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## A TECHNOCRATIC GOVERNMENT

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## SAYYID ASA'AD BIDS FAREWELL TO AMBASSADORS OF JORDAN, CYPRUS

On behalf of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, His Highness Sayyid Asa'ad bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister of the Council of Ministers for International Relations and Cooperation Affairs, Personal Representative of His Majesty the Sultan received separately in his office yesterday Zuhair Abdullah Al Nsour, Ambassador of Jordan to the Sultanate and Andreas Panayiotou, Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to the Sultanate to bid them farewell at the end of their tour of duty. **>A5**

### TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

## OMAN

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## WORLD

### Trump nominated for Nobel Peace Prize

**2** US President Donald Trump has been nominated for 2021 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to broker peace between Israel and the UAE. The nomination was submitted by Christian Tybring-Gjedde, a member of the Norwegian Parliament. **>A7**



## SPORTS

### Malan grabs T20I top rank from Babar

**3** England batsman Dawid Malan has seized the number one position in the ICC Men's T20I Player Rankings after a fruitful home series against Australia, which England won 2-1. The 33-year-old progressed four places. **>A8**

# MORE THAN 3,000 RECEIVE OMANI CITIZENSHIP IN 10 YEARS



## 64 Royal Decrees issued during the course of a decade to grant citizenship

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**MUSCAT:** More than 3,200 foreign nationals have been granted Omani citizenship by the Sultanate in the last 10 years, according to government records.

These people were granted citizenship through the signing of 64 Royal Decrees during this period, with the latest of these being Royal Decree No. 115/2020, which was signed on September 1, 2020.

### Nationality restored

Moreover, the Omani nationality of 660 people was restored, while none have had their citizenship taken away during this period.

Seven people have also been

granted the right to maintain their status of dual citizenship over the span of 10 years.

### In 2020

During the reign of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, 50 persons have been naturalised, while an additional 41 people have had their citizenship restored to them through five Royal Decrees.

### Dual citizenship

While 19 were made citizens of the Sultanate in 2019, 2018 saw it conferred on 139 people, including six who had the right to dual Omani-Yemeni citizenship.

In 2017, through four Royal Decrees, Omani citizenship was granted to 344 people, and re-

stored to 19, after the signing of two more decrees, while 222 more people were given citizenship and 108 had it restored to them in 2016, following the signing of 12 Royal Decrees.

### Naturalisation

In 2015, five Royal Decrees meant the naturalisation of 409 persons could proceed, in addition to restoration of nationality for 39 others.

One person was authorised to hold dual nationality. 521 more people became Omani citizens in 2014, and 24 had their Omani citizenship restored to them through six Royal Decrees.

176 people became Omani nationals in 2013, and 22 had it returned to them that year, thanks

to a total of three Royal Decrees, although this was significantly lower than the 492 foreigners who received new Omani passports in 2012, as well as the 135 people who had their citizenship restored to them.

2011 saw a further 171 people gain Omani nationality, while 79 people saw it returned to them, after two Royal Decrees were signed.

693 people were granted Omani nationality in 2010, in addition to 154 people seeing their Omani citizenship returned to them, after six Royal Decrees making it possible were signed.

### STRONG RELATIONS

## HM receives phone call from Trump

**MUSCAT:** His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik yesterday received a phone call from President Donald Trump of the United States of America.

During the telephonic conversation, His Majesty and President Trump reviewed strong relations between their countries in various spheres. They also exchanged views about ongoing developments in the region. The US President expressed his deep appreciation for the cooperation extended by the Sultanate in different fields.

On his turn, His Majesty the Sultan reaffirmed the Sultanate's keenness on enhancing relations with the United States and upgrading them towards wider horizons. **—OMA**

### HEALTH

## Difficult to differentiate between COVID-19 and common cold

*Times News Service*

**MUSCAT:** Distinguishing between COVID-19 and common cold not easy, a senior consultant at Royal Hospital said.

Children are exposed to different infectious diseases throughout the season but respiratory infections are most frequent during the colder seasons due to the droplets in the enclosed areas.

Dr Badriya Al Wa'ili, Senior Consultant of Paediatric Infectious Diseases at the Royal Hospital clarified that the number of children infected with respiratory viral infections rises in the northern hemisphere from October-November and remains high until April-May every year.

Children under two years of age are the most vulnerable to infections due to their weak immunity. About 34 per cent of children in this age group are infected with influenza and admitted to hospitals, she said noting that the Respiratory syncytial virus and seasonal flu virus are the most common viruses among children.

The doctor added that children suffer several infections during summer.

Dr. Badriya explained that COVID-19 symptoms among children are not different from other respiratory viruses. Distinguishing between COVID-19 symptoms and more than 90 per cent of other mild symptoms including fever, flu, cough, headache and weakness is not easy. **>A5**

### ENVIRONMENT

# With a rose in hand, he wins hearts and supporters to his cause

*Times News Service*

**MUSCAT:** Even a twelve-year-old kid can set an example on environment cleanliness to others.

For his campaign to educate people to not litter on beaches, the child prodigy, Hamad Al Jaafari, has been honoured by the Environment Authority.

Despite his young age, Al Jaafari has participated in several campaigns to clean Al Ashkara Beach in Jalan Bani Bu Ali during the last two years. As a kind gesture, Al Jaafari presents visiting tourists with a red rose and a message not to litter on the beaches.

"When I saw a lot of tourists coming to our wilayat to visit Al Ashkara beach, I decided to welcome them with a rose. People thank me for this initiative and I have a great feeling," Al Jaafari added.

Salim Ghanam Al Jafaary, one of the relatives of Al Jaafari said: "This year, we have witnessed a

huge surge in visitors to Al Ashkara Beach as Salalah is closed. Al Ashkara is known for its cold and moderate weather throughout the year."

"Hamad welcomes tourists and urges them to keep the beach clean. He has the full support of family in this initiative," Salim added.

### Al Ashkara beach

The Environment Authority said: "The clip circulating on social media about a child distributing roses and educating people on the importance of environment conservation by urging them to not throw waste on Al Ashkara beach in South Al Sharqiyah is true. The environment departments in North and South Al Sharqiyah have honoured Hamad Al Jaafari for his initiative."

In the future, he is planning to form a team of children interested in preserving the environment of Oman and to carry out environmental campaigns.





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COMMENTARY

# A Technocratic Government

For the first time in Oman's history, an economist has been appointed to run the Ministry of Economy, and academics have been appointed in their field of specialisation such as the Undersecretary for Information Technology, and Minister of Transport who specialises in engineering and has a long experience in logistics, as he was the CEO of the Oman Drydock Company. Another example is the Minister of Housing and Urban Planning who is a specialist in urban planning. This method of appointments is called technocracy. This term is derived from the Greek word (τεχνη), tekhnē meaning skill and (κρατος), kratos meaning power, as in governance, or rule. A technocratic government means selecting decision makers based on their experience in a specific field.

Some countries use this method for appointments as part of their reforms in the government. It is not true that once we change we would achieve our goals in the blink of an eye, because change is a continuous process. We learn from our

mistakes and correct them after a while; this is why we call it a continuous and cumulative process.

For example, the Chinese government, during its industrial revolution, appointed engineers and academics as ministers. Some countries try to keep the politicians away from specialised ministries which need a specific knowledge.

In the Sultanate of Oman, we have our own experience based on internal, regional and global conditions. International newspapers and think tanks have analysed the changes made by His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik in the first ministerial lineup since his assumption of power, but some of them lack the deep knowledge of Oman's internal affairs.

It's important for us to examine the experiences of other countries that have gone through similar circumstances and learn from their mistakes. We can take the Kingdom of Morocco as an example we learn from, given that it is a monarchy like Oman to some extent. Other similar experiences can



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be seen in Singapore, China and Malaysia. Each of these Asian countries has its own system of government that differs from the other, but they have succeeded in achieving exceptional development based on education. I

will not talk about the feasibility of democratic regimes, but I would say that technocracy is a stage of reforms that will lead us to another stage of meritocracy. It is a regime based on performance, qualifications and skills

in choosing decision makers. This requires a change in society mindset and popular support to select members of the government based on a number of criteria, not only the specialised degree.

There is no regime better than the other, as the whole thing depends on the historical stage and the political and economic conditions the country is going through. Success during this period depends on building empowered teams working with ministers.

Therefore, the recruitment process should overcome the usual obstacles such as the salary differences between ministries, which design the policies, and the state-owned companies that implement these policies. Secondly, success during this period depends on the ability to lay the appropriate foundations for the administrative departments and the adoption of a rapid digital transformation.

As a proposed solution to this challenge, government institutions could seek the help of employees of the state-owned companies, especially those

which have become part of the Investment Authority. This recruitment process should not be for filling a gap only, but rather should be based on a human resources strategy. The Sultanate does not lack human expertise, but rather needs an efficiency in the process of appointment; a process that ensures the establishment of accumulated experiences.

The economists, budget experts, weather experts and environmental experts can't be made overnight. Hence, retention of human resources is the basis for providing a professional work environment, and then a motivational environment.

These major changes have been preceded by the retirement of many employees in various government agencies, which would give ministers great flexibility to build internal capabilities, or the so-called "in-house capabilities".

This will be, undoubtedly, one of the main goals for this stage. If governments can't attract the best talents, they will remain in an endless cycle of hiring consulting firms.



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His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has issued a Royal Decree related to Supreme Committee for National Day celebrations.



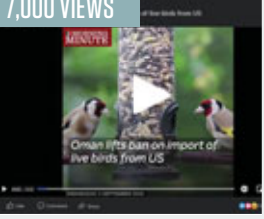
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*A news photo post on Oman Air video got 1,171 likes on Instagram.*

STRENGTHENING TIES

## Al Nu'mani, Wallace discuss relations

**MUSCAT:** General Sultan bin Mohammed Al Nu'mani, Minister of the Royal Office received Ben Wallace, Secretary of State for Defence in the United Kingdom (UK) and his accompanying delegation in his office on Wednesday.

Gen. Al- Nu'mani reiterated the historic, strong relations with the friendly United Kingdom and their development in several fields, thanks to the attention accorded by the two leaderships of the two countries.

On his turn, the UK State Sec-

retary for Defence expressed his thanks and appreciation for the Sultanate's role at the regional and international arenas, as well as the Sultanate's role in strengthening ties of friendship and understanding.

