

MAJLIS PANEL SEEKS REASON FOR HIRING EXPAT TEACHERS

The Education and Research Committee of Majlis Al Shura held a discussion on Tuesday with a number of concerned personnel at the Ministry of Education seeking justifications for the Ministry's contracting of expatriate teachers over Omanis. **>A5**



CIRCULAR ON PUBLIC ENTITIES' CLOSING ACCOUNTS FOR 2021 ISSUED

MUSCAT: In implementation of the Financial Law (promulgated under Royal Decree No. 47/98) and the State's Financial and Administrative Audit Law (promulgated under Royal Decree No. 111/2011), the Ministry of Finance yesterday issued a circular on the preparation of the closing account for the current fiscal year ending 31 December 2021. The Ministry of Finance hereby requests all ministries, government units, authorities, public establishments, sports associations and other departments concerned to pursue the prescribed procedures when presenting their respective closing accounts to the Ministry, while at the same time sticking to the dates set for that purpose. **-ONA**

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HM PRESIDES OVER CABINET MEETING



His Majesty the Sultan gave directives to stabilise vehicle fuel prices in accordance with the rates of October 2021 as a maximum ceiling

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik chaired a meeting of the Council of Ministers at the Council's premises in Muscat on Tuesday.

At the outset of the meeting, His Majesty the Sultan gave thanks and praise to the Almighty Allah for the riches with which He has endowed Oman and its people.



He prayed to the Almighty Allah to protect Oman, its citizens and residents—and to perpetuate the bounties of health, fulfilment and tranquillity for all.

Reviewed developments

Then, His Majesty the Sultan reviewed developments in the local arena.

He underscored the significance of collaboration of efforts in all institutions of the State towards accelerating the development of government services, pursuing the implementation of digital transformation initiatives, forging comprehensive measures

to address challenges and utilising available capacities and resources to keep pace with current and future situations.

He also laid emphasis on fostering communication and interaction with society to meet its aspirations.

During the meeting, His Majesty the Sultan referred to the outcome of the performance assessment of government institutions for the year 2020-2021. He took note of the efforts made in all sectors to upgrade performance and provide the best services to keep abreast of developments and advance the public interest. **>A4**



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WEATHER

Night temperatures drop to low 20s as winter comes knocking

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Night time temperatures in several parts of Oman plummeted to the lower twenties, signalling the arrival of the cooler winter months.

The only exception to this rule was the Saiq plateau located near Nizwa and Jabal Akhdar recorded a minimum of 12 degrees Celsius on Tuesday, 9 November 2021.

The capital Muscat stayed a pleasant 23 degrees, as did Khasab in the northern Musandam Governorate, the Dhofari capital of Salalah, and the border town of Buraimi, according to data released by the Directorate General of Meteorology at the Civil Aviation Authority.

Several places in Oman recorded temperatures of 21 degrees, including Ibri in Ad Dhahirah, Nizwa in Ad Dakhiliyah, Sur, and Al Askhara in the Sharqiyah regions, Rustaq in Al Batinah, and Duqm and Haima in Al Wusta.

Even lower temperatures were



seen in Thumrait in the Dhofar and Ibri in North Ash Sharqiyah (both 20 degrees).

The temperature on Masirah Island, however, was slightly higher at 24 degrees.

People living in the Musandam Governorate have been asked by the Civil Aviation Authority to look out for "clear to partly cloudy skies with chances of isolated rain

and occasional thundershowers over Musandam and the Hajar Mountains and adjoining areas during the afternoon and evening."

Other parts of the country can expect mainly clear skies with chances of late night to early morning low-level clouds or fog patches over the northern parts of the Dhofar Governorate, and Al Wusta, added the government body.

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN Partnership to boost skills and careers

1 In their mission to spread the ICT culture in the country, Oman Information Technology Society (OITS), in collaboration with Microsoft, launched the "MaharaTec" initiative to upskill the nation's future leaders and talent, enhancing their capabilities in the field of communications and information technology. **>A3**



WORLD Poland seals border in migrant standoff

2 Polish officials closed the crossing with Belarus at the border town of Kuznica on Tuesday morning, a day after thousands of migrants arrived in the area seeking to cross into the EU. Poland's Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki described the incident as a "hybrid attack". **>A6**

MARKET Oman-Bahrain trade investment discussed

3 Potential areas of cooperation in the development of industrial cities and attracting investments to serve mutual interests and further deepen ties between the two sides were discussed with a Bahraini team which visited the headquarters of Madayn on Tuesday. **>B1**



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Summit peace move

From Times of Oman
Special Correspondent,
Doha

The heads of the six Gulf Co-operation Council States meeting here for the fourth Summit Conference have made a bid to stop the fighting between rival factions of the PLO in Lebanon.

Following the Tuesday morning conference session, Issa Ghanim al-Kawari, Qatar's Minister of Information who is the official spokesman for the conference told pressmen of the move.

He said that it was decided to send two Ministers — one from Qatar and one from Kuwait — to Syria.

There they joined a Minister from Algeria and another from Tunisia to meet Syria's Foreign Minister.

Their discussions were aimed at stopping the bloodshed in Tripoli, the Lebanese port where PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's forces

LEADERS' BID TO STOP LEBANON BLOODSHED

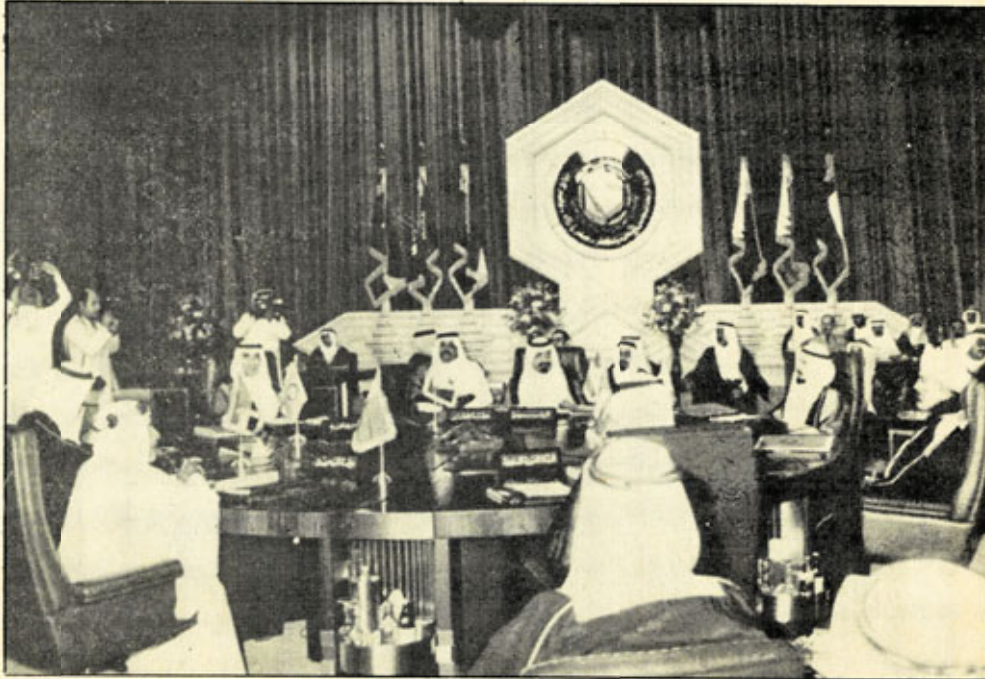
are besieged by PLO rebels.

The official spokesmen added that the summit meetings were "progressing very well". They began on Monday and were to end after two sessions yesterday.

In his opening address to the summit on Monday the Emir of Qatar His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al-Thani spoke of the urgent need for self reliance among the Gulf nations to avoid external interference in "our affairs and to keep the Gulf away from super power conflicts."

He added that self reliance must be the GCC states' first priority by which could be laid down the

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The Summit in session and (below) His Majesty inspects the guard of honour on his arrival in Qatar.



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MEETING

Shura Chairman receives GCC Secretary-General

MUSCAT: Khalid Hilal Al Ma'awali, Chairman of Shura Council received at the Council's premises Dr. Nayef Falah Al Hajraf, GCC Secretary-General on Tuesday.

During the meeting, Al Ma'awali praised the efforts exerted by the GCC General Secretariat to promote cooperation in many economic, social and cultural spheres among the gulf countries.

For his part, Dr. Al Hajraf lauded the remarkable endeavours made by Oman in supporting the



GCC Council, as well as its efforts in resolving regional issues.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Chairman of the Council and some members of the Council's Office. -OMA

INITIATIVE

Partnership to boost skilling and career opportunities

Times News Service

MUSCAT: An initiative to upskill the nation's future leaders and talent has been launched in the Sultanate of Oman.

The initiative has been launched by the Oman Information Technology Society (OITS), in collaboration with Microsoft.

Called "MaharaTec", the initiative will help in enhancing the capabilities of future leaders in the field of communications and information technology and is part of the continued mission of the Oman Information Technology Society (OITS) and Microsoft to spread the ICT culture in the country.

This addition to the industry will empower young professionals to acquire all the necessary knowledge and skills to improve the labour market in line with the objectives of Oman Vision 2040.

"The ICT field is witnessing rapid growth, and we are happy to support Oman's 2040 vision, which aims to create diverse economic opportunities for the sector," said Dr. Salim Al Ruzaiqi, Oman Society for Information Technology Chairman.

