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**ROYAL OFFICE MINISTER RECEIVES
AMBASSADOR OF LIBYA**

MUSCAT: Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office received in his office today Sania Abu Al Qasim Ghoma, Ambassador of Libya to the Sultanate. The meeting reviewed the march of the bilateral relations binding the Sultanate and Libya to achieve the joint interests, as well as touching on several topics of common concern. **-ONA**



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MAJOR DECISIONS OF THE SUPREME COMMITTEE



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Online education will continue in government and private schools and institutions of higher education

The Supreme Committee's decision on flights will come into effect from 6pm on Saturday, 24 April, 2021

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Supreme Committee on Wednesday prohibited entry to Oman for passengers flying from three South Asian countries - India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh - with effect from 6pm on Saturday, 24 April, 2021.

The decision also extends to people who have transited through these countries in the last 14 days. These three nations have been added to the list of countries from which people are not allowed to travel to the Sultanate, and will be in place until further notice.

Exceptions to this rule include Omani citizens, diplomats, health workers, and their families. Groups excluded from travel will need to follow COVID procedures on arrival into the country.

The meeting of the Supreme Committee was chaired by Sayyid Hamoud Faisal Al Busaidi, who also issued additional decisions to stop the spread of the pandemic in the country.

The situation will be evaluated according to the epidemiological condition in the country.

The Supreme Committee Under these new regulations, children under the age of 12 are not allowed to enter shops and commercial complexes, according to the Supreme Committee to deal with COVID-19.

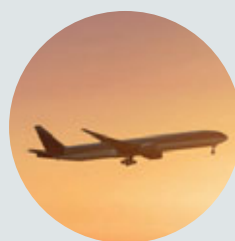
Shops, malls, restaurants, and cafeterias can only operate at 50 per cent capacity. Legal procedures will be taken against violators of this rule.

Additionally, online education will continue to be applied across all classes in government and private schools and institutions of higher education, with the exception of grade 12, and students who need to attend school in order to complete the practical exams related to their specialisations.

These include medical colleges, and vocational training institutes.

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has asked everyone in the country to cooperate with the volunteers deployed across all wilayats to make sure the correct precautionary measures are followed. They are also required to make sure commercial outlets follow the required regulations.

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN Oversized online classes stun parents

1 Parents of students attending Indian schools in Oman were surprised to see over 90 children attending a single online class. Their concerns over lack of individual attention to students are now all the more important, given the recent decision to continue distance education for the time being, issued by the Supreme Committee to deal with COVID-19. "I was honestly surprised to see this happen today, at a school in Muscat," said a mother of two children both attending Indian schools. **>A3**

WORLD EU plans climate neutrality by 2050



2 The European Union aims to become climate neutral by 2050 and has now made a legal commitment to reach that goal, said European Commission head Ursula von der Leyen on Wednesday. The deal, which still needs to be approved by the European Parliament and its member states, would also see the bloc cut emissions more steeply by 2030. "The Climate Law sets the EU on a green path for a generation," von der Leyen added. "It is our binding pledge to our children and grandchildren." **>A6**

MARKET Energy transition will be long-drawn-out

3 Energy transition is firmly underway in Asia-Pacific (APAC) but the pace and degree varies across markets, S&P Global Ratings has said in a new study. With more than 60 per cent of electricity generation from fossil-fuel-based plants and growing power demand, coal will remain highly relevant in large markets in APAC like India and China for the next one to three decades, said the study titled 'Energy Transition In Asia-Pacific: A Marathon, Not a Sprint.' **>B1**

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TOURISM

Ever heard of lakes between sand dunes?

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MUSCAT: The next time you go out to the desert, keep an eagle eye for lakes that have formed between the sand dunes.

Often found in the area of Niyabat Al Mashash in Wilayat Muqshin in the southern Dhofar Governorate, these lakes are about 40km from the main town in the region, and are a major attraction for both tourists and locals in the area.

While Al Atefah is among the more famous of these oases, others in this area of the desert are equally popular among photographers, who come here to take stunning photos of the pristine blue waters against the soft, grainy sand, interspersed with scrub and other desert vegetation.

Winters are often the best time to visit Niyabat Al Mashash, when the area experiences ideal weather. People sometimes choose to camp in the desert during the nights, which can get quite chilly, while



WONDER OF NATURE: Winters are often the best time to visit Niyabat Al Mashash, when the area experiences ideal temperature weather.

the day sees excursions of hikers and adventurers explore the golden sands and what lies beyond them.

Desert sports on the dunes are

also rather common at this time.

Niyabat Al Mashash is located northwest from the centre of Dhofar, on the southeastern borders of the Empty Quarter, about 400km

away from the regional capital of Salalah. People who wish to visit the area from Maqshin can take a 130km-long dirt road, which also crosses the area of Al Manadir.



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MEETING

Sayyid Shihab receives message from Japanese Defence Minister

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The message was handed over to Sayyid Shihab by Toshinori Kobayashi, Ambassador of Japan to Oman when His Highness received the ambassador in Al Murtafaa Camp on Wednesday.

During the meeting, Sayyid Shihab affirmed that the Sultanate will spare no effort in providing the facilities for the sisterly and friendly countries.

The meeting reviewed the relations between the two countries and exchanged views on matters of common concern. -**ONA**



BILATERAL TIES: The message was handed over to Sayyid Shihab by Toshinori Kobayashi, Ambassador of Japan to Oman when His Highness received the ambassador in Al Murtafaa Camp on Wednesday. -**ONA**

EFFECTIVE ENERGY TRANSITION

Oman ranks 5th in Arab world in energy transition Index 2021

DAVOS: The Sultanate was ranked 5th in the Arab world and it came in the 74th place in the world, scoring 55 points in the Effective Energy Transition Index for 2021, issued by the World Economic Forum.

Sweden topped the index, which benchmarks 115 countries, followed by Denmark and Switzerland.

The index measures the current level of energy system performance in countries and the readiness of the overall environment in them to transform to sustainable and affordable energy.

The World Economic Forum pointed out that as countries continue to make progress in the transition to clean energy, the transformation of economic, political and social practices must be consolidated to ensure sustainable progress



It said that despite the outbreak of the "COVID-19" pandemic, annual global investment in energy transition has surpassed \$500 billion during 2020 for the first time in its history. The number of people deprived of electricity supply fell to less than 800

million compared to 1.2 billion people 10 years ago. It added that an increase in renewable energy capacity has helped energy importing countries, in particular, to achieve remarkable progress in both environmental sustainability and energy security. -**ONA**

DOHA

Oman joins Global Dryland Alliance

DOHA: The Sultanate of Oman has signed the document of joining the Global Dryland Alliance (GDA) headquartered in the Qatari capital, Doha.

The GDA joining document was signed from the Sultanate's side by Najeeb Yahya Al Balushi, Oman's ambassador to Qatar, who highlighted the Sultanate's efforts to achieve food

and water security.

The Sultanate's joining the GDA comes to share experiences, knowledge, technological and research innovations with countries, organizations, regional and international specialised institutions to achieve food security for the world and to find innovative solutions to face the challenges in this regard. -**ONA**



OMAN, UK REVIEW BILATERAL RELATIONS

His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik bin Taimour Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs received in his office yesterday Hamish Cowell, Ambassador of the United Kingdom (UK) to the Sultanate. The meeting reviewed the bilateral relations between the two friendly countries. The two sides exchanged views on matters of common interest. -**ONA**



WILAYAT OF NIZWA

Apple ginger valued for its medicinal properties

NIZWA: Apple ginger has been used as a medicinal product for thousands of years because of its advantages. It has been also used for the purpose of disinfection, preservation of food and dental treatment.

Mohammed bin Sulaiman Al Hadidi, one of the producers of apple ginger in the Wilayat of Nizwa, who has been in this profession for the last four years, spoke on the process of manufacturing apple ginger. He said the process starts with apple picking, storage, fermentation, extraction, marketing, selling and consumption.

"The period for production of apple ginger is 40 to 45 days to ensure it is free from alcohol during the production season and to ensure it is available at reason-



UNIQUE PROFESSION: Mohammed bin Sulaiman Al Hadidi, one of the producers of apple ginger in the Wilayat of Nizwa. -**ONA**

able prices," he said. The stages of production of apple ginger should meet all safety measures including cleanliness of the items used and should be free from contaminated substances, he said.

