

OMAN OFFERS CONDOLENCES TO REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

MUSCAT: In a statement issued by the Foreign Ministry, the Sultanate expressed its sincere sympathy and condolences to the government, people of the Republic of Turkey and the bereaved families of the victims of the forest fires which broke out in different areas, wishing speedy recovery to the injured persons. — **ONA**



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HM THE SULTAN CONGRATULATES PRESIDENT OF BENIN

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of congratulations to President Patrice Talon of the Republic of Benin on his country's National Day. In his cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere greetings along with his wishes of good health and happiness to the president and to his country's people further progress and prosperity. — **ONA**



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HOPE AND RESPIRE



There is optimism that businesses will see improvement in the coming weeks

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Business owners in Oman expect to see an increase in commercial activities and sales, with the lockdown hours having been reduced.

The night lockdown and movement ban currently runs from

10 pm to 4 am, having previously been in effect from 5 pm to 4 am.

While the longer lockdown hours did put strain on businesses, particularly during the total lockdown during the Eid Al Adha holidays, there is optimism that more customers will walk into shops and other commercial establishments in the weeks to come. Ashwin Sabnani is the co-owner of three restaurants in the country. Like many others, his business was impacted because of COVID-related restrictions. Now that he is able to keep his establishments open for longer, he is hopeful of earning more business. "The new lockdown timings in many ways seem like the light at the end of the tunnel," said Ashwin, who jointly owns Kesar

restaurant in Ruwi, as well as 968 Food Studio and Jashn in Boushar. "This will bring a much-needed boost to businesses, but can also enjoy the weekends outdoors, something we are all familiar with in Muscat."

"Restaurants were allowed to stay open for deliveries, but with limited staff," he added. "Many of us were able to keep going, but it has been hard on the smaller establishments. The new lockdown timings are definitely a positive step."

Of a similar opinion was Paul Steffens, the executive chef at D'Arcy's Kitchen, a restaurant in Qurum popular among locals and expatriates alike. He hoped the new lockdown timings are the start of life returning to normal, especially with the country's vac-

cination drive continuing to gain momentum.

"We welcome the shortened lockdown timings, as it gives us a sense of life before the coronavirus, but we still want to encourage everybody to practice social distancing and wear their masks correctly," he said. "It's good to have a lively, vibrant energy in our restaurant again, and it's nice to see regular guests and their families return to our establishment, as during the lockdown they mainly ordered take-out."

The pandemic has also led to many in the country taking the decision to work from home, with some choosing to set up their own home businesses. Anfal Al Badia chose to set up her own design and printing operation. **>A5**

ROYAL AIR FORCE OF OMAN

On HM Directives, RAFO recruits new batch of citizens



Times News Service

MUSCAT: In implementation of the Royal Directives of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, the Supreme Commander, to expedite the hiring of Omanis, the Royal Air Force of Oman received a new batch of citizens.

"In continuation of the national efforts of the Sultan's Armed Forces to allow citizens to join the services and gain the honour of affiliation to them, the Royal Air Force of Oman received a new batch of citizens, in coordination with the Ministry of Labour," said Oman News Agency.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, all basic military training programmes also incorporate the precautions needed against the disease.



"The new air force soldiers joined their peers at various air bases, after they cleared the stages of the acceptance programme," added ONA. "This included the evaluation, tests, and medical and physical checkups that were previously conducted for them."

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN Dose 2 of COVID-19 vaccine from today

1 Second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine are to be administered to eligible people starting from today. **>A3**

SPORTS

Olympics: Strong show by Omani team

2 Omani athletes are achieving good results in the sprint and weightlifting competitions. **>A8**

MARKET

ME airlines report 79.4% demand drop

3 Middle Eastern airlines posted a 79.4 per cent demand drop in June 2021 compared to June 2019. **>B1**



Alia's Gallery in Muscat: An oasis of colour where emotions come to life

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MINISTRY OF LABOUR

Private firms can use government evaluation system

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Private sector companies are welcome to use the new evaluation system being rolled out for many government employees, which comes into effect in January 2022.

According to an official from the Ministry of Labour, the new system evaluates employees based on the quality of their performance within a certain time-frame, which can range from three to six months, depending on when assessments are conducted.

"This system is currently being developed for the government sector, such as public agencies, organisations and institutions, but it does not prevent a private sector company from applying this system," said the ministry official. "We welcome their intentions to adopt this system, if they so wish."

"There are many who have attained leadership and administrative positions because of their efficiency and performance," he added. "They are still in the prime of their youth and have not achieved them simply because they have many years of experience. Employees' future chances of promotions and incentives will depend on how efficient they are, and their performance levels."

The implementation of this new system will help achieve the objectives of Vision 2040, under



the leadership of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, who had mentioned in his speeches that successful implementation of the vision will depend on individual performances, as well as institutional proficiency.

The new evaluation programme differs significantly from the existing method of appraisal, which is based on work experience, an employee's behaviour, and how long he spends at work. In the new system, however, incentives such as bonuses, allowances, and other rewards, as well as any additional benefits, depend solely on an employee's job performance during the period in question. **>A3**



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	Support Service Engineer	4
	Network Engineer	1
	Security System Engineer	1
	Application Developer	1
	Service Desk Operator	2
Operations	Airfield and Terminal Controller	1
	Allocation and Flight Data Controller	3
	Incident Controller	2
	Terminal Duty Officer	2
	Airfield Duty Officer	2
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OMAN PREPARING FOR A "GREEN REVOLUTION"

Muscat : (By our Staff Reporter)

Aimed at achieving self-sufficiency in the field of agriculture, the new five-year plan announced by the government strikes an ambitious note. The plan envisages a 164 per cent increase in agricultural output from the existing R.O. 50.5 million to R.O. 133.4 million before the end of 1980. The estimated increase in the annual output from crops is 142 per cent and in livestock production 181 per cent. These increases are expected to realise R.O. 74.6 million and R.O. 52.7 million respectively.

The new plan allocates the major investment to the agriculture and fisheries sector. \$ 200 million has been earmarked for these industries. Special emphasis is to be given to development of export-oriented projects.

The three-year fishing concession granted to a consortium of Japanese firms has yielded encouraging results. The government is reported to be concentrating on the development of fishing centres at Sur, Sohar and Muttrah. A 300-ton cold store, an ice-making unit, a fish meal plant and a marine workshop are planned for Sur. Also included is the construction of a new jetty to cater for modern shipping.

10,000 extra hectares of land are proposed for cultivation in addition to the existing cultivable 40,000 hectares. Specific schemes tailored to particular localities are being introduced with a view to exploiting the water resources for agricultural purposes.

The measures are expected to go a long way towards fulfilling the government's desire to cut down considerably on its food import bill and achieving a surplus on food trade account by early 1980s.

Arab-African Summit soon

Cairo : (By our Correspondent)

The Acting Secretary General of the Arab League Dr. Sayyid Nofal received on Thursday a note from the Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity Mr. William Eteki suggesting that the Arab-African dialogue be opened and that the date and venue of holding the Arab-African Summit be fixed. Mr. Eteki stressed the Organization's interest in strengthening Arab-African Summit as early as possible, with a view to giving a new impetus to the Arab-African co-operation.

His Majesty orders new Directorates to be opened

Muscat : (By our Staff Reporter)

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos has introduced three Directorates in the Ministry of Communications. They are :

The Directorate of Technical Affairs,

The Directorate of Public Services and Relations, and

The Directorate of Communications in the Southern Region.

This was contained in a Royal Decree issued by His Majesty. The decree is to be implemented by the Minister of Communications.

Omani delegation leaves to attend Law of the Sea Conference

Muscat : (By our Staff Reporter)

The members of the Omani delegation to the fifth session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea left here on Friday for New York, being held there between 1st August to 19th August. The delegation was headed by H.E. Ahmed Mohammed Jamali, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to France assisted by H.E. Seifeddin Ahmed Suleiman, Minister Plenipotentiary of the Permanent Mission in New York, Mr. Zaher Nasser Al-Kindi, Director, Department of Legal Affairs and Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Majeed Abdulla Al-Asfoor, Second Secretary, Department of International Organization and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Muscat : (By our Staff Reporter)

The Chairman of the South Yemen Presidential Council Mr. Salim Rubai Ali is arriving in Saudi Arabia shortly. According to informed sources, he will hold talks with H.M. King Khalid of Saudi Arabia and convey to him the details of the efforts made by him to convince the Central Committee of the ruling National Front in South Yemen to stop supporting the so-called PFLO. According to these sources, the new policy would enable South Yemen to change her stand on the question of differences in the region.

The South Yemeni Foreign Minister Mohamed Salih Muti this week visited Saudi Arabia and informed the Saudi Foreign Minister that the activities of the front have come to an end.



His Majesty attends Sahra Regiment celebrations

Salalah :

(By our Correspondent)

The Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, H.M. Sultan Qaboos, attended the Sahra Regiment's celebrations last Sunday to mark the tenth anniversary of its foundation.

On his arrival at the Regiment's Umm-Al-Ghawarif headquarters, His Majesty was welcomed by His Excellency Sayyid Fahr bin Taimour, the Minister of Youth Affairs and Deputy Defence Minister, Sheikh Brek bin Hamoud Al-Ghafiri, the Minister of State and Governor of the Capital, Major Ali Rashid, and the Chief of the Regiment and senior SAF officers.

After reviewing the Guard of Honour, H.M. The Sultan visited the club of the non-commissioned officers of the regiment and the officers club where he had lunch. The Royal party then proceeded to the Hassan Palace before moving on to the Regiment's positions in the mountainous area of Hajif where an archery tournament took place.

