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MEDIA

New website for *Times of Oman*

Times News Service

MUSCAT: *Times of Oman* is delighted to announce the launch of its new website, which brings to visitors a newer, fresher, cleaner look, while still maintaining the high standards of news the publication is known for.

The new timesofoman.com is simple to navigate and has been designed with user-friendliness and ease of access in mind.

Separate sections have been assigned to key topics featured on the site, which includes latest updates from Oman and the wider world, developments on special subjects such as business and sport, as well as lighter reading curated from the world of entertainment and leisure.

A dedicated section is also present for those who prefer watching the news through video.



Commenting on the new website following the best online practices, Mohamed Issa Al Zadjali, the Editor in Chief of Times of Oman and Chairman of Muscat

Media Group, said, "Our team has taken a lot of effort and dedication to create a website that will be easy and friendly for our users to access. We aim for the new Times

of Oman site to be a one-stop-shop for people who wish to keep themselves updated with the latest from the Sultanate and across the world.

"It is important for all of us to be up-to-date with the best practices, and meet the needs of our audience," he added.

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Times of Oman's portal receives about 15 million visitors a month, making it one of the most frequented websites in the country.

NEW DRESS CODE FOR VISITORS IN MALLS, PUBLIC PLACES

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The rules, which apply to both men and women, were drawn up by the Municipal Committee

Times News Service

MUSCAT: People entering malls in Muscat wearing sleeveless shirts and shorts could face fines of up to OMR 300, and jail terms of up to three months, as part of new rules drawn up for people to dress modestly while in public.

The rules, which apply to both men and women, were drawn up

by the city's Municipal Committee, and submitted to the Municipal Council, which will submit it to the Minister of the Diwan of Royal Court for approval.

Speaking exclusively to the *Times of Oman*, Qais bin Mohammed Al Ma'shari, the chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the Municipal Council in the Governorate of Muscat, said, "The terms of

dressing modestly have not been specified in great detail, but must include covering the body from the shoulder to below the knee.

"This clothing must not also violate the terms of modesty by ensuring it properly covers the required parts of the body, should not be revealing, and not having any sensitive drawings or illustrations on them," he added. "Wearing a veil, however, is not included in the concept of dressing modestly, because of the multiculturalism, ideologies, and religious tolerance in the Sultanate."

"The rules will be the same for residents in the country, as they are for Omanis," explained Al Ma'shari. "We need to make sure

that the clothes worn do not breach the etiquettes of modesty. Therefore, this decision will include everyone without discrimination. As part of this decision, males and females will not be allowed to wear shorts above the knee, as well as sleeveless shirts that expose the chest and shoulders."

The rules requiring people to dress modestly were drafted after the municipal committees in the capital, as well as mall managers and shop owners received many complaints from members of the public about people not following proper dress codes.

According to Article 294 of the Omani Penal Code, which was issued by Royal Decree 7/2018,

those who appear in public places in a manner that violates public decency, and is inconsistent with the traditions and customs of society, will face punishment by imprisonment of a period of between one and three months, and/or a fine ranging from OMR100 to OMR300.

"We relied on the Omani Penal Code with regards to imposing penalties for those found violating these rules," he said. "The penal code states that ministries do not have special legislation on this subject, as the matter relates to public morals."

"The committee's recommendations have been submitted to the Municipal Council for its next

meeting in October 2020," added Al Ma'shari. "After this, the council will submit this to the Minister of the Diwan of the Royal Court, and once approved, it will be considered a law, and those affected by it are addressed accordingly."

To provide more clarity over these regulations, representatives from the Royal Oman Police, the Ministry of Social Development, and commercial establishments in the Sultanate were consulted.

They stressed the necessity to legalise the rules that have been drawn up, and to spread awareness among the public, on the revised dress code in the form of media such as information boards and leaflets.



Khasab: Magnificent villages, picturesque terrains

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REPORT

Oman's role in enhancing regional security and stability important for Britain and US

WASHINGTON: A report published by Washington Institute has underlined the Sultanate's role in fostering security and regional stability, which "is of great significance, particularly for Britain and the United States."

The report lays emphasis on the bilateral relations between the Sultanate and Britain and hails continuous cooperation between the two countries in different fields.

Britain capitalises on supporting its ties with the Sultanate, not least because of the efficiency of



Omani moderation in the settlement of many regional problems, says the report, which describes the recent visit of UK Defence Secretary, Ben Wallace, to the Sultanate.

"London is investing heavily in supporting its relationship with Oman, not least because the Omani mediation can often be more effective than its own in fostering regional stability and security."

The report describes the visit as an opportunity "to renew a highly valuable relation."

It underscores the importance

of maintaining Omani-British partnership under the current circumstances of Brexit and coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The promotion of cooperation between the two countries comes at a time when His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik is exerting efforts to restructure and re-channel Omani economy into a proper path to overcome the twin impacts of COVID-19 and slump in oil prices, says the report, noting that Britain feels comfortable with the Sultanate's policies and its approach of tolerance and moderation. **-ONA**

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All you need to know about ‘masked begging’



DIVERSE FORMS: There are various forms of begging people need to be on the lookout for.

Masked begging is the practice in which a person obtains money from others by first offering to sell them inexpensive goods

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Social Development has asked people to be wary of those practicing ‘masked begging’ in the country, and to report such incidents to the authorities concerned.

A practice in which a person obtains money from others by first offering to sell them inexpensive goods, masked begging is one of many forms of begging listed by the ministry, in its efforts to warn locals and residents in the coun-

try about such activities.

Speaking on the various forms of begging people need to be on the lookout for, Mohammed bin Saif Al Mamari, the director of social development in Wilayat Muscat, and the supervisor of the region’s anti-begging team, said, “There are several forms of begging, including direct begging, which is outright begging in which the beggar asks for money while repeating certain phrases to arouse the emotions of people, while the second type is called

masked begging, which is when the beggar hides behind simple services he provides to people, such as inviting them to buy some commodities such as tissues, incense, rosaries, or attempting to sell them water at locations such as traffic lights.”

“There is also seasonal begging, where begging occurs only during particular festive occasions or seasons, such during the holidays, or around the time of Ramadan,” he said.

Penal provisions

“There is also a practice called occasional begging, which is when someone has to beg due to an emergency or urgent need that befalls a person, as well as the concept of a person begging despite being able, which is begging practiced by a person who is able to work and earn, but who prefers getting money through begging.”

According to Article 297 of the Omani Penal Code, a person found begging in mosques, public places, or shops, will be imprisoned for a period between a month and a year, and/or pay a fine ranging from OMR50 to OMR100. The courts have the right to confiscate the money obtained through begging, and those who return to begging will face a prison sentence between six months and two years.

Foreign nationals caught begging could face deportation. However, those who beg because they have no other alternative, according to Al Mamari, shall be exempt from this punishment. Those who use juveniles to help them beg will face a prison sentence of between three months and three years, as well as a fine ranging from OMR50 to OMR100. The penalty is doubled if the person using a juvenile to help him beg is his/her guardian, or is someone charged with the child’s care.

