continues to organise campaigns to educate the different segments of society about human trafficking and various methods of reporting. We are proud of the positive results that have been reflected through the media and advertising campaign, which affirms that the community does not tolerate such crimes.”

Joint effort

Sayyid Ammar bin Abdullah Al Busaidi, First Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Supervisor of the Human Trafficking Committee, said, “We believe that combating human trafficking is not just the task of a particular entity. Rather, this is a joint effort

Sayyid Badr bin Hamad bin Hamood Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister and Chairman of the National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking

mented in partnership and cooperation with various public and private entities. These included Omantel, Ooredoo, Muscat Municipality, BP Oman and The Oman Airports Management Company, who significantly contributed to the success of the campaign.

Also, several media representatives and social media influencers participated in the campaign including, Khalid Al Zadjali, Moosa Al Farei, Buthaina Al Bulushi, Ibrahim Al Zadjali and Ali Al Habsi. Each of them recorded a short video, expressing their support of the Insan campaign that focused on the concept of humanity. They also pointed out the Islamic values and morals that define the Omani character in their communication with others.

Sayyid Ammar Abdullah Al Busaidi, commented, “When social influencers participate and take part in promoting such awareness campaigns, these campaigns will receive widespread acclaim. Apart from receiving immense acceptance by the public and from our experience with Omani influencers who have participated with us in the Insan campaign, we can say that the cooperation proved very fruitful and was engaging. We are always keen to welcome and encourage such initiatives.”

“On behalf of the Chairman and members of the National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking, I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all who have contributed in supporting the efforts of the campaign and seeing it to success,” he said.

Constantly working

The Sultanate’s government is constantly working to combat human trafficking crimes by legislating preventive laws for perpetrators, providing care and protection for victims, as well as organising campaigns and workshops.

AVIATION

Oman Air launches direct flights to Lebanon’s capital

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Air, the Sultanate’s national carrier, has launched seasonal service between Muscat and Beirut, Lebanon, operated with Boeing 737 aircraft.

These direct flights will operate on Wednesdays and Saturdays between July 4 and September 16, subject to government approvals.

The Wednesday flight from Muscat will depart at 21:15 and arrive in Beirut at 00:50. The flight from Beirut will depart at 01:50 on Thursday and arrive in Muscat at 07:15.

The Sunday flight from Muscat will depart at 02:30 and arrive in Beirut at 06:05. The flight from Beirut will depart at 07:05 and arrive in Muscat at 12:30.

Quarantine will be waived for passengers entering Lebanon if they can present a negative COVID-19 PCR test result, issued within 96 hours of arrival.

Oman Air will maintain its comprehensive safety programme across all aspects of the journey. Masks are required when passengers are on board the aircraft and in Oman’s airports. The aircraft are carefully cleaned after each flight and at the end of every day.

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modified to further ensure safety, and a number of other measures have been implemented to ensure that the passengers and crew are safe at all times.

Those travelling to Muscat can visit the Civil Aviation Authority website, caa.gov.om, and ensure they comply with requirements to enter Oman. Passengers to Beirut, Lebanon, should ensure they are aware of official requirements to enter or transit through the country. Those departing from Oman should also ensure that they are aware of all pre-departure requirements and requirements during their flights, which are provided at omanair.com.



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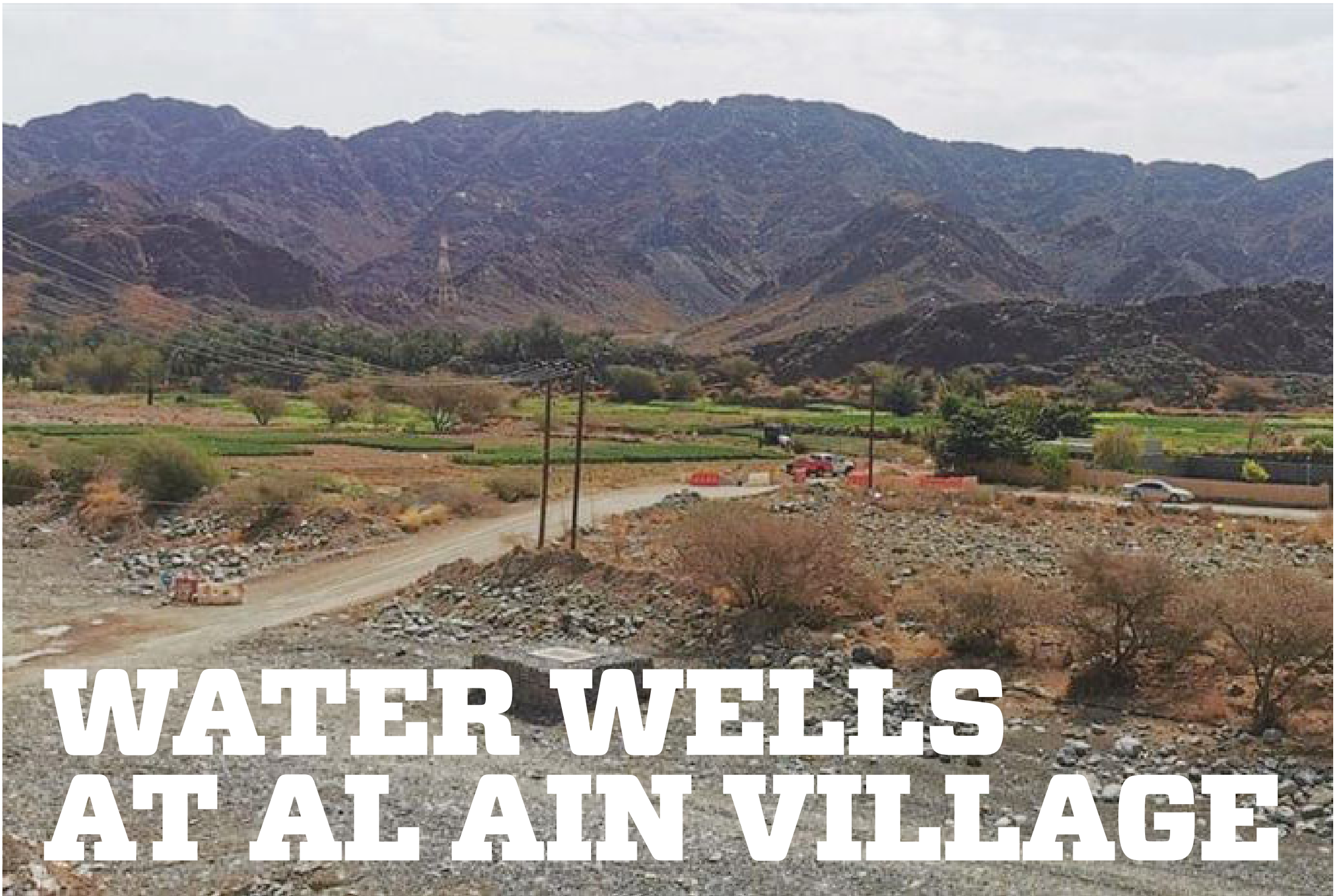
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Al Ain Village is one of the beautiful villages in the wilayat of Su-mail. Known for its deep-rooted heritage, beautiful gardens and fascinating nature, the village enjoys a strategic location at the main road leading to Al Dakhiliyah Governorate, making it an attraction for tourists visiting the Sultanate. Named after a water spring (Al Ain) used for irrigation of the farms of the village, Al Ain was earlier known as Hamamat during the time of Imam Mohammed bin



Al Ghalimi Falaj. They were also supported by the water wells. There are several wadis in the village including Wadi Al Misfat, Wadi Al Assi and Wadi Al Ghoub. Tourists visit Al Ain Village to see the spring (Al Ain), Al Alia Mosque, old houses and towers among other landmarks. Al Ain Village is also famous for its farms and traditional craft and has seen several developments mainly in the fields of education, health, water, electricity, telecommunication services and infrastructure.