His Majesty presented the winners with their prizes.

Royal assent

Muscat :

(By our Staff Reporter)

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos has ratified the Protocol of Information and Culture between the Yemen Arab Republic and the Sultanate of Oman. The ratification was contained in a Royal decree issued by His Majesty.

Cyprus debate in September

New York : (UPI)

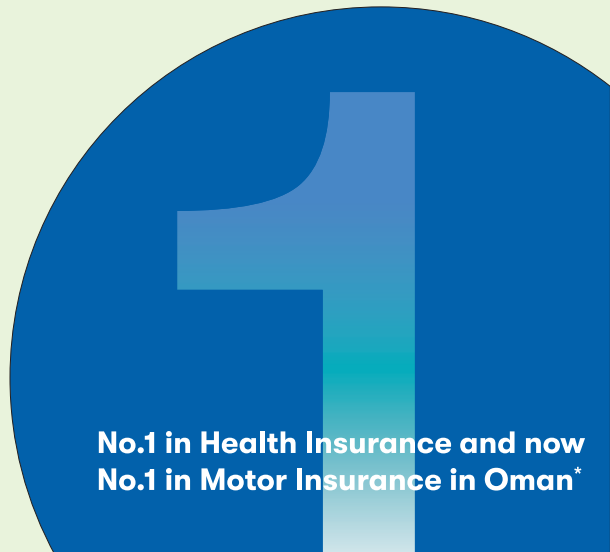
The Ambassador of Cyprus to the United Nations has announced that he agrees with the United Nations Secretary General Dr. Kurt Waldheim that it is inappropriate at the moment to resume discussions on the question of Cyprus.

Dr. Waldheim's representative returned to Cyprus from Geneva on Thursday where he held talks with the Secretary General on the feasibility of opening a new round of talks. The talks are now expected to begin in September.



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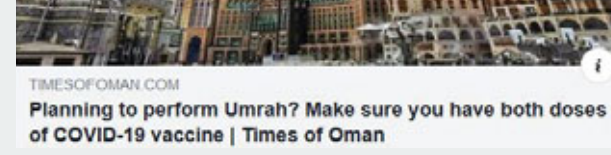
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The 2nd dose of COVID-19 vaccine should be taken at least 14 days prior to arrival.



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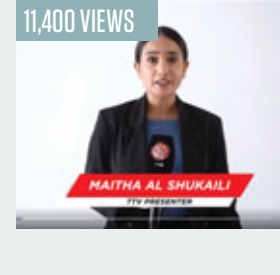


COVID-19 vaccination required for Umrah

A story on COVID-19 vaccination required for Umrah reached 21,922 people and had 1,375 engagements on Facebook.

📺 MOST WATCHED VIDEO ON FACEBOOK

11,400 VIEWS



MAITHA AL SHUKAILI
TTV presenter



TTV reports video

The TTV reports video had 11,400 views and reached 37,500 people on Facebook.

📷 MOST VIEWED VIDEO ON INSTAGRAM

2,584 VIEWS



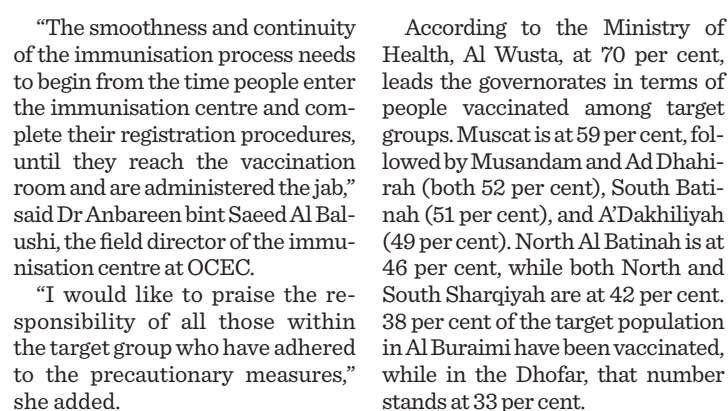


The Maghrib Minute video

The Maghrib Minute video had 2,584 views and 98 likes on Instagram

The new evaluation system will affect people across a number of roles, from the highest to the lowest positions.

Vaccinations continue for people aged 18 and above in Muscat governorate at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre. The vaccination drive at OCEC runs from 8am to 2pm, for those who have previously registered.





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ALIA'S GALLERY IN MUSCAT: AN OASIS OF COLOUR WHERE EMOTIONS COME TO LIFE



Rusayl Industrial Estate on the Muscat Expressway is where you find plenty of new ideas, but it's not the first place that comes to mind when you think of artistic creativity.

It is definitely one where the wheels of imagination are turning: the area is a hotbed of industrial projects, research institutes, logistics companies, and pharmaceuticals, not to mention a number of other businesses, all which have creations that contribute to the development of Oman.

Nestled in the midst of the estate, however, is Alia's Gallery, an oasis of colour where creative ideas come alive through paints and canvas. Home to more than 120 artworks, the gallery is the brainchild of Alia Al Farsi, who has poured plenty of her own blood, sweat, tears (and paint) into seeing her dream of opening her very own art space take form.

Of course, each of the canvases lovingly painted by her tell a story of their own, but observe them together, and you will see a common theme linking Alia's designs. Inspired by the rich history, heritage and culture of Oman, each of Alia's paintings tell a wonderful story, at the same time both immediately relatable, and reminiscent of people in far-away exotic lands that some of us have only heard of.

One of her more striking pieces is called *Voyagers*, and is testament to the harsh journeys Arab travellers and traders used to make across the deserts of the Middle East, often leaving their families for months on end.

At first glance, the painting is one that makes you appreciative of the history of this land, but you then realise it has modern connotations as well: 'where's daddy?' is a question many a young child has anxiously asked their mother, when their father is away to earn a living for the ones he loves...it's one I used to ask often. Still do, as a matter of fact.

The painting is bound to remind many of the sacrifices their parents have made for them. More observant viewers are sure to be more appreciative of the efforts of their elders. They might even crack a smile in knowing recognition, even go so far as to shed a tear. But these emotions are what all of Alia's paintings wish to convey: another of her artworks, titled *You'll never find someone like me*, is a tribute to sisterhood and the closeness of family ties. Given the turbulent times we live in, all of us have come to have greater respect for the intangible values of family, irrespective of whether we are cut off from our loved ones, or find ourselves spending extended periods of time with them.

It's not just a question of missing family, though: many of us, after all, share these deep bonds with close friends, with whom we have created plenty of amazing memories. Memories that seem a world away, before COVID-19 changed the way we look at life, and taught us to be more grateful for what we have.

Much like the soft lighting with Alia's Gallery, one of the largest solo galleries in the country, which performs a wonderful interplay of light and shadow with

the sunbeams streaming in from the outside, or the streetlights that sometimes seem a world away, depending on the time of day, the emotions felt while you're there do not hit you all at once.

They are rather, like the notes of an orchestra, some subtle, others more obvious, but together providing you an experience better than they could alone. It is this mélange of emotions, delivered in the form of vibrant colours and beautiful sentiments made art that make Alia's Gallery a place worth visiting, all the while making sure you bring others with you to feel firsthand the wonders within.

Should you wish to delve deeper into this amazing realm of ideas, perfectly located in a comfortable corner of the gallery is a library, filled with books that are sure to arouse one's curiosity, and provide you with even more means to make the hours fly by.

Those who wish to savour the flavours of Oman on another level will be able to do so as soon as a café, selling some rich, aromatic, locally brewed coffee, and delectable Omani sweets that will make your palate dance with tastes akin to the emotions coursing through your mind after a memorable tour of the gallery.

Whether you're an instagrammer looking for inspiration, a family searching for fine art, or person seeking perspective, the carnival of colours and experience of emotions make Alia's Gallery worth a visit. Always.

Alia's Gallery in Rusayl is open from 9am to 6pm from Saturday to Thursday. Entry is free.

Story – Gautam Viswanathan







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SECOND ANNUAL CONVENING



State Council discusses general budget, tenth five-year plan

MUSCAT: The second annual convening of the seventh term of the State Council has seen increasing activities in consistent with the Royal Care accorded by His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, which aimed at further cementing foundations of consultation and for enhancement and activation of the role of the State Council, said Khalid bin Ahmed Al Saadi, Secretary

General of the State Council.

Exceptional significance
The second annual convening of the seventh term of the State Council has acquired exceptional significance as it coincided with the issuance of the Basic Law of the State, promulgated by Royal Decree No. 6/2021 and the Law of the Council of Oman, issued by Royal Decree No.

7/2021, he added.
He said that in the second annual convening of the seventh term, the State Council has discussed a number of draft laws referred to the State Council and a number of proposals and studies, the 10th Five- Year Development Plan (2021-2025) and the General Budget of the State for the Fiscal Year 2021, among other issues. — **ONA**

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

<FROM A1> e-commerce store

She'd been hoping to see her designs on billboards ever since she was 17, and during the pandemic, found the motivation to set out on her own.

"Many customers approached me with very specific ideas about artwork they wanted in a distinctive style," said Anfal, from Dhank in Ad Dhahirah. "In the free time I have found following my university studies, I decided to set up this project to make best use of my talent."

Having now established herself well, Anfal designs plenty of greeting cards for weddings, Eid, and other important occasions, and is hopeful her business will grow further, now that the lockdown timings have changed.

With people increasingly turning to online shopping during the pandemic, Maysa Al Quraini also decided to set up an e-commerce store where people could buy what they needed. She is confident her business too will continue to grow, especially with online shopping now an integral part of people's lives.

