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UNITED NATIONS

Oman committed to protect, preserve its water resources

NEW YORK: The Sultanate has reiterated its commitment to protect water resources and the establishment of an appropriate infrastructure for the water management and supply in a rationalised manner to help meet the present and future needs.

This was stated in the Sultanate's speech before a high-level international meeting on water, held at the United Nations premises here.

The speech was delivered by First Secretary Sayyid Ahmed Hamoud Al Busaidi.

"Water is a national wealth that deserves to be protected and preserved and its resources have to be developed. To meet this goal, statutes and legislations have been enacted. The statutes include the Water Resources Protection Law promulgated under Royal Decree No. 29/2000, the Law on Protection of Water Against Pollution, promulgated by Royal Decree No. 114/2001, and the Law on Protection of Drinking Water Against Pollution, promulgated under Royal Decree No. 115/2001," said the Sultanate in its speech.

The speech also touched on the national strategy for water sector, focusing on five main themes: (1) Securing potable water; (2) striking



NATIONAL STRATEGY: The speech at the UN was delivered by First Secretary Sayyid Ahmed Hamoud Al Busaidi. -ONA

ing a balance between water use and renewable water resources; (3) consolidating principles for the preservation of water; (4) increasing public awareness about the importance of water conservation, rationalization in water use and (5) supporting water techniques, research and innovation in the field of water.

The speech pointed out that the strategies devised by the Sultanate provided fresh water services to 97 percent of the population in

towns and cities and 88 percent in rural areas.

The strategies also furnished grounds for a sound wastewater system that benefited 75 percent of the population, despite water scarcity challenges faced by the Middle East region.

The speech also stated that the Sultanate developed an integrated water desalination system comprising 60 plants and 93 wastewater stations spread out across all governorates of the Sultanate. -ONA



HEARTWARMING MOMENT: Reem gazelles are endangered and found in the Wildlife Reserve in Al Wusta Governorate. - Office for the Conservation of Environment

Magical moments of gazelle cuddling its new-born baby

The Office for the Conservation of Environment published the picture to draw awareness to the endangered nature of the species



Times News Service

MUSCAT: A heartwarming moment between a female Reem gazelle embracing her newborn baby for the first time has been published by the Office for the Conservation of Environment (OCE) to draw awareness to the endangered nature of the species.

In the photos, the mother is first seen sniffing her baby, before encouraging it to run. The gazelle is one of many species currently targeted by conservation efforts in Oman

"Reem gazelles are endangered and found in the Wildlife Re-

serve in Al Wusta Governorate," said the OCE, which is run by the Diwan of Royal Court. "There are about 1,600 gazelles in the reserve, as well as 250 more released into the wild."

According to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), there are 11 species of antelopes: five are found in the Arabian Peninsula, and six in North Africa.

The Reem is the name commonly given to both the Arabian sand gazelle, and the slender horned gazelle, which is found in Africa.

The Arabian sand gazelle is classified as 'vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List, which lists animals that

are facing depletion. The slender horned gazelle, on the other hand, is listed as 'endangered'.

"Antelopes are among the best-known animals of the deserts of north Africa and the Arabian Peninsula," said the IUCN. "These species have adapted to some of the most extreme desert environments in the world and they have always been celebrated for their grace and beauty in the art and poetry of the region."

"Although well known in a general sense, close similarity between some of the smaller species of north Africa and Arabia has led to confusion," added the organisation.

VIDEO-CONFERENCING

NDC hosts Arab League Secretary General

MUSCAT: The National Defence College (NDC) on Tuesday hosted via video-conferencing Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Secretary General of the Arab League.

Air Vice Marshal (Eng.) Saleh Yahya Al Maskari, NDC Commandant welcomed the guest, who gave a lecture titled (The Arab League, Future and Challenges), within the framework of the general curricula for the eighth batch of the NDC.

The Arab League Secretary General highlighted the influence of the current Arab regime on the joint Arab action and the extent of the regional and international developments on the march of the Arab League's work. He also touched on the major obstacles and pillars for the success of the Arab joint action. The lecture was attended by a number of senior officials and officers. -ONA



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Al Sawadi is one of the most beautiful coastal villages in the Sultanate. It attracts visitors from all regions of the Sultanate. Al Sawadi village in the Wilayat of Barka in South Al Batinah is a popular destination for visitors to enjoy its beautiful beaches and its magnificent natural islands that look like mountain heads from afar. One can also revel in the vastness of the sea.

Al Sawadi Beach is popular among tourists especially during summer when people visit the beach to enjoy the soft sand, the calm waves and the beauty of the seven converging islands.

The names of the seven Sawadi Islands are 'The Al Jabal Al Kabeer', 'Al Raha', 'Al Qita'ah', 'Al Maqbarah', 'Al Daw', 'Al Jazeer' and 'Al Aleem'.

According to Oman's Ministry of Tourism, "What distinguishes this beach is the beautiful rock islands scattered close to the coast. These islands lend a touch of the artistic to the location and are an important spot for both migratory and indigenous birds."

"The largest of the seven islands lies almost within spitting distance of the beach, a large rocky hump topped by a string of watchtowers, while the other smaller islands lie further out to sea. It's possible to walk across the sand to the main island at low tide, though take care you don't get stranded when the tide comes back in."

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OECD meeting focuses on fighting corruption

Oman's State Audit Institution is participating in the Global Anti-Corruption and Integrity Forum being held in Paris via video conferencing

MUSCAT: The State Audit Institution (SAI) is participating in the Global Anti-Corruption and Integrity Forum, which kicked off through video conferencing from Paris, France on Tuesday.

The three-day forum, organised by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), focuses on integrity and fighting corruption for a more resilient recovery for



FIVE SESSIONS DISCUSSED: During the first day of the forum, five sessions discussed key topics related to integrity in a number of sectors amid the COVID-19 pandemic. — OMA

the post-COVID future.

The forum received a broad international participation from SAIs, specialised government entities, civil institutions and specialists.

The forum began with an opening plenary with welcoming remarks by OECD Secretary-General and high-level keynote video addresses by leaders, such as; President of the Republic of Chile, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand and a number of ministers and CEOs of specialised organisations and companies, followed by the opening panel “Young leaders building back with integrity.”

During the first day of the forum, five sessions discussed key topics related to integrity in a number of sectors amid the pandemic of COVID-19.

The participants discussed a toolkit that has been developed and tested by OECD governments and selected partners. This toolkit collects all digital tools and resources to help policy makers and practitioners manage daily governance challenges.

Besides, they reviewed and analysed the effectiveness, both in law and in practice, of national whistleblower frameworks around the world. New measures were also discussed to identify good practices that could help

promote an open organisational culture, enable effective whistleblower protection, and act as game changers for reporting misconduct after the crisis.

The agenda of the forum during the following days covers several interactive and in parallel sessions, which are carried out in conjunction with specialised organisations and academics.

A number of topics will be highlighted, mainly; integrity and corruption risks during and beyond COVID-19, business integrity trends and standards, public integrity indicators, accountability, measuring fraud and loss amid the pandemic, the use of artificial intelligence, as well as demonstrating a number of international experiences in the field of integrity promotion and combating corruption.

OECD is an international organisation founded in 1961 with its headquarter in France.

