

## OMAN SENDS SPECIAL MEDICAL AID TO SUPPORT INDIA'S FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

The government of Oman dispatched special medical assistance for India's fight against COVID-19 on 12th May 2021 aboard a Royal Air Force of Oman plane. **>A5**



## HM THE SULTAN SENDS CABLE TO PRESIDENT OF PARAGUAY

**MUSCAT:** His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Mario Abdo Benitez of the Republic of Paraguay on his country's National Day. In his cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere greetings and wishes to the president and his country's people. — **ONA**



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## SUPREME COMMITTEE

# Movement ban lifted, rules for commercial activities revised

Times News Service

**MUSCAT:** People began moving around at night from yesterday, after the Supreme Committee eased restrictions to stop the spread of COVID-19.

All commercial activities in the country resumed operations, at 50 per cent customer capacity. However, customers can only enter their premises until 8 pm.

Shops selling foodstuff are exempt from this rule, while delivery and takeaway services are also allowed. However, gyms, sports clubs, and pitch rental facilities (locally known as tartan) will continue to remain shut until further notice.

According to Muscat Municipality, businesses that can once



again operate include vehicle service shops, barbershops, beauty parlours, and car wash facilities. Children under the age of 12, though, are not allowed to enter commercial establishments.

Ablution facilities and toilets in mosques have also been reopened to the public, while restaurants and cafes can also accommodate diners at 50 per cent capacity.

In the wake of these new measures, the Royal Oman Police has asked people in the country to continue to follow protocols related to stopping the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Within the framework of the ROP implementing the decisions of the Supreme Committee regarding preventing gatherings in public places, it urges the public to cooper-

ate in adhering to this, and confirms its follow-up and continuation of its duty to monitor all gatherings, in the interest of the public," said the ROP in a statement.

Bus routes previously suspended by Mwasalat, the national transport company, also resumed from Sunday onwards.

The Muscat-Salah route, as well as several other intercity bus services, had been suspended from May 9 to 15.

Employees also returned to the government offices, which will also operate at 50 per cent capacity. Those who are not required to attend work physically, however, must make sure they can continue their tasks remotely.

Alongside these announcements, the Supreme Committee voiced its

appreciation for the great efforts exerted by medical teams as they battled the pandemic.

"They are commendable efforts that will yield fruit when all members of society campaign to make this experience a success," said the Supreme Committee, noting that the collective action will immensely diminish the health and social impacts of the pandemic.

Developments relating to the pandemic were also reviewed, alongside measures to curb the spread of the virus, and the epidemiological situation in the country.

The Supreme Committee also expressed its delight at the gradual decline in the number of patients admitted to hospital wards and intensive care units in different parts of the country.

# OMAN'S BRAVE COVID WARRIORS ON THE FRONTLINES OF PANDEMIC

Their tireless efforts to keep people safe, and unwavering commitment towards the country is a matter of pride for everyone

Times News Service

**MUSCAT:** The determination of doctors, nurses, and other healthcare staff who are helping fight the spread of COVID-19 in Oman is difficult to describe, say medical practitioners in the country.

The commitment required, whether it is going above and beyond their duty to take care of patients, making the most of telehealth services to help people who are unable to come to hospital, and encourage people to take COVID vaccines to bring about an end to the pandemic, has seen healthcare workers come under great psychological, social, and personal pressure.

The pandemic, now in its second year, has taken a great toll on them. Despite the challenges, teamwork and putting up a unified front against the coronavirus have helped them in continuing to



provide critical care to those who need it most. Their tireless efforts to keep people safe, and unwavering commitment towards the entire country is a matter of pride for everyone.

"Whether it is saving a life, making sure a person's condition has not worsened, or the care they require after stabilisation, healthcare workers have a great determination to do and give everything that is needed," said Dr Mia bint Salem Al Mahramiya, an anaesthesiologist and intensive

## COVID-19 NUMBERS IN OMAN

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Confirmed:      | 202,713 |
| Recovered:      | 186,391 |
| Deaths:         | 2,148   |
| Currently sick: | 14,174  |
| Tested people:  | 571,472 |

care specialist at the Royal Hospital. "Working in a COVID-19 department is quite a different experience by all standards, because of the difficulty in treating those infected."

"Every day, we need to contact the families of the patients who are here, and inform them of their condition and the treatment they are to undergo," she added. "I wonder if it is possible for someone to imagine how it is to deal with the patients and their families, who place hope and belief in

us that we will provide them news that reassures them. Sadly, this is not always the case – the reality is often different." There is, she added, a tendency for medical professionals working in COVID wards to show plenty of concern over each other's health, because of the fear of being infected with the virus from the patients. A lesson they've all learned during their time taking care of coronavirus patients is that there is no room for complacency when it comes to things that matter. **>A5**

## TRAVEL

## Passengers from Oman, UAE denied entry to Philippines

Times News Service

**MUSCAT:** Passengers from Oman and the United Arab Emirates will be denied entry into the Philippines, as part of measures adopted by the South East Asian country to stop the spread of COVID-19.

The decision comes after two overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) – one from each country – tested positive for the Indian variant of the virus on arrival in the Philippines.

One of the two COVID-19 patients is a 37-year-old from Oman, while the other one is a 58-year-old from the UAE. They have already recovered from the disease, according to the Philippine News Agency.

According to Harry Roque, the Presidential spokesperson, the travel ban concerning the two Gulf countries will be in effect from 15 to 31 May, 2021. This comes following the recom-

mendation of the Department of Health and the Department of Foreign Affairs.

"All travellers coming from Oman and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) or those with travel history to these two countries within the 14 days preceding arrival shall be prohibited from entering the Philippines," he said.

"The Department of Transportation should ensure that airlines are directed not to allow the boarding of passengers who are prohibited from entering the country pursuant to travel restrictions imposed by the Office of the President and IATF (Inter-Agency Task Force) resolutions except if they are part of the repatriation efforts of the national government," Roque added.

Oman and the UAE aside, passengers flying from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka are also temporarily prohibited from entering the Philippines.



## A DIFFERENT EID BUT THE SAME SPIRIT

Although many of the celebrations people take part in during Eid were not possible this year, the spirit with which families honoured the occasion remained the same as it always has been. **>A2**

## TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

### OMAN

## Best healthcare at affordable prices

**1** Oman's newest hospital aims to provide people with quality medical care, cutting edge services, and doctors who are the best in their field, all at affordable prices. The Oman International Hospital is a joint venture between Suhail Bahwan Group and Portuguese medical service provider Idealmed, which is setting up the facility on Al Dhayafa Street in Al Ghubra. To Marcelo Pereira, the CEO of the hospital, providing patients quality and cost-effective medical care is vital to the hospital. **>A3**

### WORLD

## India records over 326,000 new cases



**2** With 326,098 new COVID-19 cases and 353,299 recoveries, India recorded more recoveries than the fresh infections in the last 24 hours, according to the Union Health Ministry's data on Saturday. The cumulative caseload touched 24,372,907 including 3,673,802 active cases and 20,432,898 total recoveries. After 3,890 deaths in the last 24 hours, the toll due to the disease has gone up to 266,207. Karnataka has now emerged as the new COVID-19 hotspot with 598,625 active cases, the highest in the country, followed by Maharashtra with 521,683 active infections. **>A6**

### MARKET

## Omantel sells its passive tower assets

**3** Oman Telecommunications Company SAOG Group (Omantel) announced that it has agreed to sell its passive mobile tower infrastructure assets to Helios Towers plc (Helios Towers) for a cash consideration of \$575 million. Under the agreement, Omantel will sell only its passive mobile infrastructure assets comprising 2,890 towers in the country and enter into a long-term master services agreement to continue to utilise the tower assets. **>B2**



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| Dhuhr.....           | 12.08pm |
| Asr.....             | 3:31pm  |
| Maghrib.....         | 6:47pm  |
| Isha.....            | 8:05pm  |
| Fajr (Tomorrow)..... | 4.01am  |

# Amid restrictions, people keep Eid spirit and enthusiasm alive

With many traditional hallmarks of Eid, such as visiting relatives and gathering in large numbers not permitted, people devised new ways to mark this holy occasion during the pandemic.

*Times News Service*

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With many traditional hallmarks of Eid, such as visiting relatives and gathering in large numbers to celebrate together not permitted, owing to night time movement restrictions, a ban on large-scale meetings, and the closure of shops after 8 pm, people devised new ways to mark this holy occasion during the pandemic.

Food, synonymous with any festival, is also a mainstay of Eid. Delicacies such as arsiya – a porridge made from beaten rice – and the famed shuwa, a meat dish wrapped in banana leaves, placed in a pit underground over hot coals, and left to cook for three days. The result is a meat that falls off the bone and melts in your mouth.

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“Before the pandemic, my brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces used to gather in my father’s house – our family home – and prepare the arsiya and shuwa,” recalled Rasha Al Hinai from Al Dakhiliyah Governorate. “On the morning of Eid, we’d come down, greet our relatives, eat arsiya, and take a photo to mark the occasion.

“We’d then visit our friends and distribute gifts to them,” she added. “This year, of course, it was not possible, so we decided to appreciate the joy and spirit of the holiday. We organised games for the adults and children, and set up a mini-market where the children could buy candy. The ban on commercial activities greatly affected our Eid preparations, but we learned from last year, and were able to complete our purchases before it came



into effect.”

Bakhita Al Rasbi also finished her Eid arrangements early. Although she did miss many of the traditions, including simple gestures such as shaking hands and hugging other people, she used this year’s occasion to remind herself that she has much to be happy for.



— Picture by Abdulmajeed Al Rawahi

organised a video call among his family members so they could greet each other. These measures took away a lot of the spirit of the occasion, he said.

“We were unable to participate in the Eid ceremonies because of the pandemic, but we still tried to enjoy the celebrations, despite the conditions. Eid should have a festive atmosphere – it should not be like any other weekend. Fortunately, we were able to pass the time by playing board games, which help bring us closer to each other, and create a sense of fun competition. I hope for this Eid to be the last during the pandemic.”

Although gatherings were not permitted, some individual families still made their own shuwa pits to make the delicious dish. The centrepiece of the dish is the meat, often still on the bones of the animal that is sacrificed to mark Eid. This meat is first cleaned and

then covered with a homemade spice rub. Each family, legend has it, has their own secret shuwa spice rub recipe.

The meat is then placed into a pit dug into the earth, called a tanour, the building of which is often a specialised craft. The pit itself is at least 80cm wide, and is ringed by a number of red stones that are specifically chosen because they don’t allow the heat from coals put on top the meat to escape.

The stones are bound together using mud mixed with either straw or cement. The same style of stoneworking was once used to build forts in several areas across the country.