"My profits have grown to between OMR250 and OMR300 a month," she said. "I was able to gain customers through a number of means: I promoted my business on social media, and my friends and family helped spread awareness through word of mouth."

"Many people today are cautious about physically going to shops," she added. "They are also afraid of contact with others, because it might lead to the spread of the virus, which is why people are more trusting of online shopping."

Explaining how the decrease in lockdown timings would lead to more people visiting shops and boosting businesses was Dr Syed Mujahid Hussain, the head of department of the Economics and Finance Department at the College of Economics and Political Science at Sultan Qaboos University.

"In a hot country like Oman, people tend to only go out in the evenings, but with restrictions on movement previously coming into place at 5 pm, they were re-

quired to stay at home," he said. "Only when they are outdoors will there be more of a positive impact on shopping malls, restaurants and general businesses, as they will experience an increased inflow of customers."

Mujahid cautioned that it was important for people to take the vaccine as soon they are eligible, to help bring down the infection rates so that more steps towards normalcy can be taken. He also advised everyone in the country to follow the instructions of the Supreme Committee.

During its meeting on Thursday, the Supreme Committee noted a marked decline across the country, in terms of the numbers of new infections, hospitalised persons, patients admitted to intensive care, and deaths from COVID-19.

It stressed the need to maintain caution and stick to the protective measures. Such commitment and collaboration will lend strong support to the National Immunisation Campaign, which aims to steer the whole of society to safety in the face of the pandemic, and avoid further negative impacts like loss of life and social and economic repercussions.

To attain this goal, the Supreme Committee urges all those who have not yet taken the first vaccine dose of vaccination against COVID-19 to come forward and register themselves for immunisation.

The committee is currently studying suitable measures related to vaccination to secure public health, including procedures related to entry to public places, employing the services of the public and private sectors, and travel measures governing entry to the Sultanate.

On Thursday, July 29, Oman reported 322 fresh cases of infection, taking the number of people who currently have COVID-19 to 13,850. About 295,857 people have tested positive since the start of the pandemic, while 278,193 have recovered. The disease has taken the lives of 3,814 people, reveal figures from the Tarassud+ COVID-19 monitoring app.

CONDOLENCES



MR. MANOJ NAYAR

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that Mr. Manoj Nayar left for heavenly abode on 16.07.2021 at the age of 50, surrounded by loved ones who will continue to honor his legacy by living their lives to the fullest.

He was a true visionary and will be deeply missed by one & all.
Manoj is survived by his Wife, Sangeeta & a son, Advait.



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the un-audited results on the performance of the Company for the six-months period ended on 30th June 2021.

The Company has achieved a net profit after tax of OMR 4.67 Million (ORC Group) on a turnover of OMR 34.58 Million during the six-months period ended on 30th June 2021, compared to a net profit after tax of OMR 2.17 Million on a turnover of OMR 27.32 Million for the corresponding period of last year.

Revenue has increased by 26.58 % during the six-month period ended on 30th June 2021, in comparison to the corresponding period in 2020, mainly due to the focus on growth of revenue and business's operations optimization. Accordingly, Profit after Tax vs corresponding period of last year increased by 113.23%.

The company is facing unprecedented price increase in commodity materials and items like Sugar, PET & Aluminum, high international logistic cost, and Increased energy cost due to global economic factors.

The company is working diligently to ensure safety of its people and is strategically protecting the company position while adapting to the fast evolving of the pandemic situation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq bin Taimour AL Said and his Government for their wise leadership, guidance and direction which continue to motivate and inspire us towards greater participation in the development and service of Oman. We pray to the Almighty Allah to bestow His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq bin Taimour AL Said with the best of health and bless him with long life to lead the Sultanate of Oman on the path of prosperity.

Buti Obaid Al Mulla
Chairman

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 2021

	Group 6 months ended 30th June 2021 Amount Rials	Parent Co 6 months ended 30th June 2021 Amount Rials	Group 6 months ended 30th June 2020 Amount Rials	Parent Co 6 months ended 30th June 2020 Amount Rials
Non current Assets				
Property, plant and equipment	26, 970, 496	26, 847, 504	26, 260, 269	26, 062, 823
Other investments	36, 014, 480	36, 644, 480	18, 013, 989	18, 643, 989
Goodwill	601, 000	-	663, 714	-
Advance for Property, plant and equipment	254, 242	254, 242	953, 757	953, 757
Deffered tax asset	132, 698	132, 698	289, 360	289, 360
	63, 972, 916	63, 878, 924	46, 181, 090	45, 949, 930
Current assets				
Goods in transit	15, 351	-	21, 804	-
Inventories	15, 892, 071	15, 729, 916	9, 343, 431	9, 231, 116
Trade Receivables	6, 369, 223	6, 080, 238	6, 393, 148	6, 170, 831
Other receivables	7, 617, 142	7, 619, 852	6, 502, 279	6, 502, 279
Receivables from Related parties	-	726, 915	-	619, 622
Investments	-	-	13, 500, 000	13, 500, 000
VAT Recivables	225, 559	225, 559	-	-
Bank and cash	32, 405, 011	32, 342, 469	10, 529, 645	10, 482, 637
Current assets	62, 524, 357	62, 724, 949	46, 290, 307	46, 506, 484
Total assets	126, 497, 273	126, 603, 873	92, 471, 397	92, 456, 414
Current liabilities				
Trade creditors	3, 844, 896	3, 878, 169	7, 136, 786	7, 108, 293
Accruals and other creditors	4, 138, 986	4, 112, 859	3, 836, 020	3, 807, 642
Payable to related parties	-	-	-	-
Current portion of term loans	21, 368, 000	21, 368, 000	5, 945, 000	5, 945, 000
Income Tax Payable	861, 354	861, 354	-	-
VAT Payable	1, 395, 679	1, 395, 679	-	-
Excise Tax Payable	18, 170, 683	18, 170, 683	7, 357, 322	7, 357, 322
Current liabilities	49, 779, 598	49, 786, 745	24, 274, 001	24, 217, 130
Long term liabilities				
Non-current portion of term loan	4, 061, 152	4, 061, 151	4, 012, 916	4, 012, 916
Staff terminal benefits	1, 342, 617	1, 337, 124	1, 457, 842	1, 454, 309
Total Liabilities	55, 183, 366	55, 185, 020	29, 744, 760	29, 684, 356
Net assets	71, 313, 907	71, 418, 853	62, 726, 637	62, 772, 059
Shareholders' funds				
Share capital	5, 000, 000	5, 000, 000	5, 000, 000	5, 000, 000
Legal reserve	1, 666, 667	1, 666, 667	1, 666, 667	1, 666, 667
General reserve	2, 500, 000	2, 500, 000	2, 500, 000	2, 500, 000
Profit and loss account-b/f	57, 471, 025	57, 570, 221	51, 385, 827	51, 389, 304
Profit for the period	4, 674, 112	4, 681, 964	2, 174, 142	2, 216, 087
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
	71, 313, 907	71, 418, 853	62, 726, 637	62, 772, 059
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021				
	Group 6 months ended 30th June 2021 Amount Rials	Parent Co 6 months ended 30th June 2021 Amount Rials	Group 6 months ended 30th June 2020 Amount Rials	Parent Co 6 months ended 30th June 2020 Amount Rials
Revenue	34, 584, 378	34, 292, 741	27, 324, 904	27, 056, 348
Cost of sales	(20, 592, 510)	(20, 472, 526)	(15, 883, 729)	(15, 773, 915)
Depreciation - cost of sales	(708, 300)	(670, 050)	(737, 487)	(674, 713)
Gross profit	13, 283, 569	13, 150, 165	10, 703, 688	10, 607, 720
Administration & general expenses	(8, 894, 689)	(8, 757, 971)	(8, 287, 442)	(8, 149, 530)
Depreciation - Admin & general expenses	(103, 415)	(103, 415)	(434, 781)	(434, 781)
Operating profit	4, 285, 465	4, 288, 779	1, 981, 464	2, 023, 409
Finance income (net)	965, 750	965, 750	561, 261	561, 261
Other Income	253, 779	253, 779	37, 632	37, 632
Investment income	-	-	-	-
Profit before taxation and minority interest	5, 504, 994	5, 508, 309	2, 580, 356	2, 622, 301
Taxation	(830, 882)	(826, 344)	(406, 214)	(406, 214)
Profit for the period	4, 674, 112	4, 681, 964	2, 174, 142	2, 216, 087
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-
Net profit attributable to Ordinary Shareholders	4, 674, 112	4, 681, 964	2, 174, 142	2, 216, 087





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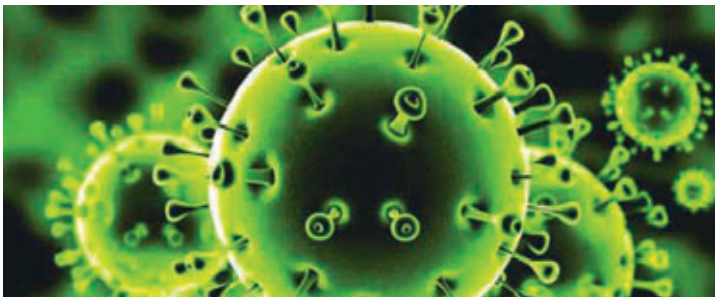
NEW DELHI : India reported 41,649 fresh COVID-19 infections, 37,291 recoveries, and 593 deaths in the last 24 hours, as per the Union Health Ministry on Saturday.

With this, the total cases in the country mounted to 31,613,993 including 408,920 active cases.

The death toll has climbed to 423,810 including the 593 new deaths. The daily positivity rate stands at 2.34 percent.

