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'HM'S DIRECTIVE TO PROTECT LIFE AND HEALTH OF ALL'

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HM SENDS CONDOLENCES

Muscat: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of condolences to Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the death of Prince Saud bin Fahd bin Mansour bin Jalawi Al Saud. In his cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his condolences and sympathy, praying to the Almighty Allah to rest the deceased's soul in peace and grant his family patience to bear the loss. **—ONA**



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TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

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Fine exemption

1 Only expatriates whose resident cards expired after March 2020 will be exempt from paying the linked fines before permanently leaving. **>A3**

WORLD

100 whales saved

2 Rescuers saved 108 long-finned pilot whales that got caught up in Australia's largest mass stranding, officials confirmed on Saturday. **>A5**

MARKET

Research pact signed

3 The pact aims at developing joint plans to link outputs of higher education institutions with the investing firms in the industrial cities of Madayan. **>B1**



A village steeped in history

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PANDEMIC

National sero-survey phase three to be launched today

MUSCAT: As part of the bid to continue the process of combating the COVID-19 pandemic, the third phase of the national sero-survey of the infection will begin today.

It is part of a process to achieve the main survey objectives that showed that the overall prevalence of COVID-19 infection was six per cent in the first phase.

Moreover, the prevalence rate in various governorates in Oman and the level of infection in those who have not shown any symptoms have been assessed during the initial phase.

The survey is scheduled to be conducted in four stages due to the importance of the stages in shaping the course of the pandemic in Oman during specific period.

The Ministry of Health emphasises on the need for individuals to



FOUR STAGES: The survey is being conducted in four stages.

participate in the survey to facilitate the process during the scheduled period of time, reassuring all the participants that there will be

no consequences like mandatory isolation or wearing of electronic tracking bracelet for those participating in the survey. **—ONA**

STRICT SAFETY GUIDELINES ISSUED AS AIRPORTS GEAR UP TO REOPEN

The measures include the procedures passengers need to follow before they arrive at the airport, and while they are on board the plane

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Ahead of reopening airports in Oman for passengers and commercial flights, the country's Civil Aviation Authority has issued rules for those arriving to and departing from the Sultanate, to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The guidelines include the procedures passengers need to follow before they arrive at the airport, and while they are on board the plane.

As part of the preparations for reopening, Muscat International Airport on Friday organised a preparedness drill involving locals and residents in the country.

Online check-in

Passengers departing from the Sultanate must provide the required documents, and go through the examinations and procedures of the destination country. Online check-in prior to arriving at the airport is also highly recommended.

"Passengers must arrive at the airport at least three to four hours before their departure time," added the CAA guidelines. "Travelers may carry only one handbag with them and an additional bag

from the duty-free shop to avoid crowding at security points and in the airplane.

"All travellers are to fill in and sign a health declaration form to confirm they do not have COVID-19 and its symptoms," the advisory stated. "No passenger suffering from COVID-19 or its symptoms indicated by the Ministry of Health, may be allowed to enter the airport."

All passengers are to wear face masks in a proper manner at the airport. When required, however, they are required to remove them to show themselves to the authorities. Social distancing and adherence to instructions posted on signs in the airport is a must. "All passengers shall have their temperature checked upon entering the building, and they will only be granted access if their temperature is below 38 degrees Celsius," added the advisory.

Additionally, to minimise gathering in public places, only passengers who are scheduled to fly are allowed access to the airport. Non-passengers are only allowed in case they are required to help those with reduced mobility and/or disability. **>A2**

See also >A3

WHAT TO DO WHILE AT THE AIRPORT

Departing passengers:

1. Arrive at the airport at least three to four hours before your flight departs
2. Complete all of the procedures required by the authorities in the country of arrival
3. Fill in the form which states you do not have any of the symptoms of COVID-19. Passengers with these symptoms will not be allowed to proceed further.
4. Passengers are allowed only a single handbag, as well as one more from duty free
5. Maintain social distancing procedures, and wear your mask throughout your stay at the airport

Arriving passengers:

1. Complete a PCR test in your country of departure
2. Download the Tarassud+ app and follow all preventative measures
3. Maintain social distancing in all common areas, such as baggage claim and customs
4. Make sure you have health insurance covers the cost of COVID-19 treatment
5. Children under the age of 15, as well as air crew, do not have to take PCR tests



HERITAGE



UNIQUE: 962 pieces of silver dirhams, dating back to the early Sasanian and Islamic eras were found inside the vessel.

Sinaw coin treasure largest of its kind in Oman

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A hoard of coins discovered in Sinaw has turned out to be one the largest of its kind in Oman.

A statement issued by the Oman News Agency (ONA) said, "The Sinaw archaeological treasure is the largest coin treasure found in the Sultanate until today. It was found inside a pottery vessel in Shawwal 1399/September 1979 in the Sinaw district in the state of Al Mudhaibi in the North Al Sharqi-

yah Governorate. The glazed vessel is distinguished in turquoise blue and has handles on both sides. Inside the vessel, 962 pieces of silver dirhams, dating back to the early Sasanian and Islamic eras were found."

Activities

Plenty of activities to raise awareness of Oman's history have been held recently. The National Museum recently concluded its Creative Imagination Programme, which had been organised to document

historical images and the country's heritage. The programme consisted of 14 classes organised in two stages: the first at the museum headquarters, and the second through virtual conferencing.

The National Museum said in a statement, "The programme enabled participants to learn about creative imagination methods using collage techniques, which integrate images of Omani archaeological collections and other materials in different ways and methods of two and three

dimensions that revive heritage and history anew."

Three weeks ago, the National Museum also conducted a lecture in archaeology, in collaboration with the Geological Society of Oman.

Lecture

The lecture was presented by Dr Mohammed Al Kindi from the Earth Sciences Consultancy Centre (ESCC), and Dr Maria Pia Maiorano of the University of Naples. **>A3**

PRAYER
TIMINGS

Dhuhr..... 12:03pm
Asr..... 3:27pm
Maghrib..... 6:02pm
Isha..... 7:12pm
Fajr (Tomorrow)..... 4:43am

HM’s directive to protect life and health of all, says health minister

Al Sa’eedi urged people to stick to preventive measures and cautioned that the registered deaths are not only among the old-aged or those suffering from chronic diseases but also among youth

MUSCAT: Dr. Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Sa’eedi, Minister of Health, Member of the Supreme Committee tasked with tackling developments resulting from coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, said that the directives of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik to the Supreme Committee focus on protecting public health and the life of all.

“Accordingly, nobody’s life will be exposed to risk and no action whatsoever will be undertaken except on the basis of available epidemiological data,” the minister added.

The minister made the statement during the COVID-19 Control Supreme Committee’s 16th press conference held at the Ministry of Education on Thursday.

Dr. Ahmed pointed out that, one day, the health sector in the Sultanate crossed the 190 Intensive Care Unit patient-mark, a precedent in the sector’s history.

He urged all to stick to preventive measures and cautioned that the registered deaths are not only among the old-aged or people suffering from chronic diseases. A proof of that is the death of a 15-year-old person, along with the demise of patients in the age-group of less than 20 years. “It is a serious disease and the journey to the shores of safety requires the cooperation of all,” said Dr. Ahmed.

The minister called up all travellers to shoulder their responsibilities and to know precautionary measures adopted by other countries where the passengers wish to go. Omanis have to obtain health insurance to cover their COVID-19 tests and treatment, if any. He reiterated that passengers arriving into the Sultanate have to undergo a 14-day health quarantine.

Generous contribution

Speaking about donations, the minister said that the total sum of COVID-19 donations stood at OMR33,188,162 of them OMR10 million as a generous contribution by His Majesty Sultan Haitham. Of this sum, a total of OMR29,150,193 has been spent so far.

The minister said that as many as 2,848 infection cases were registered among medical teams in the Sultanate since the outbreak of the pandemic. Of these, one doctor and one nurse died, said the minister, noting that 22 percent of the cases of infection in medical crew happened in health establishments, 42 percent in society and 36 percent of unknown sources.



MEETING: The health minister made the statement during the COVID-19 Control Supreme Committee’s 16th press conference held at the Ministry of Education. - **ONA**



Dr. Ahmed explained that the most important indicators to know about the seriousness of the disease do not cover the number of titeric tests. Instead, they are based on the numbers of people hospitalized and admitted to ICUs. The technical team at the Ministry of Health is considering the reduction of the health quarantine period, the minister said.

He added that a contract was concluded over the past few weeks with an international firm specialised in conducting diagnoses at the level of the Sultanate. An increase in the number of tests will be observed, he said.

Opening of mosques

Dr. Ahmed said that a decision on the opening of mosques has been left for the Ministry of Awqaf and Religious Affairs.