OECD aims to provide consultancy on economic and social aspects through working with governments, policy makers and citizens in order to set international standards and find solutions for social, economic and environmental challenges. — OMA



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YEMENI CRISIS

Oman welcomes Saudi initiative on political solution

MUSCAT: The Sultanate has welcomed the initiative announced by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) to reach a political solution for the crisis in the Republic of Yemen.

A statement issued here on Tuesday asserts that the Sultanate will continue to work with the KSA, the United Nations and the Yemeni parties concerned to achieve the desired political settlement that will restore to Yemen



its security and stability, establish peace in the region and maintain the interests of its countries. — OMA

NEW INFECTIONS

< FROM A1 COVID-19

Compared to January 24, 2021, when there were just 26 patients in ICU, this is an increase of more than 300 per cent. Data analyst Ibrahim Al Maimani prepared a number of graphs based on COVID to create awareness of the disease. He asked people to follow prevention protocols, if the disease is to be kept at bay.

“The reason for this rise in cases, ICU admissions and people taken to hospital is because some people do not seem to comply with the decisions of the Supreme Committee and the Ministry of Health,” he said.

“There are so many authorities that spread awareness of the importance of practices like not gathering, wearing masks, washing one's hands, and following quarantine procedures, so I advise everyone to follow them,” he added. To better explain his points, Al Maimani compared the data 20 days prior to when the decision to close businesses early was taken, to the data 20 days after this measure. “From February 12 to March 3, 2021, the total numbers of cases reached 5,905, with an average of 295 daily cases, but if we compare this to the period after the closure, the numbers of cases stood at 9,839, or a daily average of 492 new infections.”

“Therefore, it becomes clear that the difference between the case rate before and after closure is an additional 197 cases daily,” he explained. “Another reason for this is that in the evening, many people congregate in large numbers in shops around closing time, because they have gone there to buy things. These gatherings contribute to the spread of COVID, and if this continues then there will be increased chances of catching the virus.”

ASMED MEETING

Funding for SMEs

MUSCAT: An agreement to provide financial support to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in cooperation with Oman Development Bank (ODB) was reviewed at a meeting on Tuesday.

This was discussed at the second meeting of 2021 of the Authority for Small and Medium Enterprises Development (AS-MED) under the chairmanship of Qais Mohammed Al Youssef, Minister of Commerce, Industry

and Investment Promotion, the Authority's board chairman.

The meeting discussed preparatory steps to provide basic services to entrepreneurs and programmes to build their capacities and hone their skills while at the same time assisting them with feasibility studies and market research on the projects for which they need financing. — OMA

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The last date for purchasing of Tender Documents shall be 5 days before the closing date of tender.

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This publication is part of the tender documents.



Sultan Qaboos University Hospital

TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT

Internal Tender Committee announces the following tender;

Tender No.	Subject	Non-Refundable	Last Date Of Submission
126/2021	Support Service Contract for Medical System (Trakcare) at Sultan Qaboos University Hospital	RO. 30	03/05/2021

Tender Conditions:

- The companies who are interested in participating in the above tender shall collect the tender documents during office hours from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm from the Procurement Department/ Sultan Qaboos University Hospital.
- The tenderers shall submit with the form of tender a certified cheque or tender bond in the sum of (1%) of the tender value valid for (90) days, issued in the name of Sultan Qaboos University Hospital by locally registered bank in the Sultanate of Oman.
- The tender quotations shall be sealed and addressed to Procurement Director; Sultan Qaboos University Hospital. The tender number and the name of the tender shall be mentioned on the tender document. It is not accepted to indicate or mention the name of the company or its logo on the envelope.
- The quotations are subject to the Tender General Terms and Conditions for the Sultan Qaboos University Hospital.
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COVID VACCINE

All aged over 45 in India to be vaccinated from April 1

NEW DELHI: Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Prakash Javadekar on Tuesday announced that everyone above the age of 45 years can get themselves vaccinated from April 1.

Addressing a press conference here Javadekar said, "It has been decided that from 1st April, the vaccine will open for everybody above 45 years of age. We request that all eligible should immedi-

ately register and get vaccinated." He further added that as per the advice by scientists and world scientist bodies, the second dose vaccines can be administered between the fourth and eighth week, particularly for Covishield.

The Minister also appealed to the people that all above the age of 45 years should take the vaccine as early as possible.

The Central government on

Monday had said that the gap between the first and second doses of the AstraZeneca-Oxford University's Covishield vaccine should be increased to 6-8 weeks from the current 28 days.

In a press release, the Union Health Ministry said that in view of the emerging scientific evidence, the interval between two doses of a specific COVID-19 vaccine example Covishield has been

revisited by the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) and subsequently by National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) in its 20th meeting.

The cumulative number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country has crossed 4.72 crores with 19,65,635 doses being given on Monday, the Union Health Ministry said. **ANI**

10 killed in Colorado supermarket shooting

A man was detained soon after reports of an active shooter at the supermarket, police told in a press briefing



WASHINGTON: At least 10 people, including one police officer, have been killed in a shooting at a supermarket in the US state of Colorado, said Boulder Police Chief Maris Herold.

Holding back tears, she said the officer who was killed was Eric Talley, 51, who had been with Boulder police since 2010. "Officer Tally responded to the scene — was first on the scene — and he was fatally shot," Herold said Monday, calling his actions "heroic."

A man was detained soon after reports of an active shooter at the supermarket, police told in a press briefing earlier in the evening.

"We have a person of interest in

custody. That person was injured during the incident and is being treated for the injuries," said Kerry Yamaguchi of the Boulder Police Department.

He added investigators had yet to determine the motive behind the violence.

"At this point, the only injured party we are aware of... was the suspect. We know of no other serious injuries at this point," Yamaguchi said.

Boulder County District Attorney Michael Dougherty expressed condolences to the families of all the victims. "My heart goes out to

the family of Officer Eric Talley. His life was cut much too short," he said.

Dougherty said a "painstaking investigation" was already underway, adding that there was more to do for the victims than just offer them thoughts and prayers.

What happened in the shooting?

According to a livestreamed video, one person — a middle-aged white man, shirtless and wearing shorts — was seen being led away from the King Soopers store in handcuffs.

One of the man's legs appeared to be covered in blood. Police said the only known person to have been injured in the incident was the suspect.

Armored vehicles, ambulances and dozens of law enforcement personnel, including a SWAT team, were present at the scene.

Authorities over a loudspeaker said the building was surrounded and that "you need to surrender."

Eyewitnesses recall horror

People inside the store at the time of the shooting said they heard multiple gunshots before fleeing through a loading bay at the rear of the building.

Unverified videos and images on social media showed at least three people lying prone on the ground, both inside the store and in the parking lot right outside.

Colorado Governor Jared Polis said he was "closely watching unfolding events."

"My prayers are with our fellow Coloradans in this time of sadness and grief as we learn more about the extent of the tragedy," he said on Twitter.

The FBI said on Twitter that its agents were assisting local police in the investigation of the shooting. **AP**

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REBUILD PARTNERSHIPS

US Secretary of State seeks to 'revitalise' NATO alliance

BRUSSELS: The US wants to "rebuild partnerships, first and foremost with NATO allies," US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Tuesday during his first visit to Europe since taking office.