In its battle with the pandemic, India has substantially ramped up its COVID-19 testing capacity wherein 46.64 crore tests have been conducted so far.

As a part of the ongoing nationwide COVID-19 vaccination drive in the country, India has administered 46.15 crores (46,15,18,479) vaccine doses so far. — **ANI**



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1/ 2021	Digital Monitors	OMR 25	Companies specialized in supplying electronic devices and computers.	01/ August / 2021	2/September/2021, at 12:00 p.m.

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US ANNOUNCEMENT

17,000 ancient looted artefacts returned to Iraq

BAGHDAD: Iraqi historian Abdullah Khorsheed Qader has been working in the field of archaeology since 2000, when he started his master's degree at the Salah-al-Din University in Erbil, northern Iraq, and where he went on to become a professor at the university's department of archaeology.

As a scholar and the director of the Iraqi Institute for the Conservation of Antiquities and Heritage, Qader is elated his country will get back its ancient treasures from the US. "Feeling great and hopeful because of the positive responses from the United States of America," he told DW in an email interview.

On Wednesday, the US announced it was returning 17,000 archaeological artefacts to Iraq. The objects, which are around 4,000 years old and from the Sumerian period, were returned on Thursday onboard the flight of Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi, who was in Washington DC for a meeting with US President Joe Biden.

Calling the restitution "unprecedented," Iraqi culture minister Hassan Nazim said it was "the largest return of antiquities to Iraq" and a "result of months of efforts by the Iraqi authorities in conjunction with their embassy in Washington," he said in a press statement. In 2018, the British government returned ancient objects that were similarly looted after the US invasion and which then appeared in England.

"Most of these artifacts were part of the materials that were that were looted from the Iraq Museum in Baghdad during the US invasion," Elizabeth Stone, an archaeologist and professor of anthropology at the Stony Brook University in New York, told DW. Stone has been a part of various archaeological expeditions to Iraq, including a notable one in 2012, where she and her team excavated close to the site of Ur, the home of the biblical figure of Abraham.



According to Stone, these objects left Iraq through illegal trade in antiquities. "It was clear to everyone that these had been stolen from the Museum since they had catalogue numbers on them and so could not have come from illegal excavations," the archaeologist added.

Some objects were confiscated by customs officials, but others were bought by Cornell University and Hobby Lobby, the arts and crafts chain, Stone said.

Hobby Lobby was in the news recently after it was revealed the business had acquired a rare tablet in cuneiform script, inscribed with a portion of the Epic of Gilgamesh. The object was bought to display at the Museum of the Bible in Washington DC — the institution is funded by the family of David Green, Hobby Lobby's founder.

On July 27, a New York court ordered the forfeiture of the object, which was reportedly purchased by an American antiquities dealer from the family of a London coin dealer, the US Department of Justice said in a statement.

"The antiquities dealer and a US cuneiform expert shipped the tablet into the United States by international post without declaring the contents as required. After the tablet was imported and cleaned, experts in cuneiform recognised it as bearing a portion of the Gilgamesh Epic. The tablet measures approximately 6 inches by 5 inches [15 x 12 centimeters] and is written in the Akkadian language," according to the press statement.

The Sumerian poem is considered one of the oldest works of literature, and together with several thousand other objects, comprises one of the largest caches of archaeologically important artifacts that were stolen from Iraq following the 2003 US-led invasion.

Illegal excavation, theft and smuggling of historical artifacts is an ongoing problem — especially in Iraq and Syria — with black market dealers, smugglers and members of the IS exploiting the chaotic situation in the region, where it is relatively easy to find antiquities and sell them abroad.

Meanwhile, archaeologists like Qader are happy that efforts to bring back the treasures have borne fruit.

"Iraqi contacts with the American side made it clear that the smuggled antiquities are in the safe hands of the American Homeland Security," Qader says. Embassy officials had been communicating for many years to recover these pieces and "this has become a reality, finally," adds Qader. — **DW**

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USING SOLAR ENERGY

Low cost desalination technology developed

YEKATERINBURG, RUSSIA: During a new research, Ural Federal University (UrFU) power engineers developed a new desalination technology that will significantly reduce the cost of desalination and quadruple the volume of production.

The results of the research are published in the journal Case Studies in Thermal Engineering. Today one of the most popular and simple ways of desalination is the distillation of the water with help of solar energy. UrFU scientists, together with colleagues from Iraq, have developed a hybrid technology to increase the efficiency of evaporation inside a solar distiller by means of a rotating hollow cylinder and a solar collector.

"We created a desalination technology by using a rotating hollow cylinder inside the solar distiller to accelerate water evaporation in the vessel by forming a thin film of water on the outer and inner surface of the cylinder, which is constantly renewed with each turn. To increase the temperature of water under the cylinder we use a solar collector," said the head of the department Nuclear power plants and renewable energy sources UrFU Sergei Shchekein.

As part of the experiment, the rotation speed of the cylinder inside the solar distiller was 0.5 rpm. This intensity and time are enough to evaporate a thin film of water from the surface of the cylinder. Experimental tests were held in Ekaterinburg, Russia for several months (June-October,



2019) and showed high efficiency and reliability of the developed device. In addition, the researchers noted that the relatively high intensity of solar radiation and low ambient air temperature also contributed to the performance of water distillation.

"The performance improvement factor of the created solar distiller, compared to traditional devices, was at least 280 per cent in the relatively hot months (June, July, and August) and at least 300 per cent and 400 per cent in the cooler months (September and October). At the same time, the cumulative water distillation capacity reached 12.5 l/

m2 per day in summer and 3.5 l/ m2 per day in winter," said Al-harbawi Naseer Tawfik Alwan, a research engineer at UrFU and an employee of Northern Technical University (Iraq). The developed desalination technology with its simple design and low cost could be of interest in the Middle East and Africa -- in countries with high solar energy potential and a shortage of freshwater, believe researchers.

In the future, scientists plan to improve the technology and increase the performance of the solar distiller at the lowest possible capital and operating costs for different climatic conditions. — **ANI**

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DIRECTORS REPORT

Dear Shareholders:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I have a pleasure to review the unaudited Profit & Loss Account and the Financial Position of your company for the second quarter of the year 2021.

The total turnover revenue of the period under review amounted to RO 1,810,726/- compare with the revenue of RO 1,832,981/- pertaining to the same period of the last year 2020, which showed a decline of RO 22,255 (i.e.1%). The Company has achieved a gross profit of RO 674,419/- (gross profit of last year 2020 RO 786,545) registering a decrease of RO 112,126 (14%) over the same period of the last year. The Company has incurred an operating loss of RO 74,974/- compare to an operating Loss of RO 26,000/- during same period of the last year 2020.

The MSM has declined in all the sectors during this period, fair value of the portfolio and dividend income as at 30th June 2021 was declined by Ro. 13,447 as against declined fair value of Ro.12,669 during same period of the last year 2020.

However, the final result of the period under review showed a net loss of RO 143,770/- compare to last year net loss of RO 93,186.

CHAIRMAN.

Note: The complete accounts will be sent by mail to any shareholders who request the company in either Arabic or English as requested within 7 days of receipts of the request.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30th JUNE, 2021

	30/06/2021 RO.	30/06/2020 RO.
Fixed Assets:		
Fixed Assets	3,389,442	3,653,845
Work in Progress	18,225	18,225
	3,407,667	3,672,070
Current Assets:		
Inventories	681,671	720,829
Trade Receivables	516,946	483,908
Investments	311,594	288,515
Cash and Bank Balances	52,648	82,843
Other Assets	168,400	180,912
Total Current Assets	1,731,259	1,757,007
Current Liabilities:		
Trade and Other Payables	742,660	768,617
Trade and Other Payables-Related Party	43,192	51,706
Deferred Tax for Land Revaluation	235,382	235,382
Bank Borrowings	820,837	779,535
Total Current Liabilities	1,842,071	1,835,240
Net Assets	3,296,855	3,593,837
Shareholder's Equity:		
Share Capital	2,000,000	2,000,000
Legal Reserve	0	0
General Reserve	46,203	46,203
Share Premium	0	0
Land Revaluation Reserve	1,726,134	1,726,134
Retained Profit/Loss	(475,482)	(178,500)
Total Shareholder's Equity	3,296,855	3,593,837
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME UP TO JUNE 2021		
	30/06/2021 RO.	30/06/2021 RO.
Sales	1,810,726	1,832,981
Cost of Sales	(1,136,307)	(1,046,436)
Gross Profit	674,419	786,545
Other Income	(178)	12,851
Selling and Distribution Expenses	(434,731)	(496,045)
General and Administrative Expenses	(314,484)	(329,351)
Operating Profit/(Loss)	(74,974)	(26,000)
Finance Charges	(25,829)	(27,714)
Directors Remuneration	(29,520)	(26,803)
Dividend Income	10	4,783
Investment income (Realized)	10,554	(5,019)
Fare value of Investments	(24,011)	(12,433)
Net Profit /(Loss)	(143,770)	(93,186)
Tax Expense	0	0
Profit/(Loss) after Tax	(143,770)	(93,186)
Earnings per share (Fair value RO.0.100 Each)	(0.007)	(0.005)
Net Profit /Loss Margin	-8%	-5%



“I am proud of my first Olympics event. It is really a new experience for me to see and connect with top weightlifters.”
Amur Al Khanjari, Omani weightlifter



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Rank		G	S	B	T
1	PR China	21	13	12	46
2	Japan	17	5	8	30
3	USA	16	17	13	46
4	ROC	11	15	11	37
5	Australia	10	3	14	27
6	Great Britain	8	9	11	28
7	Republic of Korea	5	4	7	16
8	France	4	9	6	19
9	Netherlands	4	7	5	16
10	New Zealand	4	3	3	10
11	Germany	3	4	10	17
12	Canada	3	4	5	12
13	Czech Republic	3	2	1	6
14	Croatia	3	1	2	6
15	Italy	2	8	14	24

Rank		G	S	B	T
16	Switzerland	2	3	4	9
17	Chinese Taipei	2	2	3	7
18	Hungary	2	2	2	6
19	Slovenia	2	1	1	4
20	Kosovo	2	0	0	2
21	Brazil	1	3	4	8
22	Georgia	1	3	1	5
23	Romania	1	3	0	4
24	Spain	1	2	2	5
25	Hong Kong, China	1	2	0	3
25	South Africa	1	2	0	3
27	Austria	1	1	3	5
28	Serbia	1	1	2	4
29	Jamaica	1	1	1	3
30	Norway	1	1	0	2

US gymnast Simone Biles pulls out of two more Olympics finals



TOKYO: US gymnastics star Simone Biles will not compete in the vault and uneven bars finals at the Tokyo Olympics, USA Gymnastics said in a statement on Saturday.