"This partnership with Microsoft will enrich the experience of the Omani youth and train them in one of the most essential career paths of today, so that they can gain the in-demand expertise on



Dr. Salim Al Ruzaiqi



Shaikh Saif Hilal Al Hosni

ensuring their lead position in a knowledge-based economy of the Sultanate."

The goal of MaharaTec seeks to enhance the confidence of the functional community in educational outcomes in the IT sector. The courses will ready the youth in proficiency as a software developer, data analyst, IT administrator, IT support & helpdesk, project manager, digital marketer, financial analyst, graphic designer, customer service and sales.

"MaharaTec is a valuable project that generates opportunities for young talent in the country to hone their skills and gain career-building experiences, which contributes to strengthening the future of the IT industry," said Shaikh Saif Hilal Al Hosni, Country Manager for Microsoft Oman and Bahrain. "I would like to thank the OITS for its fruitful partner-

ship with Microsoft, as we move forward in promoting innovation and advancements in the country's knowledge-based economy."

Microsoft remains committed to its core pillars of global educational and skilling future workforce initiatives, as these courses will equip young technology-driven professionals with the appropriate tools and skills to secure and grow the country's ICT environment. This will enable the nation to build a resilient infrastructure, enhancing and catering to new demands of their digital economy.

The programme will operate for one year, while participants are free to choose the courses and dates suitable to them.

Further incentivising the skilling experience, OITS will cover exam fees for the first 200 participants who successfully pass the certification test.

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ON SOCIAL MEDIA

 MOST READ ON FACEBOOK

66,311 REACH

It is estimated that there are currently over 35 million expatriate workers in the GCC countries.



Story on expat retirement visas boosting tourism numbers

A story on expat retirement visas boosting tourism numbers reached 66,311 people and had 3,547 engagements on Facebook.

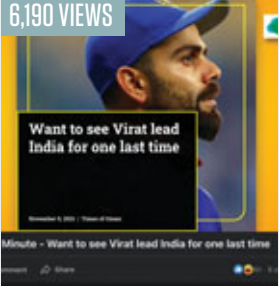
340 VIEWS

Research charts impact of pandemic on people's lives in Oman



6,190 VIEWS

Want to see Virat lead India for one last time



Waseem Akram speaking on Virat Kohli

The Morning Minute video on Waseem Akram speaking on Virat Kohli had 6,190 views and reached 15,900 people on Facebook.

340 VIEWS

Video on re-search findings in impact of pandemic on people's lives



The Page 1 story video on research charts impact of pandemic on people's lives in Oman had 340 views and 29 likes on Instagram.



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CABINET MEETING

<FROM A1 Independent unit to report to His Majesty personally

In this context, His Majesty the Sultan said that an independent unit reporting to him personally will be set up to measure the performance of government institutions and ensure their continuous assessment. The unit will also be mandated with proposing mechanisms to upgrade the performance of government institutions, gauging service quality and

customer satisfaction.

Support decision making

His Majesty the Sultan also gave directives to initiate a unit to support decision making.

The unit will report to the Secretariat General of the Council of Ministers and it will be tasked with upgrading the standard of performance through efficient

decision making.

In pursuance to His Majesty the Sultan's attention to employees of the State's Administrative Apparatus and to motivate them to ameliorate performance in the next stage, His Majesty the Sultan gave directives to promote a segment of government employees under the Civil Service System and other civil systems, namely those eligi-

ble to promotion since 2011. The promotion of this segment takes effect from 2022.

Also, in continuation of Royal attention to social and economic aspects and to the services rendered to citizens, His Majesty the Sultan gave directives to stabilise vehicle fuel prices in accordance with the rates of October 2021 as a maximum ceiling.

The government will bear the differences from any excess resulting from oil prices till the end of 2022.

National economy

To incentivise the national economy and stimulate the investment climate, His Majesty the Sultan ordered the cancellation of a set of fees imposed on activities of some

sectors, as well as the reduction of fees of other sectors.

At the conclusion of the meeting, His Majesty the Sultan touched on other areas of interest to citizens and residents and gave his Royal directives accordingly. His Majesty the Sultan wished all success in serving the good of "this dear homeland and its loyal people." — ONA

HIGH-LEVEL PROBE

India hospital blaze kills four newborn babies

NEW DELHI: Officials in India ordered a high-level probe into a fire that broke out late on Monday in a neonatal care unit at Kamala Nehru Children's Hospital in the central city of Bhopal.

Footage on news channels showed angry parents protesting at the premises alleging that instead of saving the children the hospital staff had fled. News reports cited a short-circuit as a

leading theory about the cause of the fire. Chief Minister for the state of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chauhan, tweeted that there would be an investigation, alleging there had been "criminal negligence."

"Whoever is guilty in this will not be spared," he added.

In a press conference, the chief minister said that both private and government hospitals would now

undergo a fire safety audit.

"The untimely departure of children from the world is an unbearable pain," said Chauhan.

Regional medical education minister Vishvas Kailash Sarang said there were 40 children in total in the unit, and that 36 had been rescued. "My deepest sympathies are with the bereaved family in these difficult moments of grief. May God give them strength and

place the souls of the departed at his feet," Sarang tweeted.

Sarang said the families of the babies would receive 400,000 rupees (about €4,700 or \$5,400) in compensation.

Fatal fires are not uncommon in India, where a lack of firefighting equipment and safety measures, as well as poor maintenance, are often cited as a reason for fires with high fatality rates. **mw**

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Poland seals Belarus border crossing in migrant standoff

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CROSSING BORDER: The EU claims Lukashenko is attracting migrants from the Middle East to Belarus with special visas and taking them to the border with EU and NATO members Poland and Lithuania.

WARSAW: Polish officials closed the crossing with Belarus at the border town of Kuznica on Tuesday morning, a day after thousands of migrants arrived in the area seeking to cross into the EU.

Poland's Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki described the incident as a "hybrid attack" conducted by the regime of Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko.

"Sealing the Polish border is our national interest. But today the stability and security of the entire EU is at stake," Morawiecki wrote on Twitter.

"We will not be intimidated and will defend peace in Europe with our partners from NATO and EU."

The EU claims Lukashenko is attracting migrants from the Middle East to Belarus with special visas and taking them to the border with EU and NATO members Po-

land and Lithuania.

What has Poland said?

Polish President Andrzej Duda said about 1,000 people, "mostly young men" are camped out on the Belarusian side of the border.

"The Belarusian regime is attacking the Polish border, the EU, in an unparalleled manner," he said. "These are aggressive actions that we must repel, fulfilling our obligations as a member of the European Union."

A spokesman for Poland's security services, Stanislaw Zarin, also accused Belarus security forces of "firing empty shots into the air" and helping migrants attack the barrier.

"We see how they bring them tools to cut wires... to destroy the fence."

DW correspondent in Poland, Magdalena Gwozd-Palokat, said the situation was "getting explosive" with both Poland and Belarus amassing troops at the border and unconfirmed reports of people from Belarus seen on the Polish side of the border.

Polish border troops have already warned they would "use any necessary means they can if there is such a need," she said.

What is the response from Belarus?

Belarus denied the Polish accusations, labeling them as "unfounded

and unsubstantiated," and claimed Warsaw was deliberately escalating tensions.

"We would like to warn the Polish side in advance against any provocations directed at the Republic of Belarus to justify any illegal use of force against unarmed people in need, including many women and minors," it said.

Border officials also said Poland was deploying military equipment and blocking aid workers from accessing the area.

They added Poland had no legitimate reason to close down the border crossing, saying that the decision might have been made so that the Polish side can "eliminate

video footage from bystanders" and hide potential use of force or weapons against the migrants.

What is the current situation at the Poland-Belarus border?

Hundreds of migrants are believed to still be near the border on Tuesday, with videos showing tents and fireplaces on the Belarusian side. The Polish Interior Ministry said the night was quiet, save for a rock being thrown at a police car.

Videos from the scene on Monday showed a large group of migrants attempting to breach the border. Polish border guards and military claim Belarus troops were controlling and directing the group.

Polish government spokesman Piotr Muller told reporters that another 3,000 to 4,000 migrants were massing in the area.

"We expect that there may be an escalation of this type of action on the Polish border in the near future, which will be of an armed nature," he added.

Russia urged all sides to act responsibly, with the Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov saying that Moscow was watching the situation "very closely."

The first priority, according to Peskov, are "the lives and health of this large number of people gathered at the border."

How have Germany and the EU reacted?

Responding to the crisis, the EU Council said it was suspending part of a visa facilitation agreement affecting Belarusian officials.

"This decision will not affect ordinary citizens of Belarus, who will continue to enjoy the same benefits under the visa facilitation agreement as they do currently," they said in a statement.

"It is unacceptable for Belarus to play with people's lives for political purposes," said EU Council representative Ales Hojs.

Separately, the European Commission said Belarus was using "gangster-style" tactics to funnel migrants to the EU.

"The citizens of these countries (in the Middle East and elsewhere) are being misused, are being made victims by state-sponsored activities," a Commission spokesperson told a briefing, warning that more sanctions against Belarus were coming.

On Tuesday, Germany's outgoing Interior Minister Horst Seehofer called on EU countries to "stand together" and accused Lukashenko and his Russian ally Vladimir Putin of trying to destabilise the West.

"The Poles have reacted correctly so far," Seehofer told German mass-circulation daily Bild. "We cannot criticise them for securing the EU's external border with admissible means. The Poles are fulfilling a very important service for the whole of Europe."

So far, the Polish authorities have refused the offers of additional assistance from the EU.