"There are other types of natural ginger including grape ginger, date ginger, coconut ginger and others," he said, adding that "the quality of ginger depends on the methods of processing and storage. -**ONA**

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**RAMADAN PRAYER TIMINGS**

Dhuhr	12.10pm
Asr	3.37pm
Maghrib	6.36pm
Isha	7.50pm
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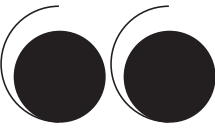


Ramadan

► **IFTAR TIMING**

6:36 pm

► **RAMADAN WORDS**



So verily with the hardship, there is a relief, verily with the hardship, there is a relief – Quran Ch 94:5-6



► **HEALTH TIP**

Have plenty of fruits

Vitamins and minerals are important for good health and more during the fasting month. Make sure to eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables during Ramadan.

► **RECIPE OF THE DAY**



Cauliflower Manchurian

INGREDIENTS

- 1 medium. cauliflower clean and broken into big florets
- 1 small bunch spring onion, finely chopped
- 2 tsp ginger, finely chopped
- 1 tsp garlic, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup plain flour
- 3 tbsp cornflour
- 1/4 tsp red chilli powder
- 2 red chillies, dry
- 3 tbsp oil
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 tbsp. milk

PREPARATION

- Boil the florets for 3-4 minutes in plenty of water, to which a tbsp of milk has been added.
- Drain and pat dry on a clean cloth.
- Make thin batter out of flour and 2tbsp cornflour, adding 1/4 tsp each of ginger and garlic and red chilli powder and salt
- to taste.
- Dip the florets in the batter one by one and deep fry in hot oil. Keep aside.
- In the remaining oil, add remaining ginger, garlic and crushed red chilli and fry for a minute.
- Add salt and spring onions.
- Stir fry for a minute. Add 1 1/2 cups water and bring to a boil.
- Add 1tbsp cornflour to 1/4 cup water and dissolve well.
- Gradually add to the gravy and stir continuously till it resumes boiling.
- Boil till the gravy becomes transparent. Add florets and soya sauce.
- Boil for two more minutes and remove.
- Serve hot with noodles or rice.

► **GOOD DEED**

LEND A HAND IN THE KITCHEN

The daily Iftar meal is a wonderful time of communion after a long day of fasting. The hands that prepare this meal are blessed, but also tired. Lend a hand by chopping onions, setting the table, or cleaning up after the meal. If you are the household cook, make an extra meal once per week for an elderly neighbour, for an employee, or for a new mother.





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WEBINAR ON LITERATURE & NATURE



Embassy of Nepal in Muscat hosts webinar

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MUSCAT: The Embassy of Nepal in Muscat organised a webinar on the theme ‘Nepal-Oman Literature & Nature: Posthumous Recognition to Late Mr Mohamed Al Harthi, The Eternal Traveller’ on March 27, 2021 (Saturday).

The event was held in order to pay tribute to late Mr Mohamed Al Harthi and also provide a common platform to Nepali and Omani literary persons and nature lovers. Besides, several literary works, late Al Harthi has written a travelogue in Arabic language describing touristic places surrounding Kathmandu Valley.

Somesh Thapa, Second Secretary at the embassy, welcomed all the guests and was moderator of the programme. He also gave a brief introduction of the participants.

Sarmila Parajuli Dhakal, Ambassador of Nepal to Oman, in her opening remarks highlighted the importance of literature and also explained the interrelationship between nature and literature. Dhakal presented ‘A Letter of Honour’ as a posthumous recognition to late Mohamed Al Harthi, which was received by his daughter Ms Ibtihaj Al Harthi. Dhakal also virtually launched

the website dedicated to late Al Harthi.

The Guest of Honour of the programme Azhar Al Harthi, director of Oman Cultural Club gave a brief introduction about late Al Harthi.

Some prominent figures from Nepal and Oman including Ibtihaj Al Harthi, author and illustrator of Children’s Book, Dr Ethan Chorin, translator of the book written by late Al Harthi, Dr Jokha Al Harthi, the winner of Man Booker International Prize 2019, Nadhira Al Harthi, the first woman summiteer of Mount Everest from Oman, legendary poet professor Dr Tulasi Diwas, adventurer Baida Al Zadjali, Ines Pires, President of International School of Diplomacy and Protocol Group, Dr Amira Al Raidan from the Ministry of Health of Oman, eminent Nepali poet Nawaraj Parajuli, columnist Laxmi Kothaneth, educationist and business women Maggie Jeans OBE, adventurer Janey McGill, Omani Women of the Year 2019 Dr Rajyashree Narayankutty, and Bikal Jha, President of Nepali Social Club put forward their remarks about the role of nature in literature and its relation to the promotion of tourism.

Full story at timesofoman.com/oman

ROYAL AIR FORCE

RAFO conducts medical evacuation

MUSCAT: The Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) has airlifted a citizen who was suffering from a critical health condition.

A statement issued by Oman News Agency, said: “A helicopter of the Royal Air Force of Oman carried out a medical evacuation of a female citizen suffering from a critical health condition.”

“She was transferred from Lima Health Centre to Khasab Hospital in Musandaem Governorate to receive the specialised treatment,” a statement added. This comes within the framework of the humanitarian services of the Sultan’s Armed Forces.



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MISSING SUBMARINE

Indonesia searching for submarine with dozens onboard

JAKARTA: Authorities in Indonesia were trying to locate a missing submarine on Wednesday.

The KRI Nanggala-402 submarine stopped responding in the early morning defense officials said.

Indonesian National Armed Forces (TNI) Commander Marshal Hadi Tjahjanto told national paper Kompas that the submarine



disappeared in waters about 60 miles (95 kilometers) north of the island of Bali.

"Just when the dive permit was given, after being given the clearance, contact was immediately lost," he told the paper.

It is one of five submarines owned by the Indonesian armed forces and was built in West Germany in 1978.

Indonesia has requested the help of Australia and Singapore in finding the submarine. Republika reported that the TNI had deployed all ships with underwater search capabilities to help find the missing vessel.

Officials later told Reuters news agency that an oil spill had been discovered near the vessel's last known position. **bw**



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CLIMATE NEUTRAL BY 2050

EU agrees to ambitious climate goals ahead of Biden summit

LONDON: The European Union aims to become climate neutral by 2050 and has now made a legal commitment to reach that goal, said European Commission head Ursula von der Leyen on Wednesday.

The deal, which still needs to be approved by the European Parliament and its member states, would also see the bloc cut emissions more steeply by 2030.

"The Climate Law sets the EU on a green path for a generation," von der Leyen added. "It is our binding pledge to our children and grandchildren."

The announcement came as a result of some 15 hours of talks among representatives of EU member states. Negotiators raced to reach a deal before a scheduled videoconference with US President Joe Biden on Thursday.

How big is the EU pledge?

Under the old legislation, the EU's goal was to cut its greenhouse emissions by 40% compared to their 1990 level by the end of this decade. The new deal puts the target at 55%.

However, the new target still falls short of the 60% goal the European Parliament originally hoped to include into the bill.

Members of the Green bloc in the assembly signaled their disappointment with the agreement. Some lawmakers have pointed out that the reduction could actu-



ally end up being lower than 55% due to changes in how the drop is calculated.

The negotiators had clashed on whether to consider carbon dioxide captured by forests and plants as part of the national reductions.

EU Parliament member Sven Giegold said the climate target had been reduced by way of a "computing trick." His colleague Michael Bloss said the EU was losing its pioneering role in climate protection.

"The Paris climate agreement will hardly be adhered to, climate change will not

forgive us," Bloss said.

What is the US stance on climate goals?

At the two-day virtual summit hosted by the US, Biden is expected to also announce more ambitious plans for cutting emissions by 2030. The United States, similar to the EU, is aiming for climate neutrality by 2050 and hoping to keep the global temperature rise under 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit). The ambitious goal is enshrined in the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, which the US returned to under the Biden administration. **bw**

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WORLD

Chauvin found guilty in George Floyd's murder



The jury declared Chauvin guilty on all three charges, namely second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter

WASHINGTON: The 12 members of the jury found former police officer Derek Chauvin guilty of the murder of George Floyd on Tuesday in a Minneapolis courthouse.

The jury declared Chauvin guilty on all three charges, namely second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. The charges carry a possible sentence of up to 40 years in prison.