Abdullah Al Khalili.
Earlier, for the irrigation of the farms people residing in the village relied on Al Aliani Falaj and



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FANS OF FALAFEL will certainly be delighted to know that there is a day dedicated to this favourite chickpea treat. Every year on June 12th International Falafel Day is celebrated. Deep-fried and made of chickpeas or fava beans, this Middle Eastern food is often eaten wrapped up in a pita bread, or served with salad and sauces. This absolutely delicious snack is a favourite amongst non vegetarians and

vegetarians alike. While we do not know exactly where and when the concept of this day originated, this popular street food of the Middle East is a favourite among foodies in Oman. If you missed celebrating the day yesterday, it's never too late. Include falafel into your meals or try out the authentic falafel dishes in one of the restaurants in town. You can even try making them at home.





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SULTAN QABOOS UNIVERSITY

SQU ranked at 368 in global QS Rating

MUSCAT: Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) has continuously improved its ranking during the last six years in a row within the international QS Rating for universities.

SQU is ranked 368 compared to its last rating of 375.

QS has analysed 1,673 universities worldwide, out of which 1,300 universities have been entertained for the rating of this year at an increase of 145 new universities compared to the rating of 2021.

SQU has relentlessly worked to achieve this goal and for improvement of performance indicators in light of the rating indicators.

At the beginning of this year, SQU worked on compatibility of its rating strategy to cope with



Oman Vision 2040.

During the year, SQU encouraged all its academic staff to efficiently participate in research platforms and to release their research work at such platforms among other efforts.

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OMAN CONGRATULATES UAE’S ELECTION TO SECURITY COUNCIL

In a statement issued on Saturday, the Foreign Ministry expressed the Sultanate’s congratulations to the United Arab Emirates for its election as member of the UN Security Council for the Term 2022/2023. The statement expressed the Sultanate’s support for the government of the United Arab Emirates in its duties towards the international peace and security and at the same time for the interests of the GCC States and the Arab and Muslim causes. — OMA/File picture



APRIL 2021 END



M95 grade fuel production in Oman increases by 29%

MUSCAT: The Sultanate’s production of car fuel M95 has increased by 29 per cent to reach over 5,009,300 barrels by end of April 2021 compared to over 3,895,900 barrel during the same period 2020.

The sales of car fuel M95 stood at 4,251,600 barrel at an increase of 20 per cent compared to 3,551,600 barrel during the same period in 2020.

The exports of M95 amounted to 1,025,300 barrels at an increase of 205 per cent compared to the

exports of 336, 400 barrels during the same period in 2020, according to the statistics issued by the National Centre for Information and Statistics (NCIS).

On the other hand, the production of (M91) decreased by nine per cent to 3,413,100 barrels compared to the same period in 2020 which saw the production of 3,760,700 barrels.

The sales of M91 stood at 2,606,200 barrels by end of April 2021 compared to 2,667, 500 barrels at an increase of two per cent.

The exports of M91 amounted to 844, 500 barrel , a decrease of 58 per cent against 2,005,800 barrels by end of April 2020.

Production of diesel

Production of diesel fuel increased by 15 per cent to reach 11,989,900 barrels compared to 10,465,600 barrels by end of April 2020. The sales of diesel fuel decreased by 4 per cent to stand at 4,331, 800 barrels compared to 4,502,200 barrels by end of April 2020. — OMA

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Software programmes launched

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Defence on Thursday launched a number of software programmes.

The launching ceremony was held at the theatre of the Ministry of Defence Pension Fund under the patronage of Dr Mohammed Nasser Al Zaabi, Secretary General at the Ministry of Defence.

During the event, Brigadier Yahya Said Al Wadhahi, head of the project’s guidance committee gave a speech, in which he affirmed that the project was accomplished by Omani cadres from the Ministry of Defence.

He further added that the project comes as per the government’s digital transformation.

The ceremony was attended by the retired minister Mohamed Nasser Al Rasbi, Vice Admiral



Abdullah Khamis Al Raisi, Chief of Staff of the Sultan’s Armed Forces (SAF), Maj. Gen Mattar Salim Al Balushi, Commander of the Royal Army of Oman (RAO), Air Vice Marshal Khamis Hamad Al Ghafri, Commander of the

Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) and Acting Commander of the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO), as well as a number of senior officers from SAF and other military and security unites.

—OMA

AL MURTAFA'A CAMP

US naval commander received

MUSCAT: Dr Mohammed Nasser Al Zaabi, Secretary General of the Ministry of Defence received in his office at Al Murtafa’a Camp on Thursday Vice Admiral Brad Cooper, Commander of the US Naval Forces Central Command and his accompanying delegation, currently visiting the Sultanate.

The meeting exchanged cordial conversations and reviewed a number of matters of common concern.

The meeting was attended by a number of senior officers at the Sultan’s Armed Forces and the US Ambassador to the Sultanate.



— OMA



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Ministry of Social Development

Tender Announcement

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

Tender No.	Tender Subject	Grade	Last date for obtainment of tender document	Last date for tender submission	Tender Document Price (non-retundable)
14/2021	Providing and supplying prosthetic devices and aids for people with disabilities	Companies specialized in supplying medical equipment and registered with the general secretariat of the tender board	Tuesday 29-6-2021 02:00 PM	Monday 19-7-2021 10:00 AM	R.O. 25/=

- ❖ Specialized Companies, registered with the Tender Board may obtain the Tender documents at theTender Board e-tendering digital portal link (<https://etendering.tenderboard.gov.om>) , On Thursday 10/6/2021
- ❖ Tender shall be submitted in compliance with the technical specifications and terms along with a local bank warranty at (1%) of the tender value, valid ninety (90) days from the date of e-submission.
- ❖ The original (1%) bank warranty to be submitted at same day of submitting at tender box located in Directorate of Finanace & Administration at MOSD HQ.
- ❖ For Inquiry , please contact though the e-tendering website (reg@tenderboard.gov.om) tel. (24402222 or 24166670)

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PULITZER PRIZE

Teen who filmed Floyd's death receives Pulitzer honour

NEW YORK: Darnella Frazier, who took the video of George Floyd's death in May 2020, won a special citation at the Pulitzer Prize ceremony on Friday.

Frazier, who was 17 at the time of the incident, was cited "for courageously recording the murder of George Floyd, a video that spurred protests against police brutality, around the world, highlighting the crucial role of citizens in journal-



ists' quest for truth and justice," according to the Pulitzer Prize Board. The video showed Minneapolis police officers pinning Floyd on the ground for several minutes, as he uttered "I can't breathe." The video spread around the world and led to massive protests across the US and in other countries against police brutality and systemic racism. News organizations also won awards for their coverage of the

protests that erupted from the video, including the Associated Press and the Star Tribune of Minneapolis newspaper.

Derek Chauvin, the officer who knelt on Floyd's neck, was found guilty of second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in April. Frazier testified during the trial and her video was featured. **ANI**



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G7 leaders to sign declaration to stop future global pandemics

By signing the declaration on health, G7 leaders will commit to using all their resources to prevent a global pandemic from ever happening again



GROUP OF SEVEN: The heads of seven leading economies — Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States — are in Cornwall in the UK for the second of three days of talks.

CORNWALL: Group of Seven (G7) leaders are set to sign up for the Carbis Bay Declaration aimed at taking steps to prevent another health emergency, similar to the coronavirus pandemic.

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using all their resources to prevent a global pandemic from ever happening again, according to a statement released by the UK government on Saturday.

The declaration is set to lay out "concrete commitments to prevent any repeat of the human and economic devastation wreaked by coronavirus," the statement adds.

The steps include cutting down the time it takes to develop and license vaccines, treatments and diagnostics for any future disease

to under 100 days. It will also reinforce global surveillance networks. The declaration — named after the seaside town in Cornwall, southwest England where leaders are meeting — will be formally published on Sunday, alongside the G7's final communiqué.

The respiratory virus has caused millions of deaths since the outbreak was first reported in China in late 2019. It forced economies worldwide into recessions as a result of strict measures on

businesses and trade imposed by governments in a bid to stem the spread of the outbreak.

G7 to announce rival to China's Belt and Road Initiative

During the summit, the G7 is expected to launch a new global infrastructure plan to counter China's massive Belt and Road Initiative, according to senior US officials.

"We'll be announcing 'build

back better for the world,' an ambitious new global infrastructure initiative with our G7 partners that won't just be an alternative to the B and I [Belt and Road]," an official was quoted as saying by news agency Reuters.

China's Belt and Road Initiative is a multi-trillion dollar infrastructure project launched in 2013 with the aim of boosting trade links with dozens of countries from Asia to Europe.