The mosques will be monitored to check that they abide by the precautionary measures, said the minister, who stressed that meetings are underway between him and officials concerned at the Ministry of Health and that a joint committee was formed to look into the matter of mosques, pending the decision of the Ministry of

Meanwhile, Dr. Abdullah bin Nasser Al Harrasi, Minister of Information, Member of the Supreme COVID-19 Control Committee, commended the efforts of public awareness exerted by all media organizations, including the radio, the television, the newspapers and electronic websites, in addition to activists in social media.

He hailed the efforts of all media in explaining the risks posed by the disease, means of infection and precautionary measures which aim at safeguarding the health of all people in society and protecting them against the disease’s multiple impacts. The media has a role in combating rumours and ad-



dress wrong information about Covid-19 and causes of infection with the disease and its methods of treatment.

The minister said that the role of the media combines with the efforts of the State under the wise leadership of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik whose main concern is to protect individuals and society.

The media’s role was not limited to spreading information about the disease only through the publishing of precautionary measures and methods of protection. This role expanded to cover the dissemination of scientific knowledge in an unprecedented manner that keeps abreast of developments of diseases in general and established methods of protection against them, he added.

Exposing offenders

Dr. Abdullah pointed out that exposing of offenders by publishing their names in the media has been discussed in the Supreme Committee’s meetings but no decision so far has been taken to enforce the threat.

“The Committee is fully aware of gatherings in farms and other places, and these types of assembling are closely monitored and the idea of (blacklisting) public announcement of names of offenders is still an option, but we do not want to take this ap-

proach,” said Dr. Abdullah.

He explained that COVID-19 taught us a lot and alerted us to many aspects of the problem in which we did not focus before due to the nature of normal life. Some of these (positive) sides include the practice of direct import to the Sultanate, the development of practical ways to benefit from sciences and knowledge and distance learning, among other aspects which can be of use in future, said the minister.

On his turn, Eng. Said bin Hamoud Al Ma’awali, Minister of Transport, Communications and Information Technology, said that the 7th package of activities and businesses will be approved by the Supreme Committee in its next meetings. Eleven new commercial activities have been discussed in the previous meeting of the Committee and 3 of these activities have been resumed, while the rest remain closed due to the high rate of infections, Eng. Al-Ma’awali explained.

He added that, in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Committee, international flights will be resumed with effect from 1 October depending on health data of the selected destinations and the agreements governing such flights. Also by that date, domestic flights will be operated between Muscat and Salalah, he said.

Al-Ma’awali pointed out that the travel of citizens and foreigners will continue without the need for approval that precede travel, depending on health procedures. He added that similar steps will be applied in the case of travellers returning to the Sultanate, including COVID-19 insurance for non-Omanis.

The minister said that the issue of visas was discussed during the meeting of the Supreme Committee and that priority will first be given to citizens and residents

who hold valid residency visas and the rest will follow.

Al-Ma’awali pointed out that public transport services will be opened next Sunday and explained that ship crew have been allowed to change shifts in the Sultanate’s ports, a good indicator about the increase in vessel traffic.

The Minister noted that the pandemic was an opportunity to reactivate Omani ports, enhance their direct routes and increase the rate of import. He added that, shortly, the Sultanate’s ports will be connected with the ports of Colombia, Kuala Lumpur, Jeddah and the Al Sakhna port in Egypt.

In the meantime, Chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), Dr. Mohammed bin Nasser Al Za’abi, has reaffirmed the preparedness of the civil aviation sector to undertake its mission in accordance with the approved plans after the Supreme Committee endorsed the 1 October 2020 as a date for resumption of international air traffic in the context of health data about the selected destinations and relevant agreements.

Al-Za’abi pointed out that the CAA, acting in advance much before the development of coronavirus into a global pandemic, took precautionary measures to protect society and workers in the field of civil aviation in the Sultanate against Covid-19 that might be transferred through air travel from other countries.

Speaking about statistics of air traffic for the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 August 2020, Al-Za’abi said that the total number of incoming and outgoing flights in the Sultanate stood at 3,882 that carried about 680,000 passengers and more than 20,611 tonnes of goods. Muscat air traffic control centre managed 58,751 air flights that passed through Omani airspace which remained open before transient international flights, said Al-Za’abi.

He added that the airports of Oman that are open before non-scheduled air flights in the Sultanate are also subject to assessment in terms of commitment to health and safety protocols at airports and onboard aircraft.

He explained that tomorrow, Friday 25 September, Oman Airports Company, under the supervision of the Civil Aviation Authority, will carry out a trial assessment of the preparedness of the PCR testing lab at Muscat International Airport.

Traveller’s guide

Al Za’abi unveiled a traveller’s guide to be made at the Authority’s website (caa.gov.om) and that the guide will include all the information and instructions necessary to be applied by departure and arrival passengers via the airport. The guide will be updated as necessary, he said.

Al-Za’abi added that, following the decision of the Supreme Committee on 7 September 2020, international air flights will be resumed from 1 October 2020 at limited level of regular scheduled flights between Muscat International Airport and the airports of some GCC states, Asia, Europe and Africa. The aim is to provide air travel between the Sultanate and other countries in the world within a fixed network of airports and in line with bilateral agreement between the Civil Aviation

Authority and its counterparts in those countries.

Scheduled international flights will be resumed, while at the same time operating domestic flights to airports within the Sultanate during the current period, which will be followed by a stage of assessment of the health situation and the economic feasibility towards the resumption of international flights to the rest of destinations, said Al-Za’abi.

He noted that the aviation sector in the Sultanate underwent heavy losses due to coronavirus pandemic and that, since the closure of Omani airports on 29 March 2020, international traffic dropped considerably at a rate of 90% for passengers, but this percentage began to gradually decrease and it is hoped that 1 October 2020 will constitute a new start.

Speaking about international flights using the Omani airspace, Al-Za’abi said that their daily number is dropping down to 150 aircraft, compared to 1,600 in 2019, a decline of more than 85 percent. He explained that, since the Omani airspace remained open, the number of airplanes using it is now picking up at a daily rate of 500 to 600.

Al-Za’abi explained that revenues of the Civil Aviation Authority dropped by 50 percent and Oman Airports Company’s by a similar percentage (50%). Equally, Oman Aviation and other civil aviation firms suffered heavy losses, taking the total losses of the civil aviation sector in the Sultanate to more than OMR200 million during the coronavirus pandemic.

Tarasud Plus app

Meanwhile, Dr. Saif bin Salim Al Abri, Director-General of Disease Surveillance and Control at the Ministry of Health, said that procedures governing the entry of any person arriving into the Sultanate from abroad will be by registration in Tarasud Plus app.

Those who arrive for a stay of more than 7 days will have to undergo a quarantine period, while at the same time wearing tracking bracelets. This will be applied to all arrival passengers, whether by land or air, said Dr. Saif, who pointed to the availability of PCR test for arrival passengers via land and air routes. He spoke, without elaborating, about “a new mechanism for arrival passengers via land checkpoints”.

Giving more information, Dr. Saif Al Abri said that the Ministry of Health conducted 2,910 tests yesterday and that the number of tests conducted in the Sultanate so far crossed the 376,000 mark.

He added that, so far, we have no proof that a COVID-19 patient has been infected twice, but, he explained, “The virus could often remain in the body of the patient for a period of more than four months.”

Healthcare centres

Dr. Saif Al Abri reaffirmed that the health system in the Sultanate is still intact, both at the level of primary healthcare centres and at the level of hospital. He added that the preventive procedures and public health procedures are still 100% functional.

Dr. Saif advised any suspected person or anyone who shows symptoms of COVID-19 will be treated as a patient. - **ONA**

NEW GUIDELINES

<FROM A1> Travellers returning to Oman must undergo PCR test in their country

All Omani nationals must have health insurance valid for COVID-19 treatment in the country to which they are travelling, while locals, residents and visitors are allowed to leave the country without securing a travel permit first. However, returning to Oman is only possible for Omani nationals and expats with valid resident cards.

“Those quarantined are required to report any COVID-19 symptoms when they are noticed, and declare their infection if confirmed,” said the government body.

“Hands must be washed with soap and cleaned with hand sanitisers after any documents are exchanged. Sanitisers are available

at all airport facilities.

“All used face masks and gloves are to be disposed of in the designated waste bins, and whenever possible, it is highly recommended to pay electronically and use self-service counters,” said the CAA.

Passengers returning to Oman must have first completed a PCR test in their country of departure, and on arrival, must pay a fee of OMR 25, and adhere to the precautionary rules. People who intend to stay in Oman for up to a week must register on the Tarassud+ COVID-19 monitoring app, while those who plan a longer stay must also wear the monitoring bracelet and quarantine themselves for up to two weeks.

Children under the age of 15 years, and air crew, are exempt from the COVID-19 PCR tests, while the latter are not required to follow the quarantine procedures either.