The jurors deliberated for 10 hours over two days before arriving at their historic decision on Tuesday morning. The verdict was read out later in the day as thousands of National Guard troops and police officers stood by. Police officers in the US have rarely been convicted of murder.

Chauvin, a 45-year-old white man, was found guilty of killing

Floyd, a 46-year-old Black man, after kneeling on his neck for 9 minutes in May last year. Floyd's death sparked outrage and protests against police violence and racial discrimination across the US and the world.

Following the verdict, the judge revoked Chauvin's bail and he was led out of the courtroom in handcuffs.

What did Floyd's family say?

People had gathered to wait for the news of the verdict outside the court as well as at the intersection where Floyd was murdered — now named George Floyd Square. The crowds erupted in cheers and chants of "George Floyd" and "all three counts" after the conviction was announced.

"Justice for Black America is justice for all of America," the Floyd family's attorney Benjamin Crump said in a statement.

"This case is a turning point in American history for accountability of law enforcement and sends a clear message we hope is heard clearly in every city and every state."

Crump also shared a video of Floyd's family receiving a call from US President Joe Biden. The president told the family that "nothing is going to make it all better, but at least there is some justice."

Vice President Kamala Harris, who is of Black and Indian origin, hailed a "day of justice in America."

"History will look back at this moment," she told Floyd's

relatives. Judge Peter Cahill said Chauvin was placed in the custody of the Hennepin County Sheriff. Sentencing will take place at a later date.

Three other officers who have been charged with aiding and abetting in Floyd's murder will go on trial in August.

How did Biden react to the verdict?

President Biden held a press conference to speak on the verdict. "Today's verdict is a step forward" and it can be "a giant step forwards toward justice in America," he said.

At the same time, he warned that the verdict was "not enough." "We are going to deliver real change and reform. We can and must do more to reduce the likelihood that tragedies like this will ever happen again," the president said.

He acknowledged that for many such convictions are "too rare" and in this case, the conviction only happened due to an array of overwhelming factors. Biden and Vice President Harris urged Congress to move quickly on police reform, including a bill named after Floyd.

"I can't breathe.' Those were George Floyd's last words," Biden said. "We can't let those words die with him. We have to keep hearing those words. We must not turn away. We can't turn away."

He called for local law enforcement and the federal government to "step up" to end police murders so that people do not have to fear for their lives every day. **bw**

US 'very closely' tracking course of COVID-19 outbreak in India

WASHINGTON: United States is "very closely" tracking the course of the COVID-19 outbreak in India, US State Department spokesperson Ned Price has said.

The statement from Price comes after US Secretary of State Antony Blinken spoke to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday and discussed US-India cooperation on climate change, COVID-19, and other global challenges and pledged to remain in close contact on these and other issues of mutual concern. "There are protocols in place, requiring testing for international travel. What is true is that we are tracking the course of the COVID outbreak in India very closely as I mentioned before, Secretary Blinken and Foreign Minister Jaishankar did discuss it yesterday," Price said in a statement on Tuesday.

"We are committed to doing what we can both at the present. And going forward, to see to it that this virus is brought under control and I spoke again of our engagement with the who are funding to COVAX, the Quad arrangement that of course implicates. What we're seeing in India," he added.

Price further said that Secretary Blinken consistently makes the point that as long as the virus is out of control and is uncontained anywhere around the world, it continues to present a risk to the American people.

On the COVID-19 vaccine, Price said, "Our priority is ensuring the distribution of a safe and effective vaccine to millions of Americans to all Americans who are able to take advantage of it. But we also know that we need to continue to demonstrate that leadership."

"When it comes to countries beyond our borders and that's precisely what we've done, as I mentioned before, we've re-engaged. The who we've committed USD 2 billion to Kovacs another USD 2 billion over time, we've spoken to our partnership with Canada and Mexico," he added. **ANI**



IFTAR PROGRAM

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TREATMENT BARRED

Doctors denied access to 'very weak' Alexei Navalny

MOSCOW: Doctors were prevented from seeing jailed Kremlin-critic Alexei Navalny on Tuesday, as Russian police began cracking down on his supporters on the eve of planned protests.

Navalny's lawyer Olga Mikhailova told reporters that her client had become "very weak" and "it's hard for him to speak and sit up."

Navalny, who is in a prison hospital after being on a hunger strike for the last three weeks, was moved over the weekend from a penal colony near Moscow to a medical unit at a prison in the city of Vladimir, some 180 kilometers (110 miles) east of the capital.

A team of physicians, including Navalny's personal doctor Anastasia Vasilyeva, traveled Tuesday morning to Vladimir but were ultimately barred from assessing him.

Navalny's medical team has been trying to visit him since early this month, after he began refusing food to demand proper treatment for a litany of ailments.

Navalny could die 'any minute'

Doctors over the weekend warned that the 44-year-old's health was deteriorating to such an extent he could die at "any minute,"

while the United States threatened Russia with "consequences" in the event of his death.

Another legal representative of Navalny, Vadim Kobzev, said that the dissident has so far received only one glucose injection since Sunday at the hospital unit, which is intended to treat those suffering from tuberculosis.

Six other attempts to give him a shot failed because paramedics weren't sufficiently qualified to find his vein, according to Kobzev. "His arms are all blue with the shots," the lawyer said.

Protests planned

Meanwhile, there were reports of Navalny supporters already being arrested in St. Petersburg, Tver and Volgograd, ahead of more widespread protests planned for Wednesday.

Demonstrations are expected in more than 100 cities and towns across Russia.

One of President Vladimir Putin's most ardent critics, Navalny last week found some unlikely support in the shape of a number of celebrities. A letter signed by J.K. Rowling, Benedict Cumberbatch, David Duchovny, among others, called on Putin to offer Navalny the medical treatment he requires. **bw**



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Al Faisal satisfied with Barcelona Winter Test

Al Faisal, who is making his debut in the GT Open Championship, and Soucek, were impressive on both the days of testing

BARCELONA: A new car, a new partner, and a new challenge. Notwithstanding all these, what was most important for Oman's Al Faisal Al Zubair was to have an enjoyable and a fruitful outing.

And the Lechner Racing driver, just 22, did have as he finished his maiden stint in Porsche GT3 R car with his Spanish teammate, Andu Soucek, at the joint International GT Open and GT Cup Open Europe Barcelona Winter Test, on a happy note on Tuesday.

Ahead of the GT Open Series, which begins at Paul Ricard circuit in France next month, the two-day Winter Test held at the at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, witnessed 17 teams try out their cars in ideal weather conditions.

Al Faisal, who is making his debut in the GT Open Championship, and Soucek, were impressive on both the days of testing as they posted competitive timings.

On Monday, the teams were welcomed by sunny skies while on the second day, skies were overcast and some rain appeared, for a while, during third of the five sessions held. A total of eight ses-



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sions took place with three on the first day.

Speaking after two days of testing, Al Faisal said, "I am very happy and satisfied with my stint in new GT3 R car. This is the first time I have raced in this car and I thoroughly enjoyed it."

"I and Andy were very happy with the car and our team was also satisfied with our timings. Overall, it was a fruitful outing and I now look forward to Paul Ricard opener next month."

The two-time former Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East champion added, "We improved with each session and our times were very competitive. We were in the top bracket with our timings and this gives us confidence that we can achieve good results in the season ahead."

"I was comfortable pushing the car and at the end of two days of

testing, I feel positive and believe that we have a good package to provide stiff challenge to other teams during the season ahead."

Al Faisal said that his 'experience in racing in Porsche Cup Challenge cars' did help him with the new GT3 R car as he was able to get a better grip and balance of the car during the testing session.

"This car has a lot of power and aero and is a lot better on brakes. I felt at ease with the car and having posted competitive times over two days, the confidence and morale is good in our team," added Al Faisal. On the first day of intense testing, Beretta-Schandorff (VSR Lambo) posted the best time (1:45.475) after topping sessions one and three on the slightly-modified Catalan track after the changes to turn ten. Only 31 thousandths behind was the AKM Mercedes of Spinelli-

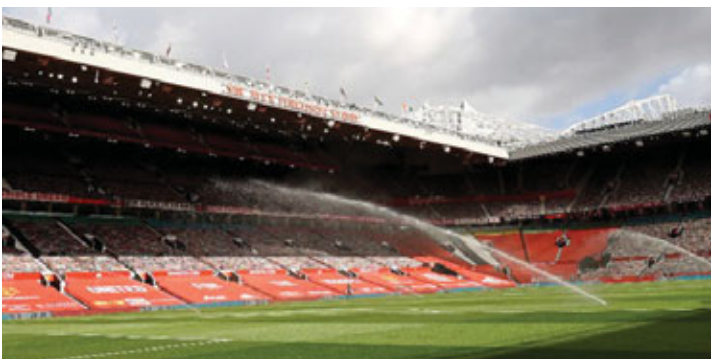
Moiseev, fastest in session two, which preceded the Lambo of Cipriani (-0.440), the Lechner Racing Porsche of Al Faisal-Soucek (-0.787) and the new Audi of Balfe-Carroll (-0.829).