Critics of the initiative say that Chinese lending for Belt and Road projects could entice developing nations into taking on massive, unsustainable debt, thereby making them vulnerable to influence by Beijing.

Meanwhile, US President Joe Biden also hopes to bolster co-operation in confronting China's alleged forced labor practices including against the Uyghur Muslim minority.

"This is not just about confronting or taking on China," a senior White House official said, adding: "This is about providing an affirmative, positive alternative vision for the world."

Several talks taking place on the sidelines of the G7
British Prime Minister Boris John-

son met the bloc's leaders on the sidelines of the summit, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President Charles Michel, as post-Brexit turbulence strains relations between Britain and the EU.

The EU and UK are locked in an escalating diplomatic row over Northern Ireland, the only part of the UK that has a land border with the bloc. The EU is angry at British delay in implementing new checks on some goods coming into Northern Ireland from the rest of the UK required under the terms of Britain's divorce from the bloc.

Britain says the checks are imposing a big burden on businesses and destabilizing Northern Ireland's hard-won peace.

Von der Leyen tweeted after meeting Johnson that Northern Ireland peace was "paramount," and the binding Brexit agreement protected it.

"We want the best possible relations with the UK. Both sides must implement what we agreed on. There is complete EU unity on this," she said.

Johnson also held meetings with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron. **bw**

MAJOR SETBACK FOR CHOKSI

Dominica High Court denies bail to Choksi



DENIED BAIL: Dominica High Court also pointed out how Choksi proposed that he will stay with his brother in the hotel, but that is not a fixed address.

ROSEAU : In a major setback to fugitive diamondaire Mehul Choksi, Dominica High Court has denied bail saying that he has no ties to Dominica and the court cannot impose any conditions which will assure it that he wouldn't abscond.

Dominica High Court also pointed out how Choksi proposed that he will stay with his brother in the hotel, but that is not a fixed address. The court also noted that his trial has not started yet. Judge Wynante Adrien-Roberts of Dominica High Court decided not to grant bail to Mehul Choksi after conclusion of the submissions made by both the sides. The court also highlighted that Mehul Choksi didn't offer any strong surety before the court while he sought bail and he's a flight risk too, Antigua Newsroom reported.

Currently, Choksi has got interim relief from immediate repatriation to India by the Dominican court.

While arguing, Choksi's Counsel cited medical grounds for bail and dismissed flight risk.

The court verdict comes a few

days after Dominica Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit termed Choksi as an "Indian citizen" and stated that the courts will decide what happens to the fugitive. He added that the government will protect the rights of Choksi as he awaits trial.

"The matter with this Indian citizen is before the courts, the courts will decide what happens to this gentleman and we allow the court process to go through," Loop Jamaica News quoted that Dominica PM as saying.

Choksi had gone missing from Antigua on May 23 after going out for dinner and was soon caught in Dominica. He was charged with illegal entry by the police in Dominica after he allegedly escaped from Antigua and Barbuda in a possible attempt to evade extradition to India.

The 62-year-old fugitive is wanted in India in connection with a Rs 13,500-crore fraud in the Punjab National Bank (PNB).

According to the Writeups 24, Choksi's disappearance from Antigua and Barbuda and his apparent attempt to escape to Cuba, was unlike the Hollywood

drama that it was made out to be. The Caribbean newspaper said that the whole planning was to manipulate the entire scenario into an abduction story, and the media was trapped in a hoax created by Choksi's family on the advice of his lawyers.

Responding to such media reports, Mehul Choksi's brother on Monday sent a legal notice to Caribbean-based media outlet Associate Times, for publishing an article, what they termed as "fake, unsubstantiated, false and with unverified facts."

The media outlet had recently reported that Chetan Chinubhai Choksi, the elder brother of Mehul met with the leader of opposition Lennox Linton at the latter's home for two hours and had promised to pay for election donation in exchange of support from the opposition to press the matter in the parliament.

Chetan Choksi's lawyer Ayush Jindal, said his client has sought an unconditional apology and issuance of a corrigendum clarifying the correct facts, in all print and digital media, and other social media platforms. **ANI**



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WORLD



US-Russia relations at lowest point in years, Putin warns

The two leaders will meet in Geneva, Switzerland, on Wednesday as Biden wraps up his first foreign trip as president

WASHINGTON: Russian President Vladimir Putin, in an interview with US broadcaster NBC ahead of his first meeting with US President Joe Biden, said relations between Moscow and Washington were at their lowest point in years.

“We have a bilateral relationship that has deteriorated to its lowest point in recent years,” Pu-



tin said, according to an official translation of excerpts of an interview that aired on Friday.

The two leaders will meet in Geneva, Switzerland, on Wednesday as Biden wraps up his first foreign trip as president.

What did Putin say about Donald Trump?

Putin, in the interview, voiced hope that Biden would be less impulsive than his predecessor, Donald Trump.

“It is my great hope that, yes, there are some advantages, some disadvantages, but there will not be

any impulse-based movements on behalf of the sitting US president.”

Putin described Biden as a “career man” who spent his life in politics, in contrast to the “colorful” Trump. “I believe that former US President Trump is an extraordinary individual, talented individual ... He is a colorful individual. You may like him or not. But he didn’t come from the US establishment,” Putin said.

During the 2016 US election, Putin had openly admitted that he supported Trump, who in turn expressed his admiration for the Russian leader.

What did Putin think of Biden’s ‘killer’ comment?

Since becoming president, Biden has taken a tough stance against Putin and in March described him as a “killer” in light of a series of high-profile deaths.

Asked about the remark, Putin laughed and said such accusations were part of America’s “macho behavior.”

“I’ve gotten used to attacks from all kinds of angles and from all kinds of areas under all kinds of pretext and reasons of different caliber and fierceness, and none of it surprises me,” he said.

Such discourse “is part of US political culture where it’s considered normal. By the way, not here, it is not considered normal here,” he said.

The White House said Biden plans to bring up a range of US complaints at the summit, including ransomware attacks emanating from Russia, Moscow’s aggression against Ukraine and the jailing of dissidents. **ow**

US lawmakers unveil 5 bills targeting Big Tech

WASHINGTON: Lawmakers in the United States put forward five bills on Friday aimed at curbing the market power of so-called Big Tech.

The bipartisan legislation is aimed at tackling the issues identified in a 15-month investigation into the market dominance of Apple, Amazon, Google and Facebook, carried out by the House Judiciary Committee’s antitrust subcommittee.

The probe found that the four tech giants had abused their market power by charging excessive fees, imposing tough contract terms and extracting crucial data from individuals and businesses that use their services.

The potentially game-changing legislative package must now pass through several votes before being signed into law by US President Joe Biden.

Why have the bills been proposed now?

Tech giants have enjoyed light-touch regulation for decades, but they are now facing increasing scrutiny in the US and Europe due to concerns about monopoly-like power.

Finance ministers from the Group of Seven (G7) economies pledged last week to commit to a minimum global level of corporate tax of at least 15%, following an initial proposal by Biden. **ow**

Gunmen attack villages, kill over 90 people in Nigeria

ABUJA: At least 90 people were killed by armed men in north-western Nigeria, local media reported on Friday citing the region’s police.

“An attack took place at Kadawa village of Zurmi local government where bandits took advantage of the night to strike on unsuspecting people and killed them in cold blood,” a police spokesperson told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN).

“On getting the news of the attack, the Commissioner of Police ordered combined units of security personnel to mobilize to the area, restore peace and confidence in the communities and track the perpetrators so that they can be brought to book,” he added.

The attack, which took place on Thursday in a village in Zamfara state, was the latest in a spate of deadly attacks and mass kidnappings the region has seen in recent months.



Governor: ‘Defend yourself’

Earlier on Friday, the governor of Zamfara told residents to take matters into their own hands and fight back against such attacks.

“I am calling on the people of the state to defend themselves if the bandits attack them,” Governor Bello Matawalle was quoted as saying by the Nigerian Tribune daily.

“My government has approved that whenever the bandits attack

you, do not wait for the security personnel to come to your rescue. You should rise and protect yourselves,” he said.

Gunmen have ramped up attacks in the country’s northwest region forcing thousands of people to flee to neighboring Niger.