The meat is bound with a sack called the kasfa, woven together from palm leaves, and left to slowly cook for up to the second or third day or Eid, where it is eaten for lunch, along with rice.

“There are rules and regulations to making these tanours,” said a citizen from Al Dakhiliyah. “Each neighbourhood designates a person to be in charge of them: he has to buy the firewood sold at market auctions. Some people also donate the income earned from their farms towards the upkeep of the tanours.

“In Nizwa, some tanours are more than a thousand years old, but as Nizwa has expanded, newer ones were required: these were built about 30 years ago,” he added. “The older ones are absolutely huge, but because they’re now getting crowded, because of the increase in population, people have built their own tanours. Families with privately-owned tanours make it a point to share their meat with others.”

Sara Al Kindi, however, chose to buy her shuwa, saying, “since we are not allowed to gather due to COVID-19, and don’t have our own tanour, we bought our shuwa from an Omani youth who has started a business selling the dish to others.”



## Thanks for the condolences and sympathy

We extend our sincere thanks, gratitude and good words of praise to everyone who participated in our great misfortune with the death of our deceased

Late

**Sheikh Saeed Saleem Hayl Khawar Al Kathiri**

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**OMAN INTERNATIONAL HOSPITAL**

# Best healthcare at affordable prices at new Oman hospital

*Times News Service*

**MUSCAT:** Oman's newest hospital aims to provide people with quality medical care, cutting edge services, and doctors who are the best in their field, all at affordable prices.

The Oman International Hospital is a joint venture between Suhail Bahwan Group and Portuguese medical service provider Ideamed, which is setting up the facility on Al Dhayafa Street in Al Ghubra. To Marcelo Pereira, the CEO of the hospital, providing patients quality and cost-effective medical care is vital to the hospital.

"With this project, we hope to combine a most modern building where you feel comfortable and the latest technology and state-of-the-art equipment, and also, very skilled and experienced medical teams," he said, speaking to TFM, the radio station of the *Times of Oman*. "We also have our staff prepared to give you all the attention, to reduce your wait times, take care of your needs, so you remember that your time at our hospital is not such a bad experience."

"Technology is the basis of healthcare services. It is what we rely on to give you state-of-the-art solutions. We can back that up with our international partnerships we have with us," added Pereira. "We have many associations with universities – they are excellent centres, mainly in Europe and the United States that back us up not just by using the best technology, but by preparing skilled technicians and doctors."

Idealmed's connections with research institutes across the world also mean they can provide the most advanced care options for patients who require them. This is in addition to the building design, technology, fit-outs, the technicians required, and the back-ups for all the networks in place.

A number of specialist centres have been set up at Oman International Hospital: these include a women and children's department led by Dr Tiago Ferraz, and



Marcelo Pereira, CEO,  
Oman International Hospital



Manuel Carvalho, COO,  
Oman International Hospital

the Oman vision centre, which looks after eyecare, and is headed by doctors Mohammed Al Abri and Ahmed Al Maskari.

The heart and vascular centre – crewed by a very skilful team of medical professionals – will be spearheaded by Dr Mohammed Al Mukaimi, and the orthopaedics and spine centre is to be under Dr Sultan Al Maskari.

"They are very skilful, experienced and renowned doctors in Oman," explained Pereira. "We are also trying to bring the best teams to provide excellent medical care to the people of Oman, as well as overseas patients who come to the country for medical treatment, should they need it. To have a skilled, experienced team, provides confidence not just to our staff, but also to the people of Oman, that they can come here

and get good treatment at an affordable price.”

Patients admitted to the hospital will be examined at state-of-the-art treatment rooms and operating theatres. With the idea being to make the rooms at OIH easily upgradeable as and when required, all the operating rooms are installed with modular fittings, as well as the latest medical equipment from Germany.

To make sure patients and practitioners both benefit from breathable surroundings kept at an optimal temperature, an air conditioning system specially designed by a company that specialises in ventilating medical facilities has been installed.

"The air inside operating theatres is also much more controlled," said Manuel Carvalho, the chief operating officer for OIH. "This was provided by a company that is the best in the world in providing conditioned air inside operating theatres. This was only launched in 2020, so it is the latest available right now." "We have five operating theatres; they are all modular," he added. "We can easily reconfigure what we have inside the room, even in the structure, any time we want. For example, if I need to have wall-mounted technology or instruments, they can be easily installed. It is like building a theatre out of Legos."

"It needs a lot of instrumentation and technique to design such operating theatres, and it is not easy to set up and develop such a concept, but in the end, it is much more efficient," Carvalho said. "For users, it increases infection control and operation safety, so it is better to always have these kinds of solutions."

During these challenging times, OIH will also offer free rapid COVID-19 antigen tests to people, through the hospital's newly-introduced Bronze Card membership. The swab test available to Bronze card holders is unique. To know more, visit the hospital, or call 24 903 500.

# New partnership to help set up solar, wind power plants

*Times News Service*

**MUSCAT:** New solar and wind power plants could soon be set up in Oman, under an agreement between local company Anwwar Asian Investments (AAI), and a consortium of international investors.

The move is expected to reduce Oman's dependence on fossil fuel-based sources of energy, such as oil and gas, which is also part of the objectives of Oman Vision 2040.

Under the agreement, solar and wind power systems could be either set up as joint ventures, build, operate and transfer (BOT) schemes, or a build, operate, own and transfer (BOOT) arrangement, with the government.

"Oman wants to expand its electricity generation capacities through renewable independent power projects (IPPs)," said Anvwar Al Balushi, the Chairman of AAI. "IPPs are expected to create tremendous job opportunities for the Omani workforce."

"Oman has one of the highest



solar densities in the world, according to the Authority for Electricity Regulation in Oman," he added.

"Solar energy has the potential to provide sufficient electricity to meet all of Oman's domestic electricity requirements."

As far as wind energy is con-

cerned, prospects of setting up facilities in the coastal areas in southern Oman, as well as in the mountains to the north of Salalah, the capital of the Dhofar region, are being looked at.

There is also significant potential in building offshore wind platforms to generate energy.

# Trending

## ON SOCIAL MEDIA

### MOST READ ON FACEBOOK

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Oman

The Supreme Committee's decision to end the movement ban will be implemented from tonight.

#### ***Story on lifting of movement ban***

*A story on the movement ban ending reached 50,223 people and had 15,093 engagements on Facebook.*

### MOST VIEWED VIDEO ON INSTAGRAM

1,870 LIKES

#### ***Video on night movement suspension***

*A video on night movement suspended in Oman had 1,870 likes on Instagram.*

### MOST WATCHED VIDEO ON FACEBOOK

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#### ***The Good Life video***

*The Good Life video on bidding farewell to Ramadan got 6,277 views and reached 26,800 people on Facebook.*



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## Invitation to Attend the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of Galfar Engineering & Contracting SAOG

The Board of Directors of Galfar Engineering & Contracting SAOG ("Company") is pleased to invite the Shareholders of the Company to attend the Extra- Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Galfar Engineering & Contracting SAOG, which will be held on Tuesday corresponding to 25th May 2021 at 3:00 PM, through the electronic platform for holding General Meetings, which you can log in on the Muscat Clearing & Depository Company ([www.mcd.gov.om](http://www.mcd.gov.om)) and in the event the quorum is not achieved for the meetings, the alternate date to hold the EGM shall be on Tuesday corresponding to 1st June 2021 at 3.00 PM on the same electronic platform mentioned above to consider the following agenda items:

1. To discuss the re-structuring of the share capital of the Company to cover the accumulated losses of the Company as shown in the financial annual audited accounts for the year ended on 31st December 2020 and approve the same through taking the following actions:
  - a. Utilization of the entire legal reserve of the Company and the entire share premium to cover part of the accumulated losses of the Company as on 31st December 2020 in accordance with the enclosed explanatory note.
  - b. Reduction of the share capital from OMR 41,521,563/700 by 30% to OMR 29,065,094.59 to cover the remaining part of the accumulated losses of the Company as on 31st December 2020 in accordance with the enclosed explanatory note.

2. To discuss the authorization of the of the board of directors of the Company or any person to be authorised by the board to undertake the capital reduction procedures and approve the same.
3. To discuss the amendment of Article (5) of the Articles of Association of the Company after registering of the share capital with the registrar (as per the attachment) and approve the same.

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

1. Only juristic persons have the right to appoint a proxy to attend the general meetings and vote on their behalf through electronic means, provided this natural person has an investor number with Muscat Clearing & Depository.
2. Voting on any of the agenda items begins no more than three days before the date of the General Meeting until the voting process ends on the day of the General Meeting. If the shareholder's shares are increased or decreased, the voting process will be cancelled, and the shareholder will have to vote again on the day of the General Meeting.

For further information please contact on **99866125** or email [fazlin.anam@galfar.com](mailto:fazlin.anam@galfar.com).

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# GO TREKKING IN WADI AL ABYAD



If you want to go off roads but not too far from the city of Muscat, visit Wadi Al Abyad in Nakhal which can be reached in approximately an hour’s time.

According to Oman’s Ministry of Tourism, “This wadi is about 30 km (18.5 miles) away from the main Muscat – Sohar road, where it extends west of Wilayat Nakhl, Al Batinah South Governorate. It is 25 kilometres (15.5 miles) away from Wilayat centre.” Known for its abundant fresh water springs and year-round streams it is known to be a haven for many animals and birds, and supports numerous plants. “The name of the wadi is in reference to the white colour of its water pools, which is likely due to carbonate rocks in the region (although to our own eyes, they

just looked like normal coloured pools). Wadi Al Abyad is an easily accessible wadi that can be reached from Muscat in under an hour. The wadi offers its visitors a nice trekking path, some fresh water pools and many plants and palms on both sides of the wadi, making it a nice place for an easy hike or for families to picnic on a nice day,” adds the Ministry of Tourism. Wadi Al Abyad is known for the water pools and the ophiolite rocks along with several plants and shrubs. Ensure that you travel through the landscape in a 4x4 vehicle.





