

HM SENDS GREETINGS

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of congratulations to President Shavkat Mirziyoyev of Uzbekistan on being re-elected as his country's president. In the cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere sentiments and best wishes of success to President Mirziyoyev in leading the people of Uzbekistan towards further progress. His Majesty also wished the relations between the two countries further development and growth. **-ONA**



HM SENDS CABLE OF GREETINGS

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow of the Republic of Turkmenistan on his country's National Day. In the cable, His Majesty expressed his sincere sentiments and best wishes of good health and happiness to President Berdimuhamedow. His Majesty also wished the friendly people of Turkmenistan further progress and prosperity. **-ONA**



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REGIONAL SUMMIT

Delegated by HM, Qais Al Yousef to take part in investment summit

MUSCAT: Delegated by His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, Dr. Qais Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, to take part in a Summit on Future Investment Initiative, being held in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) from 26 till 28 October 2021.

The 5th session of the initiative is held under the theme "Invest in Humanity". It covers five fields, namely artificial intelligence (AI), robotics, education, healthcare and sustainability.

The Future Investment Initiative Institute is partnered with 16 different major companies

and institutes worldwide.

Global forum

Moreover, the Future of Investment Initiative gathers leaders of countries and companies, policy makers, investors and innovators from all over the world in a global forum to explore pioneer solutions for challenges facing society.

It also aims to realise those solutions. The initiative's conferences will lay emphasis on investing in education, as well as investing in Environmental and Social Governance (ESG) principles.

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MARITIME CONVENTION

HM issues Royal Decree

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik on Tuesday issued a Royal Decree No. 62/2021 ratifying Oman's joining the Maritime Labour Convention 2006.

Article (1) ratifies the Sultanate of Oman's joining the amended Maritime Labour Convention 2006, endorsed on 23 February 2006 at the International Labour Conference's 94th session in Geneva, in accordance with the version attached to this decree.

Article (2) instructs the departments concerned to deposit the Joining Document for the above-mentioned agreement in line with its provisions.

Article (3) says that this decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and enforced on its date of issue. **— ONA**

SAYYID THEYAZIN LAYS STRESS ON INNOVATION, CREATIVITY OF YOUTH



The Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth held a virtual ceremony on Omani Youth Day

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Coinciding with the celebrations of the Omani Youth Day (OYD), the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth organised a virtual ceremony to observe the event in Sohar yesterday.

During the ceremony, His Highness Sayyid Theyazin bin Haitham Al Said, Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth, gave a speech in which he reminded the directives of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik when His Majesty the Sultan had chaired the meeting of the Council of Ministers on 12 October.

The directives stressed the necessity for creation of mechanisms and channels for communicating with the youth to acquaint with their aspirations and ambitions and working on the same for the

interest of the country's growth and prosperity.

He said that the second edition of the Youth Excellence Award, supervised by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth, motivates the Omani youth for further innovation and creativity in the various fields.

He said that as part of the Ministry's keenness for the youth innovations, the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth has launched the Smart Portal of the Ministry and provided it with the state-of-the-art technologies to make it the first destination for the talents and artists in the various sectors.

He said that the celebration of the Omani Youth Day aimed to evaluate the activities and programmes for the youth executed within the prescribed plans. To

this end, we congratulate the youth winning the top places in all participations at the regional and international level, he added.

In his speech, His Highness Sayyid Theyazin praised the Omani youth who have set an example of sincerity, dedication and hard work, along with the role they played in supporting those affected during the Tropical Cyclone Shaheen.

He also praised their participations along with the other sectors in the Sultanate's Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai, which he said aimed to showcase their achievements and expertise, worldwide.