Al Mamari added, “The Ministry of Social Development is striving to address the problem of begging, problem, in cooperation with the concerned authorities such as the Royal Oman Police (ROP), the Ministry of Labour, and the Public Prosecution, and the anti-begging teams are spread out in governorates where the issue is abundant, specifically, the governorates of Muscat, North Al Batinah, Al Buraimi, Al Dhahirah, and Dhofar.”

The Ministry of Social Development has set up a dedicated team in its operations room that deals with reports of begging. It can be reached on 24 994 265, 24 994 266, and 24 994 267.

“When a beggar is caught, he/she is transferred to the nearest police station, and held there for 48 hours in preparation for transfer under the custody of the Public Prosecution, and from there, to the courts,” explained Al Mamari.



Oman Air flights to Europe set to return from October 1

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Sultanate’s national carrier, Oman Air, will return to scheduled service on 1st October with service to 17 cities in 12 countries including two flights per week connecting Muscat and London, Frankfurt and Istanbul.

“Flights to and from London will depart on Sundays and Wednesday. Flights to and from Frankfurt will depart on Mondays and Saturdays. Flights to Istanbul will depart from Muscat on Wednesdays and Sundays, with return flights on Mondays and Thursdays,” a press release by Oman Air said.

These schedules are valid from 1st October to 24th October 2020.

“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 onboard 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.

All cabin crew 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 the airline’s guests and crew are safe at all times,” the press release said.

Guests who are planning to depart from Oman should ensure that they are aware of all pre-departure requirements, which are provided at omanair.com, as well as the requirements at their destinations.

“Guests planning to travel to Oman should ensure they are aware of all requirements, which are posted at the Civil Aviation Authority website, paca.gov.om,” the press release added.

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INTERVIEW

‘Impact of early education on children is formative’

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Educating children the right way is important, as the lessons they learn when they are young will play a major role in the contributions they make in the future, an Omani with more than 15 years’ experience in the field of education has said.

Balqees Suleiman Al Hassani said that educators need to understand the tasks entrusted to them, and treat all children as equals.

“Educating is simply about impacting the lives and shaping the future leaders of any nation,” she said.

“It has a great opportunity to fundamentally make the world a better place. It’s so rewarding to see future leaders grow before your own eyes and shape their personality for a better future. Educating students is indeed a very meaningful job as it will always leave the long lasting impression in learners’ lives.

“Furthermore, as an educator, you will have bigger responsibilities because you are preparing and equipping leaders with the right tools they need to be professionals, and adding a great value to their communities,” she added. “You see that glow in their eyes when they can transfer that knowledge into a useful life skill.”

Recently appointed the President of Knowledge Oman, Al Hassani said that education needs to change with the times, a process that is not easy, but one that requires the student to be at the centre of education. For this to happen, she added, there needs to be a strong connection between a teacher and a student, and the need to regularly adapt to new styles of teaching, without which both children and teachers might lose interest in learning.

“I see modern education similar to remodelling a house: we aren’t just changing the paint of the house, but updating the parts and making it more modern and



Balqees Suleiman Al Hassani, President Knowledge Oman.

efficient and fixing what doesn’t seem to be of benefit,” she said. “Gone were the days when some students can excel high and others can just stroll through class and merely do well. Our society needs all our students to excel at a high level by engaging students in their learning journey like never before.

“This is student centred learning,” explained Al Hassani. “It incorporates students’ skills and interests into the learning process, making the experience of learning more personal, and involves students in thinking about their future. What makes this work is personalised learning and that happens when there is this connection which enables teachers to address the needs of the students.

“Learning is competency based, it is about the information and skills which students have mastered and not just moving forward as part of a curriculum,” she said. “Learning happens anytime and anywhere today. Students take ownership by actively engaging through the process to ensure the impact is lasting and meaningful. We also have seen the strong impact of technology in our education system. This has made our learning journey more interesting than ever.”



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The wilayat of Khasab is known for some significant landmarks including islands and khors along with many historical monuments.

WHERE: Located some 570km away from Muscat, the wilayat of Khasab overlooking the Sea of Oman can be reached by ferries and also by flights. Known for its magnificent villages and picturesque terrains the wilayat is home to Khasab Port and it takes its name from the fertile soil.

WHAT'S SPECIAL : The wilayat of Khasab is known for some significant tourist landmarks including islands and khors along with many historical monuments. Khasab Fort dates back to the beginning of the era of the Al Said dynasty. The fort was later restored in 1990. Khasab Castle was built in the seventeenth century and is located in the Kumzar area. There are three watchtowers, one of which is the Siba tower, which is located in Siba. Al Kamazerah Castle is located

in the heart of the town. There are many natural fjords known as 'khor' in Arabic. Khor ash Sham is home to dolphins and halfway down Khor ash Sham lies Telegraph Island. Tourists often go on boat trips from Khasab to view the dolphins.

Khor Al Nedow, Khor Hablain, Khor Gab, Khor Qibal and Khor Qadi are some of the other fjords that attract tourists. Other important islands include Jazirat Lima, which is just off the town of Lima, as well as Ghanam, Umm Al Tayyer, Salamah, Abu Makhlaef. There are many ancient mosques in Khasab. Among the oldest mosques in Khasab is the Siba mosque.

Along with its historic significance Khasab also has all the amenities of a city which includes hospitals, health centres, sports complexes and an airport.



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Status of old houses in Muttrah discussed

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MUTTRAH: A meeting was held at the office of the Wali of Muttrah to discuss the status of old houses and those which have almost collapsed in the villages of the wilayat. The meeting was held in the



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families of limited income groups and those under the social security umbrella.

Social and economic study

The meeting recommended conducting a technical, social and economic study to renovate these houses or to implement the outcomes/recommendations of the same study to be conducted by the Ministry of Social Development

and Muscat Municipality.

COVID-19 pandemic

The meeting also discussed the latest developments of COVID-19 pandemic, the role of the society in the Wilayat to this effect and implementation of all precautionary measures and controls endorsed by the COVID-19 Supreme Committee to mitigate the spread of the virus. — DNA

PAKISTAN ENVOY HAILS OMAN'S HELP FOR EXPATS

Dr Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Saidi, Minister of Health, received K. K. Ahsan Wagan, Ambassador of Pakistan to the Sultanate, in his office on Sunday. The ambassador expressed thanks on behalf of the Pakistani government for giving help to the Pakistani community and the expats in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. They also discussed means to boost cooperation between the two countries in healthcare.



IBRA: Sayyid Khalifa bin Said Al Busaidi, President of the Supreme Court and chairman of the Council for Administrative Affairs for the Judiciary inspected Ibra Courts' Complex to acquaint with the judicial and administrative work progress and utilisation of e.systems to support and boost the work quality in courts.

Key challenges

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The meeting discussed the key challenges facing the work at the courts.