Biles withdrew from the gymnastics team event on Tuesday and later decided not to compete in the all-around event, citing a need to focus on her mental health.

It remains to be seen whether she will compete in two remaining gymnastics finals that are slated to take place next week.

“After further consultation with medical staff, Simone Biles has decided to withdraw from the event finals for vault and the uneven bars,” USA Gymnastics said in a statement.

“She will continue to be evaluated daily to determine whether to compete in the finals for floor exercise and balance beam.”

The US gymnastics body said it continues to stand behind Biles amid her recent battles with mental health.

“We remain in awe of Simone, who continues to handle this situation with courage and grace, and all of the athletes who have stepped up during these unexpected circumstances,” USA gymnastics tweeted.

The US gymnastics federation said that MyKayla Skinner would replace the defending champion in the vault final alongside team member Jade Carey.

Skinner later tweeted that she “can’t wait to compete in vault finals. Doing this for us @Simone. Biles. It’s go time baby!”

Why did Biles pull out?

Biles said on Friday she was struggling with the “twisties,” a mental block where she “can not tell up from down.”

She explained: “the strangest, weirdest feeling” of not being able to do basic twists on her Instagram feed followed by over six million fans.

One of the Instagram posts featured a video of Biles landing on her back in training while being visibly frustrated. She later removed the posts.

“It’s honestly petrifying trying to do a skill but not having your mind and body in sync,” Biles added.

With the condition normally taking about two weeks to heal, the gymnastics great is now weighing up the possibility of pulling out of the floor exercise and balance beam finals on Monday and Tuesday.

Canadian gold-medal-winning trampolinist Rosie MacLennan said she got the “twisties” while training for Rio 2016, having to relearn a lot of her technique from scratch.

“There (are) mental pieces to all sports, but in aerial sports where you’re slipping and twisting, there’s a huge mental component,” MacLennan said on Friday in Tokyo. **-aw**

SEVEN TOKYO 2020 ATHLETES WITH DAY JOBS



TOKYO: Only a select few of the athletes participating at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics have the luxury of being able to live off lucrative sponsorship deals. Here are some athletes who have had to find day jobs to make their Olympic dreams a reality.

1. Anna Kiesenhofer (Austria, cycling, mathematician)

Anna Kiesenhofer revealed she tapped into her mathematical prowess to help secure an unexpected gold medal in Tokyo women’s individual road race.

The 30-year-old Austrian finished the 137km course in 3 hours 52.45 minutes, more than a minute faster than Annemiek van Vleuten of the Netherlands, who claimed silver.

“As a mathematician, you’re used to solving problems on your own, so that’s the way I approach cycling,” she said in a television interview after her victory.

“Many cyclists are used to having people that actually do that for them [...] I mean, they have a trainer, they have a nutritionist, they have the guy that plans the race for them. I just do all these jobs myself.”

Kiesenhofer, who studied mathematics at the Technical University of Vienna and at the University of Cambridge, works as a postdoctoral fellow at the Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne.

2. Javad Foroughi (Iran, shooting, hospital nurse)

Nurse Javad Foroughi became Iran’s first gold medalist of the Tokyo Games when he won the men’s 10m air pistol event.

Competing in his first Olympics, the 41-year-old set an Olympic record of 244.8 points to finish ahead of Serbia’s Damir Mikec and China’s Pang Wei.

After his victory, Foroughi told journalists that he had resorted to practicing at home for months because of COVID-19 restrictions in his homeland.

He also explained that his training programme included long sessions with an air pistol in the basement of a Tehran hospital, where he works.

Iran’s media hailed him as a national hero for both his Olympic triumph and his efforts as a front-line healthcare worker.

3. Benjamin Savsek (Slovenia, canoeing, policeman)

Policeman Benjamin Savsek won Slovenia’s first-ever Olympic canoe slalom gold medal by dominating his rivals in the C1 final here.

The world No. 7 crossed the finish line in 98.25 seconds, 3.71 seconds ahead of silver medalist Lukas Rohan of the Czech Republic.

“I am really proud because in our discipline we have been waiting for this medal a long time,” Savsek told reporters after his victory.

Apart from working as a police officer, Savsek is also a qualified electrician.

In addition to his Olympic triumph, the 34-year-old’s list of achievements includes the 2017 world championship gold medal and six European titles.

4. Jo Brigden-Jones (Australia, kayaking, paramedic)

Australian Jo Brigden-Jones com-

bines her kayaking career with a job as a paramedic.

“That medical side of things always interested me, and what I discovered I was passionate about - having an impact on your community,” she said during a break in her preparations for the women’s kayak four 500m on August 6. “I thought that being a paramedic would be a fun, exciting and rewarding job.”

The 33-year-old can certainly not be accused of being faint of heart. In addition to saving lives, Brigden-Jones revealed she trained for the Olympics by paddling in shark and crocodile-infested waters. “When you see a big splash you know it’s a shark down there,” she said.

5. Rosangela Santos (Brazil, sprinting, driver)

Brazil’s Rosangela Santos worked as an Uber driver in the US to make ends meet as she prepared for her fourth Olympic Games.

The 30-year-old, who was a part of Brazil’s 4x100m relay team that took bronze at the Beijing 2008 Games, will compete in the 100m and 4x100m in Tokyo.

“In order to earn more tips, you have a chat with the passenger. I say that I am new in the city and they always ask me why I am here. I say that I’m training, that I’m a Brazilian athlete and that I won an Olympic medal,” Santos told Brazilian news outlet GloboEsporte in 2019.

“It’s funny because they said, ‘Can I Google your name? Wow, that’s really you!’ And they ask for a picture.”

Santos will compete in both the 100m and 4x100m events at these Games.

6. Ruben Limardo (Venezuela, fencing, delivery rider)

Venezuela’s London 2012 foil gold medallist Ruben Limardo made food deliveries on his bicycle in Poland to earn a living as he trained for the Tokyo Games.

“You have to earn your way and this is a job like any other,” he said during an interview last year.

The 35-year-old was eliminated in the epee individual event here when he lost to France’s Romain Cannone in the round of 32 last Sunday (July 25).

Limardo began fencing at the age of seven and was originally right-handed before an injury prompted him to switch to his left side.

7. Benjamin Fletcher (Ireland, judo, horticulturist)

Irish judoka Benjamin Fletcher works at his family’s gardening business to support his judo career.

“I have to work to fund my Olympic dream. There are a lot of different expenses to pay for. Getting to tournaments, accommodation, flights, food. There’s a host of different jobs I could be doing [at the garden center]. I could be helping customers, stacking shelves, doing deliveries or even just manual labor, which I get roped into a lot,” the 29-year-old told the Olympic YouTube channel.

Fletcher, who switched nationality after representing Britain at the Rio 2016 Olympics, was eliminated in the Round of 32 in the men’s under-100kg category here on Thursday (July 29). **-aw**

Sprinter Barkat sets his personal season’s best in Tokyo Olympics

Oman’s weightlifter Amur Al Khanjari delivered solid performance in his debut in the weightlifting competition

Adil Al Balushi

TOKYO: Oman’s top sprinter Barakat Al Harthy advanced to round one of the men’s 100m race events in Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. He topped the preliminary heat two group and clocked 10:27 seconds on Saturday at Olympic Stadium.

With the new timing, he registered his seasonal best record. The previous best season record of Barakat is 10:37 seconds.

Weightlifter Amur Al Khanjari finished as runner-up in the weightlifting competition of men’s 81kg – group B event and in tenth place in the overall order of the category.

The 20-year-old managed to register his personal best in his debut in Tokyo 2020 Olympics as he lifted a total 317 kg with four kg more than his previous record in Egypt on Saturday at Tokyo In-



TOP PERFORMANCE: Barakat Al Harthy, left, topped the preliminary heat two group and clocked 10:27 seconds on Saturday at Olympic Stadium. Weightlifter Amur Al Khanjari finished as runner-up in the weightlifting competition of men’s 81kg category.

ternational Forum in Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

In the round one of qualification heat five of men’s 100m race event, Barkat clocked 10:31 seconds in the seventh place. With this result, Barkat ended his journey in Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

De Grasse Andre (CAN) took the first place and qualified for semis in a time of 9.91 seconds while Kerley Fred (USA) was the runner-up with a time of 9.97seconds. Omurwa Ferdinand (KEN) finished third in a time of 10.01s.

Ibra born athlete commented post the race that he is happy with registering the seasonal best.