The meeting also reviewed the march of advanced relations binding the two friendly countries, in addition to touching on a range of issues of mutual interest.

The meeting was attended by Hamish Cowell, UK Ambassador to the Sultanate. -ONA

**MEETING:** General Sultan bin Mohammed Al Nu'mani, Minister of the Royal Office with Ben Wallace, UK Secretary of State for Defence. -ONA

# Oman Air plans flights to 16 cities from October 1

The airline will connect Muscat with London, Istanbul, Frankfurt, Cairo, Mumbai, Delhi, Kochi, Dubai, Doha, Dar Es Salaam, Zanzibar, Manila, Lahore, Kuala Lumpur, and Islamabad with more destinations to be added in the future

Times News Service

**MUSCAT:** Oman Air, the national carrier of the Sultanate, will return to scheduled service from October 1 with flights to 16 cities in 12 countries.

The airline will connect Mus-

cat with London, Istanbul, Frankfurt, Cairo, Mumbai, Delhi, Kochi, Dubai, Doha, Dar Es Salaam, Zanzibar, Kuala Lumpur, Manila, Lahore and Islamabad, with more destinations to be added in the near future.

Flights to India are subject to Indian authorities lifting restrictions for scheduled international passenger flights.

Scheduled service will also connect Muscat and Khasab, Oman. Oman Air will maintain its

comprehensive safety programme throughout all elements of the travel journey to ensure that guests fly confidently.

Masks are required when guests are on board the aircraft and at Oman's airports. Distancing is maintained while guests board and exit the aircraft, which are carefully cleaned after each flight and at the end of every day.

Cabin crew all wear a full set of personal protective equipment, meal service has been modified to further ensure safety and a number of other steps have been taken to ensure that airline's guests and crew are safe at all times.

With high demand expected for travel on scheduled flights, those who plan to fly with Oman Air should contact the airline, via its website Call Centre or travel agents, as quickly as possible to ensure that they secure reservations for flights that suit their preferences.

Guests who are planning to depart from Oman should also ensure that they are aware of all pre-departure requirements, which are provided at [omanair.com](http://omanair.com), as well as the requirements at their destinations.

Requirements for guests who plan to travel to Oman will be announced in the near future.

## HEALTH WATCH

## HOW YOUR DIET AFFECTS HAIR LOSS



While there are many possible causes for hair loss— stress, the environment, health problems — achieving thick, full and healthy hair ultimately starts with your diet. That's because the nutrients you get from food and supplements provide the building blocks for your hair growth.

Studies show that certain nutrients like iron, zinc, B vitamins, vitamin C and omega-3s are essential for hair growth and lack of these nutrients and certain inflammatory foods can lead to hair loss and slower-growing hair. Here are some tips about what to eat for optimal hair health.

What to consume:

## IRON

Iron deficiency can lead to hair loss. It helps red blood cells carry oxygen to your cells making it an important mineral for hair growth. Some good sources of iron include clams, beans, lentils, pumpkin seeds, sesame seeds, oysters and grass-fed beef.

## ZINC

Hair loss is a common symptom of zinc deficiency. If you have dandruff, slow-growing hair or hair loss, low levels of zinc could be the reason. Zinc plays an important role in hair tissue growth and repair. Make sure to include oysters, white beans, chickpeas, red kidney beans, black beans, lentils and seeds in your regular diet.

## VITAMIN A

Diets deficient in vitamin A can cause hair loss. Sweet potatoes, carrots, pumpkins, spinach and kale are all high in beta-carotene and are a good source of vitamin A.

## B VITAMINS

A deficiency in B vitamins can

lead to hair loss. B vitamins create red blood cells, which carry oxygen and nutrients to the scalp and hair follicles. Eat eggs, sweet potatoes, onions, pecans, almonds, tomatoes, carrots and avocado for a diet rich in B vitamins.

## OMEGA-3

Omega-3s helps to prevent hair loss. Add fish, like mackerel, wild salmon, herring, sardines and anchovies with omega-3s in your diet. You can also get them through flax seeds, walnuts, chia seeds and hemp seed.

## VITAMIN C

Vitamin C helps protect against oxidative stress caused by free radicals, which can hamper hair growth. It helps you absorb iron

from plant-based foods, and supports the body in collagen formation, which is required for optimal hair growth. Food sources include bell peppers, citrus fruits, strawberries, pineapple, kiwi and dark, leafy greens.

## VITAMIN D

Low levels of vitamin D causes alopecia. Fatty fish, cod liver oil, mushrooms and fortified foods are some of the good dietary sources of vitamin D.

## SUPPLEMENTS

While eating a well-balanced, nutrient-rich diet on a regular basis is ideal for improving hair health, it is important to incorporate a hair-supportive supplement in your diet. - BPT

## PRP therapy for hair loss treatment



**WHILE HAIR LOSS** or alopecia can be either a temporary or a permanent condition, it is one that doesn't affect just the scalp, it can sometimes affect the entire body.

The reasons for hair-loss can be due to ageing, hormonal changes, and prevailing medical conditions, while it could also be hereditary in nature.

Some people ignore this condition and let their hair loss continue to the stage where reversal becomes very challenging. It is always advisable to seek immediate medical attention to prevent further hair loss and restore growth. Treatment options depend upon the cause and severity of hair loss.

There are hundreds of different hair loss treatments available, which give varied levels of results and reliability. Some research based treatment options have proven to be very effective and, with one such treatment option being plasma rich platelet (PRP) therapy.

## What is plasma rich platelet (PRP) therapy and how does it work?

PRP therapy is a simple and non-surgical hair-loss treatment. A few millilitres of blood are drawn from the patient, similar to the manner in which it is taken for any blood test.

It is placed in a centrifuge, which separates platelet rich plasma (PRP) from the rest of components of the blood. A topical numbing solution is applied to the scalp 30 to 40 minutes before the procedure, following which the PRP is injected in the affected areas of scalp with the help of micro needles.

The platelets release growth factors which stimulate the hair growth and result in healthier-looking hair. Along with this therapy, the dermatologist may recommend other oral and topical medications.

## How much time does the procedure take?

All the simple steps of this outpatient procedure are carried out in the same area of our derma lab, so that it is convenient, and takes approximately 1 hour.

## How do I prepare myself for PRP therapy?

Evaluation with a dermatologist is the pre-requisite for this therapy. Your dermatologist will suggest you some do's and don'ts for this procedure.

A few of the dos you need to follow include:

- Shampooing the hair prior to the procedure
- Eating light

- Drinking plenty of water to keep you hydrated
- A few blood reports

Some of the don'ts that need to be adhered to are:

- Not washing one's hair for six to eight hours after the procedure
- Avoid touching or scrubbing the injected areas for 24 hours.

However, the patient can easily continue with his day-to-day activities following the procedure.

## How many sessions will be required to see the results?

The sessions have a monthly frequency. Three to four sessions are highly recommended. Results depend upon severity of the condition. A majority of patients begin to notice results after three sessions.

## Are there any risks associated with the procedure?

Since the PRP is obtained from the patient's own blood, it is a totally natural and safe procedure. There is a very minimal risk of complications and/or allergic reactions but the possibilities are evaluated by the doctor before the procedure, and necessary medications are provided, should such complications happen.

## What are the side effects of PRP therapy?

Very rarely, one can experience minimal swelling, bruising, or redness occurs at the needle prick site within first twelve to twenty-four hours of the procedure. No chemical and foreign materials are injected, which makes it a safe procedure.

At times during the procedure, mild pain and minor irritation of the skin can occur. PRP therapy is suitable for both men and women. It contains active factors which stimulates hair growth. Since it is a safe, non-surgical effective therapy, is becoming increasingly popular, thanks to its many medical advantages.

The end result is fuller and healthier looking head that can help to restore one's confidence. For more information about PRP therapy and appointments call 9129 9468 or 24 799760, or walk-in to Badr Al Samaa Hospital, Ruwi. This therapy is also available in the Al Khoud, Al Khuwair, Sur, Nizwa, Barka and Salalah branches of Badr Al Samaa Group of Hospitals. Visit: [www.badralsamaahospitals.com](http://www.badralsamaahospitals.com).

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MEETING

# Sayyid Asa’ad bids farewell to envoys of Jordan and Cyprus

**MUSCAT:** On behalf of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, His Highness Sayyid Asa’ad bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister of the Council of Ministers for International Relations and Cooperation Affairs, Personal Representative of His Majesty the Sultan received separately in his office on Wednesday Zuhair Abdullah Al Nsour, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Sultanate and Andreas Panayiotou, Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to the Sultanate to bid them farewell at the end of their tour of duty.

The ambassadors expressed their thanks to His Majesty the Sultan for the support extended to them during their tour of duty in the Sultanate from His Majesty, the Government and the Omani people, which had facilitated them to carry out their assignments.

They wished His Majesty a good health, happiness and a long life, and the Sultanate further progress and growth under the wise leadership of His Majesty.

Sayyid Asa’ad thanked the ambassadors for their efforts in serving the relations between the Sultanate and their countries, wishing them permanent success, and peoples of their countries progress and prosperity.

The meeting was attended by the Secretary General and the two advisors at Sayyid Asa’ad’s Office.

— OMA



MANAGEMENT EXPERTS

# National Survey Authority attends UN global geospatial information meeting

**MUSCAT:** The Sultanate took part in the 10th meeting of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management Experts on Wednesday.

Oman was represented at the meeting by Air Commodore Ahmed bin Saif Al Badi, Chairman of the National Survey Authority, and a number of officers from the Authority.

The virtual meeting, held via videoconferencing due to the prevalence of coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, saw the participation of more than 170 countries from around the world. The three-day meet discusses issues and future trends pertaining to geospatial information seen within national, regional and global frameworks. It also looks into the role of geospatial information in supporting sustainable development, as well as technical activities raised in the previous session (9th meeting), including the integration, management, sustainability and quality of geospatial data comprising an international point of reference.

— OMA



# Oman, UK discuss ways to further boost bilateral ties

**MUSCAT:** An official session of talks between His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik bin Taimour Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs and Ben Wallace, UK Secretary of State for Defence, currently visiting the Sultanate, was held at the Ministry of Defence headquarters in Al Murtafa Camp yesterday.

**Strong relations**

At the beginning of the meeting, Sayyid Shihab welcomed the guest, who expressed his delight to visit the Sultanate. After that, the strong bilateral relations binding the Sultanate and the friendly United Kingdom was reviewed.