Al Faisal and Soucek were placed fourth in combined timings after day one and on day two, they even managed a top-two (fourth session) and a top-three (third session) in the five sessions held. AKM Mercedes of Spinelli-Moiseev were also on top on the second day.

The 16th edition of International GT Open will begin with a race at the Paul Ricard circuit in France on May 16. The seven-leg series concludes in Barcelona on October 24.

Al Faisal, who is fully backed by Oman-based Al Manar Financial Investments, will be competing in the Pro class at the GT Open.

European Super League to reshape project after withdrawals



MADRID : The European Super League said that they will now be taking appropriate steps to reshape the project as a result of some withdrawals from Premier League clubs.

The announcement on Sunday, made by 12 founding clubs including Manchester City, Chelsea, Arsenal, Liverpool, Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur, was met with widespread criticism. As a result, all the six Premier League clubs, involved in the proposed European Super League, have withdrawn from the competition.

"The European Super League is convinced that the current status quo of European football needs to change. We are proposing a new European competition because the existing system does not work. Our proposal is aimed at allowing the sport to evolve while generating resources and stability for the full football pyramid, including helping overcome the financial difficulties experienced by the entire football community as a result of the pandemic. It would also provide materially enhanced solidarity payments to all football stakeholders," said European Super

League in an official statement, as reported by Goal.com.

"Despite the announced departure of the English clubs, forced to take such decisions due the pressure out on them, we are convinced our proposal is fully aligned with European law and regulations as was demonstrated by a court decision to protect the Super League from third party actions. Given current circumstances, we shall reconsider the most appropriate steps to reshape the project, always having in mind our goals of offering fans the best experience possible while enhancing solidarity payments for the entire football community," it added.

Barcelona, Real Madrid, Atletico Madrid, Juventus, AC Milan and Inter Milan are still part of the European Super League but Barcelona's participation is in doubt as the club could withdraw if their members vote against participation.

Manchester United executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward, who was involved in the Super League discussions, has also announced that he will step down from his role at the end of 2021, as per goal.com. **ANI**

IPL 2021

Bairstow shines after Khaleel, Abhishek help SRH register nine-wicket victory

CHENNAI: Taking over from Khaleel Ahmed and Abhishek Sharma's clinical display with the ball, Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) opener Jonny Bairstow smashed a gutsy fifty to steer the David Warner-led side to a comfortable nine-wicket win over Punjab Kings in their Indian Premier League (IPL) encounter here at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Wednesday.

A dominating bowling effort from Khaleel and Abhishek had helped SRH restrict Punjab Kings to a paltry 120 in 19.4 overs. In response, SRH (121/1) chased down the target with eight balls to spare thanks to a fine batting performance by Bairstow that left Punjab Kings gasping for breath. David Warner and Bairstow (63*) started off the chase in comprehensive fashion, taking SRH to 50 in style in six overs. In the next four overs, Warner slowed down a bit but Bairstow continued his onslaught and smashed timely boundaries.



While Warner did try to up the ante, Fabian Allen removed the SRH skipper in the 11th over to give Punjab Kings a glimmer of hope. But Bairstow and Kane Wil-

liamson didn't allow Punjab Kings to capitalise as the duo stitched a 48-run partnership to take SRH over the line quite comfortably in the 19th over.

Earlier, after opting to bat first, Punjab Kings got off to bad start as they lost skipper KL Rahul in the fourth over. Chris Gayle and Mayank Agarwal then stitched a

partnership but Khaleel Ahmed ended Mayank's stay in the seventh over.

It triggered a middle-order collapse as Punjab Kings lost two more wickets in the next 10 balls. Deepak Hooda and Moises Henriques tried to revive Punjab's innings, but without much success as Abhishek sent them back to see Punjab lose six wickets with just 82 runs on board.

Shahrukh did manage to take Punjab past the 100-run mark, but the right-handed batsman wasn't able to convert it into the big one.

Khaleel removed Shahrukh off the first ball of the 18th over to deny the Punjab Kings any chance of finishing the innings on a high. In the final two overs, Punjab Kings picked 10 runs to give SRH a 121-run target.

Brief Scores: Punjab Kings 120 (Shahrukh Khan 22, Mayank Agarwal 22; Khaleel Ahmed 3-21); SRH 121/1 (Jonny Bairstow 63*; Fabian Allen 1-22) **ANI**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OOC General Assembly to hold meeting for 2021

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Olympic Committee (OOC) will hold on Thursday the regular General Assembly meeting at Oman Olympic Academy (OOA) in the presence of Board of Directors members and General Assembly members.

The meeting's agenda will include discussion of many issues, including the approval of the previous minutes of the committee's general assembly meeting that was held on December 24, 2020, reviewing the annual report on the administrative situation and Oman Olympic Committee activities that were carried out during the past year, and the various activities project for 2021.

The final account lists for the fiscal year ending 2020 will be presented, attached to the report of the auditor accredited by the committee, and to be approved by the members, in addition to reviewing the committee's budget project and the activities for 2021.

TOKYO OLYMPICS

Brazil, Germany in same group in men's football, Japan to take on South Africa in opener

ZURICH: The 28 teams that have qualified for the Olympic football tournaments discovered their group opponents after the official draw was conducted in Zurich on Wednesday. 16 men's teams and 12 women's teams have been drawn into seven groups.

In the men's event, Brazil and Germany, who faced off in the Rio 2016 final, were sent into Group D also comprising Cote d'Ivoire, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Spain, Argentina, and Australia have been placed in Group C Japan was first out of the pot and drawn in Group A. They will face South Africa, Mexico, and France. In what will be the opening match of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, Japan will take on South Africa in Tokyo Stadium.

Group G in the women's tournament not only features the

two co-hosts of the next FIFA Women's World Cup, Australia and New Zealand, but it also gives the USA the chance for Olympic revenge over a Sweden side that eliminated them from Rio 2016 on penalties.

Japan will kick off the women's finals against Canada, with Great Britain and Chile making up the section, while China PR, Brazil, Zambia and Netherlands comprise the other pool.

The women's finalists will fight for the gold medal at Tokyo's iconic new Olympic Stadium, which will also be the setting for the Games' opening and closing ceremonies. Sapporo, Miyagi, Kashima, Saitama, and Yokohama (Men's Final) will contribute to the Olympic passion by hosting exciting games until August 7, 2021. **ANI**

ICC T20I RANKINGS

Babar Azam moves to 2nd position, Kohli firm at fifth spot in ICC rankings

DUBAI: India skipper Virat Kohli remained firm at the fifth spot but Pakistan captain Babar Azam advanced one place to reach the second position in the ICC men's T20I player rankings released on Wednesday.

Babar's superlative form had helped him replace India captain Virat Kohli at the top of the men's ODI player rankings last week and this week's T20I update sees him make a strong 47-point surge to overtake Australia's Aaron Finch in the T20I rankings after scoring 122 in the third match. Though Babar is still 48 points adrift of top-ranked Dawid Malan of England, a three-match series against Zimbabwe from Wednesday presents the 26-year-old with another opportunity to move towards the top spot, which he had



occupied till November last year.

Fakhar Zaman's is a similar story as he follows up his progress in the ODI rankings with that in T20Is, gaining 17 slots to reach 33rd position after scores of eight not out and 60 in the last two matches.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Mohammad Rizwan, who notched an

unbeaten knock of 73 in the third match, has advanced eight places to reach a career-best 15th position.

Left-arm fast bowler Shaheen Afridi has attained a career best-equaling 11th spot after grabbing a wicket each in the two matches while Faheem Ashraf (up 12 places to 16th), Mohammad Nawaz (up four places to 24th) and Haris Rauf (up 43 places to 38th) have also moved up in the bowlers' list.