The CAA said, “all visitors are required to have health insurance that covers the costs of treatment with Covid-19 for a period of one month. All arrivals shall download the application before arriving or on arrival in Oman, and shall have their temperature measured, and those with COVID-19 symptoms shall be directed to the designated clinics for examination.

“Foreigners coming to Oman must ensure the availability of adequate housing during the

quarantine period,” the authority went on to say.

“Physical distancing must be maintained at security points, luggage collection, and at customs inspections, while non-travellers may not enter the airport without a proper permit.”

Prior to boarding, passengers must avoid being too close together. Social distancing is obligatory during this stage of travel, and adherence to physical distancing must be followed at all times.

“All passengers are to remain seated in the plane during the flight,” advised the Civil Aviation Authority. “Only move when it is necessary or when asked to exit the plane upon arrival.”

35TH ANNIVERSARY

Oman, Russia hail establishment of diplomatic ties

MUSCAT: Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister and Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation have exchanged greetings on the 35th anniversary for establishment of the diplomatic relations between the Sultanate and the Russian Federation, which falls on September 26. They wished the relations between the two countries further progress and development.

It is worth mentioning that since the establishment of relations between the two countries on 26 September 1985, the two countries have achieved progress



in cooperation in a number of spheres.

The joint cooperation and exchange of views on a number of regional and international issues have contributed to peace and stability in the region and the world at large. - **ONA**



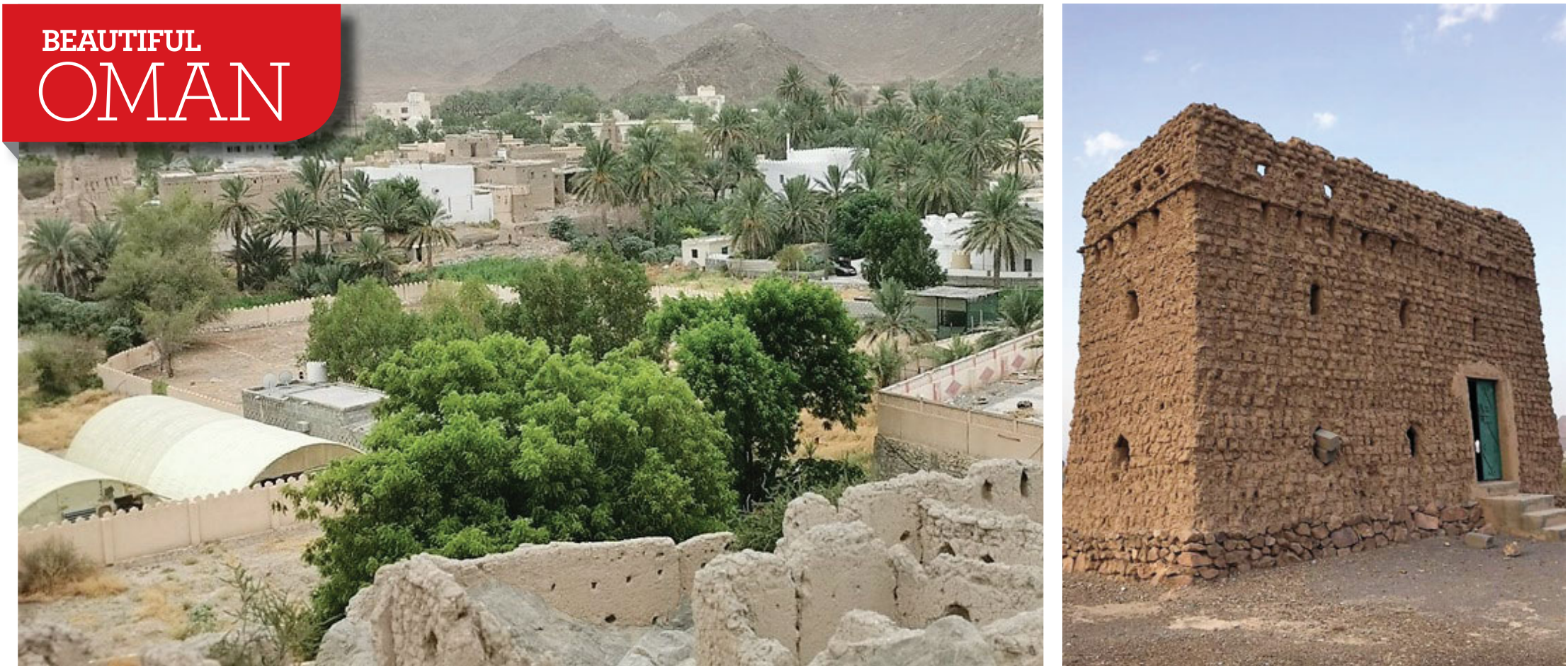
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SOAK UP THE HISTORY OF MANAL, AN OLD OMANI VILLAGE



Manal is one of the villages of Wadi Bani Rawaha in the Wilayat of Samail in the Governorate of A'Dakhiliyah. The village overlooks the main street heading to the governorates of A'Dakhiliyah, Dhofar and A'Dhahirah, and from there to the Governorate of Muscat.

Manal is an example of a village with an authentic Omani heritage that tells the story of Sultanate's deep-rooted history. Buildings of the village were built with mud and lime mortar, locally called "sarooj". The village also hosts ancient tombs, mosques and old houses.

Sheikh Is'haq bin Mohammed Al Hashami says, "Manal is located at a small mountainside. The village houses "Al Qasr" mosque. Towers were built around it in the rocky heights. The history of the village goes back to the end of the second millennium BC, when an ancient cemetery was discovered

behind the rocky slopes located to the west of the village. The excavations indicated that the village was inhabited at the end of the second millennium and the beginning of the first millennium BC. Bronze tools, shells and animal bones were found at this site, in addition to some Islamic inscriptions and rock drawings".

The modern houses at Manal slope towards the east. As for the "Al Qasr" mosque, it was built far from the village.

It is distinguished by its beautiful Mihrab and Islamic decorations. In 1998, the Ministry of Heritage and Culture restored the mosque.

There are more than 14 towers and fortresses surrounding the village from all sides. They all tell about the hardness and ingenuity of the Omani citizen in building those towers in order to defend the village's residents.

The Ministry of Heritage and Culture restored four of these towers. -DNA





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ROYAL OMAN POLICE

ROP arrests people for gathering and violating Supreme Committee orders



Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Royal Oman Police (ROP) has arrested a group of people in Al Dakhiliyah Governorate from gathering and violating the decisions of the Supreme Committee.

A statement issued by the ROP said, "Al Dakhiliyah Governorate Police Command arrested a group of people for gathering on a farm and violating the decisions of the Supreme Committee tasked with dealing with COVID-19."

"Legal procedures have been completed against them," the statement added.

Meanwhile, Muscat Municipality is taking action

against a restaurant for allowing a gathering.

According to the Municipality, legal measures will be taken against the restaurant owner.

A hairdressing and women's beauty shop in the wlayat of Bausher was shut down by Muscat Municipality for violating the decisions of the Supreme Committee.

In a statement issued by Muscat Municipality said: "The woman beauty shop in Bausher was shut down for violating health requirements specified in accordance with the decisions of the Supreme Committee, and for providing massage services, forbidden during the first phase of services being permitted."

AT MACQUARIE HARBOUR

Rescuers save 108 long-finned whales after mass stranding in Australia

CANBERRA: Rescuers saved 108 long-finned pilot whales that got caught up in Australia's largest mass stranding, officials confirmed on Saturday.

In total, 470 whales became stranded on sandbars at Macquarie Harbour on Tasmania's west coast this week.

The first 270 whales were discovered on Monday, with a further 200 spotted two days later, some 7 to 10 kilometres from the original site.

A third had already died before rescue efforts began. — **dw**



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TWO CRITICAL

Four injured in Paris knife attack

PARIS: Four people were injured in a knife attack in Paris near the former office of Charlie Hebdo outlet, French Prime Minister Jean Castex said on Friday. According to the minister, two of the injured were in grave condition. According to media reports, there were two attackers and they are currently at large. **ANI**

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INVITATION TO EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of **Gulf Investment Services Holding Co. S.A.O.G.** is pleased to invite all shareholders of the Company to attend the Extra Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) scheduled to be held at 3:00 PM on Monday, 12th October 2020 through the electronic platform for holding the general assemblies, which you can access through Muscat Clearing and Depository Company website (www.mcd.gov.om). If the quorum for the meeting of this assembly is not met, the second meeting will be held at 3.00 P.M. on Thursday, October 15, 2020, through the electronic platform for convening the meetings to discuss the following agenda:

- To approve the proposal of reducing the Company's issued capital from RO 15,023,400 to RO 5,000,000 million through the following:
 - To write off the accumulated losses of RO 6,584,760 as per the audited financial statements of the company as on 30-6-2020.
 - Return part of the issued capital of the company that exceeds the company's needs, amounting to RO 3,438,640, at a rate of approximately 22.88 Baizas per share to the shareholders registered in the company's records on the date of the EGM, according to the details mentioned in the attached explanatory note (Attachment No. 1)
- Approval of the distribution of dividends to shareholders from the legal reserve after the reduction referred to in the first clause, for an amount of RO 2,514,284 at a rate of approximately 16.73 Baizas per share for the shareholders as at the EGM date.
- Authorizing the Company's Board of directors or those chosen from among the members to complete all the procedures and approvals required to implement the decisions of the aforementioned EGM, and then distribute the proposed amount mentioned in the first and second clauses, after completing the capital reduction process by the registrar in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Amending Article (5) Paragraph (A) of the Articles of Association of the company, after completing the procedures for registering the new capital with the registrar (according to Attachment No. 2).