They also discussed the existing cooperation between the two defence ministries and means of enhancing them. The two sides touched upon the joint defense agreement and emphasized its importance in the interest of the two friendly countries.

The session was attended by Mohammed bin Nasser Al Rasbi, Secretary General of the Ministry of Defense, Maj-Gen. Mattar bin Salem Al Balushi, Commander of the Royal Army of Oman (RAO), Hamish Cowell, UK Ambassador to the Sultanate and the delegation accompanying the guest.

— OMA

NCSI DATA

# Fish landing soars 33.7%

**MUSCAT:** The total quantity of fish landed in Oman reached 371,799 tonnes at the end of June 2020 compared to 278,013 tonnes during the same period of 2019.

This is an increase of 33.7 per cent, according to statistics released by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI).

Traditional fishing practices in the Sultanate contributed to 358,342 tonnes of fish at the end of June 2020, constituting a rise of 34.3 per cent over 266,780 tonnes in 2019. The total value of the fish stock was OMR160.85 million in 2020, representing a growth of 17.4 per cent over OMR137.04 million reported in 2019. Coastal fishing and commercial fishing contributed to about 2,274 tonnes and 11,183 tonnes of total fish landings, respectively, at the end of June 2020. The Governorate of Al-Wusta had the highest fish landing at 133,284 tonnes, followed by the Governorate of South A’Sharqiah at 100,941 tonnes, and North and South Al Batinah at 46,355 tonnes. The quantity of fish landed in the Governorate of Dhofar was 42,184 tonnes, and the quantity in Musandam was 18,445 tonnes.

— OMA

BILATERAL RELATIONS

# Oman’s ambassador to Sudan presents credentials

**KHARTOUM:** Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, Chairman of the Sovereignty Council, Republic of Sudan, received on Tuesday Ambassador Ali bin Sulaiman Al Darmaki who presented his credentials as the Sultanate’s accredited and resident ambassador to the sisterly Republic of Sudan.

During the meeting, the Ambassador conveyed greetings of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik to Gen. Al Burhan along with His Majesty’s best wishes of good health and happiness to him and the brotherly people of Sudan further progress

and prosperity. On his turn, Chairman of the Transitional Sovereignty Council asked the ambassador to convey his greetings and best wishes to His Majesty the Sultan and the Omani people permanent welfare and prosperity under the wise leadership of His Majesty.

During the meeting, Gen. Al Burhan welcomed the ambassador, wishing him success in his tour of duties and the bilateral relations between the two countries further progress and growth.

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Besides, the symptoms may vary from one child to another.

In addition, Dr Badriya stressed that multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) is one of the serious complications that the child infected with COVID-19 may be exposed to.

Symptoms may develop weeks after of the onset of COVID-19. MIS-C symptoms include fever, rashes, redness in the eyes, stomach ache, diarrhoea, cough or respiratory symptoms.

Children infected with MIS-C may need to be admitted to ICU due to low pressure and rapid heart rate.

The doctor said that the number of child patients admitted in the Royal Hospital reached 70 cases including 30 MIS-C cases. All of them patients were cured. The youngest case was a 10-day infant.

Dr Badriya reaffirmed the importance of taking the scheduled and additional vaccines for children with chronic diseases including the flu vaccinations in order to protect children from various viral infections. It is also important to wash hands, not touch eyes, and maintain a 2-metre distance. When leaving the home and in schools, children over 5-years of age must wear a mask.

In the event of having any symptoms, children must stay at home and maintain physical distance.



## SULTANATE OF OMAN

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# Afghanistan vice president 'escapes' bomb attack in Kabul



**BOMB BLAST:** A roadside bomb exploded close to the convoy of Afghan Vice President Amrullah Saleh on Wednesday morning.

Saleh, who is the senior of Afghanistan's two vice presidents, was not harmed

"Today, once again the enemy of Afghanistan tried to harm Saleh, but they failed to get to their evil aim, and Saleh escaped the attack unharmed," Razwan Murad wrote on Facebook.

Saleh, who is the senior of Afghanistan's two vice presidents, was not harmed. However, a number of his security guards were wounded in the incident, according to Murad. The blast killed at least four people and wounded 16, a Health Ministry spokesman said.

**KABUL:** A roadside bomb exploded close to the convoy of Afghan Vice President Amrullah Saleh on Wednesday morning, his spokesman said.

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Abdullah, a shopkeeper who gave only one name, told a news agency that the blast had blown out his windows. "A shop that sold gas cylinders also caught fire, causing the cylinders to blow up," he said.

Wednesday's attack comes as Afghan negotiations and the Taliban are expected to begin peace talks soon in Doha, the capital of Qatar. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, and the Taliban denied any involvement. "Today's explosion in Kabul has nothing to do with the Mujahedeen of the Islamic Emirate," said Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahed.

Saleh, a vocal critic of the Taliban, survived another attack last year ahead of presidential elections. At least 20 people, mostly civilians, were killed and 50 others wounded when a suicide attacker and gunmen targeted Saleh's Kabul office. **ANI**

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## COLLISION

## Several dead after ferry capsizes in Bangladesh river

**DHAKA:** At least 10 people drowned after a ferry in Bangladesh capsized after colliding with another vessel on Wednesday, officials said.

Local government official Abdul Khalek said rescuers retrieved the bodies of five women and five children after the boat sank in the Gumai river in northern Bangladesh.

The boat was carrying at least 35 passengers, and 15 people are still believed missing, Khalek told a news agency. A handful of the passengers managed to swim ashore.

Khalek added that such locally made boats do not have licenses to operate on river routes and never keep passenger manifests, or records of who is on board.

The boats are used to transport passengers from one remote vil-

lage to the other. Divers from the fire service and Civil Defense department have launched a search operation.

Hundreds of people die each year in ferry accidents in Bangladesh — a low-lying country with several rivers and loose or often-overlooked safety standards.

In June, at least 32 people died after the passenger boat they were on collided with a ferry and capsized in the capital Dhaka. The boat, called the Morning Bird, had been carrying more than 50 passengers at the time.

At least 15 people drowned in February after a boat carrying Rohingya refugees capsized off the coast of Bangladesh. In 2014, an overloaded ferry carrying over 300 passengers capsized and left at least 100 people dead or missing. **DW**



## WAR OF WORDS

## BMC carries out demolition at Ranaut's office, actor arrives in Mumbai

**MUMBAI:** Amid protests, actor Kangana Ranaut arrived at her residence in Mumbai's Khar on Wednesday.

She landed at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in the afternoon from her home in Himachal Pradesh. Members of Bhartiya Kamgar Sena - workers' union affiliated to Shiv Sena, protested outside the airport as she arrived in Mumbai. Taking to Twitter, the actor said she will make a film on Kashmir as she today felt what Kashmiri pandits had faced.

"Uddhav Thackeray, do you think that by siding with Bollywood mafia and demolishing my house, you have taken revenge? Today my house was demolished tomorrow it will be your arrogance. Time does not remain the same. I knew what Kashmiri pandits faced but today I felt that. I promise that I will make a film on Ayodhya and Kashmir... Jai Hind, Jai Maharashtra," she said in the video posted on Twitter with caption "Good what you did #DeathOfDemocracy".



**HIGH VOLTAGE DRAMA:** Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut speaks on Shiv Sena Leader Sanjay Raut and, right, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation officials carrying out demolition at Ranaut's office. **ANI**

Ranaut has been engaged in a bitter war of words with Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut after her remarks that she feels unsafe in Mumbai and has no trust in the Mumbai

Police after the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput.

The Ministry of Home Affairs had earlier approved Y-plus security to the 'Queen' actress after



she received threats for comparing Mumbai with Pakistan occupied Kashmir. Earlier in the day, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) officials carried out

demolition at Ranaut's office.

The BMC had on Tuesday served a "stop-work" notice to Ranaut for alleged unauthorised construction in her office in Mumbai, mention-

ing 14 violations after taking note of several "illegal" alterations.

However, the Bombay High Court stayed the demolition drive and also asked the BMC to file a reply on her petition on the matter.

Her lawyer Rizwan Siddiqui said the notice given is illegal and BMC officials entered the premises illegally. "There was no work underway at the premises," he said.

Ranaut also posted on Twitter: "There is no illegal construction in my house, also government has banned any demolitions in Covid till September 30, Bollywood watch now this is what Fascism looks like". She added the hashtag deathofdemocracy to the tweet.

### Bail plea

Rhea Chakraborty, who was arrested in a drug case linked with actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death and was later sent to the custody of NCB till September 22, submitted bail application in a local court here in which she claimed that she is being falsely implicated in the case. **ANI**



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# UK to unveil draft Brexit bill that ‘breaks international law’

The EU has voiced concerns that the proposed legislation will breach the binding divorce treaty, which British MPs approved

**LONDON:** The British government will unveil a draft Brexit law on Wednesday to rewrite parts of its EU withdrawal deal, overshadowing the latest round of trade talks between both sides.

The EU has voiced concerns that the proposed legislation will breach the binding divorce treaty, which British MPs approved by a majority of by 358 votes to 234 in December.

Downing Street said its new UK Internal Market bill could change post-Brexit customs and trade rules in Northern Ireland.

**A question of trust?**

The announcement has angered the 27 EU governments. They believe it breaches commitments made to protect the peace process and avoid a hard border on the island of Ireland.

“Clearly, any unilateral departure from the terms of the Withdrawal Agreement would be a matter of considerable concern and a very serious step,” Irish Foreign Minister Simon Coveney said.

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**What is being proposed?**

The legislation will be published later Wednesday. It is unclear what the precise wording of the text will be.

Last year, the British government agreed that Northern Ireland would need to follow EU rules on goods.

The EU argued that installing any border infrastructure at the

frontier between Northern Ireland and Ireland would breach the Good Friday Agreement that ended decades of conflict in the region.

It meant that Downing Street accepted that there would be a customs border down the Irish Sea.

Under the divorce treaty, Northern Irish businesses would need to fill out customs forms when shipping goods to mainland Britain.

Checks would be carried out on goods in the other direction.

Ministers say the new law will define specific circumstances when the UK can override parts of the withdrawal agreement it ratified last year.

The government says it will be able to unilaterally decide which goods are “at risk” of entering the EU.

**The big issues**

This week’s talks are the eighth round of negotiations between the UK and the EU aimed at securing a relationship without tariffs and or customs checks.