For South Africa, Rassie van der Dussen has advanced three slots to the sixth position, just one shy of his career-best, after scores of 34 not out and 52.

Aiden Markram (up 31 places to 34th) and Janneman Malan (up 52 places to 73rd) are the other batsmen to move up from the team while left-arm spinner George Linde (up 29 places to

107th) has also progressed.

The latest weekly update also takes into account the first four matches of the ongoing Nepal tri-series that features the Netherlands and Malaysia apart from the hosts.

Nepal leg-spinner Sandeep Lamichhane advanced eight places to the joint-77th position after taking eight wickets in three outings of the tournament while his captain Gyanendra Malla has moved up 10 places to 107th position among batsmen.

The Netherlands' Scott Edwards (up 12 places to 136th) and Pieter Seelaar (up 25 places to 188th) are among others to gain in the latest update.

Pakistan's 3-1 win in the series against South Africa comes as a morale booster in the year of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup. **ANI**

OMAN CRUDE PRICE FALLS

The price of Oman oil has declined, with prices for delivery by June 2021 reaching \$63.85, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil decline by \$2.07 from the price of Tuesday, which was \$65.92. - **ONA**

MARKET BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) general index (30) gained 0.7 points, comprising a rise by 0.02 per cent to close at 3,697.35 points, compared to the last session, which stood at 3,696.63 points.

Asia Pacific's energy transition will be long-drawn-out: S&P

With more than 60 per cent of electricity generation from fossil-fuel-based plants and growing power demand, coal will remain highly relevant in large markets in APAC like India and China for the next one to three decades

SINGAPORE: Energy transition is firmly underway in Asia-Pacific (APAC) but the pace and degree varies across markets, S&P Global Ratings has said in a new study.

With more than 60 per cent of electricity generation from fossil-fuel-based plants and growing power demand, coal will remain highly relevant in large markets in APAC like India and China for the next one to three decades, said the study titled 'Energy Transition In Asia-Pacific: A Marathon, Not a Sprint.'

Even though absolute demand

for coal will rise, in relative terms the share of coal in the generation mix should trend down towards 40 per cent by 2040. Wind and solar will likely grow faster than other fuel, given policy support, market preference, and technology/cost breakthrough.

The cost of energy from renewable sources and cost-efficient storage solutions will be crucial for the greater use of renewables. Growing environmental, social, governance risks for fossil fuel companies and an increasing global consensus for climate action



S&P GLOBAL RATINGS' NEW STUDY: Even though absolute demand for coal will rise, in relative terms the share of coal in the generation mix should trend down towards 40 per cent by 2040. - Photo used for illustrative purpose only

could speed up the transition.

Coal-fired capacities are relatively young and provide the baseload in most Asian countries. A vast majority of the plants will not retire until 2040. New coal plants are still under construction in some markets. Coal generation and emissions will therefore rise.

Transition away from coal in APAC will lag the trends observed in the United States and Europe by a few decades. 2030 may be the key inflection point when even APAC markets will stop adding new coal plants, accelerating the energy transition.

The S&P study said India is set

to miss its 2022 emission targets due to the delay in the rollout of new capacity additions and the imposition of duties on imported panels. India targets 450-gigawatt power from renewables by 2030, accounting for 60 per cent of its capacity.

Most markets have supportive policies for renewables but limited policies to discourage the use of coal. Carbon pricing may evolve and help speed up the transition. The lack of clear long-term federal policies in Australia has hit investments. Meanwhile, subsidised electricity prices and policy requirement for renewables' costs to be 85 per cent of the current grid prices is a big hindrance in Indonesia.

Funding is shrinking for fossil-fuel companies and costs are rising. Meanwhile, a rush for green finance is enabling renewable energy companies to raise funds at attractive prices. Importantly, there is a need for a mix of solutions, including energy savings and transition financing, to allow coal-fired generation to get cleaner before a long-term clean baseload

solution is implemented.

As per industry estimates, China will need to invest 9 trillion dollars for energy transition by 2060, India will have 500 billion-dollar investments in renewables over the next decade and Indonesia will invest 41 billion dollars over the next five years, said the S&P study.

Cash flows of regulated utilities may benefit from protected returns even though policy transition risks cannot be ignored. However, network investments will need to increase to support the uptake of renewables and reduce the risk of curtailment.

For the unregulated segment, new carbon policies could hurt fossil-fuel companies and are already resulting in significant consolidation among China's coal miners. Renewable energy providers may strengthen their business profile, but leverage will likely stay high due to elevated capital expenditure.

Cash flow pain is likely for Australian integrated generation companies and retailers because renewables have curbed power prices. - **ANI**

BANK MUSCAT

Good customer demand for escrow accounts to benefit real-estate sector

Times News Service

MUSCAT: After becoming the first bank in Oman to launch the specialised service in the country, Bank Muscat escrow account services are all set to boost the Omani real-estate sector.

Through this service, Bank Muscat acts as an escrow agent, which accepts all funds and then releases these funds in accordance with the progress of a real-estate project and as per the terms of the escrow agreement in line with Royal Decree 30/2018, Ministerial Decision 72/2019 issued by the Ministry of Housing and other regulatory norms. Since its launch, the bank has been encouraged by the excellent customer appreciation and feedback that it has been receiving about this new service from both developers and buyers.

It is important to note that the new service ensures that developers are paid on a timely basis without delay from the buyers' side and the buyers enjoy the assurance of knowing that their payments are being used for the timely completion of the project.

With real-estate transactions becoming more sophisticated and complex than ever in modern times, the Sultanate made it compulsory for real-estate developers to route all funds pertaining to real-estate projects with off-plan sales into an escrow account. An escrow services provider typically serves as a trusted middleman for payments between buyers and sellers. Funds will be released to a developer by the escrow services provider only as per the progress of the project and the terms of the agreement. The announcement of the new law and the subsequent launch of escrow services by the



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Real estate buyers can rest assured that their funds are being used for the purpose of development and not for any unauthorised purposes when paying into an escrow account

Ali Said Ali
Deputy General Manager - Agency & Custody Services

bank has thus greatly boosted investor confidence in Oman's real estate sector.

Ali Said Ali, Deputy General Manager - Agency & Custody Services, said, "As the leading financial services provider in Oman, Bank Muscat continuously delivers high-quality world-class services and solutions that are aligned with its customer-centric vision. The bank's escrow services are based on local regulations and international best practices. Real estate buyers can rest assured that their

funds are being used for the purpose of development and not for any unauthorised purposes when paying into an escrow account. Developers will at the same time get access to payments based on completion of project milestones as per the agreement. As a trusted neutral party that is aligned to the best interests of both buyers and sellers, the bank will verify the completion of different milestones and process transactions accordingly. Sellers can rest assured that the system will encourage buyers

to make payments without any delay and they will be able to access the funds in a timely manner to complete the project on schedule."

All Bank Muscat products and services have evolved based on customer feedback and is meant to fulfil their financial needs and aspirations in an ever-changing world. The commitment to customers is the key to achieving strategic objectives, thereby establishing sustainable, long-term business relationships in communities where the bank operates.

DALBERG ESTIMATE

Air pollution costs Indian businesses \$95bn each year

NEW DELHI: Air pollution costs Indian businesses about US\$95 every fiscal year, around 3 per cent of India's total GDP, a major research report shows.

The cost is equal to 50 per cent of all tax collected annually or 150 per cent of India's healthcare budget. The findings in the report undertaken by Dalberg Advisors in partnership with Clean Air Fund and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) add urgency to tackling air pollution by outlining that it imposes heavy economic costs as well as devastating health impacts.

Dalberg estimate that India's workers take 1.3 billion days off work annually because of the adverse effects of air pollution on their health, amounting to US\$6 billion in lost revenue.

Air pollution has also been shown to have significant effects on workers' cognitive and physical performance, lowering their on-the-job productivity and thereby decreasing business revenues by up to US\$24 billion.

Further impacting the national economy, the report found that lower air quality also reduces consumers' willingness to venture out of their homes, leading to lower footfall and ultimately US\$22 billion less revenue for consumer-facing businesses.

India had 1.7 million premature deaths from air pollution in 2019, 18 per cent of all deaths in India, a figure that is projected to increase by 2030, making India a major contributor to the global economic cost of premature mortality. In economic terms, the lost working years cost the Indian economy US\$44 billion in 2019.