The Lithuanian government has proposed introducing a state of emergency at the border region which would start on midnight, pending approval by the country's parliament. **mw**

COVID CASES



Global COVID-19 cases surge past 250 million

NEW YORK: More than 250 million worldwide have been infected with the coronavirus, according to figures from Johns Hopkins University.

The milestone comes as countries in eastern Europe are seeing record outbreaks, while many countries ease trade and travel restrictions.

So far, more than 5 million people have died due to COVID-19.

Europe is the most affected region in the world, registering more than 76 million COVID-19 infections.

This is followed by Asia, with over 56 million cases, followed by the US and Canada with more than 48 million cases, and lastly, Latin America and the Caribbean with more than 46 million cases.

Over the past seven days, nearly 449,000 new daily infections have been registered on average.

Europe

Germany, for the second day in a

row, reported record coronavirus incidence rates on Tuesday.

The Robert Koch Institute (RKI) reported the incidence rate — the number of new infections per 100,000 inhabitants over the previous seven days — at 213.7.

This is higher than Monday's figure of 201.1, which was the first time the rate passed 200 since the pandemic began.

Germany reported 21,832 new cases and 169 new deaths, according to data from RKI.

Denmark will re-introduce a health pass amid a sharp rise in COVID-19 infections, Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen has said.

The prime minister acknowledged that the return of the pass would make life difficult for those who have not been vaccinated but added: "That's how I think it should be."

Russia reported a record daily COVID-19 death toll of 1,211, on Tuesday, a day after a nationwide workplace shutdown aimed at

curbing a surge in cases was lifted across most regions.

Asia Pacific

Australia's medical regulatory body granted AstraZeneca's antibody cocktail against COVID-19 a provisional determination — the first step in the process for registration in the country.

EVUSHELD is the first protective shot other than vaccines against COVID-19. Thousands of demonstrators marched in New Zealand's capital Wellington toward the parliament to protest COVID-19 restrictions on Tuesday.

Authorities responded with major police deployment at the Wellington building known as the Beehive.

Some carried "Trump 2020" flags, while others targeted Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern with slogans such as "Pro-Choice, Anti Jacinda", with "Media Lies" and "Media Treason" also prominent. **mw**

INVESTIGATION

US House panel issues subpoenas to allies of former president Trump

WASHINGTON: A committee in the US House of Representatives dedicated to investigating the assault on the US Capitol on January 6 issued six new subpoenas on Monday to allies of former president Donald Trump.

The attack saw Trump supporters push back police and storm Congress in an effort to stop the electoral count.

What do we know about the subpoenas?

The subpoenaed individuals are accused of promoting misinformation about the 2020 US presidential election, including the unfounded claim that the voting was rigged in favour of now-President Joe Biden and against Trump.

The Trump associates being subpoenaed include former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn, Trump 2020 campaign manager Bill Stepien, former senior adviser Jason Miller, national executive assistant to the campaign Angela McCallum, and lawyer John Eastman. Bernard Kerik, a former New York City police commissioner who allegedly bought hotel rooms which served as "command centers" ahead of January 6, was also hit with a subpoena. The Trump associates are asked to hand over documents and will be required to sit for dispositions beginning on November 30.

Trump announced last month that he would sue the January 6 panel to stop documents related to the riot from being handed over to committee members. The former president has also called on his associates to not comply with subpoenas.

Trump allies accused of meddling in election

The chairman of the committee,



Democrat Bennie Thompson, said in a statement that the Trump loyalists had not only spread misinformation about the election, but also "planned ways to stop the count of Electoral College votes."

The Electoral College, which was set up by the US Constitution, is ultimately responsible for electing the president and vice president.

"The Select Committee needs to know every detail about their efforts to overturn the election, including who they were talking to in the White House and in Congress, and what connections they had with rallies that escalated into a riot, and who paid for it all," Thompson said.

When was the House January 6 committee formed?

The Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol was formed

on July 1. It is composed of seven Democrats and two Republicans.

The committee held its first hearing on July 28, with police officers telling the panel of their experiences defending the Capitol during the riot. The panel has issued 25 subpoenas so far and interviewed over 150 witnesses behind closed doors.

A bill to set up a similar bipartisan January 6 commission in the Senate was shot down in May by Republican Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, who called the proposal "slanted and unbalanced."

The riot on January 6 left five people dead, with over 100 police officers injured. Trump was later impeached for a second time in the Democrat-controlled House for inciting the riot, but was then acquitted of the charges in the Senate. **mw**



16-MEMBER SQUAD



Rohit named T20I skipper for India, Rahul vice-captain

MUMBAI: The All-India Senior Selection Committee has picked a 16-member squad for the upcoming T20I series against New Zealand. India is set to play three T20Is starting from November 17, 2021.

Rohit Sharma will be leading the side after Virat Kohli stepped down as the skipper of the T20I side. Kohli had the T20 World Cup as his last assignment as skipper in the shortest format of the game. KL Rahul has been named as vice-captain. Rituraj Gaikwad, Harshal Patel, Venkatesh Iyer, Avesh Khan, Axar Patel have also been named in the squad.

New Zealand will play a T20I series and then follow it up with two Test matches. The T20Is will be played on November 17 in Jaipur, November 19 in Ranchi and November 21 in Kolkata. The two Tests will be played in Kanpur (November 25-29) and Mumbai (December 3-7).

The Committee also picked the India 'A' squad for the South Africa tour scheduled to start from November 23, 2021, in Bloemfontein. The team will play three four-day matches during the tour.

India's T20I squad: Rohit Sharma (Captain), KL Rahul (Vice-Captain), Rituraj Gaikwad, Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), Ishan Kishan (wicket-keeper), Venkatesh Iyer, Yuzvendra Chahal, R Ashwin, Axar Patel, Avesh Khan, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Deepak Chahar, Harshal Patel and Mohd. Siraj. India 'A' squad for South Africa tour: Priyank Panchal (Captain), Prithvi Shaw, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Devdutt Padikkal, Sarfaraz Khan, Baba Aparajith, Upendra Yadav (wicket-keeper), K Gowtham, Rahul Chahar, Saurabh Kumar, Navdeep Saini, Umran Malik, Ishan Porel, Arzan Nagwaswalla. **ANI**

Kiwis look to settle scores with England

England topped Group 1 and knocked opponents South Africa out of the tournament last week

ABU DHABI: England and New Zealand will lock horns on Wednesday for the first time in an ICC knockout game since the 2019 ODI World Cup final.

While England will aim to reach their third final of the ICC men's T20 World Cup, New Zealand will look to heal the wounds of the final loss in the 2019 showpiece event. By doing so, New Zealand will also aim to reach the finals of the T20 World for the first time since the inception of the event in 2007.

England topped Group 1 and knocked opponents South Africa out of the tournament last week.

On the other hand, New Zealand sealed their place in the 2021 semi-finals in style courtesy of a comfortable eight-wicket win over Afghanistan in Abu Dhabi.

In the 2019 ODI World Cup final, the tournament witnessed a first-ever Super Over in which England defeated New Zealand to lift their maiden title on the basis of boundary countback rule at the



ICC T20 WC: New Zealand will also aim to reach the finals of the T20 World for the first time since the inception of the event in 2007.

Lord's Cricket Ground.

The 50-over game between England and New Zealand ended in a tie and the teams then took the field for the Super Over.

In the Super Over, both teams managed to score 15 runs each but England was announced as the winner as they had hit more boundaries in the allotted overs.

In case semi-final games are tied, a Super Over will be played and if that also doesn't help in deciding the winner then another

Super Over shall be staged until there is a clear winner.

As per ICC, after a tie, weather conditions prevent the Super Over from being completed, or if the match is abandoned or a no result, then the side that finished first in its Super 12s Group will progress to play the summit clash.

Feet on the ground

While New Zealand is coming on the back of a win in the semi-finals, England have their feet on

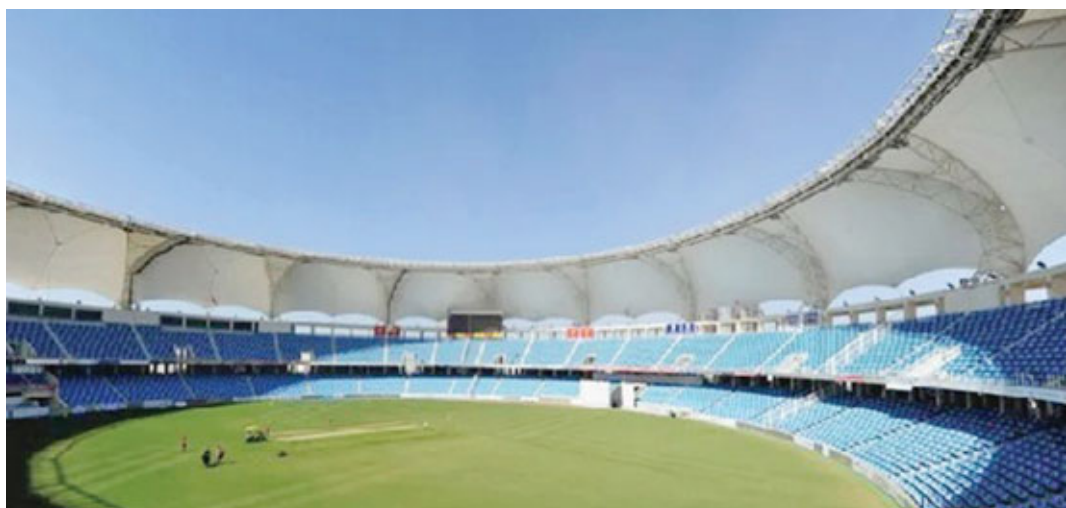
the ground following a first defeat of the tournament last week.