Coronavirus cases in Oman reach 93,475

MUSCAT: The total number of positive COVID-19 cases in the Sultanate reached 93,475, while the number of recoveries stood at 85,418, comprising 91.3 percent.

Meanwhile, the total number of COVID-19 related death cases stood at 846, the

Ministry of Health said. The Ministry of Health also pointed out that 64 cases were hospitalised over the past 24 hours, adding that the total number of current hospitalised COVID-19 infected patients stands at 554, of them 172 are in intensive care units (ICU). -DNA

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The latest figures were revealed



as British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has warned that a second wave of COVID-19 in Britain is "coming in", and his government may need to "intensify things to help bring the rate of infections down." Countries such as Britain, China, Russia and the United States are racing against time to develop coronavirus vaccines.

Also on Saturday, hundreds of people attended a rally in Trafal-

gar Square during a protest against coronavirus lockdown measures. Some of them became involved in "outbreaks of violence towards officers", the Metropolitan Police said. Traffic was brought to a halt as protesters erected a blockade in a bid to prevent police officers from making arrests. Among the demonstrators are coronavirus conspiracy theorists who claim that COVID-19 was a hoax. **Xinhua**

Trump urges Republicans to confirm new SC nominee

US media cited presidential aides as saying that Trump was considering a woman for his latest Supreme Court nominee



NEW SUPREME COURT NOMINEE: The number of justices on the bench was reduced to eight following the passing of Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump on Saturday urged Republicans to confirm "without delay" a replacement for late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died the previous evening at the age of 87.

"We were put in this position of power and importance to make decisions for the people who so proudly elected us, the most important of which has long been considered to be the selection of United States Supreme Court Justices. We have this obligation, without delay!" the president tweeted.

U.S. media cited presidential aides and advisers as saying

that Trump was considering a woman for his latest Supreme Court nominee, who would also be the third appointee during his presidency. Assessment of possible options began on Saturday, according to reports.

Ginsburg died of complications from metastatic pancreatic cancer, the Supreme Court said in a news release, adding that a private interment will be held at the Arlington National Cem-

etry, without revealing the specific date for the ceremony.

The second female Supreme Court justice in US history and a champion for equal protection under law for women, Ginsburg was nominated to the bench by then President Bill Clinton in 1993 and over the years became the most senior liberal justice on the nation's highest court.

The death of Ginsburg set up a fierce partisan fight on Capitol Hill

over whether to confirm a nominee less than 50 days away from the presidential election.

Democratic lawmakers led by Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, and Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden as well as former President Barack Obama, all maintained that Ginsburg's replacement be nominated by the next president to be chosen by voters in the November 3 election. **Xinhua**

Ruckus in India's Rajya Sabha as opposition protests agriculture bills

NEW DELHI: The Rajya Sabha witnessed unprecedented scenes on Sunday during the debate on agriculture bills as opposition members trooped into the well of the House in protest during a reply by Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and an attempt was made to snatch the mike at the Chairman's podium.

The rule book was also shown to Deputy Chairman Harivansh from the well of the House by an opposition member. The protest erupted after the Deputy Chairman sought a sense of the House and said that the sitting of the House is being extended beyond 1 pm till the completion of the Minister's reply.

Opposition members protested over the decision. Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad said that the opposition members want that the House should be adjourned for the day and the minister may resume his reply tomorrow. He said that sense of the House means the opinion of all parties and not of the ruling party only.

Opposition parties contin-



ued their protest and the Deputy Chairman ruled that only minister's reply will go on record.

The Minister, whose voice could hardly be heard amid the din, concluded his reply within a few minutes.

As the Deputy Chairman took the Bills for the passage, the protest by opposition members became louder and they started raising slogans against the government and against the bills.

Derek O'Brien of Trinamool Congress came near the podium and tried to show the rule book to the Deputy Chairman. An attempt was also made to snatch the mike and the marshals tried to prevent it. **ANI**

MUNDAMAN GANGA PARIKRAMA

Indian army veterans plan 5,000 km trek to revive Ganga glory

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The river Ganga is a sacred but one of the most polluted rivers of India. Considered as the lifeline of the Indo-Gangetic basin, the pollution levels in the river has reached to dangerous levels. To clean the river, the government has initiated Ganga Action Plan which is showing positive results.

Army veterans, who are at the forefront of many noble missions, have decided to take a long trek to revive the pristine glory of the river.

Under the banner of Atulya Ganga, the veterans would take the first-ever 5,000km long Ganga Parikrama in the Indian history on foot in 7 seven months across five states along the banks of river to usher in a mass awareness about its revival.

To make Ganga pure and pious, a team of die-hard army veterans have prepared the blueprint of a gigantic movement through a walk - the 'Mundaman Ganga Parikrama'. They have written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking and appointment regarding inauguration of their mission by handing over a baton to become a fountainhead in their drive.

Lt.Col. Anil Dubey, who had served in the Indian Army for 22 years and has been working with Bahwan Engineering Group since 2007, is also planning to join the Atulya Ganga trek.

Lt. Col. Hem Lohumi, a Sena Medal recipient is leading the team along with Gopal Sharma and Col. Manoj Keshwar. They also plan to meet union minister Nitin Gadkari to discuss their daring mission from Gomukh to Gangasagar and back.

The team has planned to visit many schools situated along the Ganga banks and organise public meetings during the Parikrama



to motivate children and locals to take the responsibility for the revival of Ganga. Along the route, they will measure the pollution levels and a final report will be submitted to Prime Minister's office and concerned ministry once the Parikrama ends.

The Parikrama has some well-defined set of rules which shall be followed. It is an extremely tough call to circumnavigate Ganga on foot, walking along its banks from its origin in the Himalayas at Gomukh to its merger into the Indian Ocean at Gangasagar. The pedestrian is constrained as per the rules - not to cross over from one bank to another except at Gomukh and Gangasagar and can go only a maximum of 13 kms away from banks, and must see Ganga once in 24 hours.

This journey seeks to take a rigorous path which no one has attempted before. Starting from Haridwar, this journey will be taken by approximately 100 people on a round trip from Gangasagar to Gomukh and then back from Gangasagar to Gomukh. The expedition seeks to inculcate a sense of awe in the people vis-a-

vis the ecosystem being sustained by one of the largest river basin systems in the world and the devastation that's waiting to happen lest this fragile ecosystem is revived on a war-footing.

The population along the entire Gangetic plain shall be sensitised about the importance and fragility of this riverine ecosystem and the impact it has on our economy, lifestyle and livelihood. So far efforts have been made to achieve this by appealing to the religious sanctity of the river.

But appealing to faith is one thing, its impact on actions is another. By leveraging this faith with a sense of adventure, army veterans aim to appeal to youth to take the ownership of revival of our life giving resources. Idea is to make saving Ganga a definite, positive quest and not just another arrow in the dark, alluding solely to abstracts.

Starting on 25 November 2020, the team is calling on people across India and the Indian community abroad - to be a part of this noble and holy mission.