The report further shows that India's IT sector, the source of 9 per cent of the country's GDP and a magnet for foreign investment, is disproportionately affected, losing US\$1.3 billion due to pollution-induced productivity loss per year.

If air pollution continues to increase at currently projected rates, this figure could nearly double by 2030.

India has grown to become the world's fifth most polluted country in the last decade and has 21 of the world's 30 most polluted cities. As India's median age rises from 27 in 2019 to 32 in 2030, vulnerability to air pollution will increase as mortality due to air pollution-linked pulmonary problems and lung cancer will grow at an accelerated pace, as these illnesses tend to affect the elderly harder.

Gaurav Gupta, Partner and Asia Director for Dalberg, said the report shows how air pollution affects the overall health of businesses and the economy. While the government has taken aggressive measures to address the issue, the emphasis on air pollution across the globe has continued to be on its public health implications.

"It has now become important for Indian business to include air emissions in their profit and loss statements. Clean air is a precondition for businesses to thrive - and for India to realise its vision of becoming a US\$5 trillion economy by 2025. Achieving this goal would require industry leaders to take more ownership and become advocates in the movement for cleaner air," he said. - **ANI**

NEW PROJECTS

Australia plans to spend \$417 million on hydrogen, carbon capture



HYDROGEN-PRODUCING HUBS: Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the money to be spent on building new hydrogen-producing hubs and carbon capture technologies would create more than 2,500 jobs while reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions. - **BNA**

CANBERRA: Australia's prime minister has proposed spending an extra 539 million Australian dollars (\$417 million) on hydrogen and carbon sequestration projects, seeking to burnish his government's green credentials ahead of a climate summit to be hosted by President Joe Biden.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the money to be spent on building new hydrogen-producing hubs and carbon capture technologies would create more than 2,500 jobs while reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions, The Associated Press (AP) reported.

"It is essential we position Australia to succeed by investing now

in the technologies that will support our industries into the future, with lower emissions energy that can support Australian jobs," Morrison said in a statement. "We cannot pretend the world is not changing. If we do, we run the risk of stranding jobs in this country, especially in regional areas," he added.

The funding will be detailed in the government's economic blueprint for the next fiscal year which will be made public on May 11. The spending requires Parliament's approval.

A little over half the money would be spent on increasing the number of hydrogen-producing hubs in regional Australia from one to five. A hub is a region where

hydrogen producers, users and exporters are located together.

Australia is already one of the world's largest exporters of liquefied natural gas and coal, both polluting fossil fuels. The government wants Australia to become a major global hydrogen supplier by 2030, aiming to reduce production costs to less than AU\$2 (\$1.54) a kilogram (2.2 pounds).

Australia is home to the world's largest carbon capture and storage facility at Chevron's Gorgon natural gas project on Barrow Island off its northwest coast. The project has stored more than 4 million metric tonnes (4.4 million US tonnes) of carbon emissions since it started

operating in 2019. New money would be spent on accelerating the development of a new carbon capture hub and technologies.

Australia's oil and gas industry said the investment in new hydrogen and carbon capture projects would be a massive boost for the sector. But The Australia Institute think tank described the proposed funding as disappointing.

"The announcements are a poor showing ahead of the Biden Summit when so many countries are making substantial increases in their climate action and targets in the next 10 years," the institute's climate and energy programme director Richie Merzian said. - **BNA**

MARKET

MSX index ends higher



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MUSCAT: Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) general index (30) gained 0.7 points, comprising a rise by 0.02 per cent to close at 3,697.35 points, compared to the last session, which stood at 3,696.63 points. The trading value stood at OMR3,833,710 comprising a drop of 19.5 per cent, compared to the last session, which stood at OMR4,765,381. The report released by MSX

pointed out that the market value increased by 0.017 per cent to reach about OMR20.64 billion. The report added that the value of shares bought by non-Omani investors reached OMR623,000, comprising 16.26 per cent. The value of shares sold by non-Omani investors reached OMR577,000, comprising 15.05 per cent. The net non-Omani investment rose by 1.21 per cent to OMR46,000. — **OWA**

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SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PD	LAST BD	LAST OFFER	PDA VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM000001525	OMAN INVST&FIN.	10,095,314	1,006,789	241	0.097	0.101	0.097	0.100	0.092	0.008	8.696	0.101	0.101	0.101	0.100	23,700,000
OM000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	1,088,466	49,128	60	0.043	0.046	0.043	0.045	0.042	0.003	7.143	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.100	13,821,585
OM000002077	AL OMANIYA FIN.	3,838,928	308,996	47	0.075	0.082	0.075	0.080	0.075	0.005	6.667	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.100	23,354,814
OM000002440	AL SHARQIA INV.	2,319,735	201,024	90	0.087	0.088	0.085	0.087	0.083	0.004	4.819	0.086	0.085	0.086	0.100	7,830,000
OM000000418	RAYSUT CEMENT	94,313	25,583	8	0.272	0.272	0.267	0.271	0.270	0.001	0.370	0.267	0.267	0.270	0.100	54,200,000
OM000001160	NATIONAL GAS	2,500	338	1	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.137	0.137	0.000	0.000	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.100	11,645,000
OM000001533	OMINVEST	63,549	19,678	8	0.310	0.310	0.306	0.310	0.310	0.000	0.000	0.306	0.306	0.308	0.100	250,409,422
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	954,000	273,072	67	0.288	0.291	0.277	0.286	0.286	0.000	0.000	0.278	0.279	0.278	0.100	35,720,817
OM000000796	BANK MUSCAT	1,200,905	467,761	32	0.390	0.390	0.386	0.390	0.390	0.000	0.000	0.386	0.384	0.388	0.100	1,394,045,169
OM000000926	OMAN TELCOM	161,850	121,711	16	0.752	0.752	0.752	0.752	0.752	0.000	0.000	0.752	0.744	0.752	0.100	564,000,000
OM000000398	SOHAR INTL BANK	510,734	45,931	14	0.090	0.090	0.089	0.090	0.090	0.000	0.000	0.090	0.089	0.090	0.100	219,105,606
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	206,000	78,296	18	0.380	0.382	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.000	0.000	0.382	0.382	0.384	0.100	247,358,807
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	94,300	25,535	8	0.272	0.272	0.270	0.271	0.272	-0.001	-0.368	0.271	0.270	0.271	0.100	14,905,000
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	115,150	26,406	9	0.230	0.230	0.227	0.229	0.230	-0.001	-0.435	0.227	0.227	0.229	0.100	75,769,851
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSUR.	50,000	18,900	3	0.378	0.378	0.378	0.378	0.380	-0.002	-0.526	0.378	0.378	0.378	0.100	37,800,000
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	68,451	60,467	44	0.090	0.090	0.086	0.088	0.089	-0.001	-1.124	0.088	0.086	0.087	0.100	17,600,000
Total	16	21,494,195	2,729,613	666												
Parallel Market																
OM000002374	UNITED FINANCE	2,854,759	128,856	77	0.044	0.046	0.044	0.045	0.043	0.002	4.651	0.045	0.044	0.045	0.100	15,711,498
OM0000002646	NATIONAL FINANCE	30,000	3,600	3	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.115	0.005	4.348	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.100	64,547,654
OM0000003521	GULFAR ENGINEER	5,532,630	293,342	152	0.053	0.055	0.052	0.053	0.051	0.002	3.922	0.052	0.052	0.056	0.100	15,368,974
OM0000005983	PHOENIX POWER	125,114	5,882	15	0.048	0.048	0.047	0.047	0.046	0.001	2.174	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.100	68,742,269
OM0000007910	AMAN REAL ESTATE	15,000	1,435	3	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.092	0.002	2.151	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.100	19,000,000
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	270,958	38,817	10	0.140	0.145	0.140	0.143	0.140	0.003	2.143	0.144	0.145	0.142	0.100	11,640,593
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	124,106	12,922	8	0.105	0.105	0.104	0.104	0.102	0.002	1.961	0.104	0.100	0.104	0.100	202,764,376
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	332,500	29,756	23	0.089	0.090	0.089	0.089	0.088	0.001	1.136	0.089	0.087	0.090	0.100	15,575,000
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT. ENG.	26,785	2,277	5	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.000	0.000	0.085	0.080	0.085	0.100	11,050,000
OM0000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	483,500	56,496	37	0.112	0.115	0.116	0.113	0.115	0.000	0.000	0.113	0.113	0.113	0.100	14,905,000
OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	8,500	5,780	1	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.000	0.000	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.100	107,100,000
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	2,967	445	2	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.154	0.154	0.000	0.000	0.150	0.151	0.152	0.100	250,395,739
OM0000001566	OMAN FISHERIES	40,000	2,400	3	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.100	10,700,000
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	266,173	12,371	19	0.045	0.047	0.045	0.046	0.046	0.000	0.000	0.046	0.045	0.049	0.100	5,606,250
OM0000001822	UNITED POWER	126,193	128,096	60	0.015	0.020	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.015	0.020	1.000	812,000
OM0000001889	SALALAH MILLS	2,343	1,172	1	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.000	0.000	0.500	0.498	0.500	0.100	27,479,685
OM0000001962	AL MADINA INV.	10,480	241	2	0.023	0.023	0.023	0.023	0.023	0.000	0.000	0.023	0.022	0.025	0.100	4,764,482
OM0000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	3,120	955	2	0.304	0.310	0.304	0.310	0.310	0.000	0.000	0.310	0.304	0.310	0.100	18,973,325
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MK.	1,620	1,344	2	0.840	0.840	0.840	0.840	0.840	0.000	0.000	0.840	0.804	0.840	0.100	76,380,000
OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAR	500,000	52,000	1	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.000	0.000	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.100	311,620,549
OM0000004735	SEMBROP SALALAH	43,000	3,440	6	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.000	0.000	0.080	0.078	0.080	0.100	76,365,756
OM0000006920	VISION INSURANCE	75,385	5,774	6	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.072	0.075	0.100	7,500,000
OM0000007407	DHOFAH GENERATING	4,000	636	2	0.159	0.159	0.159	0.159	0.159	0.000	0.000	0.159	0.155	0.159	0.100	35,338,160
OM0000008447	OMAN BETT FUND	2,453	633	4	0.095	0.097	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.000	0.000	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.100	62,202,098
OM0000001517	HSBC BANK OMAN	47,284	4,776	4	0.101	0.101	0.101	0.102	0.102	-0.001	-0.980	0.101	0.101	0.102	0.100	202,031,562
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	336,000	108,864	14	0.324	0.324	0.324	0.324	0.328	-0.004	-1.220	0.324	0.324	0.328	0.100	95,973,233
OM0000004833	AL SUWADI POWER	224,237	12,356	9	0.059	0.059	0.055	0.055	0.056	-0.001	-1.786	0.055	0.055	0.058	0.100	39,292,249
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	151,000	14,114	12	0.095	0.095	0.093	0.093	0.095	-0.002	-2.105	0.093	0.093	0.095	0.100	139,500,000
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDSTR	49,560	35,464	8	0.736	0.736	0.680	0.716	0.732	-0.016	-2.186	0.680	0.680	0.800	0.100	64,225,200
OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	179,600	9,833	12	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.000	0.000	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.100	27,118,800
OM0000003281	TAAGEER FINANCE	138,518	10,380	7	0.075	0.075	0.074	0.075	0.075	0.003	-3.846	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.100	19,019,250
OM0000006879	OMAN QATAR INSUR.	10,000	620	1	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.096	-0.004	-4.167	0.092	0.090	0.094	0.100	9,200,000
OM0000002386	AL BATINAH DEV.	1,054,900	47,776	9	0.050	0.050	0.045	0.045	0.045	-0.005	-10.000	0.045	0.045	0.050	0.100	1,350,000
Total	33	13,097,220	1,034,911	511												