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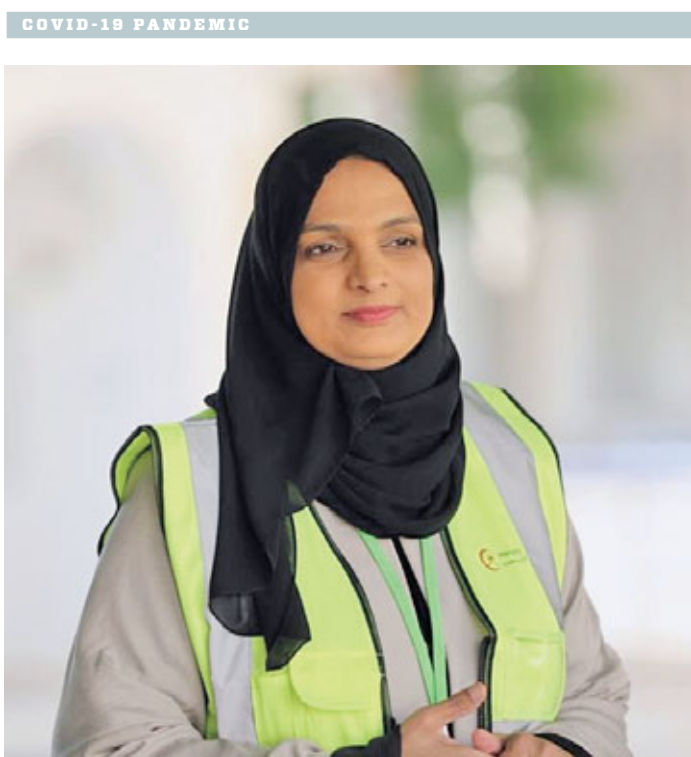
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# FROM A1 There is no room for complacency

While the arrival of the vaccine has reassured many healthcare workers, they have still not abandoned the caution with which they operate in hospitals. “We now understand that every soul is precious,” said Al Mahramiya. “Preserving it is an obligation that must not be ridiculed or ignored.” Many healthcare workers deployed on the frontlines against the pandemic also thanked His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik for the support his government has provided them, so that they can continue to provide essential services to those who require them.

So that workers are not overwhelmed, and can focus on caring for those in critical condition, Dr Lamia bint Hussain Al Balushi, the Director of Disease Control at the Directorate General of Health Services, Muscat Governorate, asked people to continue to protect themselves from infection by taking the appropriate steps, such as mask wearing, hand hygiene, and social distancing.

She also asked people to not sow panic among communities by spreading rumours and false news, and requested them to take the COVID vaccine as soon as they are eligible to do so. Those who wish to receive updates on vaccine availability, or guidance over COVID precautions that need to be taken in certain circumstances, can call the information service at 1144.

“The main hall of the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex has been provided to us to set up a vaccination centre for people from Boushar and Seeb, thanks to the efforts of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth,” said Al Balushi. “Volunteers from the Oman Scouts and Guides have helped organise the entry and exit of the target vaccination groups to and from the stadium. Vaccination centres also receive large numbers of people who are eligible for their second dose.”

The sports complex aside, a number of locations across Muscat have been converted into vaccination centres. These include Sablah Muttrah for those in Muttrah and Muscat, the office of the Governor of Quriyat, and Quriyat health complex, for people in that part of the capital. These facilities were set up to account for more numbers of people signing up for the vaccines.

## FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

# Oman sends medical assistance to India

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The Government of India expresses its deep gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik and the Government & people of Oman for their support to India during the difficult time of COVID-19 pandemic.

India welcomes and deeply appreciates the essential medical supplies of ventilators, SPO2 monitors and medicines gifted by the Sultanate.

This gesture is a testament to a very close and longstanding strategic partnership between India and Oman.

**Indian diaspora**

India is also grateful to the Indian diaspora in Oman for their continuous support and for their contribution in the form of 30 Oxygen concentrators and 100 Oxygen cylinders, which were also airlifted aboard RAFO plane.

In line with our historical and close friendly ties, India is committed to further strengthening our bilateral relationship with Oman, not only in fighting this global pandemic together but also in all areas of mutual interest.



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### CONDOLENCES

We express our deepest condolences on the sad demise of our Parish Member



**MR. JOSEPH VAIDYAN**  
(Church ID. NO. J-108))

Left for heavenly abode on Sunday, 09-05-2021.  
We share the loss with the bereaved family and may God Almighty console them.

**MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE**

Vicars, Managing Committee and Members  
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## U.S. EMBASSY - MUSCAT

# ONLINE AUCTION SALE OF USED ITEMS

The U.S. Embassy Muscat is auctioning used household furnishings, appliances, computers and IT equipment by online auction.

Interested bidders may view the auction items online starting on May 18, 2021 by going to <https://online-auction.state.gov/en-US>. Bidding will open May 23 at 09:00. Bidders must first register on the site before placing a bid.

All items offered for sale will be sold as is, where-is. “As is, where is” means that there is no warranty, either expressed or implied. Bidding closes on May 26 at 15:00.

Successful bidders will be notified on May 27. At that point, they must make full payment of all lots won. Payment instructions are listed in the “How to pay for your items” section in the “How it works” link on the auction page. Full and complete payments must be received in the U.S. Embassy bank account no later than June 2.

Successful bidders with fully paid lots may collect their goods on June 5 at the Ghala warehouse.



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India records over 326,000 new cases in last 24 hours

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**NEW DELHI:** With 326,098 new COVID-19 cases and 353,299 recoveries, India recorded more recoveries than the fresh infections in the last 24 hours, according to the Union Health Ministry's data on Saturday.

The cumulative caseload touched 2,43,72,907 including 36,73,802 active cases and 2,04,32,898 total recoveries. After 3,890 deaths in the last 24 hours, the toll due to the disease has gone up to 2,66,207.

Karnataka has now emerged as the new COVID-19 hotspot with 598,625 active cases, the highest in the country, followed by Maharashtra with 521,683 active infections.

According to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), 31,30,17,193 samples have been tested in the country till May 14, out of which, 16,93,093 samples were tested yesterday.

A total of 18,04,57,579 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered so far in the country.

The Union Health Ministry informed that the national recovery rate is 83.50 per cent.



**WASHINGTON:** The majority of gas stations in the United States capital Washington DC have now run out of fuel, days after a major cyberattack forced the nation's largest gasoline pipeline offline. According to tracking service GasBuddy.com, around 88% of gas stations were out of fuel in Washington D.C. on Friday. This was despite Georgia-based Colonial Pipeline saying on Thursday that it was making "substantial progress" in restoring operations.

Gasoline deliveries were being made in all of its markets but it would take "several days" to return to normal, Colonial stated. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm pleaded with drivers not to hoard fuel.

"Really, the gasoline is coming," she said. "If you take more than what you need, it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy in terms of the shortages," she said.



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ONGOING ESCALATION

UN chief calls for Security Council meeting over Israel-Palestine conflict

**UNITED NATIONS:** UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Friday called for a unified Security Council meeting over the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and regretted the lack of multilateralism.

Asked what the secretary-general expects from Sunday's emergency meeting of the Security Council on the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian escalation, Guterres' spokesman Stephane Dujarric said: "What we would like to see is ... a strong, unified voice for de-escalation, for a cessation of hostilities and a push to get the parties back on track to find a political solution to this conflict that has been going on and on and on."

Asked for the secretary-general's comment on the fact that one single Security Council member blocked the proposal for a Friday meeting on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, just days after all council members pledged support for multilateralism, Dujarric said Guterres is concerned about the state of multilateralism "as we've seen it during the pandemic and as we've seen it in other aspects."



"We would like to see member states put to action the ideals that we all have to live up to within this organisation," he added.

With regard to the Security Council, he said the more unified the council is, the stronger its voice and the stronger its impact.

The Security Council on May 7 held a high-level debate on the need to uphold multilateralism and all council members came out in support of it. Yet days later, the United States, an ally of Israel, blocked the proposal for a Friday Security Council meeting, according to diplomats. The Security Council later agreed on such a meeting on Sunday. **Xinhua**

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

INTERIM REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2021

Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to present the un-audited results of Voltamp Energy SAOG for the first quarter ended 31st March 2021.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS:  
Summary of performance of the Company (including Subsidiaries) is as follows:

| Particulars                   | Three months period ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021 | Three months period ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020 | % Increase/ (decrease) |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
|                               | RO                                                    | RO                                                    |                        |
| Revenue                       | 6,253,142                                             | 9,944,028                                             | (37.12)                |
| Other Income                  | 75,319                                                | 1,116                                                 | 6649                   |
| Expenses                      | (6,324,976)                                           | (9,537,059)                                           | (33.68)                |
| Profit Before Tax             | 3,485                                                 | 408,085                                               | (99.15)                |
| Provision for Income Tax      | (1,662)                                               | (15,285)                                              | (89.12)                |
| Profit After Tax              | 1,823                                                 | 392,800                                               | (99.54)                |
| Basic earnings per share (Bz) | 0.022                                                 | 4.825                                                 | (99.54)                |
| Net assets per share(OMR)     | 0.248                                                 | 0.260                                                 | (4.62)                 |
| Paid-up share capital         | 8,140,275                                             | 8,140,275                                             |                        |

The company is having good order pipeline but reduction in revenue during the first quarter is primarily due to delay in receiving orders and approval delays from customers. The impact was partially covered by increased other income and control of overheads.

Future Outlook

The stabilized oil prices have helped Oil & Gas sector to open again for new projects. The company has received good amount of orders in the first quarter both for domestic and export market. During the same period, company also received substantial export order for power transformer. This will help the company to catch up the revenue shortfall experienced in first quarter. However, the abnormal increase in raw material prices recently are a cause of concern. The company is keeping a close watch on the same and taking steps to minimize the impact.

Further, company's first 220 kV transformer is under manufacturing. The successful execution of the same will put company in the league of big MNCs and the company will be able to serve the region's requirement of such transformers, which at present are imported from other countries.

Despite the economic impacts of the Corona Covid 19 pandemic and the economic fluctuations of prices in the domestic and foreign markets, the company seeks to continuously improve productivity, excellence in quality, and improve competitiveness.

The company's management is striving to make use of all opportunities of the economic stimulus plan for the Sultanate launched by the Ministry of Trade & Industry and Investment Promotion based on the directives of government.

The company's management is keen on finding markets for exporting its products, especially to the countries of the Middle East after having successfully marketed its products in the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

Compliance

The company is in compliance with the current CMA code.

Thanks & Appreciation:

The Board of Directors and employees of the company have the honor to pledge our loyalty and allegiance to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq (May Allah Protect him) reaffirming our commitment under his wise leadership in the continued and blessed renaissance founded by His Majesty Late Sultan Qaboos bin Said, may his soul rest in peace.

We pray to the Almighty Allah to bestow his blessings upon His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq as he continues to lead Oman and its people towards continued progress, prosperity and stability.

The Board of Directors wish to register their sincere appreciation to the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, Capital Market Authority, Muscat Stock Exchange Company SAOC and Oman Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

I also extend my sincere thanks to all customers and banks dealing with the company for their continuous support to the company. I would also like to convey my sincere thanks to the Shareholders of the Company for the confidence they have reposed in the Company and in its Board.