Details on <https://www.atulya-ganga.com>.

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SPORTS

100 wins as CSK skipper Dhoni stages winning return

Dhoni returned to the cricket field after 437 days as he last played a match during the 2019 World Cup

ABU DHABI: Chennai Super Kings' skipper MS Dhoni announced his return to cricket by recording 100 wins for his franchise on Saturday.

CSK defeated Mumbai Indians by five wickets on Saturday in the opening match of the IPL 2020. With this, Dhoni became the first skipper in IPL to record 100 wins as the leader of a franchise. CSK had been on a five-match losing streak against Mumbai, but after winning the match on Saturday, the Dhoni-led franchise finally gained a victory over the Rohit Sharma-led Mumbai Indians.

Dhoni returned to the cricket field after 437 days as he last played a match during the 2019 World Cup. He had last played against New Zealand in the semi-finals of the 50-over tournament in July last year.

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Mumbai Indians, CSK skipper Dhoni had promoted Ravindra Jadeja and Sam Curran ahead of him and as a result, the English batsman went on to play a cameo of 18 runs off just 6 balls to put the side in a comfortable position.

In the end, Faf du Plessis and Dhoni guided CSK to a five-wicket victory over Mumbai Indians in Abu Dhabi. For CSK, Ambati Rayudu played a match-winning knock of 71 while Faf du Plessis scored an unbeaten 58. For Mumbai, Pattinson returned with the best figures of 1-27 from his quota of four overs.

CSK will next lock horns with Rajasthan Royals on September 22 while Rohit Sharma-led Mumbai will face Kolkata Knight Riders on September 23. **ANI**

RESUMPTION

England series should see cricket return to India: BCCI official

DUBAI: The coronavirus pandemic might have forced the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to push the 13th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL) to UAE, but fans in India can look forward to the resumption of cricketing action in the country with the England series.

Speaking to ANI, a BCCI official in the know of developments said that cricket fans in India can expect to see their favorite stars in action in their own stadiums with England's tour of India.

"The current situation saw us push the IPL to UAE after getting permission from the Indian government. We have been in constant touch with the authorities and have been abiding by the rules and various advisories as the world look to fight the pandemic. The advisories at the time of planning for this IPL season had more stringent restrictions in place.

However, we are hopeful of conducting the England series in India itself now that the restrictions have eased and we are working with our partners to have a bio-secure bubble in place. We would therefore see a cricketing action restart in our country. It may still be a while before the spectators could return to watch live action but it will obviously happen in due course," the official said.



BACK IN ACTION: BCCI President Saurav Ganguly shows thumbs up sign as he departs for Abu Dhabi's Sheikh Zayed Stadium for the IPL2020 T20 match.

Asked if the recent MOU signing with the Emirates Cricket Board (ECB) also meant that UAE could play second home for the BCCI, the official said that it has been a delight to work with the ECB.

"It is not the first time that we have worked with the Emirates Cricket Board. They always make us feel at home. They have been excellent and the professionalism that we have seen is something ECB should be proud of but it is not surprising with the dynamic Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan's watch. It

prove," Dhoni said after the match against Mumbai Indians.

"In the second half, there is a bit of movement for the bowlers until the dew sets in. If you don't lose wickets early, you have the upper hand. These are the learnings. Rayudu had a wonderful partnership with Faf. Most of us are re-

tired so luckily no injuries as well. The experience pays off, everyone talks about it," he added.

In the match against Mumbai Indians, Dhoni faced just two balls and he remained unbeaten on 0. The wicket-keeper batsman was given out on the first ball he faced, but the CSK skip-

per opted for a review (DRS).

The replays clearly showed that Dhoni had not edged the ball to the wicket-keeper off the bowling of Jasprit Bumrah and as a result, the umpire had to overturn his decision and Dhoni remained at the crease.

While chasing 163 against

TENNIS

Nadal suffers loss in quarterfinals in Italian Open

ROME: Spanish tennis player Rafael Nadal on Sunday bowed out of the Italian Open as he suffered a loss in the quarterfinals.

Argentina's Diego Schwartzman defeated Nadal 6-2, 7-5 in the quarterfinals to progress ahead in the tournament. Nadal had entered the tournament with a 100 per cent win record against Schwartzman after winning all their previous nine encounters.

But earlier today, Schwartzman was finally able to break the jinx and he outclassed the Spaniard.

The first set was comfortably

won by the Argentine and he did not give Nadal any chance to stage a comeback in the opening set.

In the second set, the things were a little balanced and with things at 5-4 in favour of the Argentine, Nadal was finally able to break even and as a result, the scoreline was brought to 5-5.

But the Argentine was able to maintain his composure and as a result, he won the second set as well to record a famous victory over Nadal. Nadal would now be seen in action in the upcoming French Open. **ANI**



PREMIER LEAGUE

Arsenal defeat West Ham to record second victory

LONDON: Arsenal defeated West Ham 2-1 on Saturday here at the Emirates Stadium in the ongoing Premier League 2020-21 season.

For Arsenal, Alexandre Lacazette and Eddie Nketiah registered the two goals, while Michail Antonio scored the lone goal for West Ham. In the match, Arsenal maintained 63 per cent of ball possession as compared to West Ham's 37 per cent. As a result, the Gunners were able to create attacking opportunities as well.

The first goal of the match was scored in the 25th minute as Lacazette registered the ball into the goalpost to give Arsenal a 1-0 lead. Lacazette needed to thank Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang's for this goal as the latter provided a lovely cross which gave Lacazette the perfect opportunity to score a goal. However, in the 45th minute, West

Ham got the equalising goal as Antonio registered the ball into the goalpost. Arsenal was looking to attack to get their second, but West Ham shocked them with attacking gameplay to level the scores. At half time, the scoreline was even at 1-1 with one interesting half still left to play.

The second half was seeming quite but finally, in the 85th minute, Arsenal got its second goal as Nketiah registered the ball into the goalpost. Dani Ceballos had set up the goal for Nketiah and this proved as the decisive play in the match. Finally, Arsenal went away with a 2-1 victory to their name.

West Ham will next take on Wolves on September 27 while Arsenal will face Liverpool on September 28 in the Premier League 2020-21 season. **ANI**



CONSECUTIVE WINS: Arsenal defeated West Ham 2-1 on Saturday (local time) here at the Emirates Stadium in the ongoing Premier League 2020-21 season.

OLYMPICS

Beijing celebrates 2022's 500-day countdown

BEIJING: Cultural activities were held on Sunday at the Great Wall in Badaling, Yanqing district of Beijing to welcome the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games' 500-day countdown.

Artists from across China were allowed to put their paper-cutting works on show. During Sunday night, a concert that was accompanied by a light display was held to perform some Beijing 2022 promotional musics on the Great Wall.