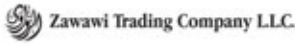
According to the company's articles of association and the procedures for holding the General Meetings by using modern technology issued by the Capital Market Authority, we would like to draw your attention to the following:

- A juristic person, exclusively, has the right to authorize a natural person to attend the General Meeting and vote on his behalf through technical means, provided that this natural person should have an investor number in the MCD.
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For further information, please contact **Mr. Dawood Al Ali on Phone No. 22350712**



Sultanate of Oman Consumer Protection Authority



Zawawi Trading Company LLC

Recall Campaign for Mercedes-Benz
C-Class (205 platform),
G-Class (463 platform)
AMG GT (190 platform)
Model year: 2015-2018

Date of Campaign: 27.09.2020
Recall Segment: Software
Recall Type: Safety
Product Description:



Number of vehicles	Chassis number	To	Chassis number	Sales Designation
2	WDC4632341X264092	&	WDC4632341X271569	G 500 4X4 ²
7	WDD1903781A001334	To	WDD1903781A012637	AMG GT S
6	WDD2050871F192683	To	WDD2053871F454662	AMG C 63 S
1	WDD1903771A012529			AMG GT

Description of defect: Daimler AG has determined that on certain GT-, C- and G-Class vehicles (190, 205 and 463 platforms) the engine control unit software might not meet the specifications. In case of the engine being shut down for more than 67 hours, the catalyst heating induced by an increase of the idling speed might not be initiated with the next engine start as intended. As a result the heating of the catalytic converter would take longer than intended.

Procedure: As a precautionary measure Zawawi Trading Company LLC will update the engine control unit software on the affected vehicles. The expected workshop visit for the update of the engine control unit software will take around 30 minutes and will be free of charge.

For more information: Sultanate of Oman customers affected by the recall who have not been contacted already will be telephoned by representatives of Zawawi Trading Company LLC, so that they can arrange a convenient time from 27.09.2020 to get their car inspected

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Justice Ginsburg laid to rest in US Capitol

Politicians, military leaders, and Ginsburg's family and friends were among those who paid respects in front of her flag-draped casket

WASHINGTON: The late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg laid in state at the US Capitol on Friday, becoming the first woman in the country's history to be honoured this way.

Politicians, military leaders, and Ginsburg's family and friends were among those who paid respects in front of her flag-draped casket placed in the Capitol's Statuary Hall.

"It is my sad honour to welcome so many who loved Justice Ginsburg to this celebration of her life here in the United States Capitol," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said in a statement, calling her "petite in size, monumental in impact."

2020 Democratic presidential nominee and former US Vice President Joe Biden also attended the ceremony to honour the legendary jurist. Biden noted that he was the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee during Ginsburg's confirmation process when she was nominated by then President Bill Clinton in 1993.

"It was like when I met her when I did her hearing. I was the chairman of the committee when she was confirmed," Biden said of Ginsburg. "Wonderful memories."



TRIBUTES: US President Donald Trump paid his respects to Ginsburg on Thursday when she laid in repose at the top of the steps of the Supreme Court building.

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Lying in state is a tribute reserved for distinguished government officials and military officers, when their caskets are displayed in the Capitol or a government building, either in Washington, D.C. or at the state level. Lying in repose is the tradition in which remains of the deceased is made available for public viewing in a building other than the U.S. Capitol.

A renowned champion of women's rights, Ginsburg died last

week at the age of 87 due to complications related to metastatic pancreas cancer. She was the second woman appointed to the highest court in the United States.

Ginsburg will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery, which is across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C., according to the Supreme Court.

Trump will name Ginsburg's replacement on Saturday, with multiple media outlets reporting on Friday that he will pick Amy Coney Barrett, a conservative judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, to fill the seat.

Any Supreme Court nominee needs to be confirmed by the Senate with a simple majority vote. Republicans, who have a 53-47 advantage in the chamber, appear to have enough votes to approve Trump's candidate despite fierce pushback from Democrats. **xinhua**

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WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

WHO predicts two million deaths from coronavirus

GENEVA: The global death toll from COVID-19 could reach 2 million before a vaccine is readily available and could be even higher without strenuous efforts to prevent the spread of the novel virus, the World Health Organization (WHO) has said.

"Unless we do it (take concerted action) ... the number you speak about (2 million deaths) is not only imaginable but sadly very likely," Mike Ryan, head of the UN agency's emergencies programme, said in a briefing.

This figure would see the world's death toll doubling from

the current one million confirmed fatalities from COVID-19 since the virus first emerged at the turn of the year in China.

Authorities in Madrid on Friday announced expanded partial lockdowns in the Spanish capital, with restrictions now in place in 45 neighborhoods covering more than 1 million people.

Residents will be required to stay in their neighborhoods unless they have to go to work, to school or to the doctor. Bars, restaurants and businesses will remain open at reduced capacity. **bw**



POLITICAL IMPASSE

Lebanon PM-designate Mustapha Adib resigns

BEIRUT: Lebanon's prime minister-designate resigned on Saturday amid a political impasse over the formation of the next Cabinet.

"I excuse myself from continuing the task of forming the government," Mustapha Adib said in a televised speech after meeting Lebanese President Michel Aoun at Baabda Palace.

The former ambassador to Germany was only named to the top job at the end of August.

Lebanon's last government stepped down in the wake of the Beirut port blast on August 4 that killed 190 people, injured thousands more and damaged many parts of the coastal capital.

The country is also struggling with a devastating economic crisis that has seen its currency lose 80 percent of its value since October.

Under Lebanon's political system, a Muslim must occupy the position of prime minister, while the presidency is given to a Maronite Christian and speaker



of parliament to a Muslim.

The announcement by Adib deals a blow to French President Emmanuel Macron's efforts to break a political stalemate in the crisis-hit country.

"We say to those who applauded the collapse of Macron's initiative today, that you will bite your fingers in regret," said leading Sunni Muslim politician and former prime minister Saad Al Hariri, following the announcement.

What difficulty did Adib have choosing a Cabinet?

The French-backed Adib had tried to form a Cabinet made up

of independent specialists that could work on enacting reforms.

Choosing a Cabinet in this way proved difficult in a country where power is shared between Muslims and Christians and political loyalties tend to follow sectarian lines.

Assigning someone to the position of finance minister has proven particularly problematic, after the country's main groups, Hezbollah and Amal, insisted on retaining hold of the key Finance Ministry.

The two groups also named some ministers in the new cabinet and objected to the manner in which Adib was forming the government.

Adib held several meetings with senior politicians but failed to reach an agreement on how the minister would be chosen.

Leaders feared being sidelined as Adib sought to shake up appointments to ministries, some of which have been controlled by the same faction for years, politicians said. **bw**

WITHOUT CONDITIONS

Japanese PM ready to meet Kim Jong Un

NEW YORK: Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga on Friday said that he is ready to meet with Kim Jong Un, top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), without "any conditions".

"As the new Prime Minister of Japan, I am ready to meet with Chairman Kim Jong Un without any conditions," Suga said in his debut at the General Debate of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly.

Suga said that Japan seeks to normalize its relationship with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in accordance with the Japan-DPRK Pyongyang Declaration. **ANI**

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Messi lashes out at Barca for ‘throwing out’ Luis Suarez

Messi’s fresh attack comes after he was forced into a U-turn following his request to leave Barca this summer

MADRID: FC Barcelona striker Leo Messi on Friday launched a stinging criticism of the club’s Board of Directors for their treatment of Luis Suarez.

Messi’s fresh attack comes after he was forced into a U-turn following his request to leave Barca this summer, but issued a communique accusing club President, Josep Maria Bartomeu of going back on his promise to allow him to leave.

This Friday saw Messi publish a ‘goodbye’ letter of Suarez, his friend and strike partner for the past six seasons, who this week signed for Atletico Madrid after scoring 198 goals for the club.

In his letter, published on social media, Messi said that Suarez had been “thrown out” by FC Barcelona.

“You deserved a farewell befitting who you are: one of the most important players in the history of the club, achieving great things for the team and on an individual level,” commented Messi on social media.