For & on behalf of the Board of Directors  
Voltamp Energy SAOG  
Ayman bin Hamad Al Busaidi  
Chairman

UNAUDITED CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT

|                                                                | 31st March, 2021  | 31st March, 2020  | 31st Dec. 2020 (Audited) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                                | RO                | RO                | RO                       |
| <b>Assets</b>                                                  |                   |                   |                          |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>                                      |                   |                   |                          |
| Property, plant and equipment                                  | 9,668,968         | 10,221,535        | 9,712,451                |
| Intangible Assets                                              | 476,231           | 612,483           | 528,174                  |
| Investments at fair value through other comprehensive income   | 875,374           | 842,342           | 842,341                  |
| Right-of-use assets                                            | 855,395           | 909,041           | 868,573                  |
| Deferred tax asset                                             | 730,282           | 383,751           | 698,250                  |
| <b>Total non-current assets</b>                                | <b>12,606,250</b> | <b>12,969,152</b> | <b>12,649,789</b>        |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                          |                   |                   |                          |
| Inventories                                                    | 8,929,110         | 15,650,957        | 9,066,960                |
| Trade and other receivables                                    | 20,003,643        | 18,807,531        | 19,441,787               |
| Amount due from related parties                                | 128,561           | 479,278           | 229,061                  |
| Cash in hand and at banks                                      | 344,270           | 433,656           | 295,457                  |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                                    | <b>29,405,584</b> | <b>35,371,422</b> | <b>29,033,265</b>        |
| <b>Total assets</b>                                            | <b>42,011,834</b> | <b>48,340,574</b> | <b>41,683,054</b>        |
| <b>Equity and liabilities</b>                                  |                   |                   |                          |
| <b>Equity</b>                                                  |                   |                   |                          |
| Share capital                                                  | 8,140,275         | 8,140,275         | 8,140,275                |
| Share premium                                                  | 3,146,070         | 3,146,070         | 3,146,070                |
| Fair value reserve                                             | (1,891,923)       | (1,924,956)       | (1,924,957)              |
| Legal reserve                                                  | 3,026,000         | 2,955,802         | 3,022,217                |
| Retained earnings                                              | 6,711,134         | 7,945,860         | 7,126,424                |
| Equity attributable to the share holders of the Parent Company | 19,131,556        | 20,263,051        | 19,510,029               |
| Non controlling interest                                       | 1,066,874         | 876,436           | 1,069,558                |
| <b>Total equity</b>                                            | <b>20,198,430</b> | <b>21,139,487</b> | <b>20,579,587</b>        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                             |                   |                   |                          |
| <b>Non-current liabilities</b>                                 |                   |                   |                          |
| Long term loan                                                 | 943,482           | 1,841,586         | 1,043,048                |
| Non-current portion of lease liabilities                       | 747,541           | 822,966           | 770,788                  |
| End of service benefits                                        | 633,962           | 671,649           | 657,200                  |
| <b>Total non-current liabilities</b>                           | <b>2,324,985</b>  | <b>3,336,201</b>  | <b>2,471,036</b>         |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                                     |                   |                   |                          |
| Dividend Payable                                               | 407,014           | 407,014           | -                        |
| Bank borrowings                                                | 10,517,960        | 10,715,635        | 10,215,145               |
| Current portion of long term loan                              | 603,485           | 978,485           | 799,985                  |
| Trade and other payables                                       | 7,725,224         | 11,620,846        | 7,360,082                |
| Current portion of lease liabilities                           | 111,061           | 86,675            | 111,061                  |
| Income tax payable                                             | 119,790           | 16,999            | 102,517                  |
| Amount due to related parties                                  | 3,885             | 39,232            | 61,641                   |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>                               | <b>19,488,419</b> | <b>23,864,886</b> | <b>18,641,431</b>        |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                                       | <b>21,813,404</b> | <b>27,201,087</b> | <b>21,112,467</b>        |
| <b>Total equity and liabilities</b>                            | <b>42,011,834</b> | <b>48,340,574</b> | <b>41,683,054</b>        |
| <b>Net assets per share</b>                                    | <b>0.248</b>      | <b>0.260</b>      | <b>0.253</b>             |

UNAUDITED CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

|                                                                     | 3 months ended 31st March 2021 | 3 months ended 31st March 2020 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                                     | RO                             | RO                             |
| Revenue                                                             | 6,253,142                      | 9,944,028                      |
| Cost of sales                                                       | (5,189,841)                    | (8,120,177)                    |
| <b>Gross profit</b>                                                 | <b>1,063,301</b>               | <b>1,823,851</b>               |
| Other income                                                        | 74,921                         | 1,123                          |
| Selling, administrative and general expenses                        | (956,408)                      | (1,148,115)                    |
| Impairment (loss) / reversal on trade receivables                   | (7,000)                        | (83,199)                       |
| <b>Profit from operations</b>                                       | <b>174,813</b>                 | <b>593,006</b>                 |
| Finance income                                                      | 398                            | 647                            |
| Finance cost                                                        | (171,726)                      | (185,568)                      |
| Profit / (Loss) for the period before taxation                      | 3,485                          | 408,085                        |
| Taxation                                                            | (1,662)                        | (15,285)                       |
| <b>Profit/(Loss) for the period after taxation</b>                  | <b>1,823</b>                   | <b>392,800</b>                 |
| <b>Basic earnings per share (Bz)</b>                                | <b>0.022</b>                   | <b>4.825</b>                   |
| <b>Net Income attributable to :</b>                                 |                                |                                |
| Equity holders of the Parents                                       | (5,195)                        | 335,075                        |
| Non controlling interest                                            | 7,018                          | 57,724                         |
| <b>Other comprehensive income</b>                                   |                                |                                |
| Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss               |                                |                                |
| Investments at FVOCI - net change in fair value                     | 33,033                         | (132,132)                      |
| <b>Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period, net of tax</b> | <b>34,856</b>                  | <b>260,668</b>                 |

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| Name of Position                                | CEO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Organizational Dependency                       | Board of Directors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Department/ Management                          | Executive Management                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Job titles that are supervised by this position | All positions that report to it in the organizational structure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| General Description (Specialty) of the Position | Fully responsible for the day-to-day management of the company. Responsibilities include strategic planning, organizing and general development, in addition to raising the company's reputation in the Omani marketplace and sustainably increasing its profits, while maintaining and safeguarding the funds of the policy holders, maintaining the solvency of the company and ensuring compliance with the requirements of the CMA. The CEO is also responsible for the integration of work and employees and the implementation of the work plan and budget, in addition to the development and improvement of the quality of policies and work procedures.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Functions and Responsibilities                  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Participate in the development of the company's strategy and objectives for endorsement and approval by the Board of Directors.</li><li>To develop annual, short- and medium-term plans to implement and achieve the company's Board of Directors approved strategy and objectives</li><li>Ensure the Directors are properly informed and that sufficient information is provided to the Board periodically to enable the Directors to form appropriate judgments and or make decisions</li><li>Divide the main objectives into sub-objectives for each department in a way that achieves the main objectives of the Company.</li><li>Participation in the development of the executive plans for the departments and the procedures and methods for achieving these goals</li><li>The adoption of executive plans and programs after reviewing them and verifying them, in addition to the initial adoption of the planning budgets.</li><li>Ensure that the company's operations comply with the insurance supervision and control regulations and the legislation adopted by the CMA.</li><li>Ensure effective internal controls and management information systems are in place.</li><li>Ensure the integrity of all public disclosures by MIC.</li><li>Ensure the implementation and delivery of the contractual obligations of company</li><li>Accreditation of the expenses of the company from purchases and expenses in a manner not inconsistent with the powers delegated and approved by the Board of Directors.</li><li>Review and checking the procedures followed by the department managers and ensure that they conform to approved policies and standards of the company and to recommend the necessary improvements as required.</li><li>Maintaining and developing the company's relations with key stakeholders including the CMA, the relevant governmental departments, customers and reinsurers.</li><li>Ensure that the rights and welfare of employees of MIC are properly provided for in accordance with applicable laws and other relevant provisions</li></ol> |
| Requirements of competency                      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>FCII with 7 years' experience, of which 4 are in management or ACII with 10 years' experience, of which 5 are in management</li><li>University Bachelor's degree with 12 years' experience in the insurance sector, of which 5 are in - Management or -Technical management for insurance business or - Risk management</li></ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Points of contact and coordination              | All external stakeholders and contacts (government authorities, CMA, clients, reinsurers) and all divisions in the company                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Work environment (office/field)                 | Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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# West Indies to host Australia, Pakistan in July after SA series

The Test and T20 International (T20I) series against the Proteas, rescheduled from 2020, will start the International summer in June

**ST.JOHN'S :** Cricket West Indies (CWI) on Friday announced the schedule for the Windies side, featuring three consecutive international home tours against South Africa, Australia, and Pakistan, from June to August 2021.

The Test and T20 International (T20I) series against the Proteas, rescheduled from 2020, will start the International summer in June. Saint Lucia and Grenada will be the West Indies' host venues. The July 9 to 24 Australia white-ball tour of the West Indies will also begin at St Lucia's Daren Sammy Cricket Ground hosting five T20Is. The Aussies then move on to Barbados for three day/night One Day Internationals (ODIs) at the world-famous Kensington Oval.



**TEST, T20I SERIES:** The July 9 to 24 Australia white-ball tour of the West Indies will also begin at St Lucia's Daren Sammy Cricket Ground hosting five T20Is.

The ODIs provide the opportunity for West Indies to secure more points in the ICC ODI Super League, as the West Indies strive to qualify automatically for the 2023 ICC Cricket World Cup following the recent 3-0 victory against Sri Lanka.

Pakistan is scheduled to arrive in Barbados on July 21 ahead of their five-match T20I Series, with the first two matches to be played at Kensington Oval before travelling to Guyana to play the concluding three T20Is at Guyana's

National Stadium from 26 to 29 June. The West Indies and Pakistan teams will then travel to Jamaica for two back-to-back Test matches at Sabina Park from August 12 to August 24 which conclude four days prior to the start of the Caribbean Premier League in St Kitts.

"Following the successful hosting of the all-format series against Sri Lanka earlier this year, we are delighted to announce that we are set to welcome South Africa, Australia and Pakistan to the West

Indies," said CWI CEO Johnny Grave in an official statement.

"To host three international teams back-to-back in five territories is unprecedented, and putting these fixtures together was an enormous Covid-related logistical challenge," he added.

All players, support staff, and match officials will stay, train and play in a bio-secure environment, with regular COVID-19 PCR testing taking place with the assistance of Ministries of Health and from CARPHA. **ANI**

## FOOTBALL



# Torres breaks Messi's record as Man City edge past Newcastle United

**LONDON:** Manchester City striker Ferran Torres broke Barcelona captain Lionel Messi's record to become the youngest player ever to score a league hat-trick under manager Pep Guardiola.