The EU’s chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier told French radio on Monday that he was “worried” about the chances of sealing a trade deal because the UK still wants “the best of both worlds.”

His British counterpart, David Frost, said Tuesday the EU needs to show “more realism” and accept the UK’s desire to be a sovereign state. Disagreements still remain on future access to British waters for European fishing fleets and state aid.

Britain left the EU in January and faces a race against time to agree free trade deal before the end of the transition phase on December 31.

They will have to fall back on World Trade Organisation rules if no agreement is struck, which will mean new tariffs, border checks and other barriers to trade. Talks are being held in London this week between the UK and the EU. **mw**

NOBEL PRIZE

## Trump nominated for Nobel Peace Prize for brokering UAE-Israel peace deal

**WASHINGTON:** US President Donald Trump has been nominated for 2021 Nobel Peace Prize following his efforts to broker peace between Israel and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The nomination was submitted by Christian Tybring-Gjedde, a member of the Norwegian Parliament. He nominated Trump citing his “key role in... creating new dynamics in other protracted conflicts, such as the Kashmir border dispute between India and Pakistan”.

In an exclusive interview to Fox News, Tybring-Gjedde praised Trump for his efforts towards resolving protracted conflicts worldwide.

“For his merit, I think he has done more trying to create peace between nations than most other Peace Prize nominees,” Tybring-Gjedde, a four-term member of Parliament who also serves as chairman of the Norwegian delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, told Fox News in an exclusive interview.

**Nomination letter**

In his nomination letter to the Nobel committee, Tybring-Gjedde said that the Trump administration has played a key role in the establishment of relations between Israel and the UAE.

Also cited in the letter was the president’s “key role in facilitating contact between conflicting parties and... creating new dynamics in other protracted conflicts, such as the Kashmir border dispute between India and Pakistan, and the conflict between North and South Korea, as well as dealing with the nuclear capabilities of North Korea.”

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Tybring-Gjedde, further, praised Trump for withdrawing a large number of troops from the Middle East.

“Indeed, Trump has broken a 39-year-old streak of American Presidents either starting a war or bringing the United States into an international armed conflict. The last president to avoid doing so was Peace Prize laureate Jimmy Carter,” he wrote.

In a deal brokered by the US, Israel and the UAE last month had agreed to normalise their relations, and an agreement on the mutual establishment of embassies is expected to follow in the coming three weeks. In exchange,

Israel said it would halt its plans to formally annex parts of the West Bank. There were 318 candidates for the Nobel Peace Prize for 2020. Out of that 211 were individuals and 107 are organisations.

Those eligible to nominate someone for the Nobel Peace Prize are public figures, including national politicians, professors and former prize winners.

In February and March each year, nominations are shortlisted. The winners are announced in October. **ANI**

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



## India reports recovery rate of 77.77 per cent

**NEW DELHI:** With 74,894 recoveries reported in the last 24 hours, India’s recovery rate now stands at 77.77 per cent, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) informed on Wednesday.

“A total of 33,98,844 COVID-19 patients have recovered so far. The total number of recoveries on a weekly basis has increased from 1,53,118 during the third week of July to 4,84,068 in the first week of September,” a statement from the MoHFW said. As per the statement, 61 per cent of the 89,706 new cases in the country have been reported from only five states.

“A total of 89,706 new cases have been reported in the last 24 hours. The five states of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu contribute 61% of the total active cases,” the statement said.

The total number of active cases in the country stands at 8,97,394, with Maharashtra leading the tally with more than 2,40,000 cases.

A total of 1,115 deaths have been registered in the past 24 hours. Maharashtra has reported 380 deaths followed by Karnataka with 146 deaths, whereas Tamil Nadu has logged 87 deaths. **ANI**

DETAINED

## ‘Masked men’ abduct another Belarus opposition figure

**MINSK:** Belarusian lawyer Maxim Znak was taken from his office by masked people in plainclothes on Wednesday, the opposition Co-ordination Council said.

Znak is a member of the council board and a prominent critic of President Alexander Lukashenko.

The Belarusian police initially said they were not aware of the alleged detention, but media reports also indicate that Znak’s office was being searched.

**Who is Maxim Znak?**

Znak was a lawyer for Viktor Barbariko, who intended to stand against Lukashenko in the August elections before he was imprisoned in June.



Maria Kolesnikova, another opposition figure, was allegedly snatched from the street in Minsk on Monday and bundled into a van before reappearing at the Ukrainian border on Tuesday. The council said they could not reach Znak

on the phone, but that he texted the word “masks” to colleagues.

**Latest in string of detentions**

Znak was one of the few prominent opposition candidates in Belarus who has not yet been imprisoned.

Znak is a member of the Co-ordination Council set up by opposition candidate Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya who ran against Lukashenko in the August 9 presidential election. Tsikhanouskaya called on Russia to “support the Belarusian people” in a video message on Wednesday, describing Russia as leading a “propaganda campaign” against the protest movement. **mw**

HITTING BACK

## Russia hits out at ‘hysteria’ over Alexei Navalny

**MOSCOW:** The Russian government said on Wednesday that international calls to find out who is behind the alleged poisoning of opposition figure Alexei Navalny are aimed at rallying support for punishing Moscow.

The Russian foreign ministry said there was an “ongoing massive disinformation campaign” aimed at “mobilizing sanctions sentiment.”

“Unfounded attacks on Russia are continuing,” the ministry said in a statement. These had led to a “whipping up of hysteria” that had “nothing to do with Navalny’s health or “finding out the genuine reasons for his hospitalisation.”

**Reactions from the international community**

The comments come a day after foreign ministers from the G7, the group of the world’s largest advanced economies, called on Russia to find and prosecute those behind the alleged poisoning.

The UN on Tuesday also called on Russia to explain Navalny’s suspected poisoning, urging a thorough investigation. NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg had told DW the incident required an “international response.”

**Russia-Germany tensions**

Germany said last week Navalny had been poisoned with a Novichok nerve agent. He collapsed

in Siberia on August 20, flying to Berlin for treatment two days later. Russia’s foreign minister urged Germany to share Alexei Navalny’s medical information, accusing the government of slowing the process down.

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas raised the possibility for sanctions against the Russian government unless it failed to explain the circumstance around Navalny’s ill health.

Maas, a member of junior coalition partners the Social Democrats, told the Bild Am Sonntag newspaper that Berlin could reconsider a controversial gas pipeline deal with Russia, known as Nord Stream 2. **mw**

# Malan displaces Babar to grab top position in T20I rankings

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**DUBAI:** England batsman Dawid Malan has seized the number one position in the ICC Men's T20I Player Rankings after a fruitful home series against Australia, which England won 2-1.

The 33-year-old left-hander has progressed four places after a series-topping run aggregate of 129, which included a player of the match effort of 66 in the first fixture.

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also made headway in Wednesday's update.

Bairstow has gained three slots to reach a career-best 19th position after scoring 72 runs in the series while Buttler has moved from 40th to 28th after scoring 121 runs in two matches, which also won him the player of the series award.

For Australia, captain Aaron Finch's 125 runs in the series helped him retain third position. Glenn Maxwell also holds on to his sixth position among batsmen while gaining one slot to reach second position in the list of all-rounders led by Afghanistan's Mohammad Nabi. England leg-spinner Adil

Rashid has gained two slots to reach seventh position after finishing as the most successful bowler in the series with six wickets, while Australia left-arm spinner Ashton Agar's five wickets have enabled him retain third position, behind the Afghanistan spin pair of Rashid Khan and Mujeeb ur Rahman.

Australia fast bowler Kane Richardson has moved into the top 10 for the first time in his career after taking three wickets in the series while his compatriot Mitchell Starc (up seven places to 18th) and England's Mark Wood (up 41 places to 79th) have also made notable gains.

Meanwhile, Australia have reclaimed the top spot in the ICC Men's T20I Team Rankings after briefly conceding it to England during the series.

Australia started the series 10 points ahead of their rivals at 278, but were overtaken after losing the first two matches, when both were on 273 points, with England ahead on decimal points.

Australia, who were number one for the first time in this format at the time of the annual update on May 1 this year, are now on 275 points and England on 271. **ANI**

TENNIS

## Jennifer Brady, Naomi Osaka cruise into US Open semifinals

**NEW YORK:** Jennifer Brady of the USA sailed into the semifinals of the ongoing US Open 2020.

Brady defeated Yulia Putintseva of Russia in straight sets 6-3, 6-2 to enter the semifinals of the tournament. The 25-year-old came out all guns blazing and she did not let her opponent settle into the match.

Brady won the first set 6-3, and she took the momentum from there to win the second set in no time. The 25-year-old Brady had earlier defeated Angelique Kerber in the round-of-16 match to progress to the quarterfinals.

Two-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka of Japan advanced to the US Open semifinals for the second time in her career, ousting Shelby Rogers of the United States 6-3, 6-4 on Tuesday.

"I'm aware that the opponents that I play from now on are going to be very tough," said Osaka, who won the US Open in 2018. "For me, I think the last two Grand Slams titles, everything happened so fast, I wasn't really in the moment. I'm just really happy to be in the semis, and hopefully I can keep going."

Osaka lost all three of her previous matches against Rogers, but this time needed just one hour and 20 minutes to triumph.

"The big thing for me was to be the aggressor and to be okay with



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making unforced errors," said Osaka. "Apparently I didn't make that many. Just to accept the unforced errors because I know that I'm going for shots."

Osaka will now face another American, Jennifer Brady, in the semifinals. In the men's quarterfinals, German player Alexander Zverev was not at his flying best, but still found a way to win.

The fifth seed rallied past longtime rival Borna Coric from Croatia 1-6, 7-6(6), 7-6(1), 6-3 to reach his first US Open semifinal.

"I just started playing maybe a

little bit more aggressive because if I would have played the way I played, that's not the level for a quarterfinal match of a Grand Slam," Zverev said. "I had to start playing better and I was a little bit more consistent then as well. My serve got better and I said to myself, I'm down 6-1, 4-2, I have nothing to lose."

Coric has been Zverev's nemesis dating back to their junior days. The Croatian beat the German in the 2013 US Open boys' singles semifinals and entered this match leading their head-to-head series 3-1, including a four-

set victory in New York three years ago.

"It was a very good match, very good competing, as well. In the third and fourth sets, I just felt like he also raised his level," Coric said. "He was playing some really, really good tennis, because I thought I was not actually playing bad. I just thought he was too good in the third and in the fourth sets."