“I claimed the new timing after hard work under watchful eyes of the national coach Mohammed Al Hooti through a series of training and long overseas camp in Turkey. Thanks to everyone who supported me during the past years and I highly appreciate the support from the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth, Oman Olympic Committee, Oman Athletics Association, my spectators and I am assuring you to deliver my best in the forthcoming events,” he said.

“The competition was very strong among all the participating runners who were in good shape to compete. The 100-metre sprint

event is considered one of the most difficult athletic races as the small technical details may differ from you to another athlete in a matter of seconds,” he added.

“Taking part in the Olympics is significant for any athlete to register the desired development. I am proud of the three consecutive Olympic Games and differently I will translate this experience in my sporting career whether as an athlete or in different position in the future,” he concluded.

Perfect show for Amur

Oman’s weightlifter Amur al Khanjari delivered solid perfor-

mance in his debut in the weightlifting competition on Saturday at Tokyo International Forum in Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

He showed perfect form at men’s 81kg – group B and in tenth place in the overall order of the category. He lifted a total of 317 kg with four kg extra than his previous record in Egypt in Arabian Weightlifting championship.

The Omani athlete began in snatch competition and he registered 140kg as his best attempt. In his initial attempt, he lifted 130kg and in the following attempt he could not manage to lift 137 kg. In the last attempt, he lifted

ed successfully 140kg and it was the best attempt.

In an exciting clean and jerk session, Oman’s Amur recorded 177kg. In the first attempt he managed to lift 170 kg while in the later attempt he failed to lift 176kg but he bounce back strongly in the final attempt as he lifted 177kg. He finished with a total of 317 kg, which is also a new personal record for Amur.

New experience

Commenting after his debut in Tokyo 2020 Olympics, weightlifter Amur expressed his joy on setting a new best personal record for him in Tokyo 2020 Olympics. “I am proud of my first presence in Olympics event. It is really a new experience for me to see and contact with top weightlifters. Competing against the world ranking weightlifter is a wonderful exposure prior to any forthcoming regional, continental and globe events,” he added.

Talented weightlifter

Oman’s talented weightlifter highlighted his future goals. “My aim is to focus now in the upcoming Paris 2024 Olympic Games. I will work hard under the technical instructions of my coach to develop my weaknesses and enhance the positive technical sides.

“Thope to get the right support from the related government and private sectors, which will assist me to prepare and shape my readiness ahead of taking in top events,” he ended.

MOTORSPORT



PODIUM FINISH: Al Rawahi and his Jordanian co-driver Ata Al Hmoud finished on top in their Subaru Impreza STi N14 after covering a total distance of 167km in 40 minutes 39 seconds.

Abdullah Al Rawahi claims Jordan Rally third round title

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman’s rallying sensation Abdullah Al Rawahi bagged top honours in the third round of Jordan Rally Championship 2021 held near Dead Sea in Amman on Saturday.

Al Rawahi and his Jordanian co-driver Ata Al Hmoud finished on top in their Subaru Impreza STi N14 after covering a total distance of 167km in 40 minutes 39 seconds. The Omani-Jordanian duo claimed first spot in all the four Super Special stages to

take the lead in the Jordan Rally Championship after three rounds.

“I’m very happy to return to Jordan after a long break and claim the title in the third round on Subaru N14. Feels great to win outside Oman despite facing some difficulties during the races. Less power of engine, terrain was different in Dead Sea area, especially on Nebo and Main categories. So, happy to be on the podium with my co-driver Ata Al Hmoud,” Abdullah said after winning the title.

Jordanian drivers Youseff Al

Asmal and Kayyal Nabil in Subaru Impreza STi N11 finished second with a timing of 43:05 in the third round.

Local drivers Ameer Nassif and Musa Djiyerian in Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X claimed third position with a timing of 43:42.

The event, organised by the Jordan Motorsport Association, included a gravel stage for 53.34km and the rest road sections in 166.59 km of total distance. Abdullah and Al Hmoud had claimed the overall championship in the Jordan Rally 2019.

SWIMMING

Dressel shatters world record to win men’s 100m butterfly

TOKYO: Caeleb Dressel of the United States refreshed his own world record to win the men’s 100m butterfly gold at the Tokyo Olympic Games here on Saturday.

Touching home in 49.45 seconds, the two-time world champion of the event cut 0.05 seconds off his previous 49.50 mark to claim his third gold in Tokyo.

Reigning European champion Kristof Milak of Hungary finished 0.23 seconds behind at 49.68 seconds, which is also a new European record.

The bronze went to Noe Ponti of Switzerland as the 20-year-old Youth Olympian clocked 50.74 in his Olympic debut.

McKeown wins women’s 200m backstroke



Kaylee McKeown claimed her second title at the Tokyo Olympics, winning the women’s 200m backstroke here on Saturday.

After a gold from 100m backstroke where she holds the world record, the 20-year-old beat leader Kylie Masse of Canada to second in the final sprint with a time of two minutes and 04.68 seconds.

Masse took the silver 0.74 second behind, and the other Australian in the race, Emily Seebohm bagged a bronze in 2:06.17.



WORLD RECORD: Caeleb Dressel of the United States in action during the men’s 100m butterfly final of swimming at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Ledecky wins her second gold



World record holder Kathleen Ledecky of the United States added another gold to her collection, winning the women’s 800m freestyle here on Saturday.

The defending champion enjoyed a safe lead before touching home in eight minutes and 12.57 seconds

This the is the fourth medal for Ledecky at Tokyo 2020, as the 24-year-old freestyle specialist had her first gold at Tokyo 2020 over the 1,500m distance following two silvers.

Arianne Titmus of Australia, gold winners in 200m and 400m freestyle, took the silver despite a late comeback effort in 8:13.83 and European champion Simona Quadrella of Italy won the bronze in 8:18.35.

Britain wins mixed 4x100m medley relay

Britain won their second swimming team gold in the mixed 4x100m medley relay at the Tokyo Olympic Games in a world record time here on Saturday.

Coming from behind to clock 3:37.58 for the top prize, British swimmers Kathleen Dawson, Adam Peaty, James Guy and Anna Hopkin joined efforts to slice 0.43 seconds off the previous world record held by China.

Team China, comprised of Xu Jiayu, Yan Zibei, Zhang Yu-fei and Yang Junxuan, finished in 3:38.86 for the silver, edging world champion Australia by 0.09 seconds.

OLYMPICS

Athlete’s positive COVID test highlights ever-present risk

TOKYO: American athlete Sam Kendricks was among the favourites to win the pole vault coming into the Tokyo Games. He had won gold at the 2017 and 2019 World Athletics Championships after earning bronze at the 2016 Olympics in Rio.

But the 28-year-old will not get his chance at the gold medal, with a positive coronavirus test on Thursday ruling him out of the competition. US Olympic and athletics officials said he has been placed in isolation and his contacts have been informed. “Sam is an incredible and accomplished mem-

ber of Team USA and his presence will be missed,” the US Olympic and Paralympic Committee said in a statement. “Out of respect for his privacy, we cannot provide more information at this time.”

He is the highest-profile athlete forced to withdraw from the games due to COVID-19. But the test result not only ended his Olympic dream, but also sent shock waves through the sport and put the pandemic back at center stage.

Kendricks’ case was an unfriendly reminder of how fragile the Tokyo Olympics appear to be and how one case could end the

competitive pursuits of many.

Due to the American’s positive test, Australia’s entire 54-person athletics team (41 athletes and 13 officials) was briefly placed into quarantine since three Australian athletes came into close contact with Kendricks. The Australian Olympic Committee later announced the trio had tested negative and all but those three could resume regular activities.

“Once again, abundant caution and our strict protocols continue to keep the team safe,” Australian team leader Ian Chesterman said. -aw

Qatari weightlifter bags gold

TOKYO: Fares Ibrahim E H Elbakh of Qatar bagged a gold medal in weightlifting men’s 96kg at the Tokyo Olympic Games.

The Qatari tied on second-best 177kg with other two weightlifters in the snatch, only one kilo behind Boady Robert Santavy from Canada. But Elbakh became unstoppable in the clean and jerk, registering an Olympic record 225kg in his second attempt for a total of 402kg, also a new Olympic record.

Both Keydomar Giovan Vallenilla Sanchez from Venezuela and Anton Pliesnoi tallied 387kg, but Sanchez took the silver as he lifted 210kg in his first clean and jerk attempt while Pliesnoi made it in the third. -Xinhua



PERSONAL LOANS SECTOR

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Middle Eastern airlines post 79.4% demand drop in June



PASSENGER DEMAND: The IATA passenger demand performance for June 2021 showed a very slight improvement in both international and domestic air travel markets. - Photo used for illustrative purpose only

European carriers saw their June international traffic decline 77.4 per cent versus June 2019, according to the latest data from IATA

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Middle Eastern airlines posted a 79.4 per cent demand drop in June compared to June 2019, with capacity declining by 65.3 per cent and load factor deteriorating by 31.1 percentage points to 45.3 per cent, according to the latest data from IATA.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) said that Asia-Pacific airlines' June international traffic fell 94.6 per cent compared to June 2019, unchanged from the 94.5 per cent decline in May 2021 versus May 2019.

"The region had the steepest traffic declines for an 11th consecutive month. Capacity dropped 86.7 per cent and the load factor was down 48.3 percentage points

to 33.1 per cent, the lowest among regions," IATA said.

European carriers saw their June international traffic decline 77.4 per cent versus June 2019, a gain from the 85.5 per cent decrease in May compared to the same month in 2019. Capacity declined 67.3 per cent and load factor fell 27.1 percentage points to 60.7 per cent.

IATA further said that the North American carriers' June demand fell 69.6 per cent compared to the 2019 period, improving from the 74.2 per cent decline in May versus two years ago. Capacity sank 57.3 per cent, and load factor dipped 25.3 percentage points to 62.6 per cent.