The Spain winger achieved the feat when he struck the treble for newly crowned Premier League champions Manchester City against Newcastle on Friday. Argentine superstar Messi had scored a hat-trick for Guardiola's Barcelona in a 5-0 LaLiga win over Tenerife 11 years ago.

The 21-year-old Torres helped Manchester City beat Newcastle in a seven-goal thriller (4-3). The victory also set a new English record of 12 successive away victories in the league.

Newcastle took the lead through Emil Krafth (24), who headed Jonjo Shelvey's corner past City debutant Scott Carson for his first Premier League goal.

Shelvey then hit the bar with a free-kick before Joao Cancelo (38) kick-started a three-minute turnaround, his shot finding the net with the help of a deflection.

Torres' superb volleyed back-kick gave the visitors a 42nd-minute lead but Joelinton fired Newcastle level from the penalty spot after he had been fouled by Nathan Ake. In the second half, Steve Bruce's team took the lead courtesy of a second penalty, this time scored by Joe Willock (62) on the rebound, but the hosts were behind within four minutes.

Torres (64, 66) converted Gabriel Jesus' cutback from close range to level and then reacted quickest to the loose ball after Cancelo had hit a post to complete a fine hat-trick.

The win took Man City's tally to 83 points while Newcastle stays at 16th position with 39 points from 36 matches. **ANI**

## PAKISTAN VS WEST INDIES

# Replaced one Test with two T20Is keeping WC in mind: Wasim Khan

**LAHORE:** Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chief Executive Wasim Khan has said that the governing body replaced one Test match with two T20Is against West Indies to help the Asian side in its preparation for the upcoming T20 World Cup slated to be played in India.

PCB on Friday confirmed its men's national cricket team's tour to the West Indies, which will take place from July 21 to August 24 and comprises five T20 internationals and two Tests. "The tour to the West Indies is always a valued and prized tour for the Pakistan cricket teams. The Caribbean cricket history, backed up by the excellent playing facilities, supporting crowds and great ambiance, encourages and motivates the players to produce their very best," said Wasim in an official statement.

"In consultation with the Cricket West Indies and keeping an eye on this year's ICC Men's T20 World Cup, we have agreed to re-



**IN PREPARATION:** PCB on Friday confirmed its men's national cricket team's tour to the West Indies, which will take place from July 21 to August 24 and comprises five T20 internationals and two Tests.

place one Test match with two additional T20Is. This is aimed at providing further T20 content for both teams, as we continue to prepare and build-up to the global ICC event," he added.

The PCB chief also revealed that Pakistan will be hosting New Zealand, England, West Indies, and Australia in the next eight months.

"The series in the West Indies is part of a gruelling but exciting and entertaining season of cricket for Pakistan. In addition to playing England, Afghanistan, Bangladesh and the T20 World Cup and the away series, we will be hosting New Zealand, England, West Indies and Australia in the next eight months," said Wasim.

"This makes every series important and critical for our side as we aspire to feature in the top three across all formats by 2023," he added.

The West Indies tour, which will take place following the conclusion of the ODI and T20I series

in England, will commence with back-to-back T20Is in Barbados on July 27 and 28, before action moves to Guyana for the July 31 and August 1 back-to-back T20Is, and series finale on August 3.

After a two-day practice match on August 6-7 in Guyana, the side will move to Jamaica where the two Tests will be held at Sabina Park from August 12-16 and 20-24.

On their last tour to the Caribbean in 2017, Pakistan won their maiden Test series 2-1. This provided a perfect farewell to Misbah-ul-Haq and Younis Khan, who played 276 and 408 international matches, respectively, during their illustrious careers.

Both will return to the Caribbean in coaching roles with Misbah as head coach and Younis as batting coach.

Overall, this will be ninth Test series between the two sides in the Caribbean since 1957-58 with the sixth-ranked home side leading the fifth-ranked visitors 4-1. **ANI**

## WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

# No hard-quarantine for Indian football team in Qatar: Report

**NEW DELHI:** The Indian football team will not have to go through a hard quarantine of 10 days when they reach Qatar for a preparatory camp and the 2022 World Cup qualifiers that follow in June.

According to a report in Goal.com, the Indian contingent will have to remain in the bio-secure environment and have to strictly adhere to the COVID-19 protocols put in place by the organisers. The Indian side is gearing up for the games and they would be able to start training immediately on arriving in Qatar. According to Goal, the Blue Tigers will have to produce a negative coronavirus test result before they assemble in Delhi and then another test will be conducted prior to the departure for Qatar.

While India is out of reckoning for a 2022 FIFA World Cup spot, the matches against Qatar, Bangladesh and Afghanistan are crucial with an eye on the 2023 Asian Cup.

Earlier, the Indian team played two friendly matches against Oman and UAE in March. India drew the game against Oman and coach Igor Stimac was really happy with the team's efforts.

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2021, the world has seen more struggles than ever. But, as the coach of @IndianFootball, it gives me immense pride that the beautiful country has evolved with a renewed vigour to rewrite Indian football history.

"That's the reason we could see 10 debutants with unbridled energy coming with hunger and fighting shoulder to shoulder against the likes of @OmanFA who were 23 spots ahead of us in the @FIFAcom rankings -- but they dared to fight back. "Our task is far from

being done. It's the process that started yesterday night 2000 km away from home and it'll continue until we come out with a team of #BlueTigers who will fulfil the dream of 1.4 billion Indians!" he had tweeted.

Unfortunately, India lost the next game against UAE 0-6 -- the heaviest defeat since 2010. The two friendlies were played as the team was looking to keep preparations on for the joint-qualification round of the 2022 World Cup and 2023 Asian Cup. **ANI**

## FORMULA 1



# Turkish GP cancelled, Formula 1 adds second race in Austria

**PARIS:** Formula 1 confirmed that the Turkish Grand Prix, which had replaced Grand Prix Du Canada 2021, has been cancelled due to the new COVID-19 travel restrictions. As a result, French Grand Prix will move a week earlier while a second race in Austria - the Styrian Grand Prix has been added to the calendar for June 25-27. According to Formula 1, the changes mean, there continue to be 23 races planned for the 2021 season.

That creates a new France-Styria-Austria triple header, with the Austrian Grand Prix staying in its

original July 2-4 slot.

"We were all looking forward to racing in Turkey but the travel restrictions in place have meant we are not able to be there in June," said Stefano Domenicali, President and CEO of Formula 1, in a statement. "Formula 1 has shown again that it is able to react quickly to developments and find solutions and we are delighted that we will have a double header in Austria meaning our season remains at 23 races," Domenicali said.

"I want to thank the promoter and authorities in Turkey for all of their efforts in recent weeks

and want to thank the promoters in France and Austria for their speed, flexibility and enthusiasm in accommodating this solution. We have had very good conversations with all the other promoters since the start of the year and continue to work closely with them during this period."

The statement added that the promoter in Turkey has requested that Formula 1 look at the potential opportunity for the race in Istanbul to be rescheduled later in the season if possible, alongside China who made the same request earlier this year. **ANI**

## INDUSTRIAL SECTOR GOALS

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion emphasised that the governance, management, and development programme for the industrial sector aims at paving the ways for creating administrative, legal conditions for the ministry to successfully implement Oman's Manufacturing Strategy 2040.

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## OMANTEL SIGNS PACT

Oman Telecommunications Company SAOG Group (Omantel) announced that it has agreed to sell its passive mobile tower infrastructure assets to Helios Towers plc (Helios Towers) for a cash consideration of \$575 million.



## UNAUDITED RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

### Board of Directors' Report for the Period Ended 31 March 2021

#### Dear Shareholders

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the Unaudited Financial Results of OMINVEST Group for the period ended 31 March 2021. During the period, OMINVEST achieved steady results both at the Group and the Parent level, despite the difficult business and economic conditions caused by the continuation of COVID-19 pandemic. Below, I would like to present the financial performance of OMINVEST Group and our major portfolio companies for the Q1 2021:

#### Group Consolidated Performance

During the period ended 31 March 2021, total Group revenues decreased by 38% to RO 52.87m and the net profit attributable to OMINVEST's shareholders grew by 1% to RO 9.40m from RO 9.35m, over the same period in 2020. The Group revenues declined during the period as Oman Arab Bank (OAB) was converted to an associate and the Group discontinued the consolidation of OAB's financials and commenced equity accounting for OAB's results in accordance with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards from 1st July 2020. The growth in profits is attributable to strong performance of our key subsidiaries: National Life & General Insurance Company SAOG (NLGIC) and Oman Real Estate Investment and Services SAOC (ORIS).

#### Parent Company Performance

During the period ended 31 March 2021, total revenues increased by 1% to RO 18.48m and net profit also increased by 1% to RO 13.22m, over the same period in 2020. As of 31 March 2021, total assets of the Parent Company stood at RO 638m compared to RO 632m as of 31 December 2020. Increase in total assets was due to growth in the portfolios and business activities of our key subsidiaries. Parent company paid cash dividend of 25 bz per share totaling to RO 20.19 million to the shareholders during this quarter.

#### Performance of Key Subsidiaries & Associates:

**Jabreen International Development Company SAOC (Jabreen)**, our subsidiary, is focused on making private equity investments in diverse sectors and expanding into new growth markets in Asia. Jabreen reported a net profit of RO 9.58m for the period ended 31 March 2021 compared to RO 11.26m for the same period in 2020. The profit decline was primarily

due to an absence of one-time gain of RO 3.7 million recorded on change in investment classification of International General Insurance Holding Ltd (Nasdaq listed company) during Q1 – 2020. The decrease was partially offset by an increase in share of results from Bank Muscat and other portfolio companies. At 31 March 2021, Jabreen's total assets stood at RO 349.8m compared to RO 333.1m at 31 December 2020. We expect Jabreen to further enhance and diversify its investment income in the years ahead.

**National Life & General Insurance Company (NLGIC)**, our subsidiary in the insurance sector, reported net profit of RO 2.71m for the period ended 31 March 2021 compared to RO 2.36m for the same period in 2020, an increase of 15%. The increase is due to increase in investment income and underwriting results. NLGIC reported Gross Written Premium (GWP) of RO 56.45m, of which Oman contributed 51%, UAE 47%, and Kuwait 2%. NLGIC achieved a net insurance premium of RO 30.20m compared to RO 29.74m for the same period in 2020, growth of 2%. We believe that NLGIC's growth prospects are strong, its recurring revenues from insurance business are stable and on a clear growth trend.