Zverev will play against Pablo Carreno Busta of Spain, who edged past Canadian player Denis Shapovalov 3-6, 7-6(5), 7-6(4), 0-6, 6-3 in another quarterfinal match. **ANI**

FOOTBALL

## Ronaldo becomes second player to score 100 international goals

**STOCKHOLM:** Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo on Wednesday became the second men's player to reach 100 international goals as he guided his side to a victory against Sweden.

The 35-year-old had 99 goals under his belt when he took the field during the team's Nations League clash and netted a brilliant goal to complete the century of goals. He then scored another goal in the match as he handed Portugal a 2-0 win over Sweden. Ronaldo is only the second men's player to reach 100 goals for his country after Ali Daei, who netted 109 goals for Iran, Goal.com reported.

The wait to achieve the milestone was long for Ronaldo as the striker had completed 99 international strikes back in November 2019.

Ronaldo had to miss the team's previous clash against Croatia due to a toe infection. Despite Ronaldo's absence, Portugal had registered a 4-1 win in the match.

**Pele congratulates Ronaldo on reaching 'new heights'**

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Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth, Muscat, hereby give notice of tenders for the following projects

| TENDR. No.        | Project Category | Location                                                                                                                                                    | Fees R.O | Grade In Tender Board Registration |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|
| RE-Tender 7/2020  | CONSTRUCTION     | MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING SERVICES TO SEEB SPORTS STADIUM (INCLUDING SPORTS HALL AT SEEB SPORTS CLUB) FOR THE PERIOD 1st JANUARY 2021 TO 31st DECEMBER 2022 | 25/-     | EXCELLEANT                         |
| RE-Tender 8/2020  | CONSTRUCTION     | MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING SERVICES TO AL AMAL SPORTS CLUB FOR THE PERIOD 1st JANUARY 2021 TO 31st DECEMBER 2022                                             | 25/-     | EXCELLEANT                         |
| RE-Tender 9/2020  | CONSTRUCTION     | MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING SERVICES TO IBRI SPORTS COMPLEX (INCLUDING SPORTS CENTRE AT DANK) FOR THE PERIOD 1st JANUARY 2021 TO 31st DECEMBER 2022           | 25/-     | EXCELLEANT                         |
| RE-Tender 10/2020 | CONSTRUCTION     | MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING SERVICES TO KHASAB SPORTS COMPLEX (INCLUDING SPORTS CENTRE AT LIMA) FOR THE PERIOD 1st JANUARY 2021 TO 31st DECEMBER 2022         | 25/-     | EXCELLEANT                         |
| RE-Tender 11/2020 | CONSTRUCTION     | MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING SERVICES TO SALALAH SPORTS COMPLEX (INCLUDING TAQAH SPORTS CENTRE) FOR THE PERIOD 1st JANUARY 2021 TO 31st DECEMBER 2022          | 25/-     | EXCELLEANT                         |

Companies, which are registered with the Tender Board and engaged in same category with experience in and same Grade as noted above, can obtain the Tender Documents at the Tender Board E-tendering digital portal link (<http://etendering.tenderboard.gov.om>) until 17/09/2020.

The last date of tender submission on above E-tendering site at 9:00am 28/09/2020

A Tender Bond equivalent to 1% of the tender sum issued from a registered bank, in the prescribed form, in Sultanate of Oman and valid for 90 days should enclosed with the tender.

Any tender without the bond will be reject and the tender committee is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender received.

**INTERNAL TENDER COMMITTEE OF MINISTRY CULTURE, SPORTS and YOUTH**

Any participants have doubt in adopting e-tendering can contact over the phone 24166670 or through email [etenderhd@ita.gov.om](mailto:etenderhd@ita.gov.om)

MEETING

## Al Kishry participates in Asian Games Organising Committee meeting



Times News Service

**MUSCAT:** Taha bin Sulaiman Al Kishry, Oman Olympic Committee (OOC) Secretary General, participated on Tuesday in the third online meeting of the Coordination Committee formed by the Olympic Council of Asia to follow up the work of the Organising Committee of

19th Asian Games (Hangu).

During the meeting, the sports programme of the games with dates of the competitions, the committee's findings regarding the promotional campaign and marketing, and a documentary film about the Asian Games were reviewed. Latest updates were presented regarding the stadiums and the athletes' vil-

lage, media, medicine and anti-doping, plans and programmes prepared for the torch as well as the festival and the exhibition accompanying the games.

The 19th Asian Games will be held in Hangu from September 10 to 25, 2022, and it will be the third Asian Games hosted by China after Beijing in 1990 and Guangzhou in 2010.

## OMAN OIL PRICE DECREASES

The price of Oman oil has decreased with prices for delivery by November 2020 reaching \$39.60, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil declined \$1.21 from the price of Tuesday, which was \$40.81. - **ONA**

# MARKET BUSINESS & FINANCE



## MSM INDEX ENDS LOWER

Muscat Securities Market (MSM) general index (30) lost 14.1 points, comprising a decline by 0.38 per cent to close at 3,687.06 points, compared to the last session, which stood at 3,701.19 points.

# Sezad gearing up to hand over main buildings at Duqm Port

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*Times News Service*

**MUSCAT:** The Special Economic Zone at Duqm (Sezad) is gearing up to hand over the main buildings in the customs station at the Port of Duqm.

This comes as part of ensuring the overall readiness of all facilities at the station to provide key services for export and import operations through the commercial berth at the port.

Eng. Yahya bin Khamis Al Zadjali, In-Charge of Managing Operations of the Special Economic Zone at Duqm, said that the construction works in the customs building, agriculture and fisheries building and the clinic are nearing completion and they will be handed over to the bodies concerned in coordination with the Port of Duqm.

"Oman Company for Development of Special Economic Zone at Duqm "Tatweer", a fully-owned by the Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones (OPAZ), is currently striving to accelerate the works in the buildings and getting the main gate of the port ready for commercial use," Al Zadjali explained.

He also pointed out that Dr Ali bin Masoud Al Sunaidy, Chairman

of the Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones (OPAZ), paid a visit last week to the buildings established in the Port of Duqm. The visit was aimed to witness the readiness of these buildings prior to implementing Bayan System, as well as to meet with officials from Royal Oman Police and Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources. Present during the meeting were also representatives of the main contractor of Duqm Port, Special Economic Zone at Duqm and Port of Duqm Company.

The meeting highlighted the plan for launching the customs building and the agriculture and fisheries building in order to facilitate the process of customs inspection on exports and imports coming to Port of Duqm at the same location, as well as to release all agriculture and fish consignments.

The agriculture and fisheries building is highly equipped with different devices and facilities that are used for inspecting the agriculture and fish products and conducting veterinary quarantine tasks.

Al Zadjali remarked that the coordination is in progress with the Ministry of Health to operate the specialised clinic located in the



**KEY SERVICES:** Customs, agriculture, health buildings and the main gate to Duqm Port are nearing completion. - Supplied picture

customs station.

Al Zadjali confirmed that the bids submitted for the tender for designing, manufacturing, supplying, installing, testing and operating container cranes for the commercial berth at Duqm Port are currently under review.

There will be 12 rubber-wheeled cranes (TRG) and four container cranes (STS) to shift containers from ships to the dock and vice versa.

"The tender will be soon awarded to the selected company. The Port of Duqm is currently using mobile cranes until the new main cranes are installed during the coming 18 months," Al Zadjali commented.



CBO

## Treasury bills worth OMR80mn issued



**CENTRAL BANK OF OMAN:** The treasury bills are short-term highly secured financial instruments issued by the CBO on behalf of the government. - **ONA**

**MUSCAT:** Oman's central bank raised OMR80 million by way of allotting treasury bills on Tuesday.

The treasury bills are for a maturity period of 91 days, from September 9 until December 9, 2020.

The average accepted price reached 99.812 for every OMR100, while the minimum accepted price arrived at 99.800 per OMR100. Whereas the average discount rate and the average yield reached 0.75306 per cent and 0.75450 per cent, respectively.

The interest rate on the Repo operations with CBO is 0.5 per cent, while the discount rate on the Treasury Bills Discounting Facility with CBO is 1 per cent.

The treasury bills are short-term highly secured financial instruments issued by the CBO on behalf of the government, which helps the licensed commercial banks to gainfully invest their surplus funds, with the added advantage of ready liquidity through discounting and repurchase facilities (Repo) offered by the Central Bank.

Furthermore, treasury bills promote the local money market by creating a benchmark yield curve for short-term interest rates. Additionally, the government (MOF) may also resort to this instrument whenever felt necessary for financing its recurrent expenditures. - **ONA**

FREE EVENT

## Webinar to focus on investor opportunities across key sectors of Abu Dhabi's economy

**ABU DHABI:** The Abu Dhabi Investment Office, ADIO, is hosting a free webinar series to showcase business opportunities available to investors across Abu Dhabi's key sectors.

Launching this month, 'Inside Abu Dhabi', will bring together movers and shakers from across government and business to discuss innovations and advancements in their industries, as well as how startups and companies can make the most of opportunities in the emirate.

Attendees will hear from an engaging line-up of industry leaders, gaining valuable insights to help them navigate the business environment and realise new opportunities.

The sector-focused webinar series is part of ADIO's ongoing programme of support to investors looking to set-up and expand in Abu Dhabi.

Dr Tariq bin Hendi, Director General of ADIO, said, "We are entering a key moment in history where innovation has the potential to reignite the global economy and drive lasting change. As we move into this new era, Abu Dhabi is looking to transform the way the world lives, works and plays. Our webinars have been designed so that together we can take hold of our current reality and use it to shape tomorrow."

The first webinar, "Inside Abu Dhabi: Innovation in Agriculture", kicks off on September 16 at 4pm (UAE time).

It will shine a light on cutting-edge developments in agriculture technology (AgTech), a key focus of Abu Dhabi and ADIO. Over thought-provoking presentations and candid panel discussions, senior representatives from ADIO, Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority, Agthia, AeroFarms, Madar

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Farms, RDI and RNZ will highlight the latest initiatives and opportunities in the sector. Agriculture innovators, founders, companies, investors and academics can register for the webinar here.