"500-day countdown is a landmark. I hope today's cultural activities can promote the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games to people all over China," said He Jianghai, deputy secretary of the 2022 Beijing Organizing Committee of Winter Olympic Games. **xinhua**



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MARKET PROSPECTS FOR Q4

The 22nd meeting of the Joint Ministerial Monitoring Committee (JMMC) held recently considered market prospects for the fourth quarter of 2020 and into 2021. The committee reviewed the crude oil production data for August 2020.

MARKET BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSM INDEX ENDS LOWER

The MSM index closed at 3,619.03 points, down 0.79 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down 0.05 per cent at 517.61 points. Al Jazeera Steel, up 2.06 per cent was the top gainer while Bank Dhofar, down 5.41 per cent, was the top loser.

Developing countries need relief from rising debt burden

Global GDP would decline by 4.5 per cent this year, before picking up by 5 per cent in 2021, according to the OECD report

NEW YORK: Developing countries need external support to ease inflated debt burden caused by the COVID-19 pandemic to maintain social services and secure global economic recovery, according to experts and relevant institutions.

Recovery takes time

Economic output picked up swiftly following the easing of confinement measures and the initial re-opening of businesses, but the pace of the global recovery has lost some momentum over the summer months, said an interim economic assessment report issued by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

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Global real GDP growth would pick up to 5.8 per cent next year from a decline of 3.9 per cent in 2020, according to the central forecast scenario by UBS Global Wealth Management.

The drop in global output in 2020 is smaller than expected, though still unprecedented in recent history, but this masks considerable differences across countries, with upward revisions in China, the United States and Europe, but weaker-than-expected outcomes in India, Mexico and South Africa, the OECD report said.

Still, global GDP may not return to the pre-pandemic level before 2022. In most economies, the level of output at the end of 2021 would remain below that at the end of 2019, and considerably weaker than projected prior to the pandemic, highlighting the risk of long-lasting costs from the pandemic, according to OECD's assessment.



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cording to OECD's assessment.

Moderate restrictions on the activity should be sufficient to keep outbreaks manageable, with a vaccine widely available from the second quarter of 2021, Lucy Qiu, strategist at UBS Global Wealth Management, told Xinhua.

Qiu told Xinhua that a manageable pandemic combined with expansionary monetary policy and a moderate increase in fiscal stimulus should allow for a rebound of economic activity to pre-pandemic levels by 2022.

After so sharp a contraction in 2020, the reopening measures already underway in major economies make a strong growth rebound nearly certain in 2021, said Mehran Nakhjavani, partner and emerging market strategist with MRB Partners, on Tuesday.

Nakhjavani added, "This does not imply regaining the pre-pandemic level of GDP, but global economic momentum will be stronger than was the case in 2019."

Pressing debt challenges

Many emerging-market economies and developing countries face particularly acute macro-economic policy challenges, with substantial declines in export revenues, particularly from interna-

tional tourism, compounding the domestic impact of the COVID-19 shock, said the OECD report.

In addition, many of these economies have become vulnerable to changes in market sentiment due to the build-up of high private and public debt in recent years, leaving them with daunting debt challenges, the report said.

The coronavirus pandemic-induced deterioration in growth and fiscal dynamics will leave most large emerging market sovereigns (EM19) with higher debt burdens over the next few years, said a report by Moody's Investors Service in early September.

"We expect government debt in the EM19 to rise by almost 10 percentage points of GDP on average by the end of 2021 from 2019 levels, driven primarily by wider primary deficits" in addition of higher interest payments, said Moody's.

One of the characteristics of the global crisis is the sharp drop in public revenues at all government levels. The situation for developing countries will become increasingly dire as many countries find themselves facing rising social needs without the means to finance social services, according to a recent statement by Jeffrey

Sachs, chair of the commissioners with the Lancet COVID-19 Commission and an economics professor at Columbia University.

The Lancet COVID-19 Commission was launched on July 9 to assist governments, civil society, and UN institutions in responding effectively to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The global economic shock that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused requires a concerted response by the world's leading economies not only to reinvigorate aggregate demand but most importantly to ensure that developing countries are not overburdened with the national debt," said Vasilis Trigkas, a post-doctoral teaching fellow with Schwarzman College of Tsinghua University.

In that sense, what will be pressing in the months ahead is a grand deal among the world's major creditors about debt restructuring in Africa, Southeast Asia and Latin America, Trigkas told Xinhua.

International financing

Some developing countries will require considerable international concessional financing like grants and low-interest, long-

term loans from the international financing institutions as well as the orderly restructuring of their sovereign debts to both public and private creditors, said Sachs.

"Now, more than ever is the time for countries to meet their commitments to providing 0.7 per cent of the gross domestic product as official development aid," Sachs said.

There is a danger that great power politics will enter this equation and nations will try to politicise negotiations thus wasting time and prolonging the economic agony of highly indebted economies, said Trigkas.

"This, however, must be avoided for it could be self-defeating undermining not only the welfare of the highly indebted nations but also the recovery of advanced economies," Trigkas added.

The G20 has taken action to freeze bilateral government loan-interest payments for many low-income countries this year, offering a temporary respite for some vulnerable countries, said the OECD report.

However, further actions may be required, given persistent declines in the main sources of income and the ongoing spread of the pandemic, according to the report. - Xinhua

ECONOMY

US current account deficit widens sharply in second quarter

WASHINGTON: The US current account deficit widened sharply in the second quarter as the COVID-19 pandemic weighed on US exports, the Commerce Department reported.

The current account deficit, which reflects the combined balances on trade in goods and services and income flows between the United States and other countries, widened by 52.9 per cent to \$170.5 billion in the second quarter, the department said.

That was equal to 3.5 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) in the second quarter, up from 2.1 per cent in the first quarter.

The widening current account deficit in the second quarter mostly reflected "an expanded deficit on goods and reduced surpluses on primary income and services," the department said.

The department also noted that all major categories of current account transactions declined in the second quarter partly due to the pandemic, as "many businesses were operating at limited capacity or ceased operations completely, and the movement of travellers across borders was restricted."

The US economy contracted at an annual rate of 31.7 per cent in the second quarter, the steepest decline since the government began keeping records in 1947.

A national survey from the Federal Reserve released earlier this month showed that the US economy grew modestly over the summer amid continued uncertainty about the pandemic and its negative effect on consumer and business activities. - Xinhua

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STUDY

Sultanate's organisations now investing in new technologies

Times News Service

MUSCAT: SAP SE has announced a new research study, in partnership with Oxford Economics, designed to discover how businesses are incorporating a holistic management approach into everyday business strategy and operations.

"Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Oman's organisations are aligned with the global survey results that show many organisations are investing in new technologies across everyday operations to enhance employee and customer experiences," said Sergio Maccotta, Senior Vice President, SAP Middle East South. "Across the Sultanate, organisations that digitally transform into intelligent enterprises can become more resilient, and both sustainably profitable and profitably sustainable."

Among Oman's largest oil and gas companies, Petroleum Development Oman (PDO), is digitally transforming with SAP's real-time technologies. PDO now has full visibility on operations, uses digital dashboards to enhance performance and production, and better manages human resources transactions.