**Oman Arab Bank (OAB)**, our associate in the banking sector, reported a profit of RO 3.32m for the period ended 31 March 2021 compared to RO 5.67m for the same period in 2020, a decline of 41.3%. The decline is due to higher ECL provisions being created, given the stress in the economic and business conditions and increase in expenses due to merger with Alizz Islamic Bank. OAB increased its Loans & Advances by 0.31% to RO 2.65bn compared to RO 2.64bn, as of 31 December 2020. Customers' deposits decreased by 0.34% to RO 2.74bn compared to RO 2.75bn, as of 31 December 2020. The Shareholders' funds were RO 362m compared to RO 359m, as of 31 December 2020.

**National Finance Company (NFC)**, one of our largest associates in the leasing sector, reported net profit of RO 1.70m for the period ended 31 March 2021 compared to a net profit of RO 2.01m for the same period in 2020 – a decline of 15.2%. NFC's revenues decreased by 7.7% to RO 10.25m in this period compared with RO 11.10m in corresponding period in 2020. NFC continues to adopt a conservative approach to credit approvals keeping in view the overall macroeconomic scenario and perceived increase in credit risk. The projected lower levels of credit offtake combined with increased interest costs will make it challenging to sustain current profitability levels. NFC will continue to focus on strengthening its efficiencies, customer experience, product offerings and quality of service

delivery. We expect NFC to further consolidate its position as the leading and best performing finance company in Oman.

**Oman Real Estate Investment and Services Corporation (ORIS)**, our subsidiary in the real estate sector, invests in iconic real estate projects and acts as lead Developer and Promoter of such projects. ORIS also provides real estate management services to our affiliates within OMINVEST Group and to large institutional clients outside the Group to generate fee income. ORIS is now in advance stages of initiating new large-scale commercial & residential projects at attractive locations in Muscat.

#### Corporate Citizenship

In line with OMINVEST's purpose - Transforming Businesses to Enrich Societies - the General Commission of the Sultanate at Expo 2020 signed a Strategic Partnership agreement with OMINVEST towards supporting Omani innovators and small and medium enterprises (SMEs). As per the agreement, OMINVEST will extend its support to the General Commission to promote SMEs at the Oman Pavilion. OMINVEST will also support a special initiative designed to showcase Omani innovations during various exhibitions and activities to be held at this important six-month global event. Around 300 Omani SMEs from various spheres of the economy, owning around 2000 products, are expected to exhibit at the Oman Pavilion after receiving all needed support and capacity building in preparation

#### Acknowledgements:

We are profoundly grateful to our beloved leader His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik for his great vision and initiatives as he continues to lead the Sultanate on the path of development, peace, and enduring prosperity. We also extend our sincere wishes to His Majesty, the people of Oman and the Islamic nation on the occasion of Eid Al Fitr.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the Capital Market Authority, Muscat Stock Exchange, Central Bank of Oman, and Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion for their continued support and guidance. I also take this opportunity to thank the management teams and employees at OMINVEST and across our Group companies for their dedication and hard work.

**Khalid Muhammad AlZubair**  
Chairman

### UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED AND PARENT COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31 MARCH 2021

|                                                                    | Consolidated                         |                                    | Parent Company                       |                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                                                    | (Unaudited)<br>31-Mar-21<br>(RO'000) | (Audited)<br>31-Dec-20<br>(RO'000) | (Unaudited)<br>31-Mar-21<br>(RO'000) | (Audited)<br>31-Dec-20<br>(RO'000) |
| <b>Assets</b>                                                      |                                      |                                    |                                      |                                    |
| Balances with banks and money at call                              | 40,984                               | 40,874                             | 24,000                               | 24,125                             |
| Deposits with banks                                                | 79,907                               | 85,885                             | 33,023                               | 44,289                             |
| Premium and insurance balance receivable                           | 68,422                               | 43,156                             | -                                    | -                                  |
| Re-insurance share in insurance funds                              | 20,998                               | 16,175                             | -                                    | -                                  |
| Investment securities                                              | 140,885                              | 142,903                            | 4,968                                | 5,328                              |
| Investment in associates                                           | 323,016                              | 323,368                            | 145,304                              | 142,250                            |
| Investment in subsidiaries                                         | -                                    | -                                  | 285,260                              | 299,391                            |
| Due from subsidiaries                                              | -                                    | -                                  | 133,639                              | 112,173                            |
| Other assets                                                       | 41,934                               | 14,400                             | 8,990                                | 1,140                              |
| Investment properties                                              | 9,449                                | 11,139                             | 2,100                                | 2,100                              |
| Property and equipment                                             | 12,397                               | 12,579                             | 936                                  | 969                                |
| Intangible assets                                                  | 21,488                               | 21,795                             | -                                    | -                                  |
| <b>Total assets</b>                                                | <b>759,480</b>                       | <b>712,274</b>                     | <b>638,220</b>                       | <b>631,765</b>                     |
| <b>Equity and liabilities</b>                                      |                                      |                                    |                                      |                                    |
| <b>Equity</b>                                                      |                                      |                                    |                                      |                                    |
| Share capital                                                      | 80,777                               | 80,777                             | 80,777                               | 80,777                             |
| Share premium                                                      | 43,838                               | 43,838                             | 43,838                               | 43,838                             |
| Treasury shares                                                    | (58,580)                             | (58,580)                           | -                                    | -                                  |
| Legal reserve                                                      | 19,859                               | 19,859                             | 19,859                               | 19,859                             |
| Other non-distributable reserves                                   | 6,403                                | 5,641                              | 6,403                                | 5,641                              |
| Cumulative changes in fair value reserve                           | (16,384)                             | (13,155)                           | (27,254)                             | (23,004)                           |
| Retained earnings                                                  | 128,955                              | 136,953                            | 127,524                              | 135,185                            |
| <b>Equity attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company</b> | <b>204,868</b>                       | <b>215,333</b>                     | <b>251,147</b>                       | <b>262,296</b>                     |
| Perpetual bonds                                                    | 54,727                               | 52,098                             | 60,638                               | 60,638                             |
|                                                                    | 259,595                              | 267,431                            | 311,785                              | 322,934                            |
| Non-controlling interests                                          | 19,716                               | 21,268                             | -                                    | -                                  |
| <b>Total equity</b>                                                | <b>279,311</b>                       | <b>288,699</b>                     | <b>311,785</b>                       | <b>322,934</b>                     |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                                 |                                      |                                    |                                      |                                    |
| Due to banks                                                       | 304,922                              | 302,470                            | 301,302                              | 302,470                            |
| Insurance funds                                                    | 103,909                              | 74,713                             | -                                    | -                                  |
| Other liabilities                                                  | 67,878                               | 43,555                             | 24,494                               | 5,722                              |
| Taxation                                                           | 3,460                                | 2,837                              | 639                                  | 639                                |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                                           | <b>480,169</b>                       | <b>423,575</b>                     | <b>326,435</b>                       | <b>308,831</b>                     |
| <b>Total equity and liabilities</b>                                | <b>759,480</b>                       | <b>712,274</b>                     | <b>638,220</b>                       | <b>631,765</b>                     |
| <b>Net assets per share (Rial Omani)</b>                           | <b>0.307</b>                         | <b>0.322</b>                       | <b>0.311</b>                         | <b>0.325</b>                       |

### UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

|                                                                                                                                                         | Consolidated                         |                                      | Parent Company                       |                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                         | (Unaudited)<br>31-Mar-21<br>(RO'000) | (Unaudited)<br>31-Mar-20<br>(RO'000) | (Unaudited)<br>31-Mar-21<br>(RO'000) | (Unaudited)<br>31-Mar-20<br>(RO'000) |
| Gross premium earned                                                                                                                                    | 35,745                               | 37,280                               | -                                    | -                                    |
| Interest income                                                                                                                                         | 1,393                                | 30,883                               | 1,923                                | 1,646                                |
| Investment income                                                                                                                                       | 6,058                                | 5,837                                | 2,958                                | (76)                                 |
| Fee and commission income                                                                                                                               | 2,176                                | 4,252                                | -                                    | -                                    |
| Other operating income                                                                                                                                  | 386                                  | 2,916                                | -                                    | 30                                   |
| Share of results from subsidiaries                                                                                                                      | -                                    | -                                    | 11,959                               | 16,046                               |
| Share of results from associates                                                                                                                        | 7,110                                | 4,692                                | 1,639                                | 698                                  |
| <b>Total revenue</b>                                                                                                                                    | <b>52,868</b>                        | <b>85,860</b>                        | <b>18,479</b>                        | <b>18,344</b>                        |
| Premium ceded to re-insurers                                                                                                                            | (5,541)                              | (7,543)                              | -                                    | -                                    |
| Net claims                                                                                                                                              | (22,710)                             | (22,639)                             | -                                    | -                                    |
| Fee and commission expenses                                                                                                                             | (3,926)                              | (3,620)                              | -                                    | -                                    |
| Interest expense                                                                                                                                        | (3,769)                              | (14,284)                             | (3,768)                              | (3,361)                              |
| Operating expenses                                                                                                                                      | (6,414)                              | (18,346)                             | (1,489)                              | (1,420)                              |
| COVID-19 contribution                                                                                                                                   | -                                    | (1,175)                              | -                                    | (500)                                |
| Allowance for loan impairment, net of recoveries                                                                                                        | -                                    | (3,937)                              | -                                    | -                                    |
| <b>Total expenses</b>                                                                                                                                   | <b>(42,360)</b>                      | <b>(71,544)</b>                      | <b>(5,257)</b>                       | <b>(5,281)</b>                       |
| <b>Profit before tax</b>                                                                                                                                | <b>10,508</b>                        | <b>14,316</b>                        | <b>13,222</b>                        | <b>13,063</b>                        |
| Income tax expense                                                                                                                                      | (576)                                | (1,702)                              | -                                    | -                                    |
| <b>Profit for the period</b>                                                                                                                            | <b>9,932</b>                         | <b>12,614</b>                        | <b>13,222</b>                        | <b>13,063</b>                        |
| <b>Profit for the period attributable to:</b>                                                                                                           |                                      |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| <b>Equity holders of the Parent Company</b>                                                                                                             | <b>9,400</b>                         | <b>9,352</b>                         | <b>13,222</b>                        | <b>13,063</b>                        |
| <b>Non-controlling interests</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>532</b>                           | <b>3,262</b>                         | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                             |
|                                                                                                                                                         | <b>9,932</b>                         | <b>12,614</b>                        | <b>13,222</b>                        | <b>13,063</b>                        |
| <b>Basic earnings per share attributable to the equity holders of the Parent Company (RO)</b>                                                           | <b>0.014</b>                         | <b>0.014</b>                         | <b>0.016</b>                         | <b>0.016</b>                         |
| <b>Other comprehensive income / (expense) :</b>                                                                                                         |                                      |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| <i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>                                                                                   |                                      |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Movement in cash flow hedge                                                                                                                             | 259                                  | (368)                                | 259                                  | (368)                                |
| Foreign currency translation reserve                                                                                                                    | -                                    | (3)                                  | -                                    | (3)                                  |
| Changes in fair value of debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income                                                              | (463)                                | (1,996)                              | (434)                                | (1,873)                              |
| <i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>                                                                              |                                      |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Changes in fair value of equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income and share of OCI from equity accounted investee-net of tax | (2,768)                              | (8,518)                              | (3,751)                              | (10,243)                             |
| <b>Other comprehensive expense for the period</b>                                                                                                       | <b>(2,972)</b>                       | <b>(10,885)</b>                      | <b>(3,926)</b>                       | <b>(12,487)</b>                      |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>                                                                                                        | <b>6,960</b>                         | <b>1,729</b>                         | <b>9,296</b>                         | <b>576</b>                           |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:</b>                                                                                       |                                      |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Equity holders of the Parent Company                                                                                                                    | 6,495                                | (644)                                | 9,296                                | 576                                  |
| Non-controlling interests                                                                                                                               | 465                                  | 2,373                                | -                                    | -                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                         | <b>6,960</b>                         | <b>1,729</b>                         | <b>9,296</b>                         | <b>576</b>                           |