"I'm here today in part to share some of our initial thinking with our NATO allies," Blinken told NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg in opening remarks. "But maybe even more important, I'm here to listen and consult because that is what allies do."

Blinken is set to meet 29 foreign ministers from the NATO alliance countries during the two-day meeting as part of a European visit seeking to revamp trans-Atlantic relations under US President Joe Biden.

"I've come here to express the US' steadfast commitment [to NATO]... We want to revitalise the alliance," the new US secretary of state told reporters.

Stoltenberg, meanwhile, has said he hopes NATO leaders will be able to negotiate a range of topics from climate measures to more sustainable funding of military operations. High on the agenda is also the future of NATO's 9,600-strong mission in Afghanistan.

Blinken also said he would

warn his German counterpart Heiko Maas of possible sanctions over the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline to Russia at their first face-to-face meeting. Blinken has repeatedly denounced the German-Russian NordStream 2 pipeline, slamming it as a "Russian geopolitical project intended to divide Europe and weaken European energy security."

Speaking in Brussels, Blinken said "President [Joe] Biden has been very clear in saying that he believes the pipeline is a bad idea. Bad for Europe, bad for the US."

Blinken said that the pipeline, whose construction is almost complete, was "in contradiction to the EU's own energy security goals" and could "undermine" the interests of Ukraine, Poland and other allies.

"I'm sure I'll have an opportunity to reiterate that, including the law in the United States, which requires us to sanction companies participating in the efforts to complete the pipeline," he said at a press conference at the NATO headquarters.

The controversial Nord-Stream 2 project will double the amount of Russian natural gas export to Germany through the Baltic Sea pipeline. **AP**



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WORLD

MAJOR FLOODS

Australia deploys rescue services amid ‘catastrophic’ flooding

CANBERRA: Australian authorities on Tuesday warned residents of the country’s eastern coast that “catastrophic” floods persist in many areas after days of torrential rain.

Military helicopters, jet skis and rubber boats were deployed to rescue people stranded by dangerous flooding.

At least 15,000 people were waiting on high alert on Tuesday for potential orders to evacuate. New South Wales (NSW), the country’s most populous state, has already evacuated some 18,000 people.

“It is catastrophic in its dimensions and the impact will be severe, and the fact that 15,000 people may need to be evacuated within the next 24 to 48 hours is a huge concern,” said NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian, adding that the wild weather was “impacting a huge area of the state.”

Thousands of homes along Australia’s populous east coast have been left damaged by the flooding.



Australia deploys defence personnel

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the weather emergency was expected to ease by late Wednesday, but that “floodwaters remain persistent for some time.”

“I’m advised that the rain and flood situation does remain dynamic and extremely complex,” Morrison said, adding that the NSW government had already requested 1,000 defense personnel to help clean up after the floods.

Some parts of NSW had recorded two-thirds of their annual rainfall in less than a week. The highest rainfall total recorded was 1,083 millimetres at Mount Seaview, west of Port Macquarie on the NSW coast. Australia’s Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) issued flood warnings from the northern border with the state of Queensland “all the way down the east coast to Victoria,” adding that there was a “developing flood situation in inland NSW.” **DW**

WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

UN warns famine will soar in 20 countries in next months

NEW YORK: Acute food insecurity will likely deteriorate over the next couple of months in 20 countries, including Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen, Venezuela, and African countries, the World Food Programme (WFP) said in a new report on Tuesday.

“Looking at the outlook period of March-July 2021, there are 20 countries and situations where there is a likelihood of further deterioration in acute food insecurity, due to multiple drivers of hunger that are interlinked or mutually reinforcing,” the report said.

“These are primarily conflicting dynamics, economic shocks, the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19, weather extremes, and the diffusion of plant pests and animal diseases.”

The report said Yemen, South Sudan and Nigeria are the countries of highest concern, requiring emergency humanitarian action to save lives and livelihoods as well as prevent any further deterioration.

Economic risks resulting from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic will aggravate situations in Venezuela, Haiti, Central America’s Northern Triangle, Syria, Lebanon, Sudan, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, and Liberia, according to the report. **ANI**



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EUROPEAN UNION

EU regulator starts review of Russia’s COVID-19 vaccine

BRUSSELS: The head of the EU’s medicines regulator on Tuesday said the agency would visit the Sputnik V production and clinical facilities as it decides whether to authorise the vaccine for the bloc.

Developers of the vaccine say they have production deals with firms Italy, France, Spain and Germany, as the EU seeks to jump start its sluggish vaccination programme.

“We are in the process of organizing inspections,” Cooke, who emphasised the importance of production capacity at the current stage of the pandemic, told a meeting of the European Parliament’s parliamentary health committee.

In response to concerns that EMA approvals were taking too long, Cooke said the possibility of emergency approval for vaccines did exist. However, she said this was at the member state level, rather than the Europe-wide level.

“I take this opportunity to stress again that we are committed to applying the same standards and scrutiny to this review as to any other scientific assessments,” she said. Cooke also said the EMA was also in discussions with Chinese state pharmaceutical group Sinopharm about the evaluation of its COVID-19 vaccine. **DW**

What the EMA said

The head of the EMA, Emer Cooke, said she hoped the Sputnik V vaccine would receive approval, and that the agency would visit Russia to find out more about production.

“We do hope that this will be a valuable vaccine to add to the vaccines that were available to the European population.”

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f) The details of online bidding platform and the process of bidding will be shared to participate in the tender after submission of the Bank Payment Receipt.

g) The last date for submitting your interest to participate in this Tender shall be on or before 30th March 2021.

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India score 66-run win over England

With this win, India have gone 1-0 up in the three-match series. Both teams will now lock horns in the second ODI on Friday



WINNERS: Krishna, Thakur help India register 66-run victory. - ANI

PUNE: Jonny Bairstow might have played a 94-run knock, but India bowlers came back strongly to hand hosts a 66-run victory in the first ODI of the three-match series against England on Tuesday here at the Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Pune.

With this win, India have gone 1-0 up in the three-match series. Both teams will now lock horns in the second ODI on Friday.

Chasing 318, England got off to an ideal start as openers Jason Roy and Jonny Bairstow made full use of the powerplay overs and the visitors scored 89 runs without losing a wicket inside the first ten overs. Bairstow and Roy eventually put on 135 runs for the

first wicket inside 15 overs.

Bairstow went past his half-century, but Roy (46) ended up missing the milestone as he was sent back to the pavilion by Prasidh Krishna.

This was Krishna's first wicket in ODI cricket. In his very next over, Krishna sent Ben Stokes (1) back to the pavilion, reducing the visitors to 137/2. Bairstow (94) also missed out on his century as he was dismissed by Shardul Thakur with England still needing 149 runs for the win.

England's innings further derailed in the 25th over as Shardul helped the hosts see the back of skipper Eoin Morgan (22) and Jos Buttler (2), reducing the visitors to 176/5. Sam Billings and Moeen Ali then formed a 41-run

stand for the sixth wicket but with 101 runs away from victory, Billings (18) ended up losing his wicket to Krishna, reducing England to 217/6 in the 33rd over.

Sam Curran and Moeen Ali put on 20 runs for the seventh wicket, but this stand was cut short by Bhuvneshwar Kumar as he dismissed Ali (30) and India looked set for a famous comeback victory in the first ODI.