China's domestic traffic returned to negative territory in June, declining 10.8 per cent compared to June 2019, following a 6.3 per cent growth in May versus the same period in 2019. New restrictions had been introduced following a COVID-19 outbreak in several Chinese cities.

US domestic traffic improved from a 25.4 per cent decline in May versus the same month in 2019 to a 14.9 per cent decline in June. Life in the US was starting to see some normalcy following the easing of measures and the rapid rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination, IATA said.

The bottom line

"With each passing day, the hope

of seeing a significant revival in international traffic during the Northern Hemisphere summer grows fainter. Many governments are not following the data or the science to restore the basic freedom of movement," said Willie Walsh, IATA's Director-General.

"Despite growing numbers of vaccinated people and improved testing capacity we are very close to losing another peak summer season on the important trans-Atlantic market. And the UK's flip-flop to reinstate quarantine for vaccinated arrivals from France is the kind of policy development that destroys consumer confidence when it is most needed," he added.

Reconnecting

"A risk-managed reconnecting of the world is what we need. Vaccinated travellers should have their freedom of movement returned. An efficient testing regime can sufficiently manage risks for those unable to be vaccinated. This is the underlying message in the latest WHO travel guidance. Some governments are moving in this direction," Walsh said.

The IATA passenger demand performance for June 2021 showed a very slight improvement in both international and domestic air travel markets. Demand remains significantly below pre-COVID-19 levels owing to international travel restrictions.

FIRST QUARTER OF 2021

Commercial activities registered in Oman increase by 31% to 5,811

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The number of commercial activities registered in the first quarter of 2021 in Oman reached 5,811, the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion (MoCIIP) said on Saturday.

Compared to the same period of 2020 this is an increase of 31.09

per cent when 4,433 activities were registered, according to the Statistics Department at MoCIIP.

The statistic further shows that the movement of commercial activity during the first quarter of the year 2021 was concentrated in Muscat, which recorded 41.7 per cent of the total volume of commercial activity in the Sultanate.

This was followed by Al Batinah North which recorded 15.2 per cent, Dhofar 11.2 per cent, Al Batinah South 8.1 per cent, Al Dakhiliyah 6.7 per cent, Al Sharqiyah South 5.4 per cent, Al Sharqiyah North 3.9 per cent, Al Dhahirah 2.7 per cent, Al Wusta 2.1 per cent, while Al Buraimi recorded 1.9 per cent, and Musandam reported 0.83 per cent.



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Local Tenders Announcement

The University of Technology and Applied Sciences announces the tenders shown in the following table:

Tender Number	Tender Subject	Document's Price	Establishments eligible to bid and registered with the Tender Board	Place to purchase and submit tender documents	Last date for bid submission
02/2021 Re-floated	Providing operation and maintenance services to the buildings of the University of Technology and Applied Sciences (Higher College of Technology in Muscat)	RO 25/-	Excellent Grade	The Office of the Presidency of the University of Technology and Applied Sciences, First Floor	Sunday 22/08/2021 At 10 am
02/2021 Re-floated	Providing operation and maintenance services to the buildings of the University of Technology and Applied Sciences (Nizwa College of Technology)	RO 25/-	Third Grade	The Office of the Presidency of the University of Technology and Applied Sciences, First Floor	Sunday 22/08/2021 At 10 am

- Establishments specialized in the above-mentioned works can obtain tender documents starting from Sunday 01/08/2021.
- All bidding companies must attach with their bids a temporary tender bond in the form of a bank guarantee or a cheque certified by one of the banks operating in the Sultanate, not less than (1%) of the bid value, addressed to the name of the Chairman of the Internal Tender Committee, and valid for a period of (90) days from the date of bid submission. Any bid that does not meet the required temporary tender bond shall not be considered.
- Bids shall be submitted, signed and stamped on the form prepared for this purpose and on the accompanying category table, in closed envelopes sealed with red wax, addressed to the Chairman of the Internal Tender Committee at the University of Technology and Applied Sciences, bearing the tender number and subject with no indication to the name of the bidder.
- Bids must be placed in the sub-tender box in the department referred to above before 10 am of the day specified in the table above. Bids submitted after this date will not be considered, regardless of the reasons for the delay. Preference will be given to companies or institutions whose bids include the biggest Omanisation and biggest purchase percentage of national products.
- Preference in awarding will be given to small and medium enterprises registered with the Authority for SME development and whose bid includes the biggest percentage of Omanisation and a biggest purchase percentage of national products.

The University shall not be bound to accept the lowest or any other bid

WGC GOLD REPORT

Consumer investment in gold increased in second quarter of 2021

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Consumer investment in gold increased in the second quarter of 2021 but some investors were less bullish, according to the World Gold Council's latest Gold Demand Trends report.

The two forces helped create a gold demand of 955.1 tonnes over the quarter, a 9 per cent rise from the first quarter of 2021, and in line with the equivalent period last year of 960.5 tonnes.

Between April and June, most traditional indicators of consumer gold purchasing were positive. Bars and coins – a category of physical gold products overwhelmingly bought by retail investors – saw a fourth consecutive quarter of year-on-year gains, with 243.8 tonnes purchased over the three months.

Meanwhile, consumers bought gold jewellery with a combined weight of 390.7 tonnes – 60 per cent more than the equivalent quarter last year.

While both consumers and retail investors were purchasing again, institutional investors were less consistent.

There were only modest net inflows of 40.7 tonnes during the second quarter into gold Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) – financial instruments backed

by physical gold whose flow "swings" are often driven by institutional buyers. These inflows only partially offset the heavy outflows the industry witnessed in the previous quarter, making 2021 the first time since 2014 with net outflows in the first six months of the year.

Central banks continued to buy gold throughout the quarter. Global gold reserves grew by 199.9 tonnes in the second quarter.

Jewellery demand

Looking forward, the World Gold Council estimates jewellery demand could be in the range of 1,600 to 1,800 tonnes for the year, well above 2020 levels but below its five-year average. Investment demand should be in the region of 1,250 to 1,400 tonnes – slightly less than last year but in line with the 10-year average. Central banks are likely to continue buying gold on a net basis in 2021 at the same rate or above that of 2020, and the supply of gold in 2021 is expected to increase modestly when compared to the previous year.

Louise Street, Senior Markets Analyst at the World Gold Council, commented, "As the global economic recovery continues, we have been encouraged to see consumer demand returning, with strong year-on-year growth in jewellery."



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MARKET

Eurozone GDP rebounds 2% in second quarter

Eurostat said that growth was mainly due to the progress in the COVID-19 vaccination campaigns across the bloc and to the gradual lifting of restrictions by the member states, which reignited the individual economies

BRUSSELS: Gross domestic product (GDP) in the eurozone rebounded two per cent in the second quarter (Q2) of this year compared to the previous one on the back of two consecutive quarterly declines, Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union (EU) said on Friday.

In Q2 2021, seasonally adjusted GDP in the 27-member EU grew by 1.9 per cent. Year on year, seasonally adjusted GDP increased by 13.7 per cent in the eurozone and by 13.2 per cent in the EU in Q2.

Eurostat said that growth was mainly due to the progress in the COVID-19 vaccination campaigns across the bloc and to the gradual



REPORT: Year on year, seasonally adjusted GDP increased by 13.7 per cent in the eurozone and by 13.2 per cent in the EU in Q2. - Xinhua

lifting of restrictions by the member states, which reignited the individual economies.

Among the EU countries for which data are available, Portugal recorded the highest quarter-on-quarter GDP increase at 4.9 per cent, followed by Austria (4.3 per cent) and Latvia (3.7 per cent). Lithuania (0.4 per cent) and the Czech Republic (0.6 per cent) recorded the lowest increases.

Despite the threat posed by the COVID-19 Delta variant and the continuing supply chain concerns, experts at ING bank expect GDP growth to reach two per cent again in the third quarter of 2021.

"The eurozone economy continues to perform like a diesel engine: it takes a while to get going but don't underestimate it once it's picked up steam," commented Bert Colijn, senior financial expert at ING.

This strong economic perfor-

mance has had a positive impact on the labour market. In a separate release, Eurostat said the unemployment rate in the eurozone fell to 7.7 per cent in June from eight per cent a month earlier.

In the EU as a whole, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points month-on-month to 7.1 per cent. Some 14.9 million people were unemployed in the EU in June, including 12.5 million in the eurozone.

According to Eurostat, the annual inflation rate in the eurozone rose to 2.2 per cent in July, up from 1.9 per cent in June and exceeding the European Central Bank's two per cent target.

The rise in the annual inflation rate was mostly fuelled by energy prices, which are projected to increase by 14.1 per cent in July compared with 12.6 per cent in June. - Xinhua

TAHLYA IV PROGRAMME



Vocational training programme for Omani jobseekers concludes

MUSCAT: In partnership with BP Oman, MEDRC concluded the Tahlya IV programme with a graduation ceremony held under the patronage of Sheikh Khalifa Ali Al Harthy, Undersecretary for Diplomatic Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Tahlya IV programme is a vocational training programme that targets building the capacity of young Omanis by equipping them with the necessary skill set to advance in the desalination sector in Oman. 51 young Omani job seekers graduated from the programme this cycle.

The training included two levels for Omani with 19 supervisors and 32 operators graduating from the programme.