On behalf of the Omani youth, Sayyid Theyazin extended his gratitude and thanks and that of the youth for the care and attention given by His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik to them. He also pledged that they would continue to be loyal and sincere in serving the country in the various fields, under the wise leadership of His Majesty the Sultan and guided by His Majesty's directives for further progress and development of the country. **-ONA**

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Duqm factory sets Omanisation target

1 A new factory that has opened at the China-Oman Industrial Park in Duqm plans to increase its Omanisation rate to 30 per cent over the next two years. The Duqm Hongtong Pipe Company began work on 23 October, becoming the first factory in the park to commence operations. **>A3**



WORLD

US easing travel restrictions

2 The US has announced the lifting of severe travel restrictions on fully vaccinated foreign travellers from November 8. US President Joe Biden on Monday signed a presidential proclamation detailing the country's new international travel rules. **>A6**

MARKET

Oman growth seen picking up

3 After a difficult 2020, the outlook for Oman's economy is improving, with gross domestic product (GDP) growth expected to rebound to 2.1 per cent in 2021 and to 3.1 per cent on average in 2022-24, according to a new report. **>B1**

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CAMPAIGN

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Dar Al Atta’a donates OMR1.750mn for those affected by Shaheen



Times News Service

MUSCAT: Dar Al Atta’a Association has donated OMR1.750 million for those affected from tropical cyclone Shaheen, which hit parts of the Sultanate recently. The donation was announced during a press conference organised by Dar Al Atta’a Association in the presence of Sheikh Rashid bin Ahmed Al Shamsi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Development. The campaign “Together for Oman 4” was launched by Dar Al Atta’a within its national efforts and Disaster Management Programme.

Dar Al Atta’a has also launched a media campaign and its hashtag “Oman is great with its people” has topped the social media chart and was trending at the top in the Sultanate of Oman. Dar Al Atta’a Association also opened the door for receiving donations through Oman Digital, Dar Al Atta’a Application, Thawani Application and Talabat Application.

Social media
Opening the door for donation was also announced through the social media after Dar Al Atta’a received donations to the tune of

OMR1.750 million. In coordination with the Ministerial Committee tasked with evaluating the damages from the tropical cyclone Shaheen and the Ministry of Housing, Dar Al Atta’a Association identified the number of cases affected from the cyclone and conducted social research in order to verify the eligibility for relief and support in the form of supply of commodities, maintenance of houses and construction of housing units for families whose houses were severely damaged and cannot be renovated. Chairperson of Dar Al Atta’a Association, Maryam bint Issa Al Zadjali

expressed her thanks and appreciation for all who have contributed to the ‘Campaign Together for Oman 4’. She extended her thanks in particular to the Ministry of Social Development, ‘Team Together We Build’ and to Ishraqat Amal Team for their notable and appreciable presence during the event. She also valued the efforts of Bank Dhofar for donating OMR500,000, Occidental Oman Company for supporting the campaign and all companies which provided relief items and supported those affected with Tropical cyclone Shaheen.

His Majesty sends cable

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to Dame Susan Dougan, Governor General of St. Vincent and the Grenadines on her country’s National Day. HM

the Sultan expressed his sincere sentiments and best wishes of good health and happiness to Susan Dougan and the friendly people of her country permanent progress and welfare. – **ONA**

AT GITEX

eMushrif showcases smart bus system

Times News Service

DUBAI: Omani tech company eMushrif has showcased its in-house products and presented its smart bus system, called ‘Saar’, at the Gulf Information Technology Exhibition 2021 (Gitex). The company was part of GITEX future stars, one of the biggest start-up events in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia (Mena). The Saar service converts ordinary school buses to smart ones, providing parents with the ultimate peace of mind. eMushrif was part of the North Star Dubai exhibit at Gitex, which is the region’s most anticipated technology exhibition that brings



together different industries for inspiration and collaboration. eMushrif’s team also benefited from the event by building relationships with possible investors and future partners during their participation.

CENTRAL BANK OF OMAN

CBO issues treasury bills worth OMR60.4 million

MUSCAT: The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) Oman raised OMR60.4 million by way of allotting treasury bills on Tuesday. The treasury bills are for a maturity period for a maturity period of 182 days, from October 27, 2021 until April 27, 2022.

Average accepted price
The average accepted price reached 99.615 for every OMR100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at 99.610 per OMR100. Whereas the average discount

rate and the average yield reached 0.77311 per cent and 0.77610 per cent, respectively.