In the very next over, Krunal Pandya removed Sam Curran (12) and the hosts were looking to finish the match in a jiffy. In the end, the hosts won the match by 66 runs. For the hosts, Prasidh Krishna scalped four figures and he returned with the best bowling figures for an Indian debutant in an ODI. -ANI

NZ register 5-wicket win

CHRISTCHURCH: Skipper Tom Latham scored a brilliant century to guide New Zealand to a five-wicket win over Bangladesh in the second ODI here on Tuesday. With this win, the hosts have taken an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

Latham played an unbeaten knock of 110 runs to help New Zealand chase down the target of 272 runs. Devon Conway also scored 72 runs in the match. Chasing the target, New Zealand witnessed a steady start as opener Henry Nicholls and Martin Guptill scored regular boundaries. Mustafizur Rahman provided Bangladesh with the first breakthrough when he caught and bowled Guptill (20). Soon after that, Mahedi Hasan sent Nicholls (13) back to the pavilion.

The fall of wickets did not stop as Hasan then removed Will Young (1). Devon Conway and Tom Latham then took over and revived New Zealand's innings. Both took their side past the 150-run mark, with Conway completing his half-century.

New Zealand's chase was hampered after Conway (72) got run out in the 34th over. James Neesham then joined Latham, who also went on to score his fifty. After the completion of 38 overs, New Zealand's score read 200/4, with the hosts still needing 72 runs to win. -ANI

Liverpool's position in Premier League is going to be better, says Salah

LIVERPOOL: Liverpool striker Mohamed Salah believes that the side's position in the Premier League will get better in the coming days.

The Reds started the season on a high note after winning the title last season but injury blows derailed their campaign in the Premier League but the Champions League glory is there to be shot at. "It's tough for all of us because of the situation we have been through and our position in the Premier League, but I believe it's going to be better. In the Champions League we are doing good," Salah told Liverpool's official website.

"I don't want to just talk about my season because we play as a team, so I'd say it's a tough season for all of us and we just need to carry on and try to win games," he added.

Salah was named Liverpool's Men's Player of the Month for February. The Egyptian wins the award for the third consecutive month as he edged out Curtis Jones and Trent Alexander-Arnold in the latest fan poll.

Salah started all six of the Reds' fixtures in February and was on the scoresheet three times, taking his overall tally for the campaign to a team-high 24.

"I just want to say thank you very much for voting for me. We're going to give our 100 per cent to win the next few games and hopefully, we can do that and do good also in the Champions League," he said.

Liverpool are at the seventh spot in the Premier League standings with 46 points and will take on Arsenal at Emirates Stadium on April 4. -ANI

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Memorable weekend for Sarco, ACT as A Division T20 League gathers steam

MUSCAT: Mohammed Sameer's superb 52 not out steered Sarco to an exciting 4-wicket win over ARTT in an A Division T20 League game at OC Turf 2 in Amerat on Saturday.

Sarco won both the games over the weekend having beaten OCT Muscat on Friday as the T20 tournament seemed to gain momentum.

Sarco tied ARTT into knots, restricting it to a meagre 106 for 9 in 20 overs, Aqil Khan topscoring with 31. Dileepa Srilal and Jeethesha Shridhara were the pick of the bowlers, taking two wickets each.

Sarco's response was led by a smashing unbeaten half century from number four Sameer as it surpassed the total in 18 overs,



scoring 107 for 6. Ibn Eameen claimed 3 for 13 while Zeeshan Siddiqui bagged 2 for 20.

Brief Scores (A Division T20 League): ARTT 106 for 9 in 20 overs (Aqil Khan 31 - 2x4, 1x6. Dileepa Srilal 2-16, Jeethesha Shridhara 2-18) lost to Sarco 107 for 6 in 18 overs (Mohammed Sameer 52 not out - 5x4, 2x6. Ibn Eameen 3-13, Zeeshan Siddiqui 2-20) by 4 wickets.

Hafiz helps ACT to thrilling win

Opener Hafiz Irfan slammed a magnificent 76 to guide ACT to its second win in two days, beating Awtad International by 5 runs in another A Division T20 League match at OC Turf 1 on Saturday.

ACT had defeated E&Y by 5 wickets on Friday.

Iftikhar Ahmed was ACT's other main scorer against Awtad with 32 as it collected 155 for 7 in 20 overs. Muhammed Irfan bowled well, taking 4 for 23. Awtad fought well, giving ACT a run for the money before falling short by 5 runs. Its score of 150 for 4 included Nidhin Mohan's 33 and Noorul Riyaz's 32. Vikas Sharma bagged 2 for 22.

Brief Scores (A Division T20 League): ACT 155 for 7 in 20 overs (Hafiz Irfan 76 - 8x4, 3x6, Iftikhar Ahmed 32 - 3x4, 1x6, Muhammad Irfan 4-23, Sujithkumar Rajagopalan 2-26) beat Awtad International 150 for 4 in 20 overs (Nidhin Mohan 33 - 2x4, Noorul Riyaz 32 -

2x4, Vikas Sharma 2-22) by 5 runs.

Nishad stars in Zawawi win

In another A Division T20 game, prolific scorer Nishad KS struck a solid 54, helping Zawawi Powertech to a 39-run victory against Ernst and Young (E&Y) at OC Turf 2 on Saturday.

Batting first, Zawawi posted 168 for 7 on the board thanks to brilliant batting by Nishad, Prabhakaran Kannan (47) and Suhil Kanagaraj (28). Rana Zeeshan and Alkesh Joshi took two wickets each.

E&Y failed to exhibit the same flair, managing to score only 129 for 8 in 20 overs. Shrey Wilson (35) and Omar Sarfraz (23) were its main scorers. Yagnik Ashwin

and Kalarasan Natarajan claimed two wickets each.

Brief Scores (A Division T20 League): Zawawi Powertech 168 for 7 in 20 overs (Nishad KS 54 - 4x4, 1x6, Prabhakaran Kannan 47 - 2x4, 3x6, Suhil Kanagaraj 28 - 2x6. Rana Zeeshan 2-31, Alkesh Joshi 2-52) thrashed Ernst and Young 129 for 8 in 20 overs (Shrey Wilson 35 - 3x4, 1x6, Omar Sarfraz 23 - 4x4. Yagnik Ashwin 2-13, Kalairasan Natarajan 2-27) by 39 runs. Brief Scores (A Division T20 League): OCT Muscat 71 all out in 17.5 overs (Munthir Al Balushi 21 - 1x4, Rakesh Patel 6-7, Sameer Mohammed 2-4) lost to Sarco 72 for 1 in 8.4 overs (Rangajeeva Perera 29 - 4x4, 1x6, Rakesh Patel 28 - 3x4, 1x6) by 9 wickets.

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OMAN CRUDE PRICE FALLS

The price of Oman oil has decreased, with prices for delivery by May 2021 reaching \$63.02, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil decline by 26 cents from the price of Monday, which was \$63.28. - OMA

MARKET

BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSM INDEX ENDS HIGHER

Muscat Securities Market (MSM) general index (30) added 4.2 points, comprising a rise by 0.11 per cent to close at 3736.01 points, compared to the last session, which stood at 3731.85 points.