In the Sultanate, SAP is seeing rapid digital transformation among seven key industry verticals: banking, government, healthcare, oil and gas, profes-



Sergio Maccotta

Across the Sultanate, industry verticals are readily adopting the latest real-time innovations

sional services, retail, and utilities. Oman's organisations are facing numerous challenges - including instituting remote work, changing workforce needs, supply chain disruption, reskilling and retraining employees, and getting closer to their customers.

"Across the Sultanate, industry verticals are readily adopting the latest real-time innovations - from better understanding employee readiness for remote work to video-based courses, and posting sourcing needs from suppliers across the world on digital platforms," added Sergio Maccotta. "Omani organisations that digitally transform now will emerge more agile, customer-centric, and competitive post-pandemic."

The survey was conducted with 3,000 global business executives across 10 industries during the start of the coronavirus pandemic. Key findings include:

32 per cent of organisations are investing in new technologies to analyse data.

Top three technologies seeing investment are artificial intelligence (34 per cent), Internet of Things (33 per cent), and analytics (27 per cent).

34 per cent are retraining employees to work with data.

25 per cent are extending data governance policies across the business ecosystem.

Technology investments are contributing to organisational success, including improving citizen and customer experiences (48 per cent), employee experiences (47 per cent), and employee productivity (46 per cent).

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MARKET

MSM index ends lower

The top gainer was Al Jazeera Steel which closed higher by 2.06% while top loser was Bank Dhofar which closed lower 5.41%.

MUSCAT: The MSM index closed at 3,619.03 points, down 0.79 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down 0.05 per cent at 517.61 points.

Al Jazeera Steel, up 2.06 per cent was the top gainer while Bank Dhofar, down 5.41 per cent, was the top loser. Bank Muscat was the most active in terms of the number of shares traded and also was the most active in terms of turnover.

A total number of 239 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR0.8 million, with more than 3.4 million shares changing hands. Out of 33 traded stocks, 2 advanced, 11 declined and 20 remained unchanged.

At the session close, local investors were net sellers for OMR291,000 while local investors were net buyers for OMR227,000 followed by GCC

and Arab for OMR64,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed by 0.84 per cent at, 5,836.34 points. Muscat Finance was up by 2.04 per cent. Bank Dhofar, National Bank of Oman, Gulf Investment, Sohar International and Bank Musca were down by 5.41 per cent, 1.81 per cent, 1.47 per cent, 1.03 per cent and 0.54 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 3,957.67 points, down 0.27 per cent. Al Jazeera Steel was up by 2.06 per cent.

Raysut Cement, Oman Fisheries and Oman Cement were down by 2.52 per cent, 1.22 per cent and 0.43 per cent respectively.

Services index was down 0.09 per cent before closing at 1,567.79 points.

Renaissance Service and Ooredoo were down by 0.61 per cent and 0.51 per cent respectively. — **United Securities**

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Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff %
MSM30 Index	3,647.81	3,619.03	3,619.03	3,647.71	-28.68	-0.79
Financial Index	5,886.87	5,836.34	5,836.34	5,885.59	-49.25	-0.84
Industrial Index	3,972.54	3,957.67	3,957.67	3,968.20	-10.53	-0.27
Services Index	1,568.58	1,567.60	1,567.79	1,568.64	-0.85	-0.05
MSM SHARIAH INDEX	517.85	517.61	517.61	517.88	-0.27	-0.05
MSM TOTAL RETURN	4,152.91	4,120.15	4,120.15	4,152.80	-32.65	-0.79

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
3,476,163	842,839	239	19,625,146,457	2	11	20	33

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

RIN	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR.	LAST RD.	LAST OFFER	PUR VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000002176	AL JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS	29,804	2,953	7	0.100	0.100	0.099	0.099	0.097	0.002	2.062	0.099	0.097	0.099	0.100	12,364,898
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	10,000	500	1	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.049	0.001	2.041	0.050	0.049	0.050	0.100	15,357,316
OM0000001772	AL ANWAR HOLDING	67,800	4,620	5	0.069	0.069	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.000	0.000	0.068	0.067	0.068	0.100	13,600,000
OM0000003077	AL OMANIYA FINANCIAL SER.	36,719	2,754	5	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.075	0.077	0.100	21,895,138
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	36,972	8,466	2	0.228	0.229	0.228	0.229	0.230	-0.001	-0.435	0.229	0.228	0.232	0.100	75,769,851
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	250,773	97,327	68	0.390	0.390	0.386	0.388	0.390	-0.002	-0.513	0.386	0.386	0.388	0.100	252,566,361
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	1,361,080	503,947	42	0.372	0.372	0.368	0.370	0.372	-0.002	-0.538	0.370	0.368	0.370	0.100	1,202,323,339
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	24,625	8,092	9	0.328	0.330	0.328	0.328	0.330	-0.002	-0.606	0.328	0.328	0.332	0.100	77,542,480
OM0000003398	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	60,000	5,768	6	0.097	0.097	0.096	0.096	0.097	-0.001	-1.031	0.096	0.095	0.099	0.100	233,712,647
OM0000001418	RAYSUT CEMENT	15,850	4,914	6	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.318	-0.008	-2.516	0.310	0.308	0.310	0.100	62,000,000
Total	10	1,893,623	639,340	151												
Parallel Market																
OM0000003139	NATIONAL ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS	209,708		9	0.108	0.108	0.108	0.108	0.108	0.000	0.000	0.108	0.105	0.108	0.100	3,625,717
OM0000001517	HSBC BANK OMAN	250,000	23,000	1	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.000	0.000	0.092	0.090	0.092	0.100	184,028,777
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	2,700	1,215	2	0.450	0.450	0.450	0.450	0.450	0.000	0.000	0.450	0.430	0.450	0.100	40,365,000
OM0000001962	AL MADINA INVESTMENT	200,000	4,600	3	0.023	0.023	0.023	0.023	0.023	0.000	0.000	0.023	0.023	0.024	0.100	4,764,482
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC TILES	231,252	38,158	15	0.165	0.166	0.165	0.165	0.165	0.000	0.000	0.165	0.165	0.167	0.100	48,875,258
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	100	14	1	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.137	0.137	0.000	0.000	0.140	0.130	0.140	0.100	226,003,073
OM0000002572	OMAN OIL MARKETING	505	360	1	0.712	0.712	0.712	0.648	0.648	0.000	0.000	0.712	0.712	0.000	0.100	39,706,200
OM0000003000	ALMAHA PETROLEUM PRODUCTS MAR.	300	198	1	0.660	0.660	0.660	0.680	0.680	0.000	0.000	0.660	0.640	0.660	0.100	46,920,000
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEERING AND CON.	45,619	2,327	5	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.000	0.000	0.051	0.050	0.051	0.100	14,789,012
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	3,000	414	2	0.138	0.138	0.133	0.139	0.139	0.000	0.000	0.133	0.133	0.138	0.100	11,314,862
OM0000004248	SMN POWER HOLDING	7,289	532	2	0.073	0.073	0.073	0.073	0.073	0.000	0.000	0.073	0.068	0.073	0.100	14,573,399
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	20,199	2,020	2	0.101	0.101	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.100	0.101	0.100	150,000,000
OM0000004735	SEMBORP SALALAH	4,006	435	3	0.107	0.110	0.107	0.110	0.110	0.000	0.000	0.110	0.107	0.110	0.100	105,002,915
OM0000004768	AL MADINA TAKAFUL	48,800	3,660	2	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.074	0.075	0.100	13,125,000
OM0000004925	AL BATINAH POWER	100,500	5,327	5	0.053	0.054	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.000	0.000	0.054	0.053	0.054	0.100	35,769,034
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	500	28	1	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.054	0.054	0.000	0.000	0.055	0.054	0.055	0.100	38,577,942
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COMMENTARY