STINGING CRITICISM: This Friday saw Messi publish a ‘goodbye’ letter of Suarez, his friend and strike partner for the past six seasons, who this week signed for Atletico Madrid.

“You did not deserve for them to throw you out like they did. But the truth is that at this stage nothing surprises me anymore.”

“It will be strange to see you in another shirt and even stranger to come up against you on the pitch... I had already begun to

imagine it but today I went into the dressing room and it truly dawned on me. It’s going to be so difficult not to continue to share every day with you both on the pitch and away from it,” the Argentinean wrote.

Messi’s criticism comes just

two days before Barca kick off their La Liga campaign with a home game against Villarreal on Sunday night and will not help his relationship with new coach Ronald Koeman, who was the person who called Suarez to tell him he was no longer needed. **Xinhua**

Discussion on participation of national teams

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Olympic Committee’s (OOC) planning and following-up committee held its third meeting of the year under Mohsen bin Hamad Al-Masrouri.

Discussions were held on tournaments postponed because of COVID-19, and rescheduling of strategic goals in light of the amendments made to the dates as part of the coordination between the OOC, federations and sports committees to ensure preparation of the national teams for tournaments next year.

In this context, the committee reviewed the importance of participating in these sessions after knowing what is available for national teams for competitions as per the plans and objectives set by the sports federations and their desire for participation following the change of dates.

Most notably the 32nd Olympic

Games (Tokyo 2021), the Asian Beach Games (Sanya - China), the third GCC games (Kuwait), in addition to the fifth Islamic Solidarity Games (Turkey), and indoor Asian Games (Thailand), and finally the Asian Youth Games (China).

The committee raised the recommendations to the OOC Board of Directors to confirm participation in the aforementioned tournaments in accordance with the technical standards and principles established and approved, as well as to analyse the technical levels of players to implement the plans as a result of the exceptional circumstances.

Additionally, the conditions available to compensate for this partial interruption of the training of Omani teams within the framework of a joint work programme and close cooperation with the sports federations and committees and their technical bodies.



REMARK ON KOHLI

Don’t read headlines, hear what I said, says Gavaskar

DUBAI: Former India cricketer Sunil Gavaskar on Friday said he has not given any ‘sexist comment’ on Indian skipper Virat Kohli’s wife Anushka Sharma and added that people should carefully listen what he said on Kohli rather than reading the headlines.

Gavaskar’s remarks came after actor Anushka called the commentator’s message as ‘distasteful’. “I did not give any sexist comment. I just said that Virat Kohli didn’t get time to practice during the lockdown. We all saw how Virat Kohli was practicing on his terrace and Anushka was bowling to him. I just said Virat only got a chance to practice on Anushka’s bowling,” Gavaskar said on air during the Delhi Capitals-Chennai Super Kings game being broadcast on Star Sports Hindi.

“I request everybody to watch and hear it again then say whatever you want to. Don’t read the head-



CLARIFICATION: Gavaskar’s remarks came after actor Anushka called the commentator’s message as ‘distasteful’.

Kohli was dismissed for just a run on Thursday and Gavaskar made a remark on how the RCB skipper hardly had any training time during lockdown

lines, hear and watch on your own. I did not say anything sexist, nor I was trying to blame anyone, when I was talking about training during the lockdown, it was not when Kohli was dismissed. He was dismissed 3-4 balls later,” he added. Kohli was dismissed for just a run on Thursday and Gavaskar made a remark on how the India and RCB skipper hardly had any training time against quality bowling

during the coronavirus-induced break. He also used Kohli’s wife, Anushka’s name while making the remark.

Earlier in the day, reacting to being dragged into the episode, the actor took to Instagram and wrote: “That, Mr Gavaskar, your message is distasteful is a fact but I would love for you to explain why you thought of making such a sweeping statement on a wife accusing her for her husband’s game? I’m sure over the years you have respected the private lives of every cricketer while commenting on the game. Don’t you think you should have equal amount of respect for me and us?”

“I’m sure you can have many other words and sentences in your mind to use to comment on my husband’s performance from last night or are your words only relevant if you use my name in the process? It is 2020 and things still

don’t change for me. When will I stop getting dragged into cricket and stop being used to pass weeping statements? Respected Mr Gavaskar, you are a legend whose name stands tall in this gentleman’s game. Just wanted to tell you what I felt when I heard you say this,” she added. Having started the season with a win, RCB didn’t have a good outing against KXIP on Thursday as they lost by 97 runs at the Dubai Cricket Stadium. Kohli made no bones about the fact that it was a bad day in the office not just for the team, but also for him individually. While the RCB skipper managed to score just a run with the bat, he missed two catches of KXIP skipper KL Rahul and that did make a difference as Rahul hit a brilliant century to lead his team from the front. In fact, Rahul was in the 80s when he was dropped and went on to hit an unbeaten 132 off 69 balls. **ANI**

INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE

Form of Jadeja and Chawla an ‘area of concern’: Fleming

DUBAI: After suffering a 44-run defeat against Delhi Capitals in the Indian Premier League (IPL), Chennai Super Kings’ (CSK) coach Stephen Fleming admitted that the form of spinners Ravindra Jadeja and Piyush Chawla is an area of concern for the side.

Jadeja has so far picked up just two wickets in the tournament and in the last two matches, the spinner has gone for runs.

He ended up conceding more than 40 runs in his quota of four overs in the matches against Rajasthan Royals and Delhi Capitals. On the other hand, Chawla has picked up four wickets in the tournament so far, but the spinner conceded 55 runs from his four overs in the match against Rajasthan Royals.

“Yeah, it’s an area of concern because it has been one of the strengths for CSK and the style of play we have developed in the last 12 years, is heavily based on spin. So we are trying to find a different personality so spin definitely plays a part,” Fleming said while



Coach Stephen Fleming. - **ANI**

responding to a query during the post-match press conference.

“We struggled with the fact that we have played on three different grounds and all of them have different conditions. We are struggling to adjust and find the pace and style to bowl through the middle. We have not bowled well in the last few games, so we need to rectify that,” he added.

CSK was unable to chase a total of 176 against Delhi and was restricted to just 131/7 stum-

bling to a 44-run defeat.

Talking about CSK’s approach during the chase, Fleming said: “We are a bit muddled at the moment, we are missing some key players and are trying to find a balance that allows us to be competitive. Again it comes to the spin bowling aspect, we are looking to develop a personality on the type of pitches we are getting. We are trying to find a combination without Raina and Rayudu. The performance against Delhi was on the weaker side in terms of intent. It has been an interesting six days and now we have the time to rectify the issues and there are a few of them.”

When asked as to why CSK opted to bowl first against Delhi, Fleming replied: “Yeah, we did think about batting first against Delhi, the dew aspect is a bit hit and miss thing at the moment, we are guessing a little in terms of conditions, we are learning on the hop and some of the stuff we learnt against Delhi will really be valuable.” **ANI**



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COVID-19 DISRUPTION

Normalisation from COVID-19 economic disruption is expected to take longer in India, Japan, Australia and most of southeast Asia, according to a new report by S&P Global Ratings titled 'Asia Pacific's Recovery: The Hard Work Begins.' > [B2](#)

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Pact signed to boost cooperation in education, scientific research



BOOSTING COOPERATION: The cooperation programme aims at developing joint plans to link the outputs of higher education institutions with the investing companies in the industrial cities of Madayn. — Supplied picture

The agreement was signed by Dr Rahma bint Ibrahim Al Mahrouqiyah, Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, and Hilal bin Hamad Al Hasani, CEO of Madayn

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A cooperation programme has been signed between Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation and Public Establishment for Industrial Estates (Madayn) to boost cooperation in various fields that serve education, scientific research and innovation. The agreement, which comes in line with the significance of establishing robust partnership and integration between various bodies, was signed by Dr Rahma bint

Ibrahim Al Mahrouqiyah, Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, and Hilal bin Hamad Al Hasani, Chief Executive Officer of Madayn.

The cooperation programme aims at developing joint plans to link the outputs of higher education institutions with the investing companies in the industrial cities of Madayn. This shall strengthen integration between the current and future development plans of the industrial cities and the fields of higher education, scientific research and innovation.

The cooperation programme will also play a role in developing the curricula of higher education institutions regarding the various specialisations that are linked with the industrial needs of the sector and the companies in the industrial cities. As per the agreement, Madayn will provide training opportunities at the industrial cities for the undergraduates, and vocational colleges' students.

The cooperation programme also aspires to enhance the exchange of consultations and expertise to support the development of scientific research and innovation in the industrial fields, and adopt the results and outputs of innovative and viable research and project ideas and transform them into investment projects and opportunities according to mechanisms agreed upon by the related parties. Additionally, the programme

will encourage the investing companies in the industrial cities to offer scholarships for higher education studies, in order to meet the employment requirements in the companies, sectors and industrial cities that fall under the umbrella of Madayn. Moreover, an electronic interactive platform will be formed with the participation of the relevant parties to exchange data and information related to the implementation of this programme.