Islamic banking growth to continue in Sultanate

Islamic financing in Oman grew by 9.5 per cent in 2020, despite the pandemic and lower oil prices, Fitch Ratings said

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman's Islamic banking sector growth is likely to continue apace in 2021-2022 following strong momentum in 2020 despite the pandemic and lower oil prices, Fitch Ratings said.

Islamic financing in Oman grew by 9.5 per cent in 2020, compared with the conventional banks' loan growth of 2.1 per cent. This was driven by demand for Islamic products, support from conventional banks offering Islamic products through their Islamic windows, and regulations supportive of Islamic finance.

The market share of Islamic banking and Islamic windows increased to 14.3 per cent at end-2020 (end-2019: 13.6 per cent), with total assets of OMR5.1 bil-



REPORT: Omani Islamic banks are adequately capitalised with reasonable profitability and asset quality indicators, reflecting conservative regulation and relatively low-risk business models. - File picture

lion (US\$13.5 billion). This is high considering that Oman was the last Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) country to introduce Islamic banking in 2013. In contrast, Islamic banking has been present in Indonesia and Turkey for more than two decades but market shares there are below 8 per cent.

Adequately capitalised

Omani Islamic banks are adequately capitalised with reasonable profitability and asset quality indicators, reflecting conservative regulation and relatively low-risk business models, the report said.

Payment holidays and flexibility allowing banks not to classify financing as impaired when payments are deferred

mask underlying asset quality.

"We expect the weakening operating environment to pressure profitability and asset quality in 2021-2022, particularly in the real estate, construction and manufacturing sectors," Fitch Ratings added.

Islamic banking penetration is likely to increase through training and awareness campaigns, new products and the greater use of fintech to target customers.

The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) is working on offering Islamic liquidity management through remunerative deposit accounts and a standing liquidity facility, and by acting as lender of last resort. It is also working to expand domestic-currency Sukuk issuance, which should increase

sharia-complaint options for Islamic banks and help them to manage their liquidity. Sukuk issuance currently represents about 22 per cent of the total listed bond and Sukuk issuance in Oman.

Omani Islamic banks have smaller capital bases than their conventional peers, hindering their ability to participate in large government financing projects. Government and public enterprise projects represented only 4.6 per cent of the financing mix of Islamic banks and windows at end-2020, compared with 15 per cent for conventional banks. Sector consolidation would therefore be credit-positive. A notable development in 2020 was the takeover of Alizz Islamic Bank by Oman Arab Bank.

TECHNICAL COOPERATION



Programme to promote role of entrepreneurship in free zones unveiled

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones (OPAZ) and the Authority of Small and Medium Enterprises Development (SMEDA) signed a technical cooperation programme aimed to promote the role of entrepreneurship in the special economic zones and free zones. The programme serves as a platform introducing small and medium enterprises to the business opportunities available in these zones.

The programme was signed by Eng. Ahmed bin Hassan Al Dheeb, Deputy Chairman of the Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones and Halima bint Rashid Al Zaria, Chairperson of SMEDA.

This outstanding programme

aims to benefit from the expertise of the Authority of Small and Medium Enterprises Development as a strategic partner in developing entrepreneurship in the different special economic zones and free zones. Further, it intends to utilise the powers of OPAZ to overcome the challenges that may come across SMEs in all these zones.

On the other hand, the programme plans to establish a platform specialised in creating innovative tasks from large projects. It also recommends opening a service outlet for the Authority of Small and Medium Enterprises Development in OPAZ headquarters. This outlet will mainly serve entrepreneurs to make the most of all the various opportunities offered by the special economic zones and free zones.

TEMPORARY HICCUP

Building materials price spike is a temporary phenomenon caused by supply-chain issue



Rizwan Sajjan, Founder and Chairman, Danube Group

MUSCAT: Prices of building material have increased suddenly in recent months that has created a temporary hiccup in the market and that is affecting the wholesale and retail price.

Lumber, one of the biggest costs in home-building after land and labour, has never been more expensive and is more than twice the typical price for this time of year, according to recent reports.

Producer-price index

Prices for granite, insulation, concrete blocks and common brick have all pushed to records in 2021, according to the US Bureau of Labour Statistic's producer-price index, which measures the change in prices that producers receive for their output. Drywall and ceramic

tiles are short of records but have also climbed.

Prices have gone up

Prices of almost all building materials products have gone up by 25 to 30 per cent in the UAE and GCC. Steel prices, for example, have gone up from Dh1,800 to Dh2,600 per tonne while the price of white wood jumped from Dh600 to Dh1,000. The price of oil and gas have also gone up.

To add salt to injury, the freight rates have also increased manifold, in some cases from US\$1,000 to US\$4,000 a container.

Rizwan Sajjan, Founder and Chairman, Danube Group, says, "It might surprise many industry observers as the change in the demand-side situation doesn't justify

the price increase. However, there is a reason behind the spike. Let us examine the situation.

"One of the reasons is that the demand for raw materials in China and India went up after the factories opened post the COVID lockdown. However, the real reason is that due to complete shutdown of the factories following the complete lockdown in China, India and other countries - from March to June 2020, the workers had either left the area or relocated to other places."

Lockdown

The lockdown saw a large number of materials stockpiles stuck at the warehouses, that had exhausted over the last 7-8 months. So, when demand started to pick up from

November- December 2020, the factories weren't ready to supply due to worker shortage or shortage of resources, including raw materials, capital, etc.

Supply-side issues

So, the supply-side issues including the shortage of resources constrained the production and shipment that pushed up the prices. Normally containers are on the move. But due to COVID, the loaded containers were stuck and started piling in ports of the US and other countries as rail and road networks were not functioning. The empty containers were not coming back to China. This whole thing had a cascading effect.

"As a result, end-users are paying more for the same quantity - at

a time when money is hard to come by. The timing of the price increase has added extra pressure on the traders and end-users, making end-products more expensive at a very crucial time," Sajjan added.

"Once the market opened, the demand for containers in China went up as other ports didn't have empty containers to return to China. The lower volume of cargo added to the jump in the freight rates, as the containers lied empty following a shipment and could not be utilised due to lack of movement. So, we ended up paying a higher price," he explained.

The increase in materials prices is not due to an increase in demand, but due to supply-side constraints caused by the COVID-19 related shutdown.

CENTRAL BANK OF OMAN

CBO issues treasury bills worth OMR152mn

MUSCAT: Oman's central bank raised OMR152 million by way of allotting treasury bills on Tuesday. The treasury bills are for a maturity period of 91 days, starting from March 24, Wednesday until June 23, 2021.

The average accepted price reached 99.802 for every OMR100 and the minimum accepted price arrived at 99.800 per OMR100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 0.79560 per cent and 0.79718 per cent, respectively.

Treasury bills are short-term highly secured financial instruments issued by the Ministry of Finance, and they provide licensed commercial banks the opportunity to invest their surplus funds. The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) acts as the Issue Manager and provides the added advantage of ready liquidity through discounting and repurchase facilities (Repo).

It may be noted that the interest rate on the Repo operations with CBO is 0.5 per cent while the discount rate on the Treasury Bills Discounting Facility with CBO is 0.75 per cent.