Saudis talk up oil; Strong grain momentum continues

THE Bloomberg Commodity Index, which tracks a basket of major commodities spread evenly across energy, metals and agriculture, traded higher for the first time in three weeks. A softer dollar continued buying momentum among major US crop futures and a Saudi-fuelled bounce in oil products, together with Chinese economic optimism all helped support a week of broad-based gains across all three sectors.

Gold traded quite passively with 'algo' traders currently in charge, something that for now has resulted in an unusually high positive correlation with the movements in the S&P 500 index.

Crude oil and fuel products led from the front as the sector recovered from the recent correction. The OPEC+ meeting saw a strong attack from the Saudi oil minister on members cheating on



Ole S. Hansen

quotas and short sellers in the futures market. This follows a week where OPEC, the IEA and BP all warned about a fragile recovery in demand given the continued rise in coronavirus cases around the world.

Gold, as well as silver, traded slightly higher on the week despite some midweek softness after the FOMC delivered nothing new and US

stocks challenged support. While the Fed has promised rock-bottom rates for longer than three years, the initial cross-market reaction with lower stocks and a stronger dollar raised some concerns that the Fed's toolbox has started to look empty, with the element of surprise no longer there.

In a recent update, we described gold as looking passive as its movements have been mirroring those seen in US stocks. The lack of fresh input from bonds and the dollar has meant that algorithmic trading systems, often trading correlations between markets, have moved to the driving seat, thereby creating an unusually positive correlation between gold and stocks. Correlations work as a trading strategy to a point. With this in mind, the very short-term direction may be

dictated by the stock market. However, our long-term outlook remains supportive. The combination of inflation protection attracting demand, the outlook for a weaker dollar and the positive views on when a vaccine against COVID-19 will become available are all too optimistic. With these developments in mind and the potential for a very 'ugly' US election period ahead, we maintain our bullish outlook for gold. Meanwhile, in the short term, the performance of US mega-caps and the dollar hold the key to the direction. As a result, we are likely to see the two-month consolidation period being extended further.

Crude oil found a bid following the recent sharp correction and break below the trend that had prevailed since June. Driving the recovery has been upbeat

economic data from China and the US, the world's biggest consumers, along with a general improvement in the risk appetite after US mega-cap stocks found support.

Most important, however, was the strong verbal intervention given by Saudi Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman following the OPEC+ meeting this past week. He opened the meeting with a forceful condemnation of members that try to get away with pumping too much crude. He went further during the Q&A session with a journalist by warning short sellers not to challenge the Kingdom's resolve by saying, "I'm going to make sure whoever gambles on this market will be touching like hell".

While potentially a sign of frustration that OPEC+ production cuts have yet to deliver a strong recovery, the minister was probably also

trying to prevent increased short selling amid what OPEC, the IEA and BP call a fragile demand recovery at a time of very high spare capacity and inventories. Since July when fundamentals, but not the price, started to weaken the gross short held by hedge funds in WTI and Brent crude oil has more than doubled to 235 million barrels.

While short-sellers may move the market for a short period, fundamentals will always be the main driver. And while the recent 15 per cent correction in Brent crude oil helped to bring the price more in line with current fundamentals, a recovery from here needs more than verbal intervention, despite it coming from the world's biggest producer.

Ole S. Hansen is the Head of Commodity Strategy, Saxo Bank

PARTNERSHIP

Muscat Gases Company inks pact with Oman Oil Company



AGREEMENT: The five-year partnership is the latest in a line of collaborations between Muscat Gases Company and Oman Oil Marketing Company (OOMCO) to secure and transform OOMCO service stations into integrated service hubs. — **Supplied picture**

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Muscat Gases Company (MGC) has signed an agreement with Oman Oil Marketing Company (OOMCO) to sell and refill cooking gas cylinders through LPG retail units at selected service stations.

OOMCO is aiming to be among the top five fuel marketers in the GCC by 2025, it maintains a network of 226 service stations located throughout all regions of the Sultanate.

The five-year partnership is the latest in a line of collabora-

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MEETING

OPEC considers market prospects for fourth quarter of 2020

VIENNA: The 22nd Meeting of the Joint Ministerial Monitoring Committee (JMMC) took place via video conference recently, under the Chairmanship of Prince Abdul Aziz Bin Salman, Saudi Arabia's Minister of Energy, and Co-Chair Alexander Novak, Minister of Energy of the Russian Federation.

The committee reviewed the monthly report prepared by its Joint Technical Committee (JTC) and developments in the global oil market since its last meeting on August 19. The committee also considered market prospects for the fourth quarter of 2020 and into 2021.

The committee reviewed the crude oil production data for August 2020 and welcomed the positive performance in overall conformity for participating OPEC and non-OPEC countries of the DoC, which was recorded at 102 per cent in August 2020, including Mexico as per the secondary sources.

The JMMC reiterated the critical importance of adhering to full conformity and compensating overproduced volumes as soon as possible.

The JMMC supported, and recommended, to the OPEC and Non-OPEC Ministerial Meeting, the request of several underper-



forming participating countries in the DoC to extend the compensation period till the end of December 2020, after pledging that they will fully compensate for their overproduction. This is vital for the ongoing rebalancing efforts and helping deliver long-term oil market stability.

The JMMC observed that the recovery has not been even across the world and an increase in COVID-19 cases has appeared in some countries. In the current environment, the JMMC emphasised the importance of being pro-active and pre-emptive and recommended that participating countries should be willing to take further necessary measures when needed.

The committee thanked the JTC and the OPEC secretariat for their contributions to the meeting.

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Alizz Bank offers special finance facilities to Armed Forces, ROP and health personnel

MUSCAT: To honour the Sultanate's Armed Forces, the Royal Oman Police (ROP) and health personnel, Alizz Islamic Bank has announced the provision of special finance facilities for them towards the purchase and construction of homes or to buy land.

The offer comes as a tribute by the bank to these customers for their unrelenting commitment to the community while battling against the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. The promotion coincides with the bank's campaign to commemorate the 50th National Day.