England will be without the services of Jason Roy who was forced off with a calf injury having made 20 off 16 balls as England looked to chase down 189 in their last Super 12 stage match.

Emotions and excitement will be all-time high on Wednesday when the two teams face each other in what is being touted as a mouth-watering clash between England and New Zealand. **ANI**

WORLD CUP FINAL

100% attendance approved for ICC T20 World Cup final in Dubai



DUBAI: The final of the ICC T20 World Cup will see all the 25,000 seats at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium available for the fans to fill as the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and the Emirates Cricket Board (ECB) has got permission to have capacity crowd at the stadium on the night of the final -- November 14.

Speaking to ANI, sources in the know of developments in the BCCI said the Indian board and

the ECB had sought permission from the UAE authorities to allow 100 per cent attendance for the final and the same has been granted.

"The BCCI and the ECB was keen to have capacity crowd for the final. Permission for the same has been granted, but all COVID-19 protocols have to be followed. The boards had sought permission from the authorities and the approval has come. The ICC has done a brilliant job in ensuring all protocols are in place

and we will all continue to work together to ensure the showpiece event finishes on a high," the BCCI source said.

While the event has been organised well, Team India didn't have the best of journey and failed to make the cut for the semi-finals. In fact, it also meant that Virat Kohli's journey as T20I captain and Ravi Shastri's journey as India coach ended on a sad note.

But Shastri said he is proud to have seen the players perform

well throughout his tenure and believes this is one of the best teams in world cricket.

"Very emotional because I've been part of this team for seven years. They're a great side. I'm telling you, I don't say that too often. It's one of the great sides to have played cricket at the highest level in the history of the game, when you look all around. So let's not take anything away from that," he said on Monday after India's final group game against Namibia.

"For me to be part of that journey with the boys and for the boys to respond and raise the bar in that fashion leaves you going from the dressing room emotional but a very proud man," he reflected.

The former cricketer also said India will continue to have a strong team in the shortest format of the game. He said, "As far as the T20 team goes, I think we'll always have a strong team. We might not have won this World Cup, but I think going forward we'll continue to have a strong team because the IPL throws a lot of young players into the mix. KL Rahul will have his own ideas on how to take this team forward, and I see it still being a very good team." **ANI**

T20 WC



Dharmasena and Erasmus to officiate in England-NZ semis

DUBAI : The first of the semi-finals, between England and New Zealand, will be overseen by on-field umpires Marais Erasmus and Kumar Dharmasena, with Nitin Menon serving as third umpire, Paul Reiffel as fourth and David Boon as match referee.

Erasmus and Dharmasena were also the on-field umpires in the 2019 50-over World Cup final between England and New Zealand where the former emerged triumphant owing to boundary-countback rule.

In the 2019 ODI World Cup final, the tournament witnessed a first-ever Super Over in which England defeated New Zealand to lift their

maiden title on the basis of boundary countback rule at the Lord's Cricket Ground. The 50-over game between England and New Zealand ended in a tie and the teams then took the field for the Super Over. In the Super Over, both teams managed to score 15 runs each but England was announced as the winner as they had hit more boundaries in the allotted overs.

"The second semi-final, between Pakistan and Australia in Dubai on Thursday, will be officiated by on-field umpires Richard Kettleborough and Chris Gaffaney, third umpire Joel Wilson, fourth umpire Richard Illingworth and match referee Jeff Crowe."

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Penultimate day of Asian Championships sets up dramatic finale

Day two of competition in the 49er FX class saw Molly Highfield and Sandi Choi of Hong Kong edge ahead of India's Harshita Tomar and Sweta Shervegar

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The race for medals will head into the final day of the 2021 Asian 49er and 49er FX Championships in Barcelo Musanah Resort with several crews still in contention in both classes. Day two of competition in the 49er FX class saw Molly Highfield and Sandi Choi of Hong Kong edge ahead of India's Harshita



FX CHAMPIONSHIPS: In the overall standings, Odile Van Aanholt and Elise de Eujter of the Netherlands continue to lead, holding a narrow advantage over Lara Granier and Amelie Riou of France.

Tomar and Sweta Shervegar. Both teams gained on the overall leaders to finish in third and ninth place respectively. In the overall standings, Odile Van Aanholt and Elise de Eujter of the Netherlands continue to lead, holding a narrow advantage over Lara Granier and Amelie Riou of France. Laura Schoefegger and Lina Forthofer from Austria and Mathilde Lou-nadina and Marne Riou of France are currently tied in fourth place.

In the 49er class, Akira Sakai and Russell Awylworth from Hong Kong lead from KC Ganapathy and Varun Thakkar of India and the Omani crews of Musab Al Hadi and Walid Al Kindi, and Ahmed Al Hasani and Abdulrahman Al Mashari. Danish pairing Fredrik Rask and Jacob Precht lead overall, ahead of Great Britain's James Peters and Fynn Skerritt. The German team of Jakob Megendorfer and

Andreas Spranger ended the day in third, while Ireland's Robert Dickson and Sean Waddilove are tied in fourth with Herman Umpierre and Fernando Diz from Uruguay just one point off a podium position. That set the stage for a busy penultimate day. Molly Highfield and Sandi Choi (HKG) slipped back to sixth as Finnish pair of Ronja Gronblom and Veera Hokka regained second place overall.

BEACH CLEAN-UP OPERATION

Oman Sail launches initiatives to boost sailing activities

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Sail has unveiled nationwide sailing initiative that aims at encouraging the communities across the country to try sailing this winter. Supported by OQ, the social initiative marks the return of sailing activities post-COVID-19 and complements the series of World and Asian competitions that Oman Sail is organising this quarter of the year. At each venue of the community initiative, there will be opportunities for visitors to try sailing and windsurfing, including Para Sailing through the Sail Free programme and visits to local schools.

Marine life

There will also be a beach clean-up operation at each location to highlight the importance of preserving Oman's natural beauty and marine life for generations to come and SME activations in Musandam, Duqm and Salalah where local school children will be invited to attend.

Kicking off at the Silver Jubilee Garden in Sohar on 12 November 2021, and running through 15 January 2022, the festival will be visiting Musandam from 16-20 November 2021, Kalbuh in Muscat from 26-27 November 2021, Sur from 3-4 December 2021, Ha-

wana Salalah from 6-8 January 2022 and Duqm from 11-15 January 2022. Ali Al Sheheimi, Al Mouj Muscat Sailing School Centre Manager, said, "Oman has a rich history on the water and this is an excellent opportunity to reignite the nation's passion for sailing, offer a free introduction to the sport and encourage more people to take up the sport. The Community Sailing event will share the joy of sailing with people across the country, making the sport accessible to everyone while promoting the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and demonstrating the excitement and inspiring people across the country to learn to sail. We will also be visiting schools to inspire children and hosting a beach clean up to make a difference to the local community."

Global sailing

He added, "The Sultanate of Oman is set to become the focal point for global sailing during the winter season as we play host to five international championships, including several prestigious world championships, and seven national events. It is our hope that some of the people introduced to sailing during the Oman Sail Festival go on to proudly fly the Omani flag and represent the country at these events in the future."

MUSANDAM GOVERNORATE

Oman Olympic Committee to organise sports activities

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Olympic Committee (OOC), represented by Sports and Active Society Committee, will be organising an Olympic Day in Musandam Governorate. The event will be kicking off on Wednesday afternoon in the Wilayat of Khasab under the patronage of Sayyid Ibrahim bin Saeed Al Busaidi, Minister of State and Governor of Musandam, in cooperation with the Department of Culture, Sports and Youth in Musandam Governorate. The event includes many sports



and activities such as walking, swimming, weightlifting, beach football, volleyball, handball, rowing, and a number of traditional games such as tug of war and dome, and a folklore band. The event targets all community segments with the aim of promoting health and spreading the culture of walking and increasing the number of its practitioners, making the practice of sport and the values and principles of the Olympic Movement a component of the general culture of the members of society in thought and practice, and strengthening the concepts of

sport in the community and making it a priority in their daily life. The event will also include many competitions and recreational games for children in order to develop their social skills, develop the child's motor skills, instill the love of sports in children and the spirit of competition and team play. The events will start at 4:00 pm at Bassa Beach in the Wilayat of Khasab, and it is expected that the number of participants will reach more than 300. Cash prizes will be distributed to the winning teams in sports competitions and tradi-

tional games, and many prizes for children and participants in the walking event. On this occasion, Taha bin Sulaiman Al Kishry, OOC Secretary-General, said: "We are pleased to organise the Olympic Day in Musandam Governorate, after postponing this event for two consecutive years due to the conditions that the whole world is going through (Covid-19). This event is among the most important programmes that OOC seeks to implement annually because of its great importance in embodying the concept of Olympic activity."

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FOOTBALL

Injured Paul Pogba ruled out of France's World Cup qualifiers



PARIS: Paul Pogba has been ruled out of France's World Cup qualifiers against Kazakhstan and Finland after suffering a right thigh injury, the French Football Federation (FFF) stated on Monday. Pogba is being replaced in the squad by AS Roma's Jordan Veretout. The midfielder was last seen leaving Monday's training session with team doctor Franck Le Gall. "Paul Pogba is forced to withdraw from France's next two games at the Parc des Princes against Kazakhstan and against Finland in Helsinki," a statement from the French football federation read. France are top of their qualifying Group D with 12 points from six games. Didier Deschamps' side can secure a spot in FIFA World Cup 2022 in Qatar with one win from their final two qualifying matches. France are already missing out on the services of another Manchester United star, Raphael Varane, who was recently ruled out for several weeks with a hamstring issue. **ANI**

COMPANY WARNED
The Disciplinary Committee constituted under the Capital Market Law issued a decision warning to Oman Fisheries and obliged it to provide a plan on rectification actions within 30 days from the date of the decision.