2021 FIRST QUARTER

China's fiscal revenue rises

BEIJING: China's fiscal revenue surged 24.2 per cent year on year in the first quarter (Q1) of 2021, official data showed. According to data released by the Ministry of Finance, the country's fiscal revenue topped 5.71 trillion yuan (about US\$878.07) in Q1. — **Xinhua**

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Indian male (25) BBA., LLB.(hons) / experience in administration and operations seeking for suitable job. Contact: 79896282, 78265859 Email: harisuneethan96@gmail.com

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Contact 95092523, 92438505, 00919595872774
Wts - 00919595872774 mmohdismail1@yahoo.com

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Contact: +968-96180303 shiv60769@gmail.com

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Indian, 30, (B.E Mechanical) with 5+years Oman experience in design & supervision of HVAC & Mechanical systems for Comm./Resi. buildings, hotels, hospitals & hypermarkets looking for suitable openings. Valid D/L & NOC available.

Contact 95434381
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Call 97015841
Email: khalid.bin.umar@gmail.com

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Email: mq_199820@yahoo.co.in
GSM: 99279626

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Whatsapp: 98190314
E-mail: richy348@rediffmail.com

Senior Real Estate Manager

Well experienced in management accounting, reporting, marketing, planning and budgeting. Also has experience in the construction and fitout field. really quick learner for any other fields. Looking for a good opportunity with an international or national corporation.

Contact: 71519695
ahmedelsaba87@gmail.com

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ahmedelsaba87@gmail.com

JOB WANTED

ENGINEER

Omani Mechanical engineer with 4 years experience in projects and sales, Bachelor's degree and MBA. PMP certified. GSM: 95851970

BE Civil Engineer, having 8 yrs of Oman experience in all types of building constructions & having Oman D/L & NOC available. Ready to join immediately. Contact 71267309, 96742402 (whatsapp). Email vmanand92@gmail.com

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Mechanical project engineer, BE Mechanical ,India,have almost 5 yrs experience with 2+ yrs experiencein Oman.Currently working as Mechanical engineer & have HVAC designing.Knowledge also,seeking relevant placement. Contact 97865430. Email mdn.razvi@gmail.com

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Indian male, 29yrs, BE Mechanical, 6+ yrs. UAE experienced QA QC in Oil and Gas with valid D/L on visit in Oman. Looking for suitable opportunities in QA QC / project/ process. Contact 92057664 e-mail: hafisashraf14@gmail.com

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B.E Civil engineer Male, with 2 years of professional experience in municipal house construction project. Equipped with a valid D/L. Fluent in English & Arabic. Contact 96749821 Email mhassan9610@gmail.com

MEP Mechanical engineer with 2 year exp. Contact 79027224

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Civil engineer with 9 years exp in Oman. Contact 97646908

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Indian male, 10+ yrs experience in the field of purchase,store,asset coordinatorValid D/L. Immediately available for joining. Contact 71596360. Email praveenskurup82@gmail.com

Indian male, experience of 12 Years in Oman as a Purchasing officer and store manager,D/L NOC available looking for suitable job. # 97099785, maniugcc@gmail.com

Procurement, purchase officer having master degree searching for job. 07 yrs exp in oman in a well known construction & maintenance group of companies. NOC available. Contact 92587919, 99423614. Email jahanzeb_athar@yahoo.com

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14 yrs of Sales experience in FMCG, valid D/L. Looking for Supervisory / Management position. Contact 71554818. Email: mohammedsultan1977@gmail.com

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ROUND-UP

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Exterior

The bold exterior styling and athletic silhouette of the IS signify the agile changes that have taken place below the surface

MUSCAT: The powerful Lexus IS does more than just draw attention where ever it goes. It packs a punch on every drive offering some of the most exciting moments on the road. The bold exterior styling and athletic silhouette of the IS signify the agile changes that have taken place below the surface. The new IS evokes lower, wider propor-

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Qatar Airways introduces latest version of Honeywell's ultraviolet cabin disinfection technology on board

DOHA: Qatar Airways becomes the first global carrier to operate Honeywell's Ultraviolet (UV) Cabin System version 2.0, further advancing its hygiene measures on board. The latest version of the Honeywell UV Cabin System that is owned and operated by Qatar Aviation Services (QAS), has been introduced to add flexibility, improve reliability, mobility and ease of use compared to its predecessor, with extended UV wings that treat both narrow and wide areas on board, reducing the overall disinfection time. This version also includes a hand wand that disinfects areas like the cockpit and other smaller spaces and is non-motorised leading to less battery consumption. In clinical tests, UV light has been shown to be capable of inactivating various viruses and bacteria when properly applied. After receiving 17 units of the latest version of the Honeywell UV Cabin System V2, the devices have all undergone comprehensive testing onboard Qatar Airways' aircraft. The airline aims to operate them on board all aircraft turnarounds at Hamad International Airport (HIA). Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, Akbar Al Baker, said: "As the first global airline to operate the latest version of the Honeywell UV Cabin System V2 onboard our aircraft, it is significantly more user friendly and technologically advanced. QAS has continued to maintain our impeccable service during the outbreak of COVID-19, specifically supporting repatriation flights and increased cargo workloads. QAS continues to uphold its world-class handling standards and long-standing relationships with all airlines, and together with HIA ensures a safe and seamless journey for all passengers. Qatar Airways aircraft will continue to be regularly disinfected using cleaning products recommended by the International Air Transport Association and the World Health Organization. The latest version of the Honeywell UV Cabin System V2 will be utilised as an additional step after manual disinfection, to ensure the very highest standards of cleanliness. The airline's onboard linen and blankets will continue to be washed, dried and pressed at microbial lethal temperatures, while its headsets are rigorously sanitised after each flight. These items are then sealed into individual packaging by staff wearing hygienic disposable gloves.