The security situation in central and northwestern Nigeria remains fragile. The rising violence presents a new challenge for President Muhammadu Buhari’s

security forces who have been locked in a war with the jihadists in the country’s northeast for more than a decade.

Children targeted

The region has also been hit by a wave of criminal gangs kidnapping children in the hopes of securing a ransom. More than 700 children and students have been kidnapped for ransom since December.

Earlier this month, Doctors Without Borders (MSF) warned that the Zamfara state is facing a humanitarian crisis.

The aid group said it had already treated 10,300 children in Zamfara between January and April for severe acute malnutrition, measles, malaria, and other conditions.

According to MSF, gunmen are increasingly sexually assaulting their hostages, and many rape survivors have not received treatment. **ow**



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TENDER

The company invites offers for the following tenders:

Sl. #	Tender No.	Description	Tender Fee	Closing Date
1.	31091/21	Leasing of Housing Complex Shop	RO. 52,500-	29th June 2021 11 AM
2.	3000000300/21	Supply of Kraft Empty Paper Bags for Cement	RO. 105,000	29th June 2021 11 AM

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Any tender received beyond the above closing time and date or not being supported by bid bond will not be considered.

The last date for purchasing of Tender Documents shall be 5 days before the closing date of tender.

Note: For Tender # 3000000300/21 Offers are invited from reputed manufacturers of paper bags, not distributors or traders or middleman agents.

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This publication is part of the tender documents.

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The Board of Directors of GULF STONE (the “Company”) has the pleasure to invite the shareholders to attend the General Meeting, which will be held at 03:00 PM on 21/06/2021, via the electronic platform to hold the general meetings which can be assessed through the website of Muscat Clearing & Depository Company (www.mcd.gov.om). If the quorum requirement for holding the Annual General Meeting is not fulfilled, a second Annual General Meeting shall be held at 03:00 PM on 27/06/2021, to discuss the following agenda:

Ordinary Agendas:

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According to the Company’s Articles of Association and the controls for holding General Meetings using modern technology issued by the capital market authority, we would like to draw your attention to the following:

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Christian Eriksen collapses during Denmark-Finland Euro 2020 football game

COPENHAGEN: Danish footballer Christian Eriksen collapsed on Saturday during Denmark's opening Euro 2020 game with Nordic rivals Finland. The incident happened towards the end of the first half when the 29-year-old dropped to the ground.

Medics from the Danish team then rushed onto the pitch to treat Eriksen, who currently plays for Italian side Inter Milan.

They then performed CPR on the former Tottenham Hotspur midfielder as he lay on the field.

Medical treatment continued on the pitch for more than 15 minutes, before Eriksen was carried off on a stretcher.

Both teams then left the field and returned to their dressing rooms.

There is currently no information about what caused Eriksen to collapse or his current condition.



Danish footballer Christian Eriksen

OMAN BEAT AFGHANISTAN

The Oman football team beat Afghanistan by two goals to one. The first national football team defeated its Afghan counterpart 1:2 in the penultimate round of the Asian double qualifiers for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar and the Asian Cup in China 2023. The win takes Oman to 15 points and they will aim for another victory against Bangladesh on Tuesday. – Times News Service



Krejcikova beats Pavlyuchenkova to clinch French Open singles title

Krejcikova started off well winning the first set quite easily. The world No 33 won six straight games in just half an hour to clinch the first set



FRENCH OPEN: Krejcikova defeated Russian tennis star Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-1, 2-6, 6-4 to lift her maiden singles major trophy

PARIS: Czech Republic tennis player Barbora Krejcikova on Saturday fought an intense battle to become the first woman from her country to clinch the French Open singles title since Hana Mandlikova in 1981.

Krejcikova defeated Russian tennis star Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-1, 2-6, 6-4 to lift her maiden singles major trophy.

Krejcikova started off well winning the first set quite easily. The world No 33 won six straight games in just half an hour to clinch the first set.

However, Pavlyuchenkova battled back to win the second set 6-2. The Russian tennis star had taken

a medical timeout in the second set but made sure she didn't lose the momentum due to the break.

The intense third set started with both the players leaving no stone unturned in going ahead of each other. The two players were at 2-2 before Krejcikova went up a break 4-3 to move close to the title.

Pavlyuchenkova did make a

comeback but wasn't able to stop Krejcikova from clinching the title as the Czech Republic player won the third set 6-4.

This is the sixth straight year Paris has crowned a first-time Grand Slam women's singles champion. The past 15 majors have witnessed nine different maiden Slam winners.

Djokovic stuns Nadal, sets up summit against Tsitsipas

World number one Novak Djokovic stunned defending champion Rafael Nadal as he stormed into the men's finals of the ongoing French Open.

Djokovic defeated defending champion Nadal 3-6, 6-3, 7-6, 6-2 in the second men's semi-final here

at Court Philipp-Chatrier. Djokovic will now lock horns against Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas in the finals of French Open on Sunday.

In the first set, the 35-year-old Nadal brought out his A-game to the court and Djokovic had no answers to what was being thrown at him. The Spaniard dropped just three games in the entire set, and he ended up winning it 6-3.

The world number one Djokovic staged a comeback in the second set, and he threw Nadal off his game and in the end, the Serbian ended up winning it 6-3 and this ensured that the match would atleast go into the fourth set.

In the third set there was back and forth action, and at one stage it was levelled at 6-6 and it progressed to a tie breaker. In the end, the world number Djokovic managed to hold his own to win it 7-6.

In the end, Djokovic managed to wrap up the match as he won the fourth set 6-2 and he ended up knocking Nadal out of the tournament.

Earlier on Friday, Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas managed to progress to the men's finals of the ongoing French Open. Tsitsipas defeated sixth seed Alexander Zverev in a five-set thriller 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3 here at Court Philippe-Chatrier. The entire match lasted for 3 hours 37 mins.

The victory ended Tsitsipas' three-match losing streak in Grand Slam semi-finals.

Tsitsipas edges past Zverev in five-set thriller

Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas on Friday managed to progress to the men's finals of the ongoing French Open. Tsitsipas defeated sixth seed Alexander Zverev in a five-set thriller 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3 here at Court Philippe-Chatrier. The entire match lasted for 3 hours 37 mins. The victory ended Tsitsipas' three-match losing streak in Grand Slam semi-finals. The first two sets were won by Tsitsipas as he clinched it 6-3, 6-3. Greece's tennis star brought out his A-game to the middle and Zverev had no answers to what was thrown at him.

However, Zverev staged a comeback in the third and fourth sets as he won both by margin of 6-4 and as a result, the match was sent into the fifth and deciding set.

However, in the end, it was Tsitsipas who managed to progress to the finals as he won the fifth and final set 6-3. Tsitsipas became the youngest man to reach a Grand Slam final since Andy Murray at the 2010 Australian Open.

Later in the day, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic will lock horns in the semi-finals of the ongoing French Open. **ANI**

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Italy beat Turkey as post-pandemic Euro Cup 2020 gets underway

ROME: It took 364 days longer than expected, 53 minutes of patient play and an own goal from Turkey's Merih Demiral, but Italy finally opened the scoring at the European Championships on Friday night, en route to an ultimately comfortable 3-0 win.

Ciro Immobile doubled the lead in the stadium in which he plays his club football with Lazio, before Napoli's Lorenzo Insigne made it three, as Squadra Azzurra got off to a winning start in Group A. Despite dominating up to 70% of possession in the first half, Roberto Mancini's men had failed to break down a well-organized Turkish defense which had only conceded three goals in qualifying.

But when Domenico Berardi found space in the Turkish box just seven minutes after the restart and fired the ball across goal, Turkey defender Demiral, who plays his club football in Italy with Juventus, could do nothing but divert it over his own goal-line.

Shortly after, the Turks were cursing their luck again when goalkeeper Urgan Cakir saved well from Leonardo Spinazzola's shot, only for the rebound to fall to Immobile who made no mistake from close range. But Cakir couldn't blame bad luck for his misplaced pass which led to Italy's third, Insigne firing into the bottom corner after being found by Immobile.

Yellow cards followed for Caglar Soyuncu and Halil Derv



soglu in the closing stages as Turkey's discipline, which had served them so well in the first half, evaporated. They had hoped to get at least a draw out of their opening fixture, but will now be under pressure to get points on the board against Switzerland and Wales.