**Note:** The Audited Financial Statements of the Company would be made available to any Shareholder or interested Party on request in Arabic or in English within 7 days from the date of request.  
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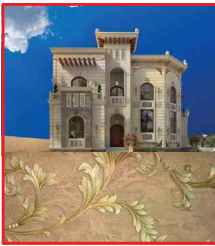
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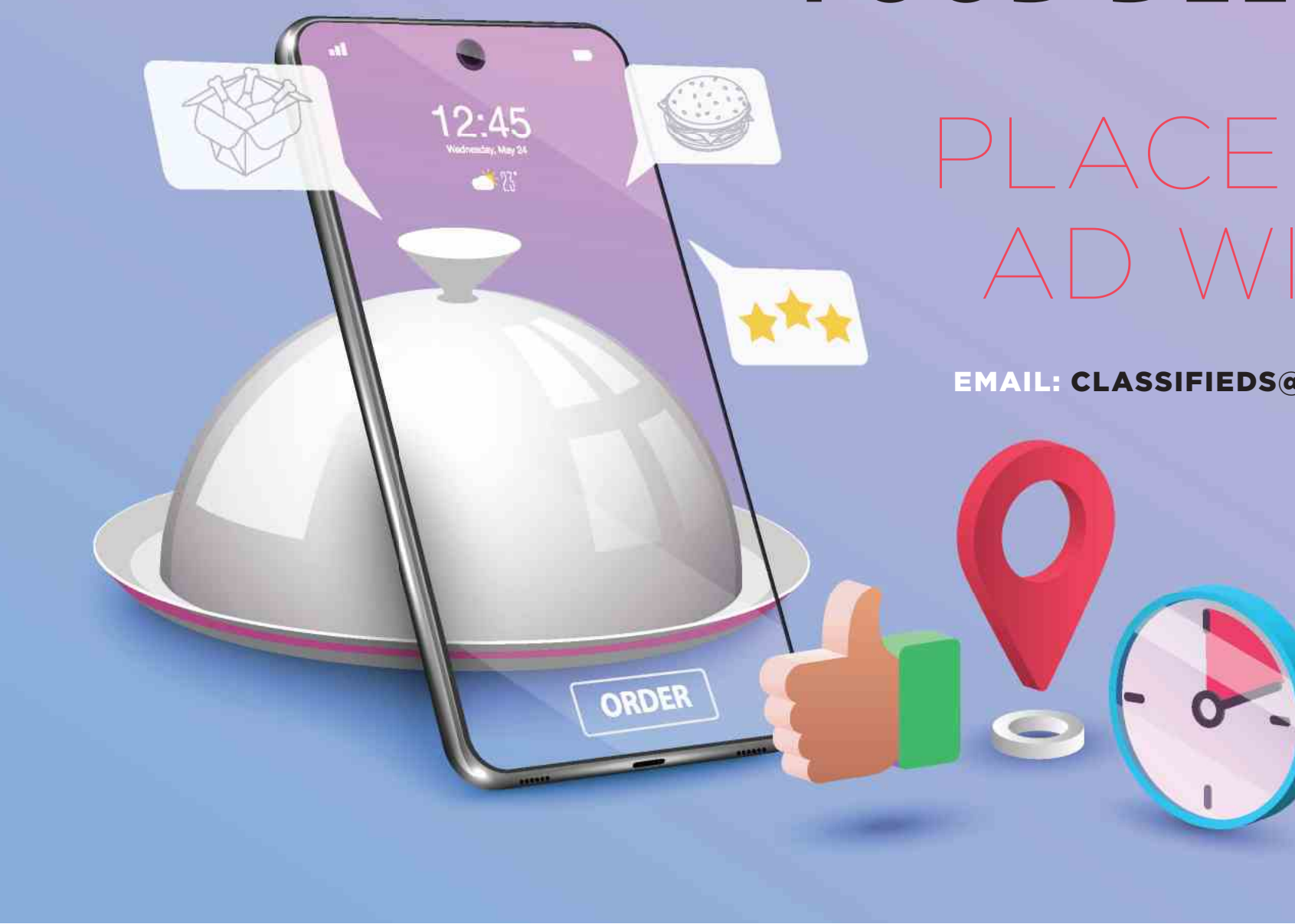
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## WILL SWEDEN LEAD THE WAY IN HYDROGEN-POWERED

# STEEL MAKING?

Boasting a sea port, an ore mine and lots of renewable energy, northern Sweden is an ideal location for producing hydrogen-powered steel. But there's no lack of challenges to tackle.

**L**ULEA in northern Sweden is only about 100 kilometres (62 miles) away from the Arctic Circle. It has some 80,000 inhabitants, almost one-third of all people living in Norrbotten province. In winter, you need icebreakers to access the port of Lulea. It's the second-biggest port on Sweden's eastern coast after Stockholm. The port of Lulea predominantly handles coal, steel and ore iron. It's located on one end of the Scandinavian ore railroad track, with Narvik in Norway being on the on the opposite end. In between there's Lapland with its mining town Kiruna and an eponymous mine that is considered to be the world's most productive ore mine. In Lulea, steel is produced from Kiruna ore with the help of coal coming from across the Baltic Sea.

**Steelmaking reinvented**  
But this way of making steel will soon come to an end as Sweden's steel industry aims to emulate national power utilities that have done completely without coal for almost a year now.

CO2 emissions from steelmaking will have to be reduced drastically in Sweden and elsewhere if the world wants to meet its emissions targets. Crude steel production accounted for 5.4 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions in 2018. According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), some 75 per cent of all energy consumed in the process was generated from using coal. But as in cement production, emissions from steelmaking cannot simply be reduced by using electricity from renewables. This is because carbon from coal binds oxygen which is necessary to make crude steel and later steel from iron ore. Carbon and oxygen together result in carbon dioxide. Steelworkers have begun to develop new techniques enabling them to free the oxygen from iron ore with the help of hydrogen instead of carbon. This way you get water vapor as a waste gas, rather than carbon dioxide. A number of companies are currently testing such techniques, including Thyssenkrupp and Salzgitter from Germany. Lulea in Sweden, however, is willing to take the lead

in producing steel with the help of hydrogen. **Swedish pioneers and German partners**  
Sweden's SSAB is among the technology leaders in this field. Together with iron ore producer LKAB from Kiruna and power utility Vattenfall, SSAB launched the HYBRIT project in its Lulea plant. In September of last year, a test facility went operational there that started making steel without using coal. Stockholm-based Vargas Holding, which is behind battery producer Northvolt, is also willing to make CO2-free steel in the region. The resulting consortium, H2 Green Steel, involves Swedish utility vehicle manufacturer Scania as well as German-based steelmaker Bilstein and plant manufacturer SMS Group, also from Germany.

**First major project of its kind globally**  
H2 Green Steel wants to build the first global mass production plant for emissions-free steel. An entire production facility including a hydrogen production unit is to emerge

in the town of Boden. By 2026, the plant is to produce 2.5 million tonnes of hydrogen-powered steel annually, and 5 million tonnes from 2030. To put those figures in perspective: Germany makes some 40 million tonnes of steel per year. The Boden plant is to produce hydrogen from water for which H2 Green Steel wants to build an 800-megawatt electrolyzer on the ground. **Large quantities of green electricity needed**  
The 800 megawatt mentioned above would currently be 2 per cent of Sweden's total annual electricity consumption. On top of that, you need energy for the steelmaking process itself. During a recent online presentation of the project, H2 Chief Project Officer Maria Persson Gulda said that energy efficiency was key. But the need to heat up the steel to over 1,000 degrees Centigrade (1832 degrees Fahrenheit) will require enormous amounts of energy no matter what. Part of the waste heat will be fed into the regional

heating grid. The question remains where the required green electricity will come from. Without it, hydrogen-powered steelmaking would not be emissions-free. **Northern Sweden an ideal location?**  
Choosing the right location for such a project is crucial. In Norrbotten province alone, Vattenfall operates 15 hydroelectric power plants. Some 100 kilometres to the south, a group of companies is building the Markbydgen windfarm, which is to become Europe's largest onshore windfarm. Together, both sources of energy would be in a position to come up with 25 terawatt-hours of renewable energy, almost one-fifth of Sweden's current total energy generation. But there is even more going for Lulea and Boden. "The region really is Sweden's mining and metalworking mecca," H2 supervisory board member Harald Mix said during the online presentation, adding that this also meant being able to draw on the big expertise of employees.