Nizwa Industrial City

Following the signing of the cooperation programme, Dr Rahma toured Nizwa Industrial City, which pertains to Madayn, in the presence of Dr Muna bint Salim Al Jardaniyah, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation for Vocational Training, Dr Bakhait bin Ahmed Al Mahri, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation for Higher Education, Dr Saif bin Abdullah Al Haddabi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation for Research and Innovation, and Hilal bin Hamad Al Hasani, CEO of Madayn.

The series of visits to Madayn's various industrial cities aim at exploring cooperation opportunities in scientific research, innovation, and technical and vocational training in the industrial cities.

Total investment

During the visit, Eng. Saleh bin Salman Al Abri, Director General of Nizwa Industrial City informed that the total investment volume of Nizwa Industrial City has exceeded OMR369 million during the first half of 2020, marking a growth rate of 1.13 per cent compared to the same period in 2019.

Workforce

The number of workforce in the industrial city has reached 6,100 and the total area of the industrial city has surpassed 3 million square metres.

The number of projects in Nizwa has reached 150 by the end of the first half of the current year, of which 128 are operating, 10 are under construction and 12 projects have been allotted with space.

Al Abri elaborated that Madayn is currently working on implementing several projects at Nizwa Industrial City, which include expansion of phases 3 and 4 on an area of one million sqm, and implementing a second entrance to the industrial city.

Furthermore, a number of investment opportunities were announced recently in Nizwa Industrial City, specifically those related to commercial services and the residential city.

During her visit to Nizwa Industrial City, she also visited Al Anwar Ceramic Tiles, Sledgehammer Gulf, and Gulf Energy.

2020 SECOND QUARTER

China posts current account surplus

BEIJING: China saw a current account surplus in the second quarter (Q2), reversing from a deficit seen in the first quarter as the economy recovered amid control of the COVID-19 epidemic.

The current account surplus reached US\$110.2 billion in Q2, as compared with a deficit of 33.7 billion dollars in Q1, data from the State Administration of Foreign Exchange showed.

The capital and financial account recorded a deficit of 34.5 billion dollars. — [Xinhua](#)

NCSI DATA

Over 10,000 residential plots allotted by end of August

MUSCAT: A total of 10,564 residential properties across the country were allotted by the end of August 2020, compared to 17,833 plots in the same period of 2019, according to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning.

This is a decrease of 40.8 per cent, statistics released by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI), show.

The Governorate of North Al Sharqiyah was allotted 1,992 residential lands till the end of August 2020, which is the highest among governorates. This was followed by Muscat with 1,632 properties, Al Dakhliyah with

1,575, North Al-Batinah with 1,192 and Al Dhahirah with 1,144 plots.

The governorates of Dhofar, South Al Sharqiyah, South Al-Batinah, Al-Wusta and Musandam were allotted 1093, 877, 549, 202 and 162 residential properties, respectively. Al-Buraimi was allotted 146 plots, which is the lowest among governorates.

Meanwhile, the governorates of Dhofar, North Al-Batinah and Al Dhahirah witnessed an increase in the number of lands allotted at the end of August 2020 compared to the same period of 2019. — [ONA](#)



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AUTOMOTIVE

German carmakers look to switch gears at Auto China 2020

BEIJING: It's a moment car enthusiasts have waited months for, having been left frustrated following the cancellation or postponement of some of the auto industry's marquee events — including the auto fairs in Geneva and Detroit — due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Automobile fans can finally get up close and personal with their favourite vehicles after enduring months of virtual launches.

The motor show in Beijing, taking place from this weekend after nearly a six-month delay, is the first auto gala since the coronavirus outbreak and comes just months after a record drop in car sales, including a nearly 80 per cent crash in China in February.

For the carmakers, battered by the economic fallout of the pandemic, the event offers an opportunity to showcase their latest offerings and innovations and network with experts and customers as they strive to gain market share in the world's biggest auto market.

"I think it's probably the only world-class auto show that's going to be held this year, though a lot could still happen," UBS analyst Paul Gong told DW. "A lot of new models over there that should have been displayed several months ago are all concentrated in this auto show. In that respect, the show is pretty important for the industry."

It's all about electric cars. German carmakers, including Volkswagen and its brands Porsche and Audi, as well as Mercedes-Benz owner Daimler, and BMW, are eager to make most of



VIRTUAL LAUNCHES: Automobile fans can finally get up close and personal with their favourite vehicles after enduring months of virtual launches. — [dw](#)

this opportunity and are showcasing dozens of cars, many of them electric.

Volkswagen is presenting its ID4 electric SUV. The ID4 will be the first modular electric-drive matrix, or MEB platform-based electric vehicle produced in China and will be available early next year.

VW is betting big on the world's biggest market for electric vehicles as it transitions from a traditional carmaker to an electric vehicle behemoth. The Wolfsburg-based company said in May it was investing about €2 billion (\$2.34 billion) to boost stakes in two Chinese electric vehicle players.

"Chinese customers are much younger than those in other mar-

kets. They embrace high technology and expect more connected services," Min Xie, a VW spokeswoman, told DW. "By introducing our new pure electric vehicles (MEBs) in China, we will fully leverage the potential of electric cars for the first time."

Stuttgart-based Daimler, which is also doubling down on China for future growth, is presenting 24 Mercedes models at the event, including the latest edition of the S-class, a money-spinner for the company, especially in the Asian country. The company plans to introduce further battery-electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid models in the Chinese market following the Mercedes-Benz EQC SUV, introduced at the end of 2019.

Daimler is also working together with our long-term partner BYD on the homegrown DENZA brand.

Daimler boss Ola Kallenius told the Financial Times earlier this month that the company would not be expanding production in Germany and that it would invest in the Chinese market instead.

"China has been a huge market for global carmakers, increasingly it's also becoming a source of innovation and supply-chain cost cuts," Gong said. "So, even for the carmakers' global success, China's R&D and supply-chain network in the EV market is only going to play a bigger and bigger role in the electric and autonomous era compared to the traditional combustion engine era."

The electric cars produced by joint ventures (JVs) between global carmakers and their Chinese partners have yet to prove their competitiveness in China's EV market.

EV product launch

"The EV product launch by the foreign JVs has been slower than the local brands. Even though some models have been launched by them, they are predominantly modified from traditional combustion engine cars which are not competitive enough," Gong said.

It's being reported that Daimler's Chinese partner, BAIC, could announce an increased stake in the German carmaker on the sidelines of the motor show. The news agency Reuters reported in December last year that BAIC, which currently owns 5 percent of Daimler, was considering doubling its stake and winning a board seat in the German premium carmaker.

The move would put almost a fifth of the German national champions under Chinese owners. BAIC's rival Geely, owned by billionaire Li Shufu, bought a 9.7 percent stake last year and is the biggest single shareholder in Daimler.

BAIC's move could potentially ease the way for Daimler to boost its 49 percent stake in its main Chinese joint venture with BAIC.

A Daimler spokeswoman said the company does not comment on speculations.

China a bright spot

China has been one of the few

bright spots for German carmakers in recent years, softening the blow from their "dieselgate" emissions scandal, waning global demand, higher tariffs caused by US-China trade tensions and a costly transition to electric and self-driving cars. The auto firms, which depend on the Asian economic powerhouse for up to 30-40 percent of their sales, managed to boost their market share in the country even as the auto industry witnessed falling sales in the past two years.

The Asian country has also been driving the carmakers' post-coronavirus recovery amid a fragile revival in Europe and the US, where car sales remain well below last-year levels. China's auto sales in August rose 11.6 percent to 2.19 million vehicles from the same month a year earlier, the fifth consecutive month of gain. The premium segment, dominated by the German brands, has performed even better as their customers — with higher savings and better employment showed more resilience to the economic shock caused by the pandemic than the working class.

"China will also be important in a global context as we forecast European sales to decline 19.9 percent in 2020 compared with just a 9.2 percent decline in China, so it provides some cushioning for carmakers exposed to both markets," Anna-Marie Baisden, the head of autos, country risk & industry research at Fitch Solutions, told DW. — [dw](#)

MARKET

Airbus unveils hydrogen-powered aircraft for ‘zero-emission’ flight

Airbus wants to be at the forefront of the transformation, accelerating aviation’s move away from fossil fuels and fostering decarbonisation

LEIDEN (Netherlands): It doesn’t exactly look like an aviation revolution. Airbus’s newest aircraft design study glides through cloudless skies accompanied by celestial music — in an animated video. On a closer look it becomes evident though that the back of the fuselage doesn’t have any windows at all. On top of the vertical stabiliser there is something sticking out that looks a bit like an antenna.