As for Italy, victory extended their unbeaten run to 28 games as Mancini closes in on Vittorio Pozzo's record (30 games) between 1935 and 1938. The 56-year-old has thoroughly rejuvenated Italy after the country failed to even qualify for the 2018 World Cup, and Friday night's second-half performance will only increase the expectations at a tournament they are co-hosting.

Football returns - a glimpse of life post-pandemic

Indeed, one day short of a year after the originally planned start date, it was perhaps fitting that this pan-continental European Championship should kick-off in Rome, the capital of the European country which suffered first, and arguably most, at the hands of the coronavirus.

After a year of lockdowns, curfews, overrun hospitals and in-consolable loss, happy faces were once again visible on the sunny streets of the Italian capital. From the Colosseum to the Pantheon to the Piazza del Popolo, and across the Tiber to the Stadio Olimpico, Romans were greeted by an unf

miliar sight: football fans, decked out in blue of Italy or the red of Turkey and enjoying the warm summer weather.

18,000 of them had tickets for the opening game at the 72,000-capacity Olympic Stadium, but they made more than enough noise through their face masks to make up for those who couldn't be there.

Isolated matches have taken place in front of supporters across Europe, including the recent Champions League and Europa League finals, but this was the most tangible feeling so far that the continent and its most popular sport were taking a step back towards normality. **DW**

ENGLAND VS NZ



Lawrence strikes in final over but Conway, Young make it Kiwis' day

EDGBASTON : Dan Lawrence picked a wicket just before the close of the second day's play to give England some hopes in the ongoing second Test against New Zealand on Friday.

Will Young was dismissed for 82 in the last over of the day to give Lawrence his maiden Test wicket as New Zealand ended day two at 229/3. The Kiwis are still trailing by 74 runs with veteran batsman Ross Taylor unbeaten at 46. The hosts began the second day with three wickets in hand and after some delightful strokes in the morning Mark Wood (41) departed in the 96th over.

In the few minutes, Stuart Broad and James Anderson were also dismissed, leaving Dan Lawrence stranded on 81* as England was folded for 303 before lunch.

In the first session, New Zealand scored 43 runs for the loss of one wicket after England was bowled out. Skipper Latham departed after scoring six runs.

Devon Conway continued his impressive start in Test cricket and in the second session, New Zealand added 87 runs as England struggled to find a breakthrough. An unbeaten 115-run stand between Conway and Young took New Zealand to 130/1.

In the third session, Broad removed the dangerous-looking Conway before the batsman could complete his ton. Meanwhile Young hit his maiden Test fifty to help New Zealand get past 200.

However, Lawrence dismissed Young in the dying minutes of the day to give some hope to England. **ANI**



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EU, UK REACH FISHING DEAL

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Jobseekers learn art of processing fish

A training course on producing and processing smoked fish was organised to sharpen the skills of fish grilling shops owners, fish selling outlets and jobseekers

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Fisheries Industries Innovation Unit at the Industrial Innovation Centre (IIC) in the Wilayat of Al Musannah, organised a training course on producing and processing smoked fish.

The three days training course was presented by Eng. Younis Zanati, an expert of seafood development and several specialists in IIC. It targeted those who are specialised in the same field such as the owners of fish grill shops and staff members of fish selling outlets, in addition to the job seekers who are interested to join the fisheries sector.

The course programme included the preparing process for the long tail tuna, which is locally called Sahwah, and the Indian mackerel (Dhala'aha), while both kinds of fish are considered among the best suitable Omani fishes for the smoking process.

The programme showed detailed data on the fish smoking process, which includes preserving fish in a mixture of salt and melted ice for 17 hours, and then being smoked in the smoking device that used the wooden sawdust.

IIC is always keen to organise series of workshops and courses to empower Omani youth in the field of value-added industries, particularly in the fisheries sector. The Sultanate's fisheries production in 2020 exceeded 600,000 tonnes, which calls for the presence of



INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION CENTRE INITIATIVE: The programme showed detailed data on the fish smoking process, which includes preserving fish in a mixture of salt and melted ice for 17 hours, and then being smoked in the smoking device that used the wooden sawdust. - Supplied picture



value-added industries to enhance their market value instead of trading them as primary products.

Muzna Al Hatimia, CEO of Laames Company, a specialised private company in fish indus-

tries, and one of the incubated companies in the fisheries Industries Innovation Unit, stressed the need for intensifying such kinds of training courses, especially in light of the implementation of Oman's

Vision 2040, which aims at enhancing the sustainability of the national economy.

She also stressed the important role of the small and medium enterprises in supporting the national economy, diversifying its sources and creating job opportunities for Omani youth.

In addition to the Fisheries Industries Innovation Unit, the Industrial Innovation Centre has set another two innovation units, namely the Food & Beverage Innovation Unit, and the Animal Feed Innovation Unit, which were established in cooperation with the Ministry of Agricultural Wealth, Fisheries and Water Resources.

These units are considered as part of the important social and economic innovations that aim at enabling entrepreneurs and innovators to manufacture their products in accordance with the adopted health systems, as well as enable them to market their products properly. These innovation units also provide the service of manufacturing prototypes for various enterprises and innovators.

REPORT

Global trade defies expectations in 2021 and drives recovery

DUBAI: Global trade will rebound in 2021 after showing surprising resilience in 2020 despite the economic challenges posed by the pandemic, according to DMCC's (Dubai Multi Commodities Centre) latest special edition Future of Trade 2021 report titled, 'Defying predictions and driving the post-pandemic economic recovery'.

Two key takeaways

The report highlights two key global and regional takeaways: firstly, global trade will underpin strong global economic growth in 2021 and beyond, with the US and Chinese economies leading the way. This growth has defied expectations of double-digit annual declines, which had been estimated between 13-32 per cent by the World Trade Organisation.

Secondly, Dubai, a major trade hub, saw its foreign trade growth rebound significantly in 2020, despite the economic challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, with the second half of 2020 seeing a particularly strong jump in trade volumes, of 6 per cent year-on-year. Dubai's overall export values jumped 8 per cent in 2020, on an annual basis.

Bleak trade

Ahmed bin Sulayem, Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, DMCC, said, "In 2020, the outlook for global trade was bleak as the world sought to grapple with the impact of the pandemic. Today, the picture is much more positive, as evidenced by the findings of our latest Special Edition Future of Trade - 2021 report. But while global trade has shown its resilience, it is simultaneously in the midst of profound change."

"Technology, changing consumer behaviours, the drive to combat climate change, and geopolitics will all be key contributors to its reshaping in the years ahead. In this context, our research puts forward a number of tangible recommendations to governments and businesses seeking to navigate this new landscape and accelerate the recovery from the pandemic."

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and disruptive technologies will further accelerate trade growth. For example, DeFi protocols have seen a considerable amount of funds invested. Since the start of 2021 alone, the total value locked into DeFi has tripled from approximately \$20 billion to \$60 billion. As digital infrastructures grow, they will continue to accelerate a ground-breaking shift in trade from the national to the global.

Commenting on the release of the Special Edition report, Feryal Ahmadi, Chief Operating Officer, DMCC, said, "Following a challenging and uncertain period, the evidence presented in our Future of Trade report suggests an optimistic outlook. Global trade has defied all expectations and will underpin global economic growth. While geopolitics will continue to present challenges and impact the global trading system, the adoption of technology will continue to shape the future of trade. An important development over the last twelve months has also been the pivot of governments, companies and investors towards sustainable practices in international trade - now high on the agenda. What the report ultimately reiterates, in line with our previous findings, is that international coordination and collaboration, and technology remain the key enablers and drivers of the recovery." - WAM

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION

IATA welcomes steps by Spain and France to open air travel



GENEVA: The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has welcomed the relaxation of COVID-19 border measures for vaccinated passengers and the broader use of affordable antigen testing adopted by Spain and France this week.

This is tempered by ongoing disappointment at the failure to implement harmonised measures across Europe and deep frustration at the lack of coordination among governments worldwide for a data-driven risk-managed approach to re-establishing the freedom to travel.

As of June 7, Spain opened its borders to most vaccinated travellers from around the world and allowed EU travellers to enter the country with a negative antigen test. Besides, passengers coming from low-risk countries (including the UK) can enter without any restrictions.