Furthermore, treasury bills promote the local money market by creating a benchmark yield curve for short-term interest rates. - OMA

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MSM index ends higher

The report released by MSM

The report added that the value of shares bought by non-Omani investors reached OMR159,000, comprising 7.90 per cent. The value of shares sold by non-Omani investors reached OMR491,000, comprising 24.32 per cent. The net non-Omani investment dropped by 16.42 per cent to OMR331,000. — **ONA**

MUSCAT SECURITIES MARKET

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSM 30 INDEX	3,737.69	3,730.65	3,736.01	3,731.85	4.16	0.11
FINANCIAL INDEX	5,788.66	5,779.98	5,783.94	5,775.30	8.64	0.15
Services Index	1,532.24	1,529.27	1,530.10	1,532.24	-2.13	-0.14
Industry Index	4,657.31	4,643.94	4,649.44	4,665.48	-16.04	-0.34
MSM Shariah Index	544.25	542.98	542.98	546.57	-3.59	-0.66
MSM TR INDEX	4,335.65	4,327.48	4,333.70	4,328.88	4.83	0.11

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ARAB AVIATION SUMMIT

RAS AL KHAIMAH: The eighth Arab Aviation Summit, the region's leading aviation and tourism industry event held at Al Hamra International Exhibition & Conference Centre, Ras Al Khaimah, concluded, on an optimistic note with industry stakeholders unanimous in their view of a faster recovery of the industry.

the tourism sector as a catalyst for post-pandemic growth, and also called for leveraging the potential of digital technologies to transform the industry by helping achieve higher operational efficiencies. They urged on the need for unified travel guidelines to support the industry.

Global water
filtration industry
expected to reach
\$50bn by 2027

Similarly, the use of point-of-entry and point-of-use filter technologies to remove contaminants has resulted in a consumer boom. The growing use of water purifiers for unique and general applications such as turning raw water into clean and enhanced grade water is expected to raise the market share of water purifiers. - **ANI**

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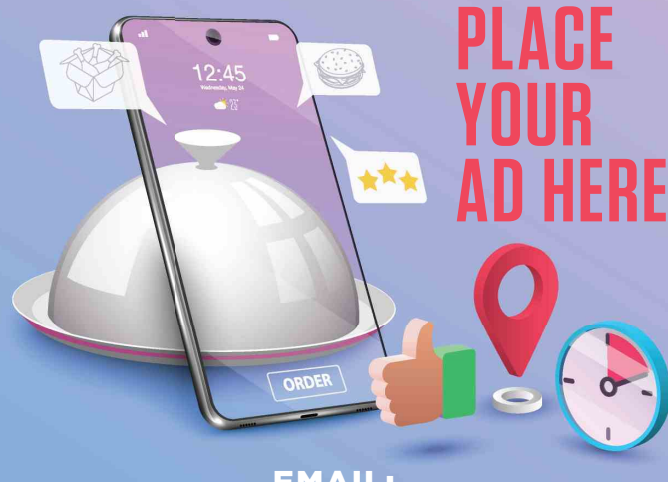
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Bank Muscat Premier Banking Cards offer world of convenience, privileges

Bank Muscat’s Premier Banking clientele have the advantage of being able to benefit from differentiated and specialised services across Private Banking, Asalah Priority banking and Al Jawhar Privilege banking

MUSCAT: In line with its vision ‘To serve you better, everyday’ and commitment to secure and convenient electronic payment options for customers, Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate, has encouraged all its valued Premier Banking customers to take full advantage of its wide range of Credit and Debit Cards for their daily needs.

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Privilege banking.

Speaking on the occasion, Abdulnasir Al Raisi, Deputy General Manager – Premier Banking, said: “The exclusive Bank Muscat Premier Banking experience is based on Recognition, Rewards and Solutions, which helps the bank set benchmarks for personal and relationship-based banking in Oman. We request our valued customers to take full advantage of these innovative services and features, which are available to them through Bank Muscat Premier Banking Credit cards and make the best use of them. The bank



promises to continue launching new features and innovations in response to customer needs and feedback in line with its customer-centric vision.”

The Private Banking Visa Platinum Debit Card features a daily cash withdrawal limit of OMR1,500 and a daily card pur-

chase limit of OMR 30,000. It also facilitates exclusive 2-for-1 deals on food, entertainment and shopping in addition to many travel discounts. Customers can download the ‘Visa Offers MENA’ app from the App Store or Play Store and register with their Visa Platinum Debit Card or their Visa Infinite

Credit Card number. The Private Banking Visa Infinite Credit Card has a high credit limit starting at OMR 15,000. It provides 1% cashback on purchases as well as a large number of other benefits including a Global Concierge Service and complimentary chauffeur service up to Muscat International Airport 6 times a year.

The Asalah Priority banking experience is driven by its Platinum Visa Debit Cards with daily ATM withdrawals of up to OMR 1,000. It also provides access to the Asalah Entertainer App with its more than 3,500 ‘Buy 1, Get 1 Free’ offers having a value of over OMR 48,000 covering dining, family entertainment, hotels and beauty and health in Oman, UAE, London and other international destinations. Debit cardholders are eligible for a number of exclusive discount offers at retail, dining and beauty and fitness outlets.

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to and from the new Muscat International Airport, 12 complimentary visits to more than 1,000 airport lounges worldwide in addition to lounge visits at Muscat and Salalah airports, a complimentary Dragon Pass, and access to a collection of over 900 luxury hotels with value-added benefits.

Designed around unique lifestyle and banking requirements, Al Jawhar is a first-of-its-kind privilege banking service in Oman. Al Jawhar customers can also download and activate the ‘Visa Offers MENA’ app from the App Store or Play Store to enjoy a number of exclusive 2-for-1 deals on food, entertainment and shopping as well as travel discounts using their Al Jawhar Platinum Visa Debit Card. They also enjoy a higher ATM withdrawal limit up to OMR 800. Al Jawhar Visa Platinum Credit Cardholders will be delighted to know that they will receive 1% cashback as a reward for their purchases. They can also make high-value purchases from the outlets of participating merchants and pay for these purchases in 12 monthly instalments at 0% interest.

REFINED DESIGN

Ferrari Roma: The Prancing Horse’s new V82+coupé unveiled in Rome



MARANELLO: The new Ferrari Roma has been unveiled to the world’s media. The latest coupé from Maranello features a timeless and sublimely refined design and has all the power and agility required to guarantee a unique driving experience. Its signature Italian styling is a contemporary reinterpretation of the carefree lifestyle of the 1950s and ‘60s Rome, from which it takes its evocative name, Roma.

Stylistically, the Ferrari Romais characterised by clean and symbiotic forms. Its beautifully harmonious proportions and elegantly pure, balanced volumes are very much in line with the Ferrari mid-front-engined grand touring tradition of which the 250GT Berlinetta Lusso and 250GT 2+2 are the most iconic examples, and from which the car takes its inspiration. It embodies an extremely modern design language that underlines its authentic, refined styling. At the same time, its sleek lines retain the sporty vocation shared by all Ferraris.

To guarantee best-in-class performance whilst still retaining the stylistic purity of its bloodline, Ferrari’s engineers developed several leading-edge technologies, most notably a mobile rear spoiler integrated into the rear screen designed to retain the car’s formal elegance when retracted and guarantee the downforce essential for the Ferrari Roma’s extraordinary performance by automatically deploying at high speeds.