MARKET

BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER
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Bahraini delegation briefed on investment opportunities

Receiving the delegation, Hilal bin Hamad Al Hasani, Chief Executive Officer of Madayn, discussed potential areas of cooperation with the Bahraini side in the development of industrial cities and attracting investments to serve mutual interests and deepen ties between the two sides

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A Bahraini delegation chaired by Dr Khalid Fahad Al Alawi, Assistant Undersecretary for Industrial Development at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism in Bahrain visited on Tuesday the headquarters of

the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates – Madayn at the Knowledge Oasis Muscat.

Receiving the delegation, Hilal bin Hamad Al Hasani, Chief Executive Officer of Madayn, discussed potential areas of cooperation with the Bahraini side in the development of industrial cities and



BUSINESS CITIES: Madayn aims at establishing world-class business cities with an Omani identity based on partnership. - Supplied picture

attracting investments to serve mutual interests and deepen ties between the two sides.

Al Hasani explained that Madayn aims at establishing world-class business cities with an Omani identity

based on partnership. He added that Madayn aims to perform an enhanced governmental role for comprehensive and sustainable economic and social development through enhancing the partnership

with the private sector to develop and operate business cities with integrated services.

“This shall take into account the significance of employing rapid response to variations through

adopting advanced solutions and technologies that meet the needs and requirements of businesses, and at the same time take into account the environmental standards,” Al Hasani pointed out.

Madayn officials then elaborated on the incentives and facilities offered by Madayn to the investors in the various industrial cities. These incentives include lease period of lands and facilities for up to 30 years, renewable for the same period; right to waive the lease right for the remaining period of the contract; right to sell constructions and buildings on the leased land; right to involve new partners in the lease contract; fair evaluation of buildings and facilities upon the termination of the lease contract; developed and equipped lands with basic services (water, electricity, telecom, roads); and transparent legal frameworks illustrating rights and obligations; punctuality in service delivery; in addition to other incentives.

EY REPORT

Four regional IPOs raised \$1.8bn in third quarter

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Middle East and North Africa (Mena) region saw four initial public offerings (IPOs) raised total proceeds of \$1.836 billion during the third quarter (Q3) 2021, a 1,483 per cent increase in value in the same quarter in 2020, a new report said.

“The number of IPOs increased from one in Q3 2020, representing a 300 per cent surge. The year-to-date total number of IPOs stands at eight in the Mena region so far this year, with a combined value of \$2.261 billion. Direct listings continued their momentum with seven such listings occurring during Q3 2021, Ernst and Young (EY) said in its latest report.

The four IPOs in Q3 2021 were Al Yah Satellite Communications Company (Yahsat), Tanmiah Food Company (Tanmiah), Mataam Bayt AlShatira Lilwajbat Alsariya Company (Burgerizzr) and Arabian Internet and Communications Services Company (Solutions by stc).

The Yahsat listing is the first IPO to occur on the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX) since 2017, raising \$730.6 million by offering 40 per cent of its shares. The offering was oversubscribed multiple times, with Mubadala continuing to retain a circa 60 per cent shareholding in the company.

Equity markets have also had an exceptional year so far, with the ADX continuing to be the top performer with a year-to-date (YTD) return of 52.6 per cent. Saudi Arabia's Tadawul is the second-best



IPO MARKET: During Q3 2021, Saudi Arabia once again led activity in the IPO market within the region. - File picture

performing Mena market with a YTD return of 32.3 per cent.

Widespread regulatory changes

The third quarter of 2021 saw a series of notable regulatory changes with Qatar amending its Commercial Companies Law, while the ADX and Dubai Financial Market (DFM) extended their trading hours and waived the minimum commission fee on trades for all listed securities. The Capital Market Authority of Saudi Arabia approved three IPOs and one direct listing on the Nomu-Parallel Market. In addition, three IPOs on the main market received approvals.

“During Q3 2021, the number of IPOs increased 300 per cent as compared to Q3 2020, when there was only one IPO on the Mena

markets, with proceeds increasing 1,483 per cent compared to Q3 2020. This brings the total number of IPOs YTD in 2021 to eight, with total proceeds of \$2.3 billion,” Matthew Benson, EY Mena Strategy and Transactions Leader, said.

“As Mena economies rebound from the pandemic and oil prices remain favourable, companies with strong fundamentals continue to receive ample investor interest and the pipeline of IPO candidates is ever increasing. At EY, we continue to work closely with Mena companies to support them on this transformational journey to go public, which starts many months and often years ahead of their IPO journey,” he added.

Saudi Arabia lists 3 IPOs

During Q3 2021, Saudi Arabia

once again led activity in the IPO market within the region. In August 2021, Tanmiah listed on the Tadawul, raising \$107.2 million by offering 30 per cent of its shares. Burgerizzr also concluded its IPO on the Nomu-Parallel Market and raised \$31.8 million. Solutions by stc, a unit of the Saudi Telecoms Company, raised \$966.4 million in its IPO on the Tadawul.

ADX lists its first IPO in four years

The ADX officially ended its four-year IPO drought with the listing of Yahsat in Q3 2021, followed by the listing of ADNOC Drilling and Fertiglode during Q4 2021. Other listings in the pipeline include Emirates Global Aluminium and Abu Dhabi Ports.

Kuwait: New ESG guidelines

Bursa Kuwait launched its new ESG guide to raise awareness for Corporate Sustainability in the Kuwaiti capital market in Q3 2021. The guide aims to introduce the ESG fundamentals to companies listed on the stock exchange and highlight the benefits of ESG disclosure and best practices.

The new guide proposes an initial set of sustainability indicators that correspond with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) framework and the State of Kuwait's sustainable development ambitions as set out in the Kuwait National Development Plan and the “New Kuwait” vision for 2035.

Sohar International inks key pact with Vodafone

MUSCAT: Being steadfast in continuously providing innovative value-added products and services, Sohar International recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Vodafone.

The signing ceremony which was held at Vodafone head office witnessed the presence of key officials from both parties with the partnership agreement being signed between Khalil Salim Al Hedaifi, Chief Retail Banking Officer of Sohar International and Sayyed Fahad Abdulaziz Al Busaidi, Chief Support Service Officer at Vodafone.

“Sohar International has demonstrated unfaltering dedication in aligning itself to the diversification goals outlined in Oman Vision 2040 and has played a vital role in boosting various sectors through strategic alliances with key players. Through this agreement, Sohar International has partnered with Vodafone on the strategic alliance, and potential future collaboration between the two companies, seeking opportunities to boost modernisation, enhance customer satisfaction and expand the communication networks in the country,” said Khalil Al Hedaifi.

“Vodafone has been recognised as an international leader in telecom and we are indeed proud to partner with the brand. With a strong track record attesting to its business excellence, we are



certain that this partnership will be mutually beneficial. Meanwhile, our expert team of professionals will offer their unconditional support and assistance to Vodafone as they establish their presence in the country.”

“We are proud to support partnerships that provide opportunities for mutually beneficial business ventures. Singing the MoU with Sohar International marks the beginning of a long-term collaboration, and we will continue to encourage future projects with Sohar International who have industry-proven ability to provide innovative solutions to customers,” said Sayyed Al Busaidi.

Sharing a common vision to deliver exceptional customer service, innovative products and services, and contribute to the economic growth of the country, the signing of the MoU is a significant milestone for both Sohar International and Vodafone.

DISCUSSION SESSION

Event highlights insurance coverage for industrial units

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Public Establishment for Industrial Estates – Madayn organised a discussion session on ‘Safety and security requirements and challenges of insurance coverage provision for industrial units’.

A number of public and private bodies participated in the session including the Civil Defence and Ambulance Authority, Public Authority for Social Insurance, Capital Market Authority, insurance companies, and companies and factories based in Madayn's industrial cities.

The discussion session underlined the safety and security requirements in the industrial units; occupational accidents, injuries and diseases; and the significance of safety and security equipment and solutions in the workplace.

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MARKET

MSX index ends lower

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A total number of 290 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR1 million, with more than 8.6 million shares changing hands. Out of 41 traded securities, 6 advanced, 13 declined and 22 remained unchanged. At the session close, foreign investors were net sellers for OMR166,000 while local

investors were net buyers for OMR84,000 followed by GCC & Arab investors for OMR81,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 6,360 points, down 0.64 per cent. Prices of Al Madina Investment and Bank Muscat were up 5.26 per cent and 0.41 per cent respectively. National Bank Oman, Madina Takaful, United Finance, Taaqeer Finance and Ominvest were down 4.64 per cent, 2.06 per cent, 1.75 per cent, 1.33 per cent and 1.28 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,169.66 points, up 0.15 per cent. Prices of Oman Cables Industry and Al Anwar Ceramics were up 3.06 per cent and 0.93 per cent respectively.