These characteristics show that this indeed might be a breakthrough. “In the aft part of the aircraft, behind the pressure bulkhead of the cabin, the hydrogen tank is located, and the nozzle on top of the stabiliser serves to let off gas in the case of a leak,” explained Airbus Chief Technology Officer Grazia Vittadini at a recent presentation of the company’s first studies on hydrogen-powered airliners.

For this, the European manufacturer came up with three competing concepts, one of which



HISTORIC MOMENT: The idea to use hydrogen instead of kerosene as the energy source for aircraft engines isn’t exactly new, but it is still challenging to turn into reality. — dw

shall become reality. Under strong pressure from politicians mostly in France and Germany, Airbus wants to be at the forefront of the transformation, accelerating aviation’s move away from fossil fuels and fostering decarbonisation.

Germany has already developed its own hydrogen strategy. France pledged in early September to invest €7 billion (\$8.1 billion) in hydrogen technology. So Airbus’s venture comes at exactly the right time.

“This is an historic moment for the commercial aviation sector as a whole,” said Airbus CEO

Guillaume Faury about this “bold vision.” Vittadini stressed “these exciting concepts are also intended to inspire future generations of engineers.”

Hydrogen difficult to handle

The idea to use hydrogen instead of kerosene as the energy source for aircraft engines isn’t exactly new, but it is still challenging to turn into reality. That’s why until today there is a lack of aircraft concepts that are up to harsh day-to-day use as well as economical operations.

Hydrogen is not easy to care for.

Compared to kerosene, it has three times the energy density, which is a big advantage over batteries, and only weighs a third as much. But planes need up to four times the volume to keep them in the air. And space is notoriously scarce and thus precious on any aircraft.

On top of that — and this makes things very demanding — hydrogen is a so-called cryogenic fuel: A gas that only liquefies at minus 253 degrees Celsius (minus 423 degrees Fahrenheit). And even then, it can only be used for propulsion if compressed under high pressure. This necessitates a double-walled,

cylindrical or spherical tank.

Back in 1988, engineers in what was then the Soviet Union modified a three-engine Tupolev Tu-154 airliner in a way that the right engine was powered by hydrogen. They called the test bed Tu-155.

Revolutionary but conventional

Hydrogen can be used on aircraft in different ways: For direct combustion in modified gas turbines, converted to electrical energy via fuel cells or as synthetic kerosene, produced in combining it with CO2.

“We have to redesign the air-

craft around this concept,” said Vittadini. In doing this Airbus proposes a trio of different concepts.

The first concept is the conventional looking turbofan design described at the beginning of this article. It is able to carry 120 to 200 passengers on routes of up to 3,700 kilometres (2,300 miles), meaning it is neither capable of doing long-haul flights nor trans-continental flights.

The concept aircraft is slightly smaller than the current base model A320neo, operated by Lufthansa among others, but achieves the same speed of over 800 kilometres per hour also operating on hydrogen.

The second concept is a turbo-prop aircraft with propellers, taking up to a hundred passengers on short-haul routes and achieving 600 kilometres per hour, making it about a hundred kilometres per hour faster than current turbo-props. Both designs feature modified gas turbines for propulsion, complemented by a hybrid electrical motor run by fuel cells.

It is all kept fairly conventional on purpose, “so we don’t have to invest in completely new technologies,” explained Airbus CEO Guillaume Faury.

Going for the Flying V

But there is also a third, disruptive concept: the hydrogen-powered Blended Wing Body design. Its wings and fuselage form one continuous aerodynamic body. This design is deemed the preferred one for future aircraft, such as the Flying V study recently unveiled in the Netherlands by airline KLM and the Delft University of Technology. — dw

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RELIANCE JIO

New in-flight mobile service to be available in 22 partner airlines



Jio Director Akash Ambani. — ANI

MUMBAI: The in-flight mobile service launched by Reliance Jio in partnership with the Panasonic Avionics Corporation subsidiary, AeroMobile, will be available in 22 partner airlines at various airports, a company statement said on Friday.

With this service, JioPostpaid Plus users will be able to stay connected with voice and data services on flights while travelling abroad, according to the statement. The services will be available for all Jio customers once the services are available in the Indian airspace.

All the in-flight mobile services

will be available in Air Serbia, Alitalia, Asiana Airlines, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Emirates, Etihad Airways, Euro Wings, Kuwait Airways, Malaysia Airlines, Malindo Air, SAS Scandinavian Airlines, SWISS, Uzbekistan Airways, and Virgin Atlantic at several airports.

Data and SMS services

However, only data and SMS services will be available on Aer Lingus, Cathay Pacific, Egypt Air, EVA Air, SAS Scandinavian Airlines, TAP Air Portugal, and Turkish Airlines at several airports.

Jio Director Akash Ambani said, “JioPostpaid Plus brings with it in-

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The in-flight mobile service will be available for users at Rs 499 for 250 MB data, 100 minutes of outgoing calls and 100 messages for a day, while Rs 699 and Rs 999 packs include 500 MB data and 1 GB data respectively with 100 minutes of

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Connectivity services

Kevin Rogers, Sr Director Mobility Panasonic Avionics, CEO AeroMobile, said, “We are pleased to partner with Jio, and broaden the reach of our connectivity services across India. With the new in-flight roaming bundle, JioPostpaid Plus customers no longer need to worry about connectivity whilst travelling.”

“This new market-leading proposition shows continued commitment to providing the very best service to customers,” he further added. — ANI

BILATERAL TRADE

China-Ireland trade maintains positive momentum

DUBLIN: Trade between China and Ireland has maintained a very positive momentum despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, said Chinese Ambassador to Ireland He Xiangdong while addressing a virtual China Ireland business conference on Friday.

He said that bilateral trade reached US\$10 billion in the first seven months of this year and China’s direct investment in Ireland increased by US\$40 million in the first half of this year, more than doubled on a year-on-year basis.

Besides, TikTok has recently announced to invest US\$500 million to set up its European data centre in Ireland, he added. All these “inspiring facts” have demonstrated “the momentum of stable growth of China-Ireland economic exchanges” despite the impact of the pandemic, the ambassador noted.

According to He, economic recovery, an ever-deepening friendship between China and Ireland, and a more open China will provide a powerful impetus, a solid foundation and a broader platform for the further development of bilateral economic cooperation.

“There is a good chance that economic, trade and investment links between China and Ireland will continue to boost with great stability, strong resilience and vast potential,” he said.

The Chinese ambassador made the remarks while speaking at the Virtual China Ireland Business Summit 2020, an annual event organised by Asia Matters, a Dublin-based think tank, in partnership with Cork City Council, Cork County Council and Cork Institute of Technology.

During the two-day event government officials, business leaders and experts from China, Ireland and other countries held an in-depth discussion and exchanged views over a number of issues relating to the cooperation between China and Ireland in the fields of economy, trade, tourism, higher education, agrifood, technical innovation, etc. — Xinhua

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COVID-19 ECONOMIC DISRUPTION

Normalisation to take longer in most southeast Asian nations

SINGAPORE: Normalisation from COVID-19 economic disruption is expected to take longer in India, Japan, Australia and most of southeast Asia, according to a new report by S&P Global Ratings titled ‘Asia Pacific’s Recovery: The Hard Work Begins.’

“The pandemic is not over but the worst of its economic impact has passed,” said Shaun Roache, Asia Pacific Chief Economist for S&P Global Ratings. “Governments are adopting more targeted strategies for flattening COVID curves with less recourse to nationwide lockdowns. Households are spending again on services as well as goods.”

COVID-19 is proving hard to beat but fatality rates are falling and prospects have brightened for a widely available vaccine by mid-2021. In the meantime, people are moving and spending more, testament to a world becoming accustomed to Covid-19. Trade, for example, has bottomed.

As a whole, S&P expects Asia Pacific economies to shrink by 2 per cent in 2020 and rebound by 6.9 per cent next year. This will still leave the region almost 5 per cent below the pre-COVID trend by end 2021.

S&P expects India’s economy to contract by 9 per cent in FY21 (as compared to minus 5 per cent forecast earlier) and grow by 10



REBOUND NEXT YEAR ONLY: As a whole, S&P expects Asia Pacific economies to shrink by 2 per cent in 2020 and rebound by 6.9 per cent next year. — Xinhua

per cent in FY21 (as compared to 8.5 per cent forecast earlier). A significant proportion of this rebound will be due to very weak base in the current fiscal year.

“The hard work now begins,” said Roache. “As relief measures taper, we will find out how much economic damage has been wrought.”

The S&P report said China will continue to lead Asia’s uneven recovery from COVID-19 economic disruption with 2.1 per cent GDP growth in 2020 and 6.9 per cent in 2021.

Trade and manufacturing will contribute to Asia Pacific’s growth but a self-sustaining

recovery will require a service sector rebound. Of Asia Pacific’s 1.63 billion workers, about 270 million or 17 per cent work in manufacturing.