Among the benefits that the Armed Forces, the Royal Oman Police (ROP) and Ministry of Health employees will receive when applying for real estate financing, whether it is to build a house, buy ready-made property, or buy land, is to enjoy a special reduced profit

rate of 5.25 per cent. They will also be exempted from transaction fees and offered easy and flexible procedures. All they need to do is submit simple documents to complete the financing process by going to their nearest Alizz Islamic Bank branch.

Alizz Islamic Bank also announced an additional offer to all bank customers who wish to avail new finance with a moratorium period of four months from September until the end of December, with a profit rate of 5.95 per cent.

Moreover, Alizz Islamic Bank affirmed through its third offer for its customers which extends an exemption from transaction fees and a reduced profit rate of 5.75 per cent when applying for finance to buy a ready-made property or build a property or buy land through diminishing musharaka financing.

Speaking about the special fi-

naning facilities announced by the bank, Mohammed Al Ghassani, AGM - Head of Retail Distribution and Wealth Management at Alizz Islamic Bank said, "The brave men and women from the Armed Forces, the Royal Oman Police and the employees of the Ministry of Health were and still are on the front lines confronting this pandemic which continues to affect the Sultanate.

"The role of these professionals in fighting the coronavirus pandemic and keeping us safe is nothing short of heroic. As a gesture of our appreciation for them, we launched this special financing offer to help them realise their dreams of buying or building a dream home. We are fully prepared to meet all the needs and requirements that they need and to serve them and to provide the products that meet their aspirations."



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The first-generation MG ZS has played a major role in the success of the MG brand in the market. The model offers many contemporary enhancements that provide ultimate comfort and exceptional room space for up to five adults. In addition to that, the driver and passengers will have up to 448-litre boot space, a powerful air conditioning system, premium fabrics

and a panoramic view that will make the drive memorable.

Pleased to be announcing the availability of the ZS 1.3LT in the Sultanate – Muhammad Faisal Nawaz, Marketing Manager –MG Oman elucidated, “Having premium finishes and bold proportions, the new MG ZS is a model that is sure to make a statement on the road. Spacious, and with a host of premium features, the new ZS represents the ultimate

in the compact mid-size family SUV segment; and is a remarkable evolution of one of MG’s most successful cars to date. With an exciting new look, great new technology and a quality new interior, the new MG ZS is sure to take the family SUV segment to the next level. We are confident that given the arrival of the model, existing MG customers will be excited to visit our showrooms and digital touchpoints to find

out more; even new customers are sure to be attracted by this alluring new package.”

It is noteworthy that MG’s sanitization drive initiative continues in all MG showrooms and service centres, adding stricter sanitisation protocols for new vehicle deliveries (PDI) and all vehicles received by MG service centres, with the customer’s safety remaining a number one priority.

MG Motor Oman has also intro-

duced a brand-new e-commerce platform to help enhance its MG customers’ purchase experience from the comfort and safety of their home. The new platform <https://mg-om.com/buy-online/> allows customers to select vehicles and reserve vehicles from the available stock to conduct online payments and to schedule home delivery at their convenience. Additionally, customers can also book home test drives.

BANK MUSCAT

Irshad programme continues with its free financial online coaching sessions



MUSCAT: In line with its commitment to raising financial literacy and awareness, Bank Muscat’s free online Irshad financial coaching programme continues to make a difference in developing entrepreneurs and start-up companies in Oman. The Irshad programme was started by the bank to help SMEs, startups, entrepreneurs and even individuals learn how to manage their finances and plan for the future.

Bank Muscat brings a wealth of financial expertise to the table with its literacy, awareness and coaching programmes. In particular, the programme offers rich knowledge as the bank’s senior executives meet with SMEs and individuals to guide them in reach-

ing their goals of financial efficiency and sustainability.

Through the programme, the bank offers a range of coaching in vital areas such as budgeting, managing financial debt, the importance of saving regularly, challenges for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and how to raise capital. The programme is particularly aimed at empowering participants with the relevant information they need for financial planning and sustainable business.

Since its inception, the Irshad programme has benefitted several entrepreneurs. Appointment for the coaching can be arranged through the bank’s website at www.bankmuscat.com/en/irshad. Information about the Irshad

coaches is also available at the website and all queries related to the programme can be forwarded to irshad@bankmuscat.com. Due to the current phase of social distancing, the bank has successfully implemented virtual one-to-one Irshad sessions using Microsoft Teams for the benefit of both Omani entrepreneurs as well as others across the country. Irshad coaching is available in Arabic and English for the benefit of as many people as possible.

Bank Muscat attaches great importance to the development of SMEs, entrepreneurship, financial awareness and literacy as part of its corporate social responsibility initiatives. It has been playing a stellar role in improving financial

inclusion in Oman by developing both financial products and services as well as non-financial support that benefits not only customers but also the general public.

The Little Investor awareness programme and the Maliyat financial literacy programme are among the landmark programmes of the bank’s sustainability initiatives. These programmes are aimed at equipping participants with essential skills to better manage finance and take prudent decisions, especially the youth and students when graduating and taking up jobs. Maliyat in particular helps participants to develop skills to draw up and implement financial plans and goals covering important phases in life.

QUALITY SERVICES



Dhofar Automotive extends working days at Mopar Service Centres

MUSCAT: Dhofar Automotive, the official distributor of Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, and RAM vehicles in Oman continues to deliver on its efforts to provide only the best possible services to its customers. The company recently announced that its Mopar service centres will be open on Saturday, in addition to the weekdays from Sunday to Thursday.

As of now, the service centre timings will be from 8:00am to 5:30pm on Saturday, and from 7:30pm to 5:00pm from Sunday to Thursday.

Commenting on the opening of the centre on the weekend, Biju Luckose, Marketing Manager at Dhofar Automotive said, “At Dhofar Automotive, we always strive to provide the highest-quality services to our customers. We believe that listening to our valued customers and meeting their needs is an important factor for success. Therefore, based on their feedback, we have decided to open all Mopar service centres on Saturday, in addition to the rest of the weekdays, to provide them with professional and convenient services.”

Moreover, customers can ben-

efit from exclusive offers, available when they book for service on any Saturday.

This includes a 25 per cent discount on brakes and drives belts, a 20 per cent discount on spark plugs and accessories, a 20 per cent discount on labour charges and a 25 per cent discount on parts for additional repairs.

“We would like to invite our customers to get in touch with the team at the showrooms to know more about the new models from the various brands or request a test drive. We also encourage them to book an appointment at the Mopar service centres for basic or regular periodic inspections required for their vehicles and take advantage of Saturday-only exclusive discounts. Dhofar Automotive provides the finest services thanks to our specialised team of technicians and using only original Mopar parts,” he added.

In the Sultanate, Jeep, Dodge, Chrysler, RAM, Fiat and Alfa Romeo models are available at Dhofar Automotive showrooms with different equipment classes. Original Mopar parts are available at Mopar service centres.

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