Services Index down by 0.13 per cent before closing at 1,652.24 points. — **United Securities**

MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	4,050.16	4,033.72	4,033.72	4,050.07	-16.35	-0.40
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,399.40	6,360.21	6,360.21	6,401.46	-41.25	-0.64
Industry Index	6,181.17	6,163.25	6,169.66	6,160.73	8.94	0.15
Services Index	1,655.03	1,651.61	1,652.24	1,654.31	-2.07	-0.13
MSX Shariah Index	552.21	550.38	550.38	552.21	-1.83	-0.33
MSX TR INDEX	4,870.38	4,850.61	4,850.61	4,870.28	-19.66	-0.40

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
8,697,892	1,037,737	290	22,022,934,120	6	13	22	41

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST RD	LAST OFFER	P/B VALUE	MARKET CAP
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REGULAR MARKET

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OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	1,705	224	3	0.136	0.136	0.130	0.135	0.135	0.000	0.000	0.130	0.130	0.136	0.100	11,475,000
OM0000001418	RAYSUT CEMENT	4,708	1,126	2	0.240	0.240	0.239	0.240	0.240	0.000	0.000	0.239	0.235	0.240	0.100	48,000,000
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OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	844	200	1	0.237	0.237	0.237	0.235	0.235	0.000	0.000	0.237	0.235	0.237	0.100	77,755,087
OM0000002077	AL OMANIYA FIN.S	328	39	1	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.000	0.000	0.118	0.114	0.118	0.100	34,448,350
OM0000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	900	315	1	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.360	0.360	0.000	0.000	0.350	0.350	0.360	0.100	22,033,538
OM0000003000	AI MAHA MARKTING	2,000	1,376	5	0.688	0.688	0.688	0.688	0.688	0.000	0.000	0.688	0.684	0.688	0.100	47,472,000
OM0000003398	SOHAR INT. BANK	1,654,831	172,107	25	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.104	0.104	0.000	0.000	0.104	0.104	0.106	0.100	310,966,478
OM0000003988	OOREDOO	51,471	19,014	8	0.370	0.370	0.366	0.370	0.370	0.000	0.000	0.366	0.366	0.368	0.100	240,849,365
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SER.	14,721	6,071	5	0.454	0.454	0.444	0.454	0.456	-0.002	-0.439	0.444	0.444	0.450	0.100	107,330,140
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	99,029	36,889	7	0.374	0.374	0.370	0.372	0.374	-0.002	-0.535	0.370	0.370	0.386	0.100	46,462,041
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	63,897	47,089	9	0.748	0.748	0.736	0.736	0.740	-0.004	-0.541	0.736	0.736	0.740	0.100	552,000,000
OM0000001525	OMAN INVST & FIN.	1,024,278	143,281	30	0.140	0.141	0.138	0.140	0.141	-0.001	-0.709	0.138	0.138	0.139	0.100	33,180,000
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	2,572,061	249,545	17	0.097	0.098	0.097	0.097	0.098	-0.001	-1.030	0.098	0.098	0.098	0.100	19,400,000
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	20,000	10,320	1	0.516	0.516	0.516	0.516	0.522	-0.006	-1.149	0.516	0.504	0.522	0.100	28,380,000
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSUR.	10,782	3,611	2	0.334	0.336	0.334	0.334	0.338	-0.004	-1.183	0.336	0.308	0.350	0.100	33,400,000
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	47,777	14,727	3	0.310	0.310	0.308	0.308	0.312	-0.004	-1.282	0.308	0.308	0.310	0.100	248,793,877
Total		20	6,664,763	160												

Parallel Market

OM0000001962	AL MADINA INV.	17,337	1,036	5	0.059	0.061	0.059	0.060	0.057	0.003	5.263	0.061	0.059	0.061	0.100	4,200,000
OM0000007407	DHOFA GENERATING	204,000	15,709	6	0.078	0.078	0.077	0.077	0.076	0.001	1.316	0.077	0.077	0.080	0.100	17,112,480
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT. ENG.	270,197	25,819	28	0.095	0.097	0.094	0.096	0.095	0.001	1.053	0.095	0.093	0.096	0.100	12,480,000
OM0000001517	HSCB BANK OMAN	462,120	42,877	12	0.093	0.093	0.092	0.093	0.093	0.000	0.000	0.092	0.092	0.095	0.100	186,029,089
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	4,200	296	1	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.070	0.070	0.000	0.000	0.068	0.068	0.070	0.100	51,521,250
OM0000001897	MAJAN COLLEGE	310	48	1	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.160	0.160	0.000	0.000	0.155	0.155	0.157	0.100	14,400,000
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	17,224	1,326	2	0.077	0.077	0.077	0.077	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.077	0.076	0.080	0.100	15,629,956
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	1,627	192	1	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.122	0.122	0.000	0.000	0.118	0.118	0.122	0.100	9,931,136
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	3,197	298	2	0.095	0.095	0.094	0.095	0.095	0.000	0.000	0.094	0.094	0.095	0.100	212,510,538
OM0000004776	TAKAFUL OMAN	20,600	1,854	7	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.000	0.000	0.090	0.087	0.090	0.100	9,000,000
OM0000004925	ALBATRAH POWER	116,000	6,016	5	0.052	0.052	0.051	0.052	0.052	0.000	0.000	0.051	0.051	0.052	0.100	35,094,146
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	16,000	832	3	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.000	0.000	0.052	0.051	0.052	0.100	37,149,130
OM0000005983	PHOENIX POWER	177,141	8,686	14	0.049	0.050	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.049	0.050	0.100	71,667,472
OM0000006447	OMAN RET. FUND	20,000	1,780	2	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.000	0.000	0.088	0.085	0.088	0.100	57,618,787
OM0000003281	TAAQEER FINANCE	125,000	9,205	6	0.074	0.074	0.073	0.074	0.075	-0.001	-1.333	0.074	0.072	0.074	0.100	18,765,660
OM0000003139	ALUMINIUM PROD.	8,700	1,256	6	0.144	0.145	0.144	0.144	0.146	-0.002	-1.370	0.144	0.144	0.144	0.100	4,834,289
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	143,970	8,062	5	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.057	-0.001	-1.754	0.056	0.055	0.057	0.100	19,552,087
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	418,154	30,351	21	0.097	0.097	0.095	0.095	0.097	-0.002	-2.062	0.096	0.096	0.097	0.100	18,625,000
OM0000001485	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	5,412	1,001	1	0.185	0.185	0.185	0.185	0.194	-0.009	-4.839	0.185	0.185	0.194	0.100	300,800,076
Total		19	2,023,189	165,413	128											

GARTNER FINDINGS

Top strategic technology trends for 2022 identified

DUBAI: Gartner announced the top strategic technology trends that organisations need to explore in 2022. Analysts presented their findings during Gartner IT Symposium/Xpo Americas, which is taking place virtually through Thursday.

“With CEOs and Boards striving

to find growth through direct digital connections with customers, CIOs’ priorities must reflect the same business imperatives, which run through each of Gartner’s top strategic tech trends for 2022,” said David Groombridge, research vice president at Gartner.

“CIOs must find the IT force

multipliers to enable growth and innovation, and create scalable, resilient technical foundations whose scalability will free cash for digital investments. These imperatives form the three themes of this year’s trends: engineering trust, sculpting change and accelerating growth.”

CAPITAL MARKET LAW

Company warned for several violations

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Disciplinary Committee constituted under the Capital Market Law issued a decision warning to Oman Fisheries and obliged it to provide a plan on rectification actions within 30 days from the date of the decision.

The decision was issued after it was established the company’s board of directors committed several violations that impacted the performance of the company in violation of Articles 184, 202, 204 and 206 of the Commercial Companies Law.

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TECH-FREE EXPERIENCES AND GIFT IDEAS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

Less stuff and more memories — this is what many parents are striving for with their families. This goal is inspiring a new approach to gifts that bypasses toys and screen time, and instead focuses on activities that make a lasting impression and get kids out of the house.

Experiential gift giving is one of the year's hottest trends. Not only do these types of gifts create memories that last, but there's no need to worry about supply chain issues or delivery delays when you're gifting an experience.

Need inspiration? Here are some of the most popular experiential gift ideas for kids, tweens and teens:

Explore Mother Nature

Give them a reason to get outdoors and explore the natural world with a thoughtful gift related to Mother Nature. For example, consider gifting entry tickets to a park.

Jump for joy

Indoor trampoline parks give kids



of all ages adrenaline-pumping, laughter-filled fun. With a wide array of active entertainment experiences, you can test out your ninja skills, slam dunk like a pro and play Ultimate Dodgeball and much more.

Theatre tickets

In a world full of screens, live theatre stands out as a unique form of entertainment. Do a little research

to see what's available and consider gifting tickets to an upcoming show. Select a theatre or show based on kids' ages and interests. You could even make a day out of going to the theatre and dress up for dinner as well. Whether a big city theatre or a small local troupe, this experience is sure to delight.

Classes

Is your child curious about a hob-

by or always eager to continue learning? Art, dance, woodworking, sewing, singing, robotics — there are so many options to explore either in-person or virtually. Gift a child a class and you may inspire a passion that they'll have for the rest of their life. Is Mom or Dad interested as well? Take the class with them and make memories together.

Museum discovery

Kids are naturally curious, so gift them tickets to a local museum and you give them a reason to explore and learn. Some examples include a science museum, zoo, aquarium, children's museum or animal sanctuary. Want to splurge? Some locations offer special behind-the-scenes tours that you can schedule for the kids in your life.