This is a large number but it is only 7 million jobs higher than a decade ago. About 18 per cent of the total or 300 million people work in the hospitality and retail sectors, an increase of more than 60 million jobs over the past decade.

Other services account for more than 440 million jobs. “Only when the service sector normalises will the region get back to full employment,” said the report. — ANI

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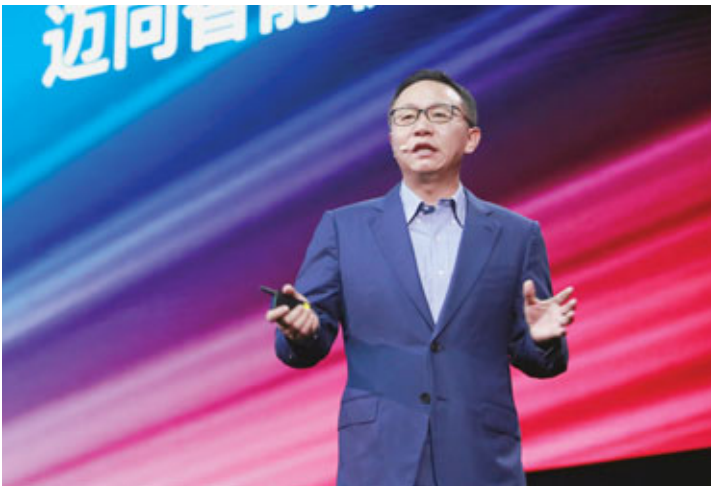


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Huawei reveals new platforms, strategies at flagship event



MUSCAT: Global technology leader Huawei has unveiled a string of new concepts and fresh market intelligence on the second day of the company’s annual flagship event HUAWEI CONNECT 2020.

One of the major announcements was the introduction of the Intelligent Twins, which recognises that industries often need to overcome multiple challenges before going digital; from disparate terminals, diversified connection requirements, the coexistence of old and new IT applications, and talent shortage.

It is the first time a systematic reference architecture is proposed for the intelligent upgrade of governments and enterprises worldwide, allowing customers and partners of Huawei to build their own intelligent solutions based on the Intelligent Twins leveraging the cloud as the foundation and AI as the core.

Intelligent Twins

With collaboration across the cloud, network, edge, and device, Intelligent Twins enable an intelligent, open system that is capable of delivering a smart experience for people, cities, and enterprises in all scenarios.

Hou Jinlong, President of Huawei’s Cloud & AI Business Group, noted, “Industries are upgrading from ‘go cloud’ to ‘go intelligent’. AI innovation is no longer confined to one single scenario, and bringing intelligence to all scenarios is an irreversible trend. Building on the Intelligent Twins, Huawei will work with partners to accelerate the intelligent upgrade of governments and enterprises, expand the industry market, advance the software and service industries, and unlock the blue ocean of the edge computing industry.”

David Wang, Huawei Executive Director and Chairman of the Investment Review Board, noted how today connectivity really is productivity. To meet the needs of Intelligent Twins, Huawei has defined ubiquitous gigabit connectivity, a deterministic connectivity experience, and hyper-automation as the three major characteristics of intelligent connectivity.

During the annual event of ICT industry leaders, Peng Zhongyang, Board Member and President of Huawei’s Enterprise Business Group, further stated that the shift to a new paradigm of industrial digital transformation is urgently needed for the development of our future intelligent society. The tremendous potential of digital transformation is to be unleashed on the basis of synergy across five tech domains, in which connectivity, cloud computing, AI, and applications develop surrounding 5G in ways never seen before. Huawei is building on 100 scenario-based solutions, creating more industrial value associated with partners.

“You can’t find a new land with an old map,” Peng said, calling on Huawei clients to embrace changes and craft a new paradigm of industrial digital transformation for a greater future.

As one example of that paradigm shift, a new white paper was released jointly by Huawei and intelligence firm IDC looking at how to build future-ready enterprises in the electric power industry. The white paper offers methodologies to help organizations design their digital transformation priorities and set their agenda for the future, especially in confronting current challenges and the disruption caused by COVID-19.

Digital inclusion was also a theme of the summit’s second day, with Kevin Zhang, Chief Marketing Officer of Huawei ICT Infrastructure, pointing out that Huawei is willing to work with global partners to promote digital inclusion in fields like education and environmental protection through technology, applications, and skills.

Zhang Xinsheng, President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and Stefania Giannini, Education Assistant Director-General at UNESCO, joined Zhang during the “TECH4ALL: Powering Digital Inclusion with Technology” event hosted within HUAWEI CONNECT 2020 to bring together partners from various countries to discuss how to drive inclusive education and conserve nature with technology.

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Ahli Bank opens its new branch in Ghubra

The new branch has state-of-the-art infrastructure, a well-trained team of professionals to address the needs of customers and a spacious waiting area



MUSCAT: In line with its vision to offer the best in banking services, Ahli Bank has opened a new branch in Ghubra to cater to the needs of the customers in and around the Wilayat of Bausher.

The new branch has state of the art infrastructure, well-trained team of banking professionals to address the needs of the customers and a spacious waiting area. Customers in Ghubra and surrounding areas will have access to the Bank’s wide portfolio of services and products and can enjoy the services of the Bank and interact with the customer service team for all their banking requirements.

Strategic locations

Commenting on the opening of the Ghubra branch, Muneer Al Balushi, AGM – Head of Retail Distribution, said, “We are keen to provide our customers with access to products and services through our strategic locations. The Ghubra branch will play a pivotal role in addressing the banking needs of our customers.”

The opening of the Ghubra branch comes within the framework of Ahli Bank’s commitment to strengthen its branch network to bring banking services closer to its customers across the Sultanate. It is aimed at providing the highest levels of convenience and enhanced banking facilities to clients.

“The ongoing expansion of branches is in line with the Bank’s long term strategy to offer top notch services and ensuring that all the services are easily available to retail and commercial customers across the Sultanate,” Muneer added.

The branch will offer its full range of services to individuals and institutions in Bausher and surrounding areas, offering a full-range of banking services for customers. Like the current branches, the new branch is characterised by its novel design embodying the prestigious brand.

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Al Baleed Resort Salalah makes key appointment

MUSCAT: Siraj Memon has been appointed Cluster Director of Sales & Marketing for Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort and Al Baleed Resort Salalah by Anantara.

He has been promoted in August 2020 to this new role from his previous assignment at the Salalah property as Director of Sales since July 2016. He served as a vital member of the pre-opening team for both resorts and oversaw their successful launch.

Hailing from a background in hospitality with over 15 years of experience in the MENA region, Siraj is a result-oriented and passionate sales professional with a wealth of experience in enhancing sales, marketing and revenue streams. His portfolio boasts a proven track record of outperforming market-leading competitors through astute planning, account management, market and customer insight, and identification of innovative solutions.

Over his tenure, he has orchestrated and executed impactful business, sales, and marketing initiatives to drive business growth as well as the brand awareness of Anantara resorts in Oman. Leading a team of 11 sales and marketing professionals, Siraj efficaciously achieved the pre-opening budgets and has maintained these results with a yearly double-digit growth ever since.

Prior to joining Anantara Hotels, Resorts and Spas, one of the core luxury brands within the Minor Hotels portfolio, Siraj held the role of Director of Sales at Taj Hotels, Resort & Palaces in Dubai. His career has also seen him through other managerial and directorial roles in some of the leading hospitality brands in the region and worldwide such as, Associate Director of Sales at Jumeirah Hotels and Resorts preceded by a stint as Cluster Sales Manager at the Grosvenor House – A Luxury Collection Hotel & Le Royal Meridien Beach Resort & Spa, Dubai.



LATEST ADDITION

Samsung announces availability of Galaxy Z Fold2 5G in Oman



MUSCAT: Samsung Gulf Electronics today announced that the highly anticipated Galaxy Z Fold2 5G is now available for purchase from Samsung stores and authorised online and offline retail stores across Oman. The latest addition to the foldable category has generated widespread attention in the build-up to its official launch. Now that Samsung’s newest iteration has arrived, consumers finally have the opportunity to explore the many next-generation tools and features that seamlessly integrate to enhance the Galaxy ecosystem and empower users personally and professionally.

“At Samsung, we are delighted that the period of patient anticipation among Galaxy enthusiasts for this ground-breaking device is finally over,” said Osman Albora, Senior Director – Mobile Division, Samsung Gulf Electronics. “We are certain that the Galaxy Z Fold2 5G will expand the popularity of its predecessors and ultimately overtake them due to the various upgrades and features that have been engineered into this smartphone. Delivering innovations that bring new experiences to consumers was at the forefront of every stage of the design process. We look forward to witnessing the impact of the Galaxy Z Fold2 5G on the smartphone market over the coming months as it elevates user experiences to amazing heights.”

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