From June 9, France opened to vaccinated travellers from all but

those countries assessed as high risk. Vaccinated travellers from medium-risk countries will need to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 antigen or PCR test, and unvaccinated people must still self-isolate for seven days.

"It is encouraging to see more European countries taking steps to reopen borders. They recognise the opportunity created by vaccination and are making travel more affordable with the use of antigen testing," said Willie Walsh, IATA's Director-General.

"But this approach is not universal across the continent. Many European states have yet to significantly relax borders at all. This fragmentation should be replaced with a unified approach that is consistent with the recommendations of the EU to which they belong."

"People, businesses and economies will all benefit from greater alignment across Europe in relaxing measures and restoring the freedom to travel," said Walsh. -ANI

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EU and Britain reach fishing deal for 2020-21



AGREEMENT: The agreement gives fishing fleets the guarantees they need to be able to move freely in EU and UK territorial waters until the end of 2021. - DW

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BRITAIN: The European Union has agreed to a fishing deal with the UK that could be worth 333 million pounds (\$472 million, €388 million) to Britain over the next two years.

The European Council approved the UK's fishing opportunities and deep-sea stocks for 2020 and 2021 on Friday as part of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement. The post-Brexit fishing deal aims to provide security to the fishing industry on both sides of

the English Channel. It will now be turned into EU legislation and opens the door to future negotiations on fishing rights.

What are the details of the deal?
The agreement gives fishing fleets the guarantees they need to be able to move freely in EU and UK territorial waters until the end of 2021. It sets the total catch allowed for 75 shared fish stocks and deep-sea stocks for 2021 and 2022. The fishing agreement was one of the main sticking points in Brexit talks that were finally completed on Christmas Eve 2020. The European Union takes €650 million a year from fish caught

in UK waters.

How has the EU reacted?
EU Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries Virginijus Sinkevicius said this agreement provided "continuity for our fleets with definitive trade and co-operation agreements" for the rest of the year. "This is good for fishermen and women, our coastal communities and our ports, as well as for the sustainable use of our marine resources," Sinkevicius said in a statement. "This also proves that two partners on both sides of the Channel can find agreements and move forward if they work together." -DW

AUTOMOTIVE DEMAND



OPTIMISTIC: Buyers are more optimistic due to improved visibility on a longer-term economic recovery and reversal of pay cuts as corporate spending normalises from 2020. - Photo used for illustrative purpose only

India's auto demand to recover despite COVID-19 second wave: Fitch Ratings

MUMBAI: A less severe economic impact from the pandemic's second wave and resilient buyer sentiment will support a swift rebound in India's automotive demand after curbs are eased, according to Fitch Ratings. This should drive double-digit growth across most segments in the financial year ending March 2022 (FY22) from a low base. Sales volume is expected to remain below the peak in FY19. "We believe less stringent curbs and lower business disruption will limit the economic fallout compared with last year. The drop in auto sales volume in 1Q FY22 from 4Q FY21 will be slower than the decline of more than 70 per cent in 1Q FY21," said Fitch.

Buyers are more optimistic due to improved visibility on a longer-term economic recovery and reversal of pay cuts as corporate spending normalises from 2020. Fitch said agricultural fundamentals remain firm, notwithstanding the higher infection rate in the second wave in rural India compared with last year. This should also increase financing availability, notwithstanding lenders' caution. "We expect the impact from the higher cost of ownership due to rising fuel prices and price hikes to be limited, except in the more vulnerable categories such as two-wheelers. Indian automakers' margins will improve in FY22 on favourable operating leverage, while price increases will offset higher input prices." Fitch said the global semiconductor shortage will have a limited incremental impact on Indian automakers as the timing of its worst effects during 1Q FY22 coincides with weak demand. The policy to encourage scrapping of older vehicles is unlikely to spur meaningful replacement demand, it added.

But further infection waves may delay the expected recovery in automotive sales. However, the drop in new infections in May limits the possibility of more stringent or prolonged lockdowns for now. -ANI

AIR TRANSPORT

ASEAN, EU pact generates optimism

KUALA LUMPUR: The Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) welcomed the conclusion of negotiations on a comprehensive air transport agreement between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the European Union (EU). It is the world's first bloc-to-bloc air transport agreement. Once formalised, airlines of the combined 37 member-states

-10 of them from Southeast Asia -can fly any number of non-stop flights between both regions. Airlines also will be able to fly up to 14 weekly passenger services and any number of cargo services via and beyond to any third country. "This important development comes at a critical moment for airlines from both regions, paving the way for increasing air connectivity across nearly 40 countries,"

said AAPA. The agreement stems from years of intense negotiations complicated in part by how the European Union is structured. Air rights are a sensitive subject to negotiate, especially since many airlines are considered national carriers enjoying government support and subsidies. "AAPA applauds the foresight shown by ASEAN and EU regulators at a crucial time," it said. -ANI

DATA

China's civil aviation industry recovers quickly from COVID-19 pandemic impact

BEIJING: Last year saw China's civil aviation industry recover fast from the impact of the COVID-19, according to the civil aviation authority. The industry reported 418 million passenger trips last year, 63.3 percent of the number registered in 2019, data released by the Civil Aviation Administration of China showed.

Transportation volume
The transportation volume recovered quarter by quarter last year, and by the fourth quarter, passenger trips on domestic flights returned to 95.5 percent of the volume registered in the same period of 2019, according to the data.

Fixed assets
Investment in fixed assets reached 162.76 billion yuan (about US\$24.49 billion) last year, hitting a record high, said the administration. The investment in basic construction and technological reform reached 108.14 billion yuan last year, up 11.6 per cent from that of 2019. As of the end of 2020, China's total number of certified civil transport airports reached 241, according to the administration. -Xinhua



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ACCOUNTS/FINANCE

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Email: pvmam1_2006@yahoo.com

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Indian Male, BCom, MBA Finance, 46 years with 20+ years experience in Finance Dept, working in Oman for the last 11 years looking for suitable positions. NOC Available. Can Join immediately. Contact 79892262, Email: radakalyan@gmail.com

Sr. Quantity surveyor - Civil / Project Engineer with 13 years (Oman-11 years, India-2 years) experience in Building projects, water supply projects, sewerage projects & roads, NOC available. Seeking for suitable positions. Contact 94163357
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MS Electrical Engineer, 8yrs of experience as Manager Projects (Sales & Execution) of Lighting, Solar Systems & Electrical ELV in Oman. Contact 91293519, nomee987@gmail.com

Indian Male, B.Com, MBA, 10yrs exp. in accounts & export coordination with NOC & DL. Contact 98747867

MEP Mechanical Engineer with 2 years Experience. Contact 79027224. Email mhmmdsalah6a@hotmail.com

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JOB VACANCIES

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Urgently Required an Inventory controller (Indian male). Minimum 3 years experience is required in retail or wholesale. Contact 79361277
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CONTACT 99283938

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Indian Chartered Accountant

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Contact: +968 9914 7922

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Having a strong interpersonal, communication skills (verbal, written), can speak both Arabic & English languages, having basic knowledge of Microsoft Office application, ability to work on team, a very fast learner.

Contact 94887879
Email: amani.alhaj94@gmail.com

MANAGER

20Yrs experienced Indian commerce graduate, 4 Years of Fleet management in FMCG sector, 7 years of Contracts, Transportation at Oil & Gas sector in Oman, and 10years of Administration in India. D/L & NOC available.

Call/Whatsapp 94777651

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Contact 78037607

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Email: mq_199820@yahoo.co.in
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Accounts/Finance/Audit Professional

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Contact No: +96891735780
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GSM: 78259755

Sr. Accountant (BSc, CA Inter)

Indian (male) with 10 years' experience in Accounting up to finalization. Tally, Focus and excellent in Excel functions. Oman DL.