Whether a holiday, birthday or any other reason to give a gift, consider opting for experiences like these over traditional gifts. They'll help kids explore new activities and create treasured memories. - BPT



ROUND-UP

Toyota’s new exciting campaign has a lot in store for its customers



Customers walking into any Toyota showroom stand a chance to win one of a total of four iPhone 13 phones in the raffle

MUSCAT: Toyota has unveiled an exciting campaign that has a lot in store for all enthusiasts. Customers walking into any Toyota showroom stand a chance to win one of a total of four iPhone 13 phones in the raffle. Besides that, customers purchasing their favourite Toyota vehicle can benefit with service 2 years/20,000km, 5 years/50,000

km (On LC200 4.6 & 5.7 models only) and 8 years/80,000 km (On Corolla 1.8 HEV Only) (Whichever is earlier), 1-year insurance or cash gift in lieu of insurance OMR 125 to OMR450. The campaign is valid until December 30. (Prospective buyers may be advised that the benefits vary between model variants, model year and manufacturing year. Terms &

Conditions apply. Visit the showroom for exact details. Visit the showroom for exact details. Locations: Muscat, Seeb Al Mawelah, Mabela, Barka, Rustaq, Ibra, Sinaw, Nizwa, Buraimi, and Sohar). Customers in Oman can choose from Toyota’s exciting sedan range that includes the Yaris: With a choice of 1.3-Litre and 1.5-Litre engines, the Yaris sedan delivers a dynamic driving experience. It is equipped with 15” Alloy Wheels, Daytime Running Lights, Smart Entry & Push Button Start, Auto Air Conditioner and more. **Toyota Corolla** The popular choice of people around the world – the Toyota Corolla has been developed from a driver and passenger’s point of

view first. The Corolla is also available in a Hybrid option. Toyota Camry: Sleek, stylish and powerful, the Camry has been one of the best-sellers. Equipped with a range of exciting features, technology and more, the Camry is also available in 2.5L, 3.5L and Hybrid options. Toyota Avalon: The Avalon is a statement of luxury. The Avalon is equipped with a 3.5L V6 Engine, LED Headlamps with Adaptive Cornering Lamps, Premium Leather Seat Material, 9” Navigation System with 14 JBL Speakers, Head-Up Display, Toyota Safety Sense and more. In the SUV range, customers can choose from C-HR: Toyota C-HR represents a leap forward in design, manufacturing and engineering for Toyota. The C-HR offers impressive fuel economy

with 23.9 Kms/L as per GSO Conformity Certificate and carries a Hybrid battery warranty of 8 Years/160,000 Kms. Highlander: Toyota Highlander offers an impressive fuel economy of 20 Kms/L (GLE Grade) & 19.3 Kms/L (LTD Grade) as per GSO Conformity Certificate and comes with 8 Years/160,000 Kms Hybrid Battery Warranty. RAV4: Toyota’s sporty, and stylish RAV4 ticks all the boxes when it comes to enjoying extraordinary moments. The RAV4 includes features like 19” Alloy Wheels, LED Headlamps & DRL, Power Back Door, Wide Moonroof, 7” TFT Multi-Information Display, Wireless Charger (Qi-Enabled) and more. Fortuner: The Fortuner is equipped with 4.0L, V6 Engine,

18” Alloy Wheels, LED Projector Headlamps with DRL, Navigation System, Power & Ventilated Driver & Front Passenger Seats, Power Back Door and more. **Prado** The Prado includes 4.0L, V6 Engine, LED Headlamps & Fog Lamp, 9” Navigation System, Ventilated Front Seats, Moonroof, Airbags: Driver + Front Passenger + Curtain + Side (Front) + Knee (Driver) and more. Land Cruiser: The Pride of the Land, the Toyota Land Cruiser is a symbol of strength, durability and reliability. Rugged yet luxurious, the Land Cruiser delivers high-end performance and advanced off-roading capabilities and safety features.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



National Finance collaborates with Dar Al Atta’a

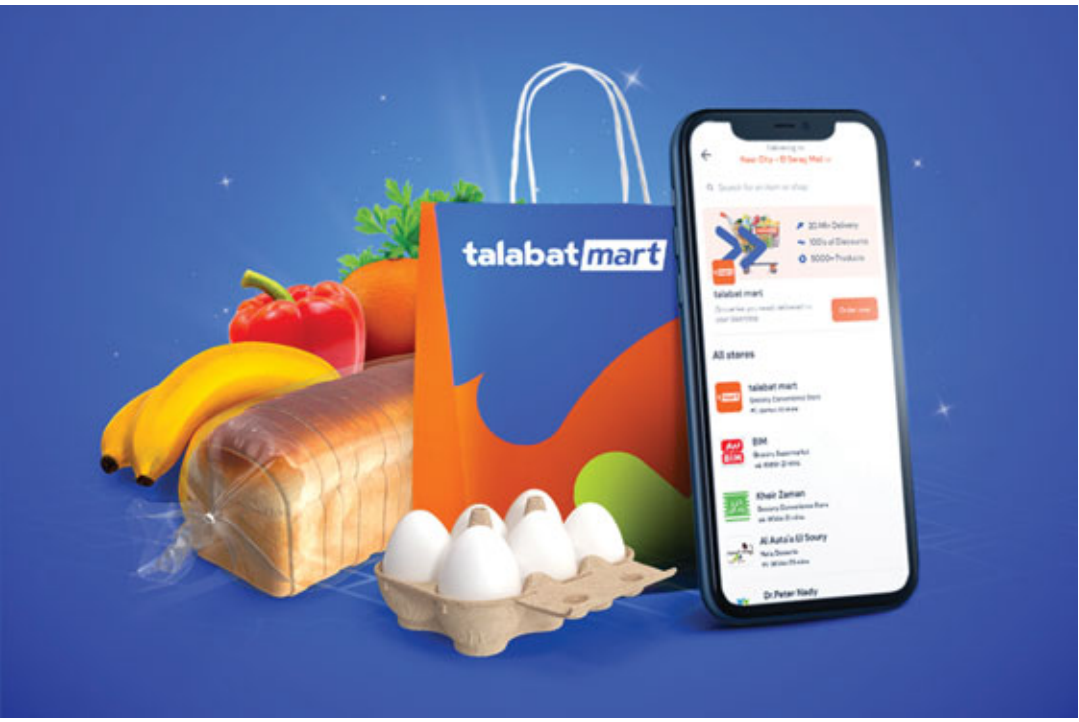
MUSCAT: Dedicated to empowering local communities, National Finance recently signed a collaboration agreement with Dar Al Atta’a to support the Green House project, under the “Tamkeen” programme that supports people with special needs as a sustainable initiative. The agreement was signed by Tariq Suliman Al Farsi, Chief Executive Officer of National Finance and Maryam Issa Al Zadjali, Chairperson of Dar Al Atta’a. Held under the auspices of Sheikh Rashid Ahmed Al Shamsi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Development, the signing ceremony took place in the office of Al Shamsi at the ministry. This partnership aims to build nine greenhouses at various locations of Al Wafa Social Centres to empower people with special needs, by creating job opportunities for them, thereby enabling sustainable income. Speaking on this collaboration, Tariq Al Farsi said, “We are delighted to join hands with Dar Al Atta’a and to support charitable associations in general. At

National Finance, we strongly believe that we have responsibilities not only towards our customers, employees, and shareholders but also to the communities in which we serve. Hence, we shall establish beneficial partnerships with various entities to add great value to the people of our community and create a bright future for them.” Maryam Al Zadjali expressed her gratitude and appreciation for the support provided by National Finance and its ongoing commitment to serve the people of Oman through viable sustainable programmes. “The Green Houses Project supports the integration programmes for people with special needs at the Al-Wafa Social Center. This is done by enrolling them in the production and marketing of crops to enhance their engagement with society. Through the Tamkeen programme, Dar Al Atta’a aspires to deliver sustainable projects aimed at serving the community and promoting social solidarity,” said Siham Yousuf Al Kharousi, Tamkeen Programme Manager.

QUICK COMMERCE

What is talabat’s Q-Commerce: Shining a light on the future of online shopping

MUSCAT: Superfast, super-local and super-efficient. These are the demands that define the modern era of online shopping. Sped up by the pandemic, q-commerce, or ‘quick commerce’ has become invaluable to people’s lives, helping them stock up their supplies quickly and easily, all without having to set foot outside the door. At the forefront of the q-commerce concept is talabat’s ‘Delivery Hubs.’ Also known as micro-fulfilment centres, they differ from conventional online grocery shopping as they don’t cater to the digital and physical domain; as their customers never physically enter the store. Instead, products are processed and picked by staff, without the disruption of shoppers - making the whole process much smoother and more efficient, with faster shipping on orders. In addition, without the additional merchandising hassles, i.e attractive storefront designs and layouts mean they can further enhance storage, providing a wider variety of merchandise. Delivery Hubs are one of several options that retailers have begun turning to to cater to changing consumer habits, helping provide a faster and more efficient digital experience. talabat kicked off Oman’s own Delivery Hub journey in 2020 with talabat Mart and has grown rapidly since then, offering customers across the Sultanate the convenience of fast and hassle-free shopping. Available on talabat’s platform, under the groceries tab and powered by cutting-edge technology, it is designed to enable highly efficient order preparation by talabat’s in-store team. Making it even more practical, each store is strategically located across the city to guarantee the best delivery radius and delivery time - in under 30 minutes. Today, talabat Mart has nine delivery hubs across Oman, from Sohar