The Prancing Horse’s new 2+ coupé sports a V8 turbo engine that punches out 620 cv at 7,500 rpm, making it the most powerful in its segment. A member of the V8 family that has won the International Engine of the Year four years in a row, it features Variable Boost Management for instantaneous throttle response. With the adoption of Gasoline Particulate Filters, meticulous attention was also focused on the sound of the exhaust system which has been completely redesigned, removing the silencers and introducing new bypass valves.

The car’s new 8-speed dual-clutch gearbox is more compact and 6 kg lighter than its 7-speed predecessor. As well as reducing fuel consumption and emissions, shifts are faster and smoother which makes the car even more responsive on the open road, but also especially comfortable in town and during stop and start driving situations.

Ferrari Roma’s chassis benefits from the modular technology developed by Ferrari for its new generation models. Both bodyshell and chassis have been redesigned to incorporate the latest weight reduction and advanced production technologies. In fact, 70% of its components are entirely new. The mid-front-engined 2+ Ferrari Roma has the best weight/power ratio in its segment (2.37 kg/cv) which enhances handling dynamics and responsiveness.

The Ferrari Roma features Ferrari’s cutting-edge vehicle dynamics systems, the most notable example being the Side Slip Control 6.0 (a first on a Ferrari GT car) with a 5-position manettino and Ferrari Dynamic Enhancer which controls yaw angle by hydraulically adjusting brake pressure at the callipers.

The approach taken by the Ferrari Styling Centre for Roma’s exterior centres around clean design and absolute symbiosis between its various elements with harmonious proportions and pure, elegant volumes.

The car is clothed in long, ultra-sleek lines that sweep back from the front bonnet, highlighting the spare silhouette of the flanks and the compact, set-back fastback cabin volume. To underscore that formal minimalism, all superfluous detailing has been removed: for example, radiator cooling is guaranteed by a monolithic surface that is perforated only where necessary, creating a new radiator grille concept.

The full-LED adaptive headlights are traversed by a horizontal light strip that hints at the structure beneath the car’s skin, bringing a sense of tension to the entire circumference of the car.

ZUBAIR SMALL ENTERPRISES CENTRE

Zubair SEC participates in a series of lectures and workshops

MUSCAT: Zubair Small Enterprises Centre (Zubair SEC) participated in a series of lectures and workshops at the University of Technology and Applied Sciences in Salalah intending to create an entrepreneurial mindset among students and young people.

Zubair SEC, in collaboration with educational institutions and civil bodies, has been providing young people in the county with basic knowledge and experience to increase their awareness of the business world to nurture a new generation of entrepreneurial thinkers. Offering a comprehensive entrepreneurship discourse, Adel Al-Hubaishi, executive manager of Zubair SEC, presented a series of lectures explaining the mechanism of using practical tools for innovation.

The first lecture dealt with the Design Thinking tool and stressed the importance of empathy, identification of problems, generation of ideas, design of the prototype and the test. The session deliberated on identifying the real problems experienced by the targeted group through pattern analysis. In light of this, problems were identified, and ideas were generated, and the product/service mechanism was designed.



The workshops dealt with the business model innovation which is the promotion of unique concepts to support a company’s financial viability, mission, and the processes for bringing those concepts to fruition. The session focused on the business model canvas which is based on nine basic building blocks including customer segments, value propositions, types of channels, customer relations, sources of income, key resources, key activities, key partnerships and cost structure.

Adel Al-Hubaishi said, “We participate in these lectures and workshops to prepare students to be enterprising individuals who can be inspired to become entrepreneurs. By attending these sessions students can learn in a prac-



tical way to be entrepreneurial by exploring, questioning assumptions, using imagination and integrating information. We focussed on how businesses interact with their customers, how companies innovate, and on the business models that organisations are built around.”

He also reiterated that incorporating entrepreneurship into the curriculum can develop knowledge, skills and attitudes in students that develop entrepreneurial competency.

Dr Husam bin Ahmed Basiddig, Head of Entrepreneurship and Innovation Department at the University of Technology and Applied Sciences in Salalah, said, “I am pleased to see that some institutions direct their social respon-

sibilities towards developing entrepreneurs and small enterprises to support government efforts in promoting entrepreneurship and sustainable economic and social development in the Sultanate.

“The Zubair Corporation through Zubair SEC has not only supported small enterprises but has also extended its contributions and backing to university students. The students at the University of Technology and Applied Sciences in Salalah has benefited from the number of enriching lectures presented by the Zubair SEC and contributed to enhancing and developing students’ knowledge and capabilities in designing the idea of the project and creating the business model. We look forward to more cooperation and joint work with the centre to transform promising students’ ideas into purposeful pioneering projects and distinct products of economic or service value to society.”

To achieve its goal, Zubair SEC has built a comprehensive support ecosystem that includes providing business development assistance, organising workshops, delivering specialist advisory support, conducting networking opportunities, offering serviced office space and partnerships.

ALL-NEW EARPHONES

Huawei FreeBuds 4i: Latest and greatest earphones from Huawei for 2021

MUSCAT: Huawei will soon launch its all-new earphones, the Huawei FreeBuds 4i, which offers high-quality sound, powerful 10-hour battery life and active noise cancellation (ANC), all in a fashionable and comfortable design. The Huawei FreeBuds 4i inherits the superb features from Huawei FreeBuds Series, including comfortable ANC, remarkable battery life, and crystal clear audio, allowing all users to enjoy an unprecedented audio experience.



High quality audio

Huawei FreeBuds 4i features customised components including 10 mm large dynamic drivers to offer larger amplitude for powerful bass performance. At the same time, the superb wind noise reduction structure ensures the consistency of the sound effects to make them comfortable to listen to.

Huawei FreeBuds 4i is designed to cater to user’s music needs for pop music. The professional tuning team combined different instruments, rhythms, and vocal styles to adjust the audio quality to fit the frequency of pop music, offering a balanced audio output that is suitable for most users’ daily needs. Together with the noise cancellation, Huawei FreeBuds 4i

allows users to enjoy crystal clear audio even in a noisy environment.

10-hour battery on a single charge

Battery life is a key consideration for consumers. Huawei FreeBuds 4i adds a large, high energy density battery into the compact frame, bringing longer battery life to a smaller package. When ANC is turned off, Huawei FreeBuds 4i offers 10 hours of continuous music playback or 6.5 hours of the voice call. Together with the charging case, it can achieve 22 hours of music playback or 14 hours of the voice call. If the ANC is turned on, it can offer 7.5 hours of continuous music playback and 5.5 hours of the voice call.

Moreover, the industry-leading quick charge technology provides 4 hours of audio enjoyment from a 10-minute charge, so users do not need to worry about the battery level when they are out and about or in a hurry.

Active Noise Cancellation

Huawei FreeBuds 4i detects ambient noise through the microphones and generates a reverse sound wave to reduce the noise. The noise cancellation algorithm targets typical noisy scenarios such as a busy mall, loud public transportation, a train station, the office, or human voice for ANC optimisation, providing users with a comfortable noise cancellation experience.

Huawei FreeBuds 4i also features the Awareness Mode, allowing users to hear the surroundings without taking off the earbuds. By simply pressing and holding the earbud, Huawei FreeBuds 4i will switch between Awareness Mode and Active Noise Cancellation Mode automatically.