Contact: 78072563

JOB WANTED

LOGISTIC

Young Indian male B.com graduate, PG Diploma in logistic (Air cargo and supply chain management) and Digital Marketing Valid Oman Driving License. Looking for suitable placement. Contact 79748272 Email: shazil.sadique@gmail.com

JOB WANTED

IT

Indian, diploma holder in Computer hardware engineering, MCSE & CCNA also 2 year experience as system admin. Looking for job. Contact 79500069

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Finance Manager, Indian: 22Yrs experience (UAE&Oman), looking Job Change. Contact 90473368

SALES / MARKETING

Indian male experience in Sales and Marketing for 12 years with D/L, looking for suitable placement. Contact 71790238

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Indian with experience in FMCG retail Sales, purchase with D/L & NOC available for immediate joining. Contact 91428535

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ROUND-UP



HARVESTER OPERATES IN WHEAT FIELD IN CHINA



An aerial photo shows a harvester operating in a wheat field in Xingtai, north China's Hebei Province. - Xinhua



ROUND-UP

INFINITI Oman’s Reference Programme gets great response

As per the programme, on successful conversion, the referee will be incentivised with an OMR 100 gift voucher

MUSCAT: INFINITI Oman’s innovative Reference Programme has gathered a good response from its valued customers.

As per the programme, on successful conversion, the referee will be incentivised with an OMR 100 gift voucher. The referee should own an INFINITI vehicle that was originally sold by Suhail Bahwan Automobiles (Oman) as a new vehicle.

A senior spokesperson at INFINITI Oman, from the house of Suhail Bahwan Automobiles, said, “The programme has got great responses from owners of INFINITI vehicle who are our valued customers. The objective of the reference programme has been to produce a reference for further conversion to a sale and to build the brand. A reference can be given by any resident of Oman who is an existing INFINITI customer.”

Referrals can be made by logging on to the website <http://referinfiniti.com>. While a reference provided cannot be for self, a referee can submit multiple references. The referee will be eligible for OMR 100 gift voucher if the refer-



ence buys a new INFINITI vehicle from any Suhail Bahwan Automobiles in Oman. A pre-owned INFINITI car purchase/INFINITI purchase from any other outlet will not qualify under the Reference Programme.

In case the reference purchases more than one INFINITI vehicle, the referee will be entitled to OMR 100 gift voucher for every successful referral. The new vehicle purchase needs to be made by a resident individual to be considered as a successful reference. Company,

ministry, rent-a-car or other commercial purchases are excluded from the programme. The mobile number of the referenced person will be taken as the unique ID. A referee will not be able to register the same person or another person using the same mobile number. In case the same person is referred by two or more individuals, using different mobile numbers, the referee who had provided the reference first will be eligible for OMR 100 gift voucher benefit.

The gift voucher can be re-

deemed at any SBA facility and can be used for vehicle service, purchase of consumables, parts, and accessories. The gift voucher of the successful referee is non-transferable and cannot be redeemed for cash or exchanged for credit. The gift voucher will be valid for six months from the date of issue of the same.

SBA is largely committed to supporting INFINITI Oman’s growth in the Sultanate through a major emphasis on customer satisfaction and by providing world-class

after-sales services in Oman. With a national network of more than 40 showrooms, service centres and parts outlets, SBA has further built upon its legacy of trust, excellent customer service and providing value for money to each of its customers.

INFINITI Motor Company Ltd. is headquartered in Hong Kong with representations in 50 markets around the world. The INFINITI brand was launched in 1989. Its range of premium automobiles is currently built in manufactur-

ing facilities in Japan, the United States, United Kingdom and China. INFINITI design studios are located in Atsugi-Shi near Yokohama, London, San Diego and Beijing.

INFINITI is in the middle of a major product offensive. The brand has been widely acclaimed for its daring design and innovative driver-assistance technologies. From the 2016 season, INFINITI is a technical partner of the Renault Sport Formula One team, contributing its expertise in hybrid performance.

PROMINENT ILLUSTRATION



JCDecaux Oman joins hands with Muscat Municipality in public health campaign

MUSCAT: A recent addition to the public health advice on beating COVID-19 has manifested itself in a series of posters along the highways of Muscat. JCDecaux Oman’s Senior Boards are effectively advising the public of the continuing need for masks and social distancing as the country is currently combating the second wave of a more serious phase of the pandemic.

The simplicity and prominence of the illustrations, targeting, and more importantly, reaching all demographics, sanctify the importance of mask-wearing, hand washing and keeping distance in an effective, clean and concise format. Being prominently displayed on the Large Impact network along Muscat’s busiest highways, the boards promise a much wider reach and help to drive the message home.

Managing Director of JCDecaux Oman says, “Particularly during this critical phase, as a company we cannot but recognise and implement our corporate social responsibility in addressing marketing campaigns with sensitivity, meaning and relevance, necessarily more than ever in these unprecedented and challenging times.”



Working closely with the Municipality, this campaign has been created to reinforce the universal, frontline advice on personal responsibility in the battle against Covid-19.

JCDecaux is known to be the largest outdoor advertising specialist in the world and the only international player in the Middle East. Proud partners of Muscat Municipality and Oman Airports.

PROMOTION

Dream offer on Nissan Sentra ends today

MUSCAT: As part of the ongoing ‘Dream Offer’, Nissan Oman from the house of Suhail Bahwan Automobiles (SBA), is extending a range of unlimited benefits for the patrons of Nissan Sentra, known for its great fuel economy, attractive looks and luxurious interiors. Nissan Sentra is available in 1.6L and 1.8L engine options, generating maximum power of 113 HP and 130 HP respectively.

Customers of Nissan Sentra have a choice of benefits including special interest rate, cash gift, free service, insurance and more. The offer, which is available on models purchased for personal use, will go on till June 13.

Nissan Sentra boasts of several re-engineered product enhancements that have been incorporated after meticulous consumer insights and feedback over the past few months. The special look Nissan Sentra comes with a redesigned V-motion grille that has become almost synonymous with the entire Nissan sedan range. The re-engineered model features a rear spoiler, daytime running lights, a specially designed chrome package and a sports+ badge.

A senior official of Nissan Oman said, “Nissan Sentra standard of design, driving enjoyment and technology makes it one of the brand’s top sellers and most recognised nameplates. Armed with Nissan Intelligent Mobility technologies, the Nissan Sentra has a great fan following in Oman. Nissan Sentra offers drivers the spaciousness and comfort of cars usually found in the larger segment, as well as technology usually associated with much more expensive cars.”

A special interest rate is available for MY20/21 Nissan Sentra and customers can get 0% up to three years or 1.99% for four years or 2.49% for five years or 2.99% for six years on the model. For all tenures beyond six years, normal interest rates will apply for the full tenure of the loan. This rate is applicable for individual purchase with private registration only and is subject to finance/credit approval. This benefit will be applicable for financing through select finance companies only. Customers purchasing in cash, LPO, a credit will not be eligible for special interest rate benefit. Terms and conditions apply.

Customers of the Nissan Sentra range can avail low EMI rate of OMR 112.

Customers of Nissan Sentra



can enjoy a free periodic maintenance service package for 3 years/60,000kms. This offer is valid for 10,000 km service intervals.

Under the special promotion, customers of Nissan Sentra can avail of assured cash gift ranging from OMR 1600 to OMR 1700.

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

Nissan Sentra: Lead performance

Nissan Sentra’s 1.6 SV CVT P26 boasts of top of the range options that focus on class-above design standards inside and out. Loaded with full options, the Sentra 1.6 SV is an edge over competitors in its segment making it an enticing option for patrons.

Nissan’s next-generation Xtronic CVT transmission guarantees Sentra is always running in the right gear. That means better fuel efficiency, smooth acceleration, and seamless shifting. Proudly wearing the Nissan Pure Drive badge, Sentra is living proof of Nissan’s commitment to providing more environmentally friendly and fuel-efficient cars.

The Sentra 1.6L engine takes a leap with its lead performance. Equipped with a Dual Injector System and Twin CVTC (Continuously Variable Valve Timing Control), it provides a smoother ride with great control and responsiveness, along with superior fuel economy – making it an ideal road companion for all types of driving conditions.

The Sentra 1.6L SV is equipped with premium features like Blue-

tooth connectivity, Intelligent Key with Push Button Engine Starter, Navigation with 5.8” Display, Rear-view camera and 16” alloy wheels.

The Sentra 1.8L engine is designed to excel. With its longer stroke and Twin CVTC (Continuously Variable Valve Timing Control) System on intake and exhaust valves, it offers greater combustion efficiency and maximum fuel economy. Sentra’s engine is very durable but lightweight, giving great performance and power without being a burden to the car.

Nissan Sentra’s design was perfected in the wind tunnel to create a shape that’s as fuel-efficient as it is refined. As enticing as each detail is, Nissan Sentra was designed as a holistic vision of what a modern sedan should be.