to Salalah, with more on the way. Customers can choose from an ever-expanding variety of products ranging from healthy and organic food to ethnic food, toiletries and household products, all available around the clock. Awwab Al Najdawi, General Manager of talabat Mart Oman, believes that smartphone users and further awareness of technology have massively contributed to the e-commerce market in Oman. “The e-commerce market in Oman has been surging due to the expanding number of smartphone users, the implementation of 4G and 5G technology, and an overall increase in technological awareness. Between 2019 and 2021 we witnessed a massive 152% rise in monthly customers of our delivery app, and delivery hubs were a natural next step,” says Al Najdawi. Technology accelerated overtime - and talabat is at the forefront

of it, but it was COVID-19 that really changed the game, instantly transforming the way people shop through an emphasis on safety, and causing online solutions to dramatically accelerate. Many of the issues solved during times of lockdowns, restrictions, and social distancing have proven themselves to be practical, prompting Forbes to dub them as the future of post-pandemic retail. Al Najdawi adds, “During COVID-19, sudden lockdowns meant that alternative grocery delivery solutions would take up to 10 days. By opening talabat Mart at that time, we filled a big gap in the market that helped us meet the needs of our customers quicker than ever.” “We know their time is precious, or they may feel uncomfortable shopping among crowds, or are just looking for a more convenient way to shop for their groceries. These were some of the key reasons that

prompted us to launch talabat Mart - to help ease some of the challenges of COVID-19 - but its value lies far beyond the pandemic it originated in,” mentions Al Najdawi. talabat Mart is part of talabat’s commitment to supporting the national economy; the development of e-commerce is central to Oman’s Vision 2040 and its target for nationwide digital transformation. Moreover, talabat Mart’s operations are 90% Omanised, with more jobs being created as it continues to expand. talabat continues to make its mark on Oman’s food delivery sector, investing significantly in the country to stimulate economic growth, and ultimately, add value to its customers’ lives. Consumers can now purchase items from talabat Mart by downloading talabat from the iOS App Store, Google Playstore and Huawei App Gallery.



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ROUND-UP

50 winners at National Day prize draw from Maisarah Islamic

As per the Prize Account scheme, OMR 50,000 have been allocated for the National Day special draw with 5 cash prizes, OMR 1,000 each, guaranteed for each of the 10 Maisarah branches



The aim of this exclusive draw is to share the joy and the sentiments of this jubilant occasion with our customers

Nasser Al Bahantah
Maisarah's Chief Retail Banking Officer

MUSCAT: In tandem with the Sultanate gearing up for the National Day celebrations, Maisarah Islamic Banking Services – Bank-Dhofar's Islamic banking window – revealed details of the exclusive prize draw to be conducted on the upcoming November 18.

As per the Prize Account scheme, OMR 50,000 have been allocated for the National Day special draw with 5 cash prizes, OMR 1,000 each, guaranteed for each of the 10 Maisarah branches.

"The aim of this exclusive draw is to share the joy and the sentiments of this jubilant occasion with our customers," stated Nasser Said Al Bahantah, Maisarah's Chief Retail Banking Officer. "We have witnessed a tremendous turnout for our previous special draws as part of the Prize Account

2021, and we are looking forward to this upcoming event to be celebrated with Maisarah customers nationwide."

In addition to the National Day special prizes, Maisarah recently announced the winners of the Omani Women's Day special draw where 10 lucky winners were granted OMR 1,000 each during a special draw that took place on October 17, 2021.

Moreover, Maisarah had revealed additional cash prizes with a total prize amount of OMR 52,800 for 68 winners during special draws to be held in December 2021 for healthcare professionals, teachers, retirees, Ministry of Defense and Royal Oman Police employees, as well as new Maisarah customers and existing customers with new credit cards.

Valid through December 31, weekly prizes of OMR 100 each are also granted to three winners from each branch, with a total number of 30 winners every week. Moreover, there are exclusive prizes for children in the monthly draws where one winner per branch is awarded OMR 100, with a total number of 10 winners every month.

For Standard and Affluent Banking customers, there are monthly prizes of OMR 500 each for one winner per branch, with a total number of 10 winners every month. Meanwhile, Priority Banking Customers have the chance to win OMR 2,000 each for one customer

from every branch, with a total number of 10 winners every month.

There are also Mid-year Grand Prizes where three lucky winners from across the Maisarah branch network will win OMR 1,000 in the children category, OMR 5,000 in the Standard and Affluent Banking category, and OMR 10,000 in the Priority Banking category. Additionally, in the Year-end Mega Prizes, three lucky winners from across the Maisarah branch network will win OMR 2,000 in the children category, OMR 10,000 in the Standard and Affluent Banking category, and OMR 100,000 in the Priority Banking category.

In addition to the expected profit of up to 2.5% per annum (subject to the weightages applicable for each month), the account - which is a personal saving account that is based on the Islamic concept of Mudaraba - allows customers to win cash prizes distributed from the shareholders' funds. Each OMR 100 gives customers the chance to win cash prizes as per terms and conditions of the scheme, and winners are randomly selected by an automated system in line with the approved procedures for the prize draws.

CELEBRATIONS

Alizz Islamic Bank announces special 51st National Day offers, cash prizes

MUSCAT: Alizz Islamic Bank recently announced a variety of offers and cash prizes that meet the different needs of customers as part of the nation's 51st National Day celebrations.

Offers include various types of financing such as home finance, auto finance and goods finance. Additionally, new and existing customers of the Bushra Prize Savings Account are eligible for cashback rewards.

Alizz Islamic Bank's Bushra Prize Savings account is Oman's first Sharia-compliant prize savings account and reflects the bank's commitment to pioneering innovative Sharia-compliant products and services that cater to customers' needs.

All the products offered by Alizz Islamic Bank are sharia compliant and approved by the Fatwa and Sharia Supervisory Board.

Alizz Islamic Bank has announced easy home finance, whether for those wishing to buy or build a house, with a profit rate not exceeding 5.1per cent.

As part of the personal financing offer for goods, Alizz Islamic Bank is also offering an affordable profit rate that does not exceed 5.1%, whether for finances with a financing period of up to 5 years or 60 months for financing with a repayment period of between 6 to 10 years, i.e. from 60 to 120 months.

For those wishing to purchase cars, Alizz Islamic Bank also provided a very competitive profit rate of 5.1per cent for those transferring their salaries and 6 per cent for those who have not transferred their salaries, with the possibility of benefiting from this offer and obtaining a reduced rate when transferring the salary.

Alizz Islamic Bank also announced a special National Day draw for Bushra Prize Savings Account holders through which 51 lucky customers will win 500 OMR each.

In addition, Alizz Islamic Bank is offering an OMR 51 cashback reward for the first 500 new bank customers with a deposit of OMR 5,000 and above.



The bank is offering an OMR 51 cashback reward amount for the first 500 existing Bushra Prize Savings Account customers with an incremental net deposit growth of OMR 5,000 and above.

Commenting on the offers that are compatible with the provisions and principles of Islamic Sharia, Mohammed Al Ghassani, AGM – Chief Consumer Banking Officer of Alizz Islamic Bank said, "We are

proud to announce various offers and products to mark the national occasion. We are confident that our diverse basket of sharia-compliant offers will meet the needs of every customer."

PROMOTION



Ford unveils exciting year-end benefits across the range

MUSCAT: Ford has unveiled exciting year-end benefits across the range, making owning a Ford an even more memorable experience. Customers owning a brand new Ford can benefit with Service 3 Years / 60,000 km and 5 Years / 100,000 km and 1 Year Registration. (Conditions apply. For details visit a Ford showroom.) The offer is valid until 30 December.

All-new F-150 XLT

The all-new F-150 XLT raises the standard for all light-duty trucks. It boasts best-in-class towing and payload capability, introduces all-new features to increase customer productivity. The Ford F-150 is equipped with a 3.5-litre EcoBoost twin-turbo V6 engine that produces 400 horsepower and 677 Nm torque to give it impressive payload capabilities.

The all-new F-150 starts with a durable, proven foundation – a fully boxed high-strength steel frame with a high-strength, military-grade, aluminium alloy body. All-new F-150 offers the latest driver-assist features as part of Ford Co-Pilot360 2.0.

More features are now standard, including Pre-Collision Assist with Automatic Emergency Braking and Pedestrian Detection to help avoid a possible collision with another vehicle or a pedestrian, rearview camera with dynamic hitch assist, auto high-beam headlamps and auto on/off headlamps.

Ford Explorer

Ford's range in Oman, includes

the Ford Explorer comes standard with a 2.3L i-4 Ecoboost engine. The Ford Explorer now sports abundant new features; better cargo space behind the third row and a quiet highway ride, Intelligent 4WD Terrain Management System, BLIS with Cross-Traffic Alert, Individual Tyre Pressure Monitoring System, 360-Degree Camera, Tri-Zone Electronic Temperature Control and more.

Fuel-efficient

The Expedition is the most powerful and fuel-efficient Ford SUV till now, offering customers a full-size utility vehicle with a 3.5L V6 EcoBoost® Engine producing 400 HP, stylish design and fresh interiors. It also features rotary gear shift and 10-speed automatic transmission and safety features like Pre-collision assist with pedestrian detection and much more.

Taurus

The Ford Taurus has been redesigned with a focus on safety and practicality. The Taurus has the effortless power to match its sporty appearance. The Taurus is powered by a 2.0-litre EcoBoost inline four-cylinder petrol engine that produces 240 horsepower and an impressive 390Nm torque. The engine is mated to an eight-speed automatic transmission – which is operated by a contemporary rotary gear shifter on the centre console.

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