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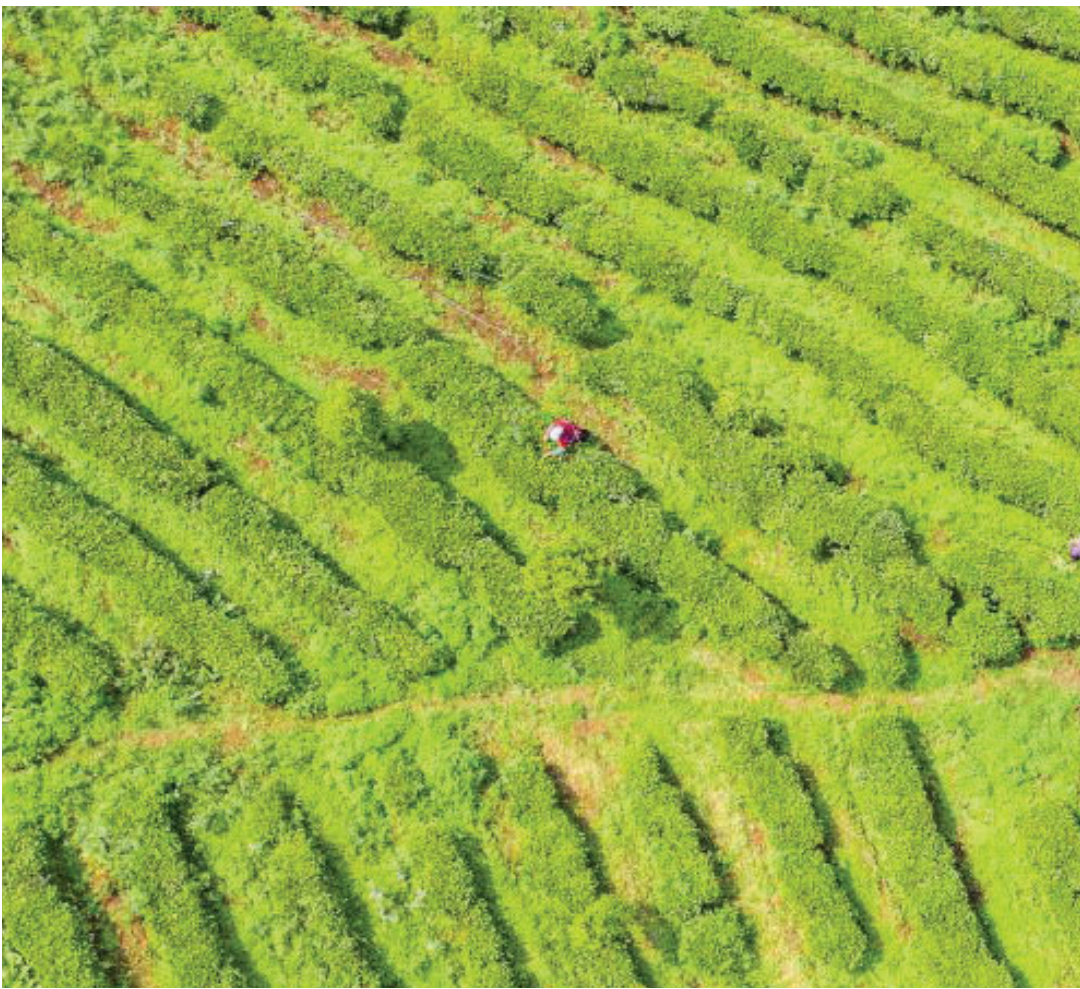
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ROUND-UP

# Enticing offers on INFINITI Q50

The INFINITI Q50 sedan which offers an optimal blend of ride comfort and class-leading agility has impressed the new generation of buyers

**MUSCAT:** Extending an opportunity for luxury enthusiasts to realise their passion for the INFINITI brand during Ramadan, INFINITI Oman is offering an exclusive deal on INFINITI Q50 throughout the Holy Month.

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A senior spokesperson at INFINITI Oman said, “The INFINITI Q50 sedan has been the key driver of INFINITI’s success in the Sultanate due to its sensuous, dynamic and bold styling, segment-leading features and pulsating performance that delivers excellent output. Assuring our esteemed customers a lucrative deal, the special offer should not be missed.”

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firm ride through the Drive Mode Selector. Electronically adjusted dampers do the rest, applying the right amount of force to keep the drive feeling balanced.

**Powerful elegance**  
Exterior: The double-wave hood draws the eye along the car to the crescent-shaped rear windows. Strong lines and characteristic headlights create a premium sport sedan that always draws attention.

The INFINITI Q50 is available in a selection of colours, including the new Slate Gray. Or go for something that reflects your personality more, like the new Grand Blue.

Its signature Q50 headlights cast an illuminating gaze, making their presence known day or night. With their distinct crescent shape, they flow elegantly into the strong shoulder line of the INFINITI Q50.

**A treat for all the senses**  
Interior: With luxurious materials, thoughtful ergonomics and meticulous craftsmanship, the INFINITI Q50 interior will make every journey a pleasure.

INFINITI Q50 is designed with the view that there would be no wasted space. The result is a class-leading interior that can easily accommodate up to five passengers.

The craftsmanship and level of finish is something one will quickly notice in the INFINITI Q50. There are few trims to choose from including graphite, stone and gallery white interior colours, so you can create something unique for you.

**Safety**  
Blindspot warning and intervention: With the INFINITI Q50, you can expand your periphery with sensors that can detect when someone enters your blind spot area. If you move to change lanes, the system warns you before a slight steering or braking input guides you back into position.

With an athletic front bumper and a richly textured double-arch grille, the INFINITI Q50 boasts a sporty, sophisticated look. Step inside and experience premium materials with performance-inspired accents that take refinement.

The technology in the INFINITI Q50 extends right to your fingertips. Power through your day with immediate access to your digital world – the connection is always there.

Ultra-high-strength steel and INFINITI Advanced Air Bag System work to protect you and your passengers in the event of an accident. The INFINITI Q50 Around View® Monitor with Moving Ob-

ject Detection gives you 360-degree visibility as you reverse into tight spaces – and instantly alerts you if something is detected in your surrounding area.

The Tire Pressure Monitoring System helps prevent you from driving on flat or overinflated tires by displaying each tire’s air pressure on the instrument panel.

**Advanced lighting systems**  
From Automatic LED headlights and LED daytime running lights, to High Beam Assist, the INFINITI Q50’s advanced lighting systems extend your view and provide optimal lighting for every drive.

High Beam Assist automatically dims the high beam headlights when it detects an approaching vehicle, leaving you to concentrate on the drive.

The INFINITI Q50 has sleek LED taillights that illuminate faster than traditional bulbs. So, if you use your brakes, drivers behind will know more quickly.

SBA is largely committed to supporting INFINITI Oman’s growth in the Sultanate through a major emphasis on customer satisfaction and by providing world-class after-sales services in Oman. With a national network of more than 40 showrooms, service centres and parts outlets, SBA has further built upon its legacy of trust, excellent customer service and providing value for money to each of its customers.

INFINITI Motor Company Ltd. is headquartered in Hong Kong with representations in 50 markets around the world. The INFINITI brand was launched in 1989. Its range of premium automobiles is currently built in manufacturing facilities in Japan, the United States, United Kingdom and China. INFINITI design studios are located in Atsugi-Shi near Yokohama, London, San Diego and Beijing.

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

TRAVEL COMPANION

## Qatar Airways launches its mobile app on Huawei’s AppGallery

**DOHA:** Qatar Airways is bringing its award-winning services to the fingertips of Huawei smartphone users with the launch of its mobile App on AppGallery, Huawei’s official app distribution platform and one of the top three marketplaces globally.

The Qatar Airways mobile app is the ultimate travel companion for a seamless and safe journey. The airline collaborated with Huawei to offer mobile users in more than 170 countries an easier way to plan and manage their travel while limiting physical contact and interactions at all stages of their journey.

Innovative features enable flight bookings to over 1,500 destinations worldwide across Qatar Airways’ and partner airlines’ network. Passengers can check-in, use a mobile boarding pass, select preferred seating and dining, access fast-track luggage, and get the latest travel information.

Qatar Airways Chief Commercial Officer, Thierry Antinori, said, “At Qatar Airways, we continue to enhance our digital products and champion innovation with our customers at the forefront of these developments, and with the current global situation, the need for contactless travel is greater than ever. The launch of our mobile app



in collaboration with Huawei reflects our commitment to provide five-star services to our passengers across all stages of their journey.”

Lu Geng, Vice President Middle East and Africa, Global Partnerships & Eco-Development, said: “As the heart of our in-house ecosystem, the Huawei AppGallery is constantly growing; and we are always working to offer the highest-quality apps for all of our users. Nowadays, people rely on smartphones to fulfil their travel-related needs, minimise contact and make things simpler, and the Qatar Airways App helps users achieve this.”

The Qatar Airways App feature, ‘My Trips’, displays the most

relevant travel information on a personalised home screen for each passenger. App users will view Qatar Airways’ exclusive offers tailored to them, can use the mobile app’s camera and upload their travel documents or payment cards instead of manually entering information. Qatar Airways Privilege Club members book a trip using Cash + Qmiles, redeem Privilege Club Awards and manage their accounts.

The national carrier of the State of Qatar continues to rebuild its network, which currently stands at over 130 destinations with plans to increase to more than 1,200 weekly flight to over 140 destinations by end of July 2021.

BETA VERSIONS

## Huawei HarmonyOS: A unique operating system available to smartphone users soon

**MUSCAT:** Huawei HarmonyOS is about to be made available to smartphone users. On September 10, 2020, Huawei released beta versions of HarmonyOS for TVs, watches, and automotive head units, and invited app developers to experiment and develop apps for the operating system.

At the time, Huawei also announced its intention to bring HarmonyOS to its phones. The beta version of HarmonyOS for phones was released in December, together with the SDK, development documents and tools, and simulators, giving developers the chance to create HarmonyOS-based mobile phone apps before the official launch.

Wang Chenglu, President of Huawei’s Consumer Business Group Software Engineering Dept, a major contributor to HarmonyOS, said that HarmonyOS is the ideal operating system for the Internet of Everything era. He said that HarmonyOS will provide users with more access to apps and services and a smart life experience, disrupting the market and creating huge opportunities.

To understand the significance of HarmonyOS, it is useful to zoom out and see how it fits into the overall development of the Internet. Throughout the history



of the information technology industry, there have been companies involved in technological revolutions. Many companies have capitalised on such transformations of information technology to achieve enormous commercial success.

The concept of the Internet of Things is an increasingly familiar one, but it has so far failed to change the world. Less than 20 per cent of smart devices are actually connected to a mobile or Wi-Fi network. The installation rate of apps from household appliance vendors is less than 10 per cent, and the usage rate of smart features is not even 1 per cent. The potential of smart appliances is going to waste. Projecting a phone screen to another device is still quite complicated, and the Internet of Everything is still just

a dot on the horizon.

The main reason has been the lack of communication technologies and hardware devices that support the effective communication of a large number of connected devices. Progress on AI and big data is still a constraint on the development of IoT. However, in recent years, with the rapid upgrade of hardware such as smartphones and the popularisation of 5G and AI, a viable Internet of Things is gradually coming into view. According to Huawei’s Global Industry Outlook Report, by 2025, the number of smart personal devices is expected to reach 40 billion, the total number of connections globally will reach 100 billion, and the number of wearable devices such as smartwatches and glasses will reach 8 billion.

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