More details on subsequent webinars will be released in the coming months. Announcements will be made via ADIO's social media channels. Interested participants can follow ADIO on LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook to stay updated on future webinars. - **WAM**

COLLABORATION

## Agreement inked to rollout telecom towers infrastructure in Port of Duqm

*Times News Service*

**MUSCAT:** An exclusive agreement to rollout telecom towers infrastructure for mobile operators within the Duqm Port concession land has been signed.

Oman Towers Company (OTC) and the Port of Duqm Company (PODC) agreed to collaborate for the construction of a consistent network of towers in the Port of Duqm area, intending to make these towers available to all licensed MNOs (mobile network operator) and other telecommunication operators to ensure excellent mobile telephony coverage, as per MNOs' requirement.

These towers may also be used by government entities whenever applicable and approved.

OTC is an infrastructure solutions provider for Greenfield towers, rooftops, in-building solutions, and other innovative ideas for the 4th industrial revolution; moving ahead with the coming technologies like 5G, IoT and others. Besides, OTC is working with suppliers of street furniture to accommodate



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future antennas innovatively.

The agreement will allow Oman Towers Company to accommodate all service operators with different technologies on its

towers in an open access means, which will save CAPEX investment, time, and enhance the efficiency of towers utilisation and expedite the deliveries.

This agreement is a boost to the infrastructure within the Duqm region and makes it a definite investment hub for investors in Duqm.

MARKET

MSM index ends lower



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The trading value stood at OMR923,284, comprising a decline of 24.1 per cent, compared to the last session, which stood at OMR1,216,382.

The report released by MSM

pointed out that the market value dropped by 0.151 per cent to reach about OMR19.71 billion.

The report added that the value of shares bought by non-Omani investors reached OMR243,000, comprising 26.35 per cent. The value of shares sold by non-Omani investors reached OMR456,000, comprising 49.38 per cent. The net non-Omani investment dropped by 23.03 per cent to OMR213,000. - **ONA**

OMAN STOCKS

MUSCAT  
SECURITIES  
MARKET

INDICES

| Index.....             | High .....     | Low .....      | Value .....    | Prev. Value..... | Diff .....   | Diff % ..... |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| MSM30 Index.....       | 3,703.47 ..... | 3,687.06 ..... | 3,687.06 ..... | 3,701.19 .....   | -14.13 ..... | -0.38 .....  |
| Financial Index .....  | 5,997.08 ..... | 5,958.23 ..... | 5,958.23 ..... | 5,997.08 .....   | -38.85 ..... | -0.65 .....  |
| Industrial Index ..... | 3,980.27 ..... | 3,968.97 ..... | 3,968.97 ..... | 3,972.25 .....   | -3.28 .....  | -0.08 .....  |
| Services Index .....   | 1,570.12 ..... | 1,568.83 ..... | 1,568.83 ..... | 1,568.54 .....   | 0.29 .....   | 0.02 .....   |
| MSM SHARIAH INDEX..... | 520.85 .....   | 519.60 .....   | 519.60 .....   | 519.99 .....     | -0.39 .....  | -0.08 .....  |
| MSM TOTAL RETURN ..... | 4,216.28 ..... | 4,197.60 ..... | 4,197.60 ..... | 4,213.68 .....   | -16.08 ..... | -0.38 .....  |

Trading Summary

| Volume .....   | Turnover ..... | Trades ..... | Market Cap.....     | Up..... | Down..... | Equal..... | Sec. Traded ..... |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|---------|-----------|------------|-------------------|
| 5,664,821..... | 923,284 .....  | 364 .....    | 19,714,445,330..... | 5 ..... | 9 .....   | 24 .....   | 38 .....          |

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

|                 | SECURITY NAME                  | VOLUME    | TURNOVER | TRADES | OPEN PRICE | HIGH  | LOW   | CLOSE PR. | PREV. CLOSE | DIFF (RD) | DIFF % | LAST PD | LAST BD | LAST OFFER | PUR VALUE           | MARKET CAP |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------------|-----------|--------|---------|---------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| REGULAR MARKET  |                                |           |          |        |            |       |       |           |             |           |        |         |         |            |                     |            |
| OM0000003968    | QOEDDOO                        | 142,050   | 55,885   | 9      | 0.394      | 0.394 | 0.390 | 0.394     | 0.390       | 0.004     | 1.026  | 0.390   | 0.390   | 0.394      | 0.100_256,472,027   |            |
| OM0000001087    | OMAN UNITED INSURANCE          | 300,000   | 117,000  | 8      | 0.390      | 0.390 | 0.390 | 0.390     | 0.390       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.390   | 0.380   | 0.390      | 0.100_39,000,000    |            |
| OM0000001418    | RAYSUT CEMENT                  | 4,750     | 1,473    | 1      | 0.310      | 0.310 | 0.310 | 0.322     | 0.322       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.310   | 0.308   | 0.320      | 0.100_64,400,000    |            |
| OM0000001533    | OMINVEST                       | 35,000    | 11,620   | 6      | 0.332      | 0.332 | 0.332 | 0.332     | 0.332       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.332   | 0.328   | 0.332      | 0.100_268,180,413   |            |
| OM0000001590    | MUSCAT FINANCE                 | 16,658    | 833      | 2      | 0.050      | 0.050 | 0.050 | 0.050     | 0.050       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.050   | 0.050   | 0.051      | 0.100_15,357,316    |            |
| OM0000002176    | AL JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS      | 3,300     | 312      | 4      | 0.095      | 0.095 | 0.094 | 0.094     | 0.094       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.094   | 0.094   | 0.095      | 0.100_11,740,408    |            |
| OM0000002440    | AL SHARGIA INVESTMENT HOLDING  | 44,006    | 2,992    | 4      | 0.068      | 0.068 | 0.068 | 0.068     | 0.068       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.068   | 0.067   | 0.070      | 0.100_6,120,000     |            |
| OM0000003026    | OMAN TELECOMMUNICATION         | 50,000    | 31,000   | 10     | 0.620      | 0.620 | 0.620 | 0.620     | 0.620       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.620   | 0.620   | 0.624      | 0.100_465,000,000   |            |
| OM0000003398    | SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK       | 270,000   | 27,000   | 12     | 0.100      | 0.100 | 0.100 | 0.100     | 0.100       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.100   | 0.099   | 0.100      | 0.100_243,450,674   |            |
| OM0000002796    | BANK MUSCAT                    | 691,521   | 266,945  | 75     | 0.382      | 0.382 | 0.386 | 0.386     | 0.390       | -0.004    | -1.026 | 0.386   | 0.386   | 0.390      | 0.100_1,254,315,700 |            |
| OM0000001525    | OMAN INVESTMENT AND FINANCE    | 7,200     | 662      | 2      | 0.092      | 0.092 | 0.092 | 0.092     | 0.093       | -0.001    | -1.075 | 0.092   | 0.091   | 0.093      | 0.100_18,400,000    |            |
| OM0000001772    | AL ANWAR HOLDING               | 380,000   | 25,900   | 22     | 0.069      | 0.069 | 0.068 | 0.068     | 0.069       | -0.001    | -1.449 | 0.068   | 0.068   | 0.069      | 0.100_13,600,000    |            |
| Total           | 12                             | 1,944,485 | 541,622  | 155    |            |       |       |           |             |           |        |         |         |            |                     |            |
| Parallel Market |                                |           |          |        |            |       |       |           |             |           |        |         |         |            |                     |            |
| OM0000004768    | AL MADINA TAKAFUL              | 70,000    | 5,310    | 18     | 0.075      | 0.076 | 0.075 | 0.076     | 0.075       | 0.001     | 1.333  | 0.076   | 0.075   | 0.076      | 0.100_13,300,000    |            |
| OM0000002168    | AL ANWAR CERAMIC TILES         | 339,200   | 54,752   | 15     | 0.161      | 0.162 | 0.160 | 0.161     | 0.159       | 0.002     | 1.258  | 0.160   | 0.160   | 0.161      | 0.100_47,690,403    |            |
| OM0000002226    | AL JAZEERA SERVICES            | 51,000    | 8,568    | 2      | 0.168      | 0.168 | 0.168 | 0.168     | 0.167       | 0.001     | 0.599  | 0.168   | 0.166   | 0.168      | 0.100_10,282,318    |            |
| OM0000007407    | DHOFAF GENERATING COMPANY      | 136,525   | 25,463   | 5      | 0.180      | 0.195 | 0.180 | 0.187     | 0.186       | 0.001     | 0.538  | 0.195   | 0.170   | 0.193      | 0.100_41,558,880    |            |
| OM0000001566    | OMAN FISHERIES                 | 7,000     | 602      | 4      | 0.086      | 0.086 | 0.086 | 0.086     | 0.086       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.086   | 0.086   | 0.088      | 0.100_10,750,000    |            |
| OM0000001681    | OMAN AND EMIRATES INV. HOLDING | 19,600    | 992      | 4      | 0.046      | 0.046 | 0.046 | 0.046     | 0.046       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.046   | 0.045   | 0.046      | 0.100_5,696,250     |            |
| OM0000001982    | AL MADINA INVESTMENT           | 11,000    | 264      | 1      | 0.024      | 0.024 | 0.024 | 0.024     | 0.024       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.024   | 0.023   | 0.024      | 0.100_4,971,633     |            |
| OM0000002150    | AL FAJAR AL ALAMIA             | 1,300     | 915      | 1      | 0.704      | 0.704 | 0.704 | 0.748     | 0.748       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.704   | 0.700   | 0.000      | 0.100_36,899,027    |            |
| OM0000002871    | GULF STONES                    | 500       | 54       | 1      | 0.108      | 0.108 | 0.108 | 0.120     | 0.120       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.108   | 0.000   | 0.108      | 0.100_4,356,000     |            |
| OM0000003000    | ALMAHA PETROLEUM PRODUCTS MAR. | 500       | 320      | 1      | 0.640      | 0.640 | 0.640 | 0.660     | 0.660       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.640   | 0.640   | 0.680      | 0.100_45,540,000    |            |
| OM0000003125    | GLOBAL FINANCIAL INV. Holding  | 76        | 4        | 1      | 0.050      | 0.050 | 0.050 | 0.055     | 0.055       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.050   | 0.050   | 0.060      | 0.100_11,000,000    |            |
| OM0000003141    | ACWA POWER BARKA               | 500       | 216      | 1      | 0.432      | 0.432 | 0.432 | 0.478     | 0.478       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.432   | 0.000   | 0.432      | 0.100_78,480,000    |            |
| OM0000003521    | GALFAR ENGINEERING AND CON.    | 622,897   | 31,140   | 24     | 0.050      | 0.050 | 0.050 | 0.050     | 0.050       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.050   | 0.050   | 0.051      | 0.100_14,499,032    |            |
| OM0000003711    | SOHAR POWER                    | 1,690     | 77       | 2      | 0.046      | 0.046 | 0.045 | 0.044     | 0.044       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.045   | 0.045   | 0.000      | 0.100_9,724,440     |            |
| OM0000004248    | SMN POWER HOLDING              | 301       | 21       | 1      | 0.070      | 0.070 | 0.070 | 0.072     | 0.072       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.070   | 0.066   | 0.072      | 0.100_14,373,763    |            |
| OM0000004420    | BANK NIZWA                     | 1,511,800 | 152,692  | 11     | 0.101      | 0.101 | 0.101 | 0.101     | 0.101       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.101   | 0.100   | 0.101      | 0.100_151,500,000   |            |
| OM0000004925    | AL BATINAH POWER               | 600       | 33       | 2      | 0.055      | 0.055 | 0.055 | 0.054     | 0.054       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.055   | 0.053   | 0.055      | 0.100_36,443,921    |            |
| OM0000004933    | AL SUWADI POWER                | 798       | 45       | 2      | 0.056      | 0.056 | 0.056 | 0.055     | 0.055       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.056   | 0.054   | 0.056      | 0.100_39,292,349    |            |
| OM0000005062    | PHOENIX POWER                  | 1,020     | 58       | 2      | 0.055      | 0.057 | 0.055 | 0.056     | 0.056       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.057   | 0.055   | 0.056      | 0.100_81,905,682    |            |
| OM0000007084    | MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION       | 34,802    | 3,586    | 3      | 0.105      | 0.105 | 0.103 | 0.103     | 0.103       | 0.000     | 0.000  | 0.103   | 0.103   | 0.113      | 0.100_16,021,691    |            |
| OM0000002820    | GULF INVEST SERVICES HOLDING   | 104,307   | 6,908    | 16     | 0.066      | 0.067 | 0.066 | 0.066     | 0.067       | -0.001    | -1.493 | 0.066   | 0.065   | 0.066      | 0.100_3,883,652     |            |
| OM0000005260    | OMAN ARAB BANK                 | 21,160    | 4,415    | 4      | 0.198      | 0.213 | 0.198 | 0.209     | 0.213       | -0.004    | -1.878 | 0.213   | 0.200   | 0.209      | 0.100_348,906,690   |            |
| OM0000001517    | HSBC BANK OMAN                 | 637,378   | 58,644   | 58     | 0.095      | 0.095 | 0.092 | 0.092     | 0.094       | -0.002    | -2.128 | 0.092   | 0.092   | 0.093      | 0.100_184,028,777   |            |
| OM0000001707    | OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY           | 9,845     | 4,430    | 16     | 0.450      | 0.450 | 0.450 | 0.450     | 0.462       | -0.012    | -2.597 | 0.450   | 0.440   | 0.450      | 0.100_40,365,000    |            |
| OM0000001483    | NATIONAL BANK OF OMAN          | 127,127   | 21,612   | 12     | 0.170      | 0.175 | 0.170 | 0.170     | 0.175       | -0.005    | -2.857 | 0.175   | 0.171   | 0.174      | 0.100_276,410,861   |            |
| OM0000002396    | AL BATINAH DEV. INV. HOLDING   | 9,500     | 832      | 2      | 0.067      | 0.067 | 0.066 | 0.067     | 0.073       | -0.006    | -8.219 | 0.066   | 0.000   | 0.066      | 0.100_2,010,000     |            |
| Total           | 26                             | 3,720,336 | 381,662  | 209    |            |       |       |           |             |           |        |         |         |            |                     |            |