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ROUND-UP

Thawani and BankDhofar team up to offer innovative fintech products

This first-of-its-kind partnership in Oman comes after Thawani Technologies acquired its payment solutions provider license from the Central Bank of Oman, and will see the company bring its smart and innovative solutions to the table

MUSCAT: Thawani Technologies, Oman's pioneering digital payments platform, has signed a strategic partnership with BankDhofar, one of the fastest-growing banks in the Sultanate, to introduce trending and innovative solutions to the market.

This first-of-its-kind partnership in Oman comes after Thawani Technologies acquired its payment solutions provider license from the Central Bank of Oman (CBO), and will see the company bring its smart and innovative solutions to the table, while BankDhofar will provide its extensive infrastructure and vast expertise towards accelerating Oman's digital transformation and the trending remote payments.

Eng. Majid Al Amri, Founder and CEO of Thawani Technologies Company said, "BankDhofar is one of the fastest-growing institutions in the Sultanate and has long been a trend-setter in digital payment services. This underscores the confidence of the private sector, as well as the small and medium enterprise community in Omani

entrepreneurs recognizing their pivotal role in streamlining digital transformation in the Sultanate."

He added, "We aim to promote innovation in the market to meet the discerning requirements of customers looking for not only smart solutions to help them seamlessly run their businesses, but also, to remain ahead of the curve when it comes to top-notch digital services. We are confident that with such partnerships with the banking sector, we will take smart digital payments' services to a whole new level in Oman."

Long-term partnership

Dr Tariq Taha, Chief Retail Banking Officer at BankDhofar said, "We are pleased to start this long-term partnership with Thawani Technologies, in order to provide the market with robust electronic payment solutions ensuring ease and flexibility. By joining forces, we can deliver excellent customer experience in this fast-moving landscape."

As the supervisory and regulatory authority of the National Pay-



ment Systems, CBO has been developing the technical capabilities of the banking and financial system which supports modern financial technology. In 2017, CBO launched the Mobile Payment Clearing and Switching System allowing corporates to make payments and conduct transfers conveniently through mobile phones. In 2018, CBO introduced the National Payment Systems Law to create a conducive and legislative environment, while keeping pace with the latest trends in the payments system sector in the Sultanate.

This agreement is part of BankDhofar's continuous transformation plan, which puts digital technology and innovation at the core of its strategy. Considered one of the best banks in the region, BankDhofar continues to provide novel products and services that are custom-made to meet the needs and requirements of its customers. The Bank follows best international practices, providing elevated levels of customer experience, while always committed

to community development and contribution to the growth of the national economy.

Founded in 2016, Thawani Technologies is an Omani company that specializes in providing smart payment solutions, while holding a global certificate in card security. Licensed by the Central Bank of Oman, the company has been providing innovative payment solutions in financial technology, to expedite payments' processes, improve user experiences, and make payments safer, faster,

and easier. In addition to the basic payments' system, Thawani Technologies provides smart payment solutions through payment solutions that are built to meet the needs and challenges faced by institutions. The company also provides services through its platform to pay bills, top-up credit, pay tuition fees, and social insurance. The company recently launched the updated version of its app, offering new products and significant improvements to its portfolio of services.

MAZDA

This Ramadan, get your car serviced without stepping out of your home

MUSCAT: Towell Auto Centre, the authorised dealers of Mazda in Oman have introduced a pick and drop service for its cherished customers in collaboration with Zajil.

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With a little bit of advance service booking online, you can avail of this facility. You will get a call from the driver to ascertain your location and confirm your booking for the day. Next, you will meet the driver at your doorstep.

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and drop car service. Your Mazda will be picked up from your office/home and dropped off at the nearest service centre. The same service is also available to drop your car from the service centre to your home or office.

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This service is easily available throughout the Muscat region. Just make sure that your service booking is done 2 days in advance.

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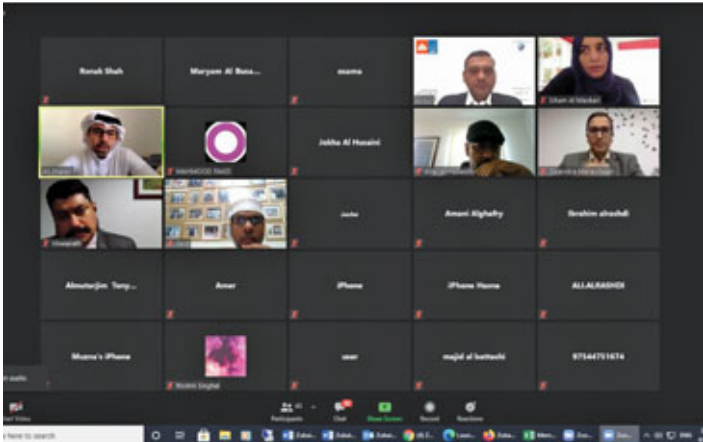
Zubair SEC receives good turnout for first 'Know Your VAT' webinar

MUSCAT: Zubair Small Enterprises Centre (Zubair SEC), in partnership with the Omani International Development and Investment Company (Ominvest), has completed the first of five webinars of their recently launched 'Know Your VAT' initiative executed by Moore.

The Sultanate implemented the Value-Added Tax (VAT) law as of April 16. The law applies to any company whose taxable turnover exceeds OMR 38,500, which includes the majority of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

Commenting on the 'Know Your VAT' initiative, Ali Shaker -Adviser-BD and strategic partnership at Zubair SEC said, "At Zubair SEC, we are very glad to have kickstarted this programme now, which is a very crucial time for SMEs as the VAT law is just starting to be implemented in Oman. It will help our SME members meet all the required steps and procedures to properly prepare themselves for the VAT implementation and as a result, avoid any risks and implications from being ill-prepared."

The initiative, which is considered the first of its kind from the private sector to cover new VAT laws and procedures, was launched earlier in the month with the aim of helping SMEs prepare themselves and ensure their businesses comply with the upcoming VAT requirements. It includes a series of five webinars, five short animated videos, a digital downloadable booklet, and one-to-one sessions where required.



This was the first of the five webinars, titled 'VAT Registration in Oman', and was conducted on April 12 covering three core topics – understanding VAT, who is required to register under VAT, and the registration process for those

with and without a Commercial Registration Number (CRN). In addition, the session also included other valuable information concerning the registration process. It was attended by over 50 Zubair SEC members, each of whom was very appreciative of the webinar, commending the organisers for keeping it thoroughly interactive and engaging.

Zubair SEC member Ahmed Al Shabibi said, "We really appreciate the workshop and the importance of the topic, VAT for SMEs, and understanding the required steps for VAT registration is very crucial at this stage. It helps us to be well prepared before the enforcement date."

Ebtisam Al Maskari, another member of Zubair SEC added, "At the end of the webinar I had a clear idea and a good understanding about VAT. This gave me the confidence I needed in deciding to register and prepare for it, follow-



ing the points that had been suggested in the webinar."

Both members expressed their gratitude to Zubair SEC and Ominvest for arranging such a webinar. "Giving us the opportunity to have a Q&A session with VAT experts during the final portion of the webinar was very helpful and interactive. Many participants had questions and concerns, all of which were cleared and answered," added Ebtisam Al Maskari.

"We would like to offer our sincere thanks to Ominvest for making this initiative possible. We look forward to hosting the next webinar soon and would like to invite all interested SMEs to register at the earliest so as to benefit from the programme," said Ali Shaker.

The next 'Know Your VAT' webinar will be focused on 'Basic Concepts And Tax Implications On Key Business Transaction'.

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