Shamsa Al-Rawahiya, BP Oman social investment manager, commented: "Since we commenced our partnership with MEDRC six years ago, the Tahlya programme successfully trained 262 young Omani jobseekers of which 59 per cent are currently employed. This programme reflects our aspirations in contributing to the Omanisation of the nation's water sector and building the capacity of our Omani community in this field. We are delighted to announce that we are continuing our partnership with MEDRC with a new cycle of the



Tahlya V programme which will aim to train 76 trainees in 2021."

Ciarán Ó Cuinn, MEDRC Centre Director, further added, "The partnership between MEDRC and BP Oman has helped empower young Omani jobseekers in the water sector and will continue to do so. I want to commend bp Oman for their ongoing support and leadership. We are

so proud of the achievements of our Tahlya graduates who are already leading the way in Oman's desalination sector."

By the end of this programme, the Tahlya programmes in total will have trained 338 young Omanis, providing them with the skill set needed to enter the desalination sector and contribute to achieving its in-country value objectives.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

India's personal loans sector records accelerated growth

NEW DELHI: Personal loans registered an accelerated growth of 11.9 per cent in June 2021 as compared to 10.4 per cent recorded last year, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday.

"Personal loans registered an accelerated growth of 11.9 per cent in June 2021 as compared to

10.4 per cent a year ago, primarily due to accelerated growth in loans against gold jewellery and vehicle loans," the RBI said.

The apex bank also said that on a year-on-year basis, non-food bank credit growth stood at 5.9 per cent in June 2021 as compared to 6 per cent in June 2020. -ANI

CRISIS

German banks below average in EU-wide EBA stress test exercise

FRANKFURT: The seven German financial institutions that underwent the latest round of stress tests by the European Banking Authority (EBA) performed worse overall than the average in Europe, said dpa international.

Among the German lenders, Deutsche Bank was hit hardest by the EBA's hypothetical macroeconomic crisis scenario, according to data published on Friday.

The core capital ratio of Germany's largest bank would fall from 13.6 per cent at the end of 2020 to 7.4 per cent at the end of 2023 in the event of an economic slump coupled with various other aggravating factors.

Core capital is seen by regulators as a measure of a bank's health as it helps lenders absorb market or economic shocks.

"Even in a more aggravated adverse scenario, Deutsche Bank demonstrates its resilience in a potential economic crisis," Deutsche Bank's Chief Financial Officer James von Moltke said.

"The result is also encouraging because the profits, which increased significantly in the first half of 2021, have not yet been taken into account in this stress test."

Commerzbank, which had entered the test with a 13.2 per cent core capital ratio, slipped to 8.2 per cent in the crisis scenario.

The Frankfurt-based group had booked a billion-dollar write-down in its 2020 annual balance sheet even before the group's restructuring, which is now underway and set aside more money for possible setbacks due to the pandemic.

"Commerzbank has comfortable liquidity and capital buffers. That gives us enough room for manoeuvre for our transformation," Chief Risk Officer Marcus Chromik said Friday. -BNA



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LIFESTYLE

5 things to know before going on a vegan diet

While many people choose a vegan diet for ethical reasons, some people do so primarily for improving their health. You’re undoubtedly here today because you’re thinking of cutting out meat, dairy, fish, and other animal derivatives from your diet.

The following are five such examples that you should keep in mind as you transition to a vegan diet.

- 1 YOU’LL FIND MEAL IDEAS EVEN MEAT-EATERS WILL LOVE**

If you’ve grown up eating the same kinds of meals each day, one thing you will discover is how there are hundreds of vegan meal ideas that kick those out of the water. That’s because you may not have sampled some of the things often consumed by those on a vegan diet.

For example, you’ll come across exotic fruits and vegetables that add a unique flavour and taste to dishes that you’ll seldom see in mainstream meat-based meals.
- 2 VEGAN CANDY IS ABUNDANT**

As a vegan (or even a vegetarian), one thing you’ll do frequently is check the ingredients on unknown foods or packaged items before you buy them. You’ll also discover that many of your favourite candies contain gelatine and other animal derivatives.

The good news is many companies have candy that is vegan-friendly and only contains natural ingredients. So, if you’ve got a sweet tooth, you can still get your candy fix.
- 3 YOU’LL NEED A THICK SKIN**

Sadly, there are some disadvantages to becoming vegan. Arguably the biggest downside of all is other people’s perception of your dietary choice. Some individuals will judge you and even try to belittle you because you don’t conform to what they perceive as “normal” eating.

If you’re of a sensitive disposition, you’ll need to develop a thick skin to deflect such negative comments. Of course, it does help if you avoid socialising with such toxic individuals as much as possible. True friends and loved ones will respect your diet is only your business.
- 4 YOUR GROCERY BILL WILL INCREASE**

Some people struggle to keep to a vegan diet due to the cost of buying vegan food. That’s because products like meat often get subsidised by the industry, resulting in cheaper products (especially processed items like beef burgers).

But, every cloud has a silver lining, and if you’re savvy with your spending, you can drive your grocery bill costs down. For instance, if you buy fresh fruit and vegetables from local markets, they can be cheaper than supermarkets.
- 5 YOU DON’T NEED TO TAKE VITAMIN SUPPLEMENTS**

Lastly, one of the biggest myths peddled by non-vegans, in particular, is how all vegans will be missing out on essential vitamins, nutrients, and minerals that are supposedly abundant in meat and dairy products.

If you eat a balanced diet, you’ll find you get more than your recommended intake of vitamins, nutrients, and minerals from fruit, vegetables, and legumes. -Articlecity





FEATURES

RUSSIA BLAMES ISS INCIDENT ON SOFTWARE GLITCH

A Russian space agency chief said “a human factor” could have also played a role in the incident that briefly pushed the International Space Station off track

RUSSIA said on Friday that a software failure caused thrusters on its new lab module to switch on and move the International Space Station (ISS) off course after the new module docked.

Engines on the new Nauka science lab switched on three hours after docking with the ISS on Thursday, pushing the whole space station out of position for 47 minutes before NASA ground crew managed to fix the problem.

Russian space agency bosses said they would work on changing a newly attached module which was at fault during the minor accident.

What has Russia said?

Vladimir Solovyov, the flight director for the Russia segment of the

ISS, said that the situation had been contained on the Nauka.

“Due to a short-term software failure, a direct command was mistakenly implemented to turn on the module’s engines for withdrawal, which led to some modification of the orientation of the complex as a whole,” Solovyov said.

The head of the Russian space program Roscosmos, Dmitry Rogozin, said “a human factor” could have been part of the problem.

Rogozin said that the seven crew on board experienced “euphoria” after the new module docked successfully, after which “everybody got relaxed.”

However, Russian cosmonaut Oleg Novitsky told concerned space fans not to “worry” after reading

comments on Twitter.

“Our work at the International Space Station to integrate the newly arrived Nauka module continues!” he tweeted.

What now for the ISS?

Two Russian cosmonauts, three NASA astronauts, a Japanese and a European astronaut – who were never in any danger during the incident – will now proceed in taking possession of their expanded space station.

“The crew is now busy balancing the pressure in the Nauka module,” said Solovyov.

“In the afternoon, the crew will open the hatches, enter the module, turn on the necessary means of purifying the atmosphere and begin nor-

mal regular work.”

Rogozin called the way the software glitch was handled by all “a very difficult and important victory” on Twitter.

The Nauka, which means “Science” in Russian, will add a new science lab and living quarters to the ISS complex.

The 22-ton (20-metric-tonne) module is fitted with its own life support system that is now hermetically sealed onto the space station.

Rogozin said a new Russian space module would be launched to the ISS in November.

By then NASA’s delayed Boeing Starliner capsule could also be part of the growing space station, with its launch expected in early August.

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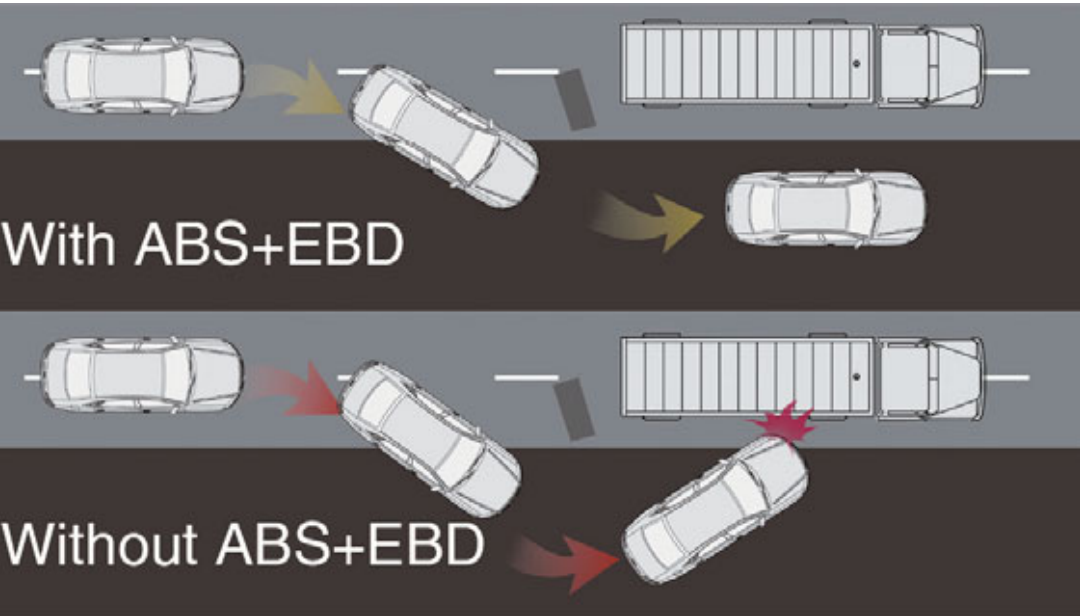
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