COMMENTARY

Finance is becoming data-driven and strategic – here’s what CFOs need to know

**CFOS** and senior finance professionals in the Middle East recognise that the world is changing, with a perfect storm of technological and social forces transforming the rules of business. So how do you thrive in this new world? It starts by looking at the three main trends driving the corporate finance function – the digitalisation of the finance industry, more demand for strategic decision-making, and a younger workforce with new priorities.



Gerhard Hartman

**Digitalising finance**  
CFOs understand that technology has an important role to play in elevating efficiency. As a senior finance professional, you’re always looking for ways to improve efficiency so that you can serve the business better. Data-driven insights and automation can help you achieve this. Automation is a reliable way of improving the

quality of financial data that can increase the productivity of your finance/accounting team members.

The benefits of automation include:

- Minimising manual intervention in financial operations and other accounting-related tasks, such as ledger entry and reconciliation
- Auto-population using data from ERP and other

systems

Reducing the potential for human error

Faster turnaround times

More efficient use of staff time due to cutting down on manual processes

Automation allows you to aggregate vast data volumes to unlock insights. With data-driven insights, CFOs are better equipped to serve as strategic advisers for their businesses.

It’s also a good idea to identify which metrics you can track in real-time, as this improves the data quality and offers greater visibility into the business.

Building a culture of automation can increase your productivity through a reduction in manual processes, fewer errors and faster processing times.

**Demand for strategic decision-making**  
Finance decision-makers

are now seeing themselves transform from number crunchers to business strategists. As a finance leader, you now have a new mandate – to move beyond the traditional role where you measure past performance to leading your business as a gatekeeper of data and analytics.

You can use data insights to create a vision for the future, for which you can then start to plan and forecast.

The CEO may expect you to guide the business through an uncertain future and provide strategic direction on digital spending, managing risk, imposing governance and responding to regulatory change.

It is your opportunity to take the lead in digital transformation, redefining the finance function to take on a more significant role in data governance, data flow, cybersecurity and other business priorities.

**A younger workforce with new priorities**  
With millennials taking up more senior roles in businesses and more members of Generation Z moving into the workforce, technology priorities are starting to emerge.

There is a divide between senior accountants and new-breed accountants who use technology to automate number-crunching and admin. Most new-breed accountants will have implemented cloud-based technology three to four years ago, while their older counterparts will only have acquired cloud-based systems in the past two years.

Finance is becoming increasingly technical and strategic. To strengthen your position as a strategic business leader, look at a few ways to ensure your organisation manages and analyses data thoroughly, optimising information flow to hit its KPIs. To achieve this objec-

tive, you can leverage a young tech-savvy workforce that will naturally support what you’re trying to do.

Your team may well start to take on responsibilities around IT and regulations, and learn to master actionable business intelligence. Harness this wave of millennial creativity and embrace innovation across the business.

**Future of finance**  
To lead finance in a digital world, creating a diverse team with a mix of backgrounds and experience is essential. Alongside newer technological and analytical skillsets, financial fundamentals and corporate stewardship are still relevant, and experienced people are well-equipped to take a long-term view when it comes to the business.

*Gerhard Hartman is the VP, Medium Business – Africa & Middle East at Sage.*

ABU DHABI NATIONAL OIL COMPANY

Adnoc invests \$245mn to upgrade main oil lines

**ABU DHABI:** Adnoc Onshore, a subsidiary of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, Adnoc, announced the award of two Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contract to upgrade two main oil lines (MOLs), and crude receiving facilities at the Jebel Dhanna terminal in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

The EPC contracts have a combined value of around \$245 million (AED899.9 million) and were awarded to China Petroleum Pipeline Engineering Company Limited – Abu Dhabi and Abu Dhabi-based Target Engineering Construction Co.

Over 50 per cent of the total award value will flow back into the UAE’s economy under Adnoc’s In-Country Value, ICV, programme, underscoring Adnoc’s drive to prioritise ICV as it invests responsibly and pursues smart growth to maximise value from its assets and deliver sustainable returns to the UAE.

Yaser Saeed Almazrouei, Executive Director of Adnoc’s Upstream Directorate, said, “The EPC contracts awarded by Adnoc Onshore will increase the capacity of the two main oil lines and upgrade the Jebel Dhanna terminal to enable it to receive Upper Zakum and Non-System crude for delivery to the Ruwais Refinery West project. The awards follow a very competitive tender process and highlight how Adnoc is making smart investments to optimise performance and unlock greater value from our assets.



**EPC CONTRACT:** The EPC contracts awarded by Adnoc Onshore will increase the capacity of the two main oil lines and upgrade the Jebel Dhanna terminal. - **WAM**

Crucially, a significant portion of the awards will flow back into the UAE’s economy under Adnoc’s ICV programme, reinforcing our commitment to maximise value for the nation as we create a more profitable upstream business and deliver our 2030 strategy.”

The EPC contract awarded to China Petroleum Pipeline Engineering Company Limited – Abu Dhabi is valued at approximately \$135 million (AED 496.8 million) and the scope is to replace the two MOLs which transport Adnoc’s premium grade Murban crude oil

from its oilfields at Bab (BAB), Bu Hasa (BUH), North East Bab (NEB), and South East (SE) to Jebel Dhanna terminal, increasing the capacity of the pipelines by over 30 per cent.

The contract is expected to be completed in 30 months and will see over 45 per cent of the award value flow back into the UAE’s economy under Adnoc’s ICV programme.

The EPC contract awarded to Target Engineering Construction is valued at approximately \$110 million (AED403.7 million) and will see the contractor upgrade

the crude receiving facilities at the Jebel Dhanna terminal, enabling Adnoc to utilize parts of the terminal’s existing facilities to import Upper Zakum (UZ) crude oil from offshore and Non-System (NS) crude, for delivery to the new Ruwais Refinery West (RRW) project, located approximately 12 kilometres to the east of Jebel Dhanna terminal.

This ability to import other grades of crude at Jebel Dhanna following the completion of the project will provide Adnoc greater flexibility, highlighting how the company is extracting value from every barrel of crude it produces. The terminal was originally conceived and operated as a Murban crude oil export facility since its inception in the 1960s.

The contract is expected to be completed in 20 months and will see over 60 per cent of the award value to Target Engineering flow back into the UAE’s economy under Adnoc’s ICV programme.