Compact and comfortable design

The Huawei FreeBuds 4i’s charging case is designed to fit the arc of the user’s palm, not too big or too small, the perfect size to carry in the palm of your hand. Huawei FreeBuds 4i has undergone thousands of rounds of comfort tests, finally adopting a design that fits the ear canal, greatly improving the long-term wearing comfort.

Huawei designers aimed to introduce a design for active and energetic users, allowing them to listen to the beauty of life while on an adventure. Thanks to Huawei’s advanced audio technology, Huawei FreeBuds 4i can provide a crystal clear audio experience anytime and anywhere.

The Huawei FreeBuds 4i also provides an excellent interactive experience. Users can easily control music playback, voice call, and activate noise with gesture touch.

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Double your salary with BankDhofar

All customers transferring their salary into their savings account or current account from March 1 onwards will be eligible to enter an exclusive prize draw and get a chance to double their salaries

MUSCAT: Aiming to reward customers transferring their salary to BankDhofar, the bank announced, 'Double Your Salary' Scheme.

All customers transferring their salary into their savings account or current account from March 1 onwards will be eligible to enter an exclusive prize draw and get a chance to double their salaries to up to OMR 2,000.

Commenting on the scheme, Dr Tariq Taha, Chief Retail Banking Officer at BankDhofar said, "This scheme translates our endeavour to provide the best services, products and offers to our customers, and to meet their financial needs. Therefore, we intend to reward our customers by having a salary transfer by providing them with the chance to win back an equivalent salary and hence double their salaries. For instance, if a customer transfers a salary of OMR 500 and he wins the draw, he will get back an additional OMR 500 from the bank. Another



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customer who has transferred a salary of OMR 1,000, will win back an additional OMR 1,000 from the bank and so on. "Double Your Salary" scheme will provide the chance for 20 customers per month to double their salaries up to a maximum of OMR 2000. We are looking forward to welcoming customers transferring their salary to the Bank and this is our way of thanking them."

All customers having a savings or current and transferring their salary to BankDhofar, starting from March 2021, will be eligible to enter the draws.

BankDhofar will conduct monthly draws where 20 salaried-transferred customers will get the chance to double their salaries to up to OMR 2,000 per month. This is in addition to the Savings Account prize draw scheme.

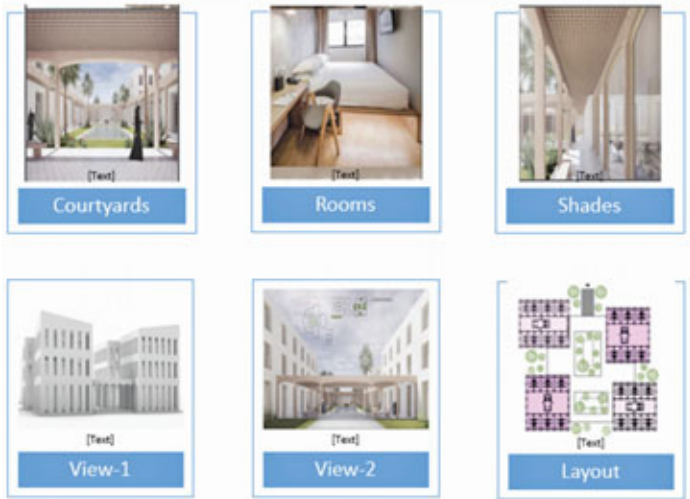
In addition to the "Double Your Salary" Scheme, the bank has launched a special Savings Account Scheme for 2021.

The Savings Account Scheme 2021 offers guaranteed prizes for every branch, bigger prizes, and more winners.

With a total of more than OMR

2,000,000, BankDhofar will conduct Monthly Guaranteed Prizes for all branches, segments draw including, Children prize draws, Youth prize draws and Amaan Retirees Banking Services' prize draws. Additionally, the bank will conduct prize draws on special occasions including, the Omani Woman's Day Prizes draw, and the National Day Prizes draw. As for Al Riadah Priority Banking Services' customers, the scheme will offer exclusive Al Riadah Prestige monthly prizes, a mid-year grand prize and year-end grand prizes.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



National University of Science & Technology aims to enhance student experience

MUSCAT: National University of Science & Technology a place to study, learn & grow has embarked upon many infrastructure projects to enhance the student experience. One such project is the 150 bed high – class premium studio rooms for its girls' students at the College of Medicine Sohar Campus.

The premium all-girls dormitory aims at integrating learning, community and housing. This will serve as a quality mixed-use housing facility, assuring students of an attractive lifestyle than seamlessly binds communal spaces drawing students out of their rooms and improving the prospects of new experiences and connections.

The girls' dormitory in Sohar College of Medicine campus provides international and Omani students with state of the art facilities which includes but not limited to the following.

- 150 premium studio rooms
- High-end gym facility
- Collaborative workspaces

- Indoor games
- Two Internal courtyard and shaded walkways
- Enhance lifestyle attractive with an amazing ambience

The new facility increases the chances of a student's well-being and success and ideally suited for living and learning communities.

The inclusion of creative specialty communal spaces, stimulating circulation & increase student interaction. It enhances both the social & mental wellbeing of residents encourages existing students to live on the campus for longer.

Open walkways, the sound of water from a nearby pond and carefully scaled courtyards provide an airy and bright counterpoint to the double-loaded corridors and the inward focusing character of a structure.

The on-campus girls' dormitory blur the lines between a traditional classroom and a traditional residence hall & create a dynamic student experience.



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as a Head-Up Display (HUD), a dual-zone air conditioner, a power-folding 60:40 split rear seat, in addition to a hands-free power backdoor to name a few.

The interior of the NX exudes a sportier nature and a more luxurious feel. There is also a focus on the ease of use, convenience, and comfort of the equipment features, faithful to Lexus' commitment to the principles of Omotenashi (hospitality). The first thing you are bound to notice is the 10.3-inch multimedia display on the dashboard. The central analogue clock, with a clearer face and a more pronounced outer ring, adds to the luxurious ambience. 14" speaker Mark Levinson Sound system adds a unique dimension to entertainment on the move with its crystal-clear audio quality. Nearly all the controls and switches inside the NX, including the drive mode selector, shift knob, and door handles, have a metallic satin finish, enhancing the premium look and feel of the cabin. Even the audio knob and window switches feature a metallic coating.

Reflecting Lexus' utmost commitment to passenger safety, the NX300, comes equipped with a comprehensive suite of active and passive safety features complemented with the addition of the preventive safety package, Lexus Safety System+, which integrates active safety technologies, such as the Pre-Crash Safety System Adaptive Cruise Control System

Lane Departure Alert and Adaptive High Beam. Apart from the Lexus Safety System+, other safety features are also available, including Blind Spot Monitor, Rear Cross Traffic Alert, Panoramic Back View Monitor and Tyre Pressure Warning System to name a few.

The most athletic NX trim level, the performance-minded F SPORT, is distinguished by its pronounced mesh grille with jet-black plating and exclusive Alloy. Inside, it has specially textured ornamentation, which provides a high sense of elegance and sporty flair. The F SPORT also features Sports tuned suspension, a Sporty steering wheel with paddle shifters and exclusive Seat material.



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