It’s important to be surrounded by things you love. Soft-touch materials throughout the cabin, along with unexpected available luxuries like wood-tone trim and perforated leather-appointed seats, come together to create a very personal space.

Book a home test drive

Nissan Oman is extending a ‘book a home test drive’ service for its prospective customers. The service enables potential customers to schedule their test drive online at their convenience. A home test drive can be booked simply by logging on to the official SBA Nissan Oman website on the link <https://en.nissanoman.com/services/book-home-test-drive.html> or through customer service toll-free number 80050011.

SBA is largely committed to supporting Nissan’s growth in the Sultanate through a major emphasis on customer satisfaction and by

providing world-class after-sales services in Oman. With a national network of more than 15 showrooms, 20 service centres and 33 spare parts outlets, SBA has further built upon its legacy of trust, excellent customer service and providing value for money to each of its customers.

After-sales service

Every customer purchasing a Nissan vehicle can be assured of Nissan’s top class after-sales service, which guarantees the advantage of factory-trained experts. The customers can be assured that Nissan uses only genuine replacement parts at all times. Customers can expect consistency and support during after-sales service, which ascertains Nissan’s performance and resale value in the years to come.

Nissan has built up its reputation through innovative technology, and a broad product line-up. In Oman, people have increasingly opted for Nissan models because they come with class-leading features, great performance, ideally suited to the local conditions and offer great value for money besides being among the safest cars on the road.

Suhail Bahwan Automobiles, the exclusive importers and distributors of all Nissan vehicles in Oman, have their Nissan showrooms spread across the Sultanate. Their showrooms are strategically located all across the country in Muscat, Sohar, Sur, Salalah, Ibra, Ibri, Niwza, Buraimi, Barka, Jalan Bani Bu Ali, Seeb, Mabella, Sinaw, Khasab, and Bidaya. This goes to show that Nissan Oman has been successfully growing in operations and is consistently spreading its network throughout the Sultanate of Oman.

ROUND-UP

Bank Muscat ranked amongst Top 100 Listed Companies in region

Forbes Middle East gathered data from listed stock exchanges in the Arab world and evaluated companies based on market value, sales, assets and profits to arrive at the final list, which also included 41 other Middle Eastern banking and financial services, providers

MUSCAT: In recognition of its continued leadership and expertise, Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate, has been ranked by Forbes Middle East amongst its Top 100 Listed Companies for 2021.

This prestigious list recognises the region's largest, most valuable, and most profitable companies. Forbes Middle East gathered data from listed stock exchanges in the Arab world and evaluated companies based on market value, sales, assets and profits to arrive at the final list, which also included 41 other Middle Eastern banking and financial services, providers.

As a forward-looking financial institution, Bank Muscat strives to establish its leadership role in

all realms of activities and is immensely proud to be ranked by Forbes Middle East in the Top 100 Listed Companies in the region. The recognition is further validation of the bank's leadership position, which is the result of its customer-centric banking and pioneering sustainability initiatives along with the adoption of global best practices in the bank's pursuit of overall excellence. Today, Bank Muscat is one of the leading Omani institutions supporting the advancement of the Sultanate's economy and the development of its national human resources. Through its continuous innovation and customer-centricity, it is playing its part in meeting the strategic goals of Oman Vision 2040.



In 2021, the bank is building further on its vision of serving Oman and its customers better, every day, by continuing to introduce the finest global banking practices, products and services. The bank is further sharpening its focus on customer-centricity, safety, sustainability and readiness for the future,

whilst maintaining its market leadership in the country. It is keenly following the trends that will shape the financial services sector in the future, and moving decisively to prepare for future developments in an age of rapid global economic and technological changes.

It is important to note that Bank

Muscat has won multiple awards in the recent past including being chosen as the Best Bank in Oman by prestigious international publications like Global Finance, Euromoney, The Banker and EMEA Finance. Earlier in 2020, the bank was ranked among the Forbes Top 25 listed companies in Oman. It

was also ranked as the Safest Bank in Oman by Global Finance as part of its rankings of the Safest Banks in 112 countries worldwide. The bank posted a net profit of OMR 47.15 million for the three months ended 31 March 2021, compared to OMR 33.25 million reported during the same period in 2020.

PROMOTION



Own Kia Sonet with exclusive benefits and savings on EMIs

MUSCAT: Customers looking forward to owning a second car or even gifting their loved ones a reliable Sonet SUV can benefit with Kia Oman paying your VAT (5 per cent VAT on net selling price will be borne by Kia Oman). You also save from OMR10 to OMR12 on monthly EMIs for a loan tenure of 4 years.

Customers can choose from two options Flexible option: Cash Gift of up to OMR 1500 & Service of 3 years / 30,000 Kms. or Bundle option: Cash Gift of OMR 1800, Registration, Insurance and Service up to 8 years / 80,000 Km. Also, get Assured Cash for fuel Scratch N Win coupon up to OMR 1,000 with every purchase. Kia customers who wish to upgrade to the Sonet SUV will now receive Cash Gift OMR 200 when they purchase the

All-New Sonet. The offer ends on June 17. (Conditions apply. Please visit the showroom for details).

The powerful and affordable 5-seater Sonet SUV has a 1.5L engine paired to a CVT Transmission and offers a 17.5KmpL fuel average. It is also equipped with an 8" Audio & Car Play and Remote Engine Start among other features.

Boasting multiple segment-first features that offer the ultimate driving experience for customers, the Sonet provides comfort, convenience, and safety. Fitted with an 8" Audio Display, the Sonet also comes with other smart features such as remote engine start, auto cruise control and more.

Designed around the driver with a well laid-out, intuitive infotainment and cluster interface, the

Sonet was built taking into consideration the end user's experience. The Sonet comes with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay feature, Audio Remote Control, Bluetooth, USB charger. Harbours functional qualities in every inch of its ergonomic space.

Kia has ensured that every drive with the Sonet is as hassle-free and safe as possible, thanks to a rigorous set of measures created in line with Kia's pillars of safety. Among Sonet's key safety features are driver and front passenger airbags, ABS (anti-lock braking system), ESP (Electronic Stability Program), Rear parking assist system, Rear-view camera, tyre pressure monitoring system (TPMS) and ISOFIX child-seat anchoring points.

Kia models are equipped with

some local accessories to enhance their looks, feel and functionality. Customers are welcome to get full details of these local fitments by visiting any Kia showroom.

Reliable International Automotive (RIA), the distributor for Kia in Oman provides a rewarding ownership experience for customers. Excellent product attributes and unmatched facilities easily ensure their absolute satisfaction, every mile of the way. No wonder then that Reliable International Automotive has been ranked amongst the top Kia distributors worldwide and has been honoured with prestigious accolades including the 'Good Partnership award', 'Family Like Care' Service award, and 'Kia Distributor of Distinction' award.

INDIAN SOCIAL CLUB

ISC's vaccination programme kicks off



MUSCAT: Indian Social Club's (ISC) vaccination programme has kicked off on June 10 at Medical Care Centre, Seeb and will continue every day until its registered numbers are completed.

The Ministry of Health had started distributing the Pfizer vaccine to the health centre and all the members will be provided with the vaccine based on the first-come, first-served basis, i.e. it will start to provide the vaccine in order of the registration to avoid confusion and crowding at the health centre.

"People, clinics, hospitals have started advertising on the availability of vaccines and the start of vaccinations. The ISC assures the vaccination of all registered with them and within the time frame promised. Many have looked at the advertisements put forth and wondered whether it would be faster to go to the advertisers and get their vaccines. You are welcome to do so. But before you do so, please check who and where vaccinations have started being administered. You will be surprised. The purpose of this message is to stop the incessant



phone calls which I am sorry to say is a mode of harassment to us. We go by our promised time frame," Dr Sathish Nambiar, Chairman, Indian Social Club, said.

"Medical Care Centre, Al Seeb, would like to thank members of the Ministry of Health, Dr Sathish Nambiar (ISC Chairman), Prasad (ISC- Chairman, Kannada Wing) and all the members of Indian Social Club for choosing our state-of-the-art health centre and taking part in the vaccination drive programme organised by the Ministry of Health," said Dr Sarith Medical Director at Medical Care Centre Al Seeb.

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