As part of the selection criteria for the awards, Adnoc carefully considered the extent to which bidders would maximise ICV in the delivery of the project. This is a mechanism integrated into Adnoc’s tender evaluation process, aimed at nurturing new local and international partnerships and business opportunities, fostering socio-economic growth, and creating job opportunities for UAE nationals. The successful bids by the two contractors prioritised UAE sources for materials, local suppliers and workforce. - **WAM**

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# ROUND-UP

## 2020 GMC Terrain arrives in Oman



### Arrival

GMC offers customers the widest range of choices yet, with two available turbocharged propulsion systems

**MUSCAT:** GMC has announced the Middle East arrival of the 2020 Terrain, which is packed with more available advanced safety technologies than ever before. The available Driver Alert Package on the Terrain has been enhanced with Front Pedestrian Braking. To help make it easier

for the driver to park and manoeuvre in low-speed situations, HD Rear Vision Camera has been made available on the 2020 Terrain, while the Surround Vision feature is exclusively on the Denali models. GMC offers customers the widest range of choices yet, with two available turbocharged propulsion systems. Two efficiency-enhancing nine-speed automatic transmissions are matched with the two turbocharged engines. Stop/start technology is featured on all systems.

**Bold, modern design** The Terrain's bold exterior evolved the brand's signature cues with stronger, sharper and more sculpted elements such as the grille and lighting features. Its refined shape in the wind tunnel helps ensure the distinctive profile cuts through the air with opti-

mal efficiency and quietness. All other models feature signature LED running lamps and tail lamps. Bi-functional HID headlamps are standard on SLE and SLT. Additionally, 17-inch wheels are standard on SLE, with 18-inch wheels standard on SLE AWD, and standard on SLT.

**Turbocharged propulsion choices** A range of two turbocharged gas engines, including the 1.5L and 2.0L turbocharged gas engines, matched with two unique nine-speed automatic transmissions. The 2.0L turbo engine offers stronger acceleration and a higher degree of performance than its 1.5L counterpart. GMC's Electronic Precision Shift enables large storage room in the centre console with an electronically controlled gear selection consisting of intuitive push

buttons and pull triggers. The 2020 Terrain comes standard with GMC's driver-controllable Traction Select system, which has choices for different driving conditions. Elements such as the throttle responses are optimized for the selected driving mode. AWD models include an FWD mode that disconnects the AWD system to minimize drag and optimize fuel economy, while the AWD mode offers all the benefits of an active AWD system.

**Refined, versatile and purposeful interior** Like the exterior, the 2020 Terrain's interior makes a statement and serves as a fundamental component of the vehicle's heightened emphasis on refinement and functionality. Elements such as authentic aluminium trim, soft-touch materials on the instrument panel and doors and standard ac-

tive noise cancellation are premium features seamlessly integrated into the interior design for luxurious customer experience. An expanded centre console with pass-through storage underneath adds to the Terrain's functionality. A fold-flat front passenger seat and flat-folding rear seat help Terrain offer greater versatility for stowing longer items and make it easier to load cargo. There are also under-floor compartments in the cargo area for secure storage. GMC keeps passengers connected with 7-inch and available 8-inch-diagonal infotainment systems, featuring compatibility with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto functionality.

**Expanded range of safety features** An expanded range of available active safety technologies is designed

to enhance driver awareness and even help make it easier to park and manoeuvre in low-speed situations. The features include radar and camera-based adaptive technologies that can provide alerts to potential crash threats, allowing the driver to react and make changes to potentially avoid them. In addition to six standard airbags, including frontal driver and passenger, roof rail-mounted head curtain (for front and rear outboard seat) and thorax side-impact airbags (for front seats), the 2020 Terrain features GMC's innovative Rear Seat Reminder. Rear Seat Reminder alerts drivers to check the back seat as they exit their vehicles under certain circumstances. The system alerts when the second-row doors are opened before the vehicle is started. The 2020 GMC Terrain is now available at GMC dealers across the Middle East.

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increasingly vital part of our lives, even more so since the pandemic, helping us perform tasks that a few years ago we could only imagine doing in person. At NBO we have always had a strong focus on our digital capabilities and this is something that we are constantly

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## Popular CUV Mitsubishi Outlander now available at reduced price

Multi-select 4WD system, a comfortable interior, a powerful engine, and a capable gearbox, the Outlander offers an exhilarating, yet comfortable, driving experience, both on and off-road

**MUSCAT:** The intrepid and adventurous Mitsubishi Outlander is built with families, road-trips, versatility, and utility in mind, as well as every potential trip in between. This versatile and popular CUV is now available from General Automotive Company (GAC), the official distributor of Mitsubishi vehicles in Oman, at reduced prices starting from as low as OMR 8,495 or instalments of only OMR 105 per month. The price also includes six years of unlimited mileage warranty and roadside assistance.

**Spacious CUV**  
Commenting on the Outlander, Manoj Ranade, General Manager of GAC, said, "The Outlander is a practical and spacious CUV that exudes style and purpose with its angular, sleek, and modern looks. Coupled with Mitsubishi's proven



Multi-select 4WD system, a comfortable interior, a powerful engine, and a capable gearbox, the Outlander offers an exhilarating, yet comfortable, driving experience, both on and off-road. Add to this its roominess, practicality, low running costs, and fuel efficiency, and it is sure to leave a lasting impression on anyone who decides to purchase one."

The current generation Mitsubishi Outlander was the first to showcase the brand's new design language and distinctive front grille. This revised exterior design also included new front fenders, headlight design, LED Daytime running lights, indicators, and taillights, and new alloy wheel design. Overall, the new design gives the outlander a very aerodynamic

shape and bold ready-for-anything stance, one that is sure to get people talking wherever it goes. Inside, the spacious cabin includes comfortable and supportive seats, high-quality materials and large size boot. Locally, it is available as either a five or seven-seat variant, offering customers flexible seating options. It is also bristling with technol-

ogy and safety features, making it one of the most advanced and safe vehicles in its class. Powering the Outlander is a 2.4 L MIVEC, 4-cylinder engine producing 167PS at 6,000rpm and 22.6kgm of torque at 4,100rpm. This engine is mated to Mitsubishi's tried and true CVT transmission, ensuring reliable performance, low fuel consumption,

low exhaust emissions, and unmatched driving experience. **Advance features**  
"The Outlander is equipped with advance features both for convenience and safety, a capable powerplant and drivetrain, and proven reliability; filling you with confidence every time you get behind the wheel," added Manoj.

### ISLAMIC BANKING

## Meethaq enhances its CDMs with new feature for easy transfer of funds

**MUSCAT:** Meethaq, the pioneer of Islamic banking in Oman from Bank Muscat, in step with the bank's vision 'To serve you better, everyday' has enhanced its Cash Deposit Machines (CDMs) with an innovative feature for easy transfer of funds into Meethaq and Bank Muscat accounts. Meethaq Islamic Banking, which has been recognised as the Best Islamic Bank in Oman in 2019 by Islamic Finance News, has introduced this new feature for greater ease of banking for all. It allows an account holder at any Omani bank to use their ATM/Debit card to directly deposit cash 24/7 at a CDM without needing to use teller services at the branch. Apart from Meethaq CDMs, Bank Muscat CDMs can also be used to deposit funds into Meethaq and Bank Muscat accounts thereby giving the general public access to the largest network of CDMs in the country for making convenient fund transfers. The new facility, which makes use of the Central Bank of Oman's payment network (OmanNet), will validate the account details of the person making the fund transfer to enable the transaction. Funds transferred using the CDMs are credited instantaneously into the recipient's account. However, as a safety feature, should the transaction not be completed for any reason, the funds will be returned to the account of the ATM/Debit cardholder.



Meethaq has an excellent network of branches and a large network of 22 ATMs & 18 CDMs respectively. Besides, Meethaq customers may access Meethaq accounts through Bank Muscat's network of 445 ATMs & 110 CDM. By further digitising the process of fund transfers, Meethaq has once again ensured that it foresees and responds to customer requirements in a proactive manner. Notably, the upgrade will further enhance social distancing norms that

are currently in effect because of the Covid-19 global pandemic. The leading Islamic banking window in the country constantly innovates and places new cutting-edge technology at the disposal of its customers to facilitate convenient and secure banking. The general public and Meethaq customers will be enthused by the fact that robust security features are used in all Meethaq digital products and services to ensure the highest security possible. It has adopted the best practices

in Islamic banking and finance worldwide to combine a robust model which protects customers and complements the Islamic banking industry. Every Meethaq product goes through the process of Shari'a compliance certification by the Shari'a Supervisory Board and is created in line with the guidelines of the Central Bank of Oman. Meethaq is committed to further investments in state-of-the-art technology to increase efficiency and improve customer service.

### DONATION CAMPAIGN

## Omantel partners with Oman Charitable Organisation to collect donations for Sudan



**MUSCAT:** As part of its corporate social responsibility and in solidarity with the Sudanese Republic and its people, Omantel joins hands with Oman Charitable Organisation to collect donations to address the effects of the floods that hit Sudan. Omantel also offered the Sudanese community in Oman three days of free calls to help them communicate with their family and friends back home. Omantel called on all its cus-

tomers to help the Sudanese people by taking part in the Oman Charitable Organisation donation campaign by sending an SMS containing 'Donate' to 90022. Customers can donate more than once to help those affected by the floods that affected most states of Sudan. On the other hand, Omantel provided free calls to prepaid and postpaid customers to call Sudan from September 8 - 11 without the need to activate a subscription to avail such free calls.

Omantel is the leading telecommunications company in the Sultanate, and the main provider of integrated communications services to individuals, companies and government agencies. Omantel is making constant endeavours to enhance prosperity and growth among all sectors by introducing new business concepts and bringing global content and entertainment. Omantel aspires to achieve optimum customer satisfaction.

**MUSCAT:** As part of its belief that future planning is essential, BankDhofar provides the chance for customers to achieve their children's dreams for higher education, with the best competitive interest rate of up to 5.5 per cent. Commenting on the long term deposit plan for education, Dr Tariq Taha, Chief Retail Banking Officer, BankDhofar, we are aware that planning for children's future is significant for all parents, therefore, through the long term deposit plan for education, customers may achieve their children's aspiration. All they need to do is to save a monthly amount for a specific period and get an increased amount rate after the deposit period.

need to do is to save a monthly amount for a specific period and get an increased amount rate after the deposit period. With the long term deposit plan for education, customers may save a monthly amount for a specific deposit period and enjoy additional credit facilities. Customers may benefit from the interest rate of up to 5.5 per cent. For example, if a customer saves OMR50 for 18 years, the amount will be more than OMR18,000 at the end of the period and the customer will get an interest amount of more than OMR7,000.

### EDUCATION PLAN

## Achieve your children's higher education with BankDhofar's long term deposit account



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