Interest rate
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, for the same period. The treasury bills are short-term highly secured financial instruments issued by the CBO on behalf of the Government, which

helps the licensed commercial banks to gainfully invest their surplus funds, with added advantage of ready liquidity through discounting and repurchase facilities (Repo) offered by the Central Bank. Further, treasury bills promote the local money market by creating a benchmark yield curve for short-term interest rates. Also, the Government (MOF) may also resort to this instrument whenever felt necessary for financing its recurrent expenditures. - **ONA**



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ALIZZ ISLAMIC BANK EMPOWERS WOMEN WITH ITS NEW FEMALE BANKING SEGMENT HIYYA

MOHAMMED AL GHASSANI: OUR VISION IS CRYSTALIZED IN ENSURING THE PROSPERITY OF OMANI WOMEN



Launch of Hiyya Female Banking

Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

Upholding the bank’s tradition of observing the Omani Women’s Day with symbols of appreciation and empowerment, a ceremony was held at Shangri-La Bar Al Jissah Resort under the auspices of H.E Asila Al Samsami, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Investment Promotion for Investment Promotion and in the presence of the CEO of Alizz Islamic Bank, Sulaiman Al Hatrthi. During the ceremony, Alizz Islamic Bank announced the launch of an exciting new female banking segment called ‘Hiyya’, featuring a bouquet of banking products and services that are designed exclusively for women.

Celebrated annually on October 17th, Omani Women’s Day, this year, will mark a new chapter in the history of Alizz Islamic Bank, as ‘Hiyya’ is crafted to meet all the investment, health and financial needs of female customers; it will provide customers with a tier based savings account to enhance their profits. The Shari’a compliant account is based on the principle that the customer is the ‘rab-al-mal’ (investor) and the bank is the ‘mudarib’ (investment manager), wherein the bank invests the funds within a common investment pool, including other partner accounts.

As per the arrangement, profits will be shared between customers and the bank according to the previously agreed distribution ratios. In addition to that, instant debit cards will offer exclusive benefits, as the main intent is to ensure an open platform for women to

enjoy a host of discounts and special offers at spas, beauty salons and beauty products, while availing deals from health clubs, fitness centers and perfume stores. Exclusive stores and branded outlets for clothing and accessories, home decor, restaurants and flower shops are all pegged onto the account, which also includes priority express service at all Alizz Islamic Bank branches.

What is more, women who opt for the Hiyya account will get free Takaful insurance services – this is designed specifically for women, as it covers some of the most common cancers that affect women, such as breast cancer, ovarian cancer, fallopian tube cancer, uterine cancer and other types of cancer. It will also include insurance cover to obtain a second medical opinion.

Additionally, it will also cover insurance on hand luggage and travel, the Takaful insurance provision also assures compensation for the loss of hand luggage while traveling anywhere in the world. It will also provide compensation for the loss of personal documents or keys on account of the loss of handbag; the onus will be on the insurance company to reimburse the customer for the expense incurred in obtaining new personal documents/keys.

The only condition for availing the Takaful insurance; that has some of the best offers to meet the health needs of women and add value to their lives is that the customer should be between the ages of 18 to 65 years and that they should be an Omani national or a resident expat with a valid Oman residence.

THE SCOPE OF HIYYA IS TO ENSURE THAT IT IS INSPIRATIONAL AND TOUCHES THE HEARTS OF ALL WOMEN CUSTOMERS WITH ITS INBUILT OFFERS OF DISCOUNTS AND FACILITIES.



Honouring the winners of the Hiyya Awards

AWARDS

During the Launch Alizz Islamic Bank also announced the winners of the ‘Hiyya’ awards for women. The award for the Best New Female Owned Business went to Natasha Events, owned by Natasha Al Wahabi, while the Most Inspirational Business Woman award went to Sayyida Asila Al Said the owner and founder of Party Fever Oman, a comprehensive company that provides event management and party planning and has become an essential part of society. As for the Made in Oman award for the best female owned business that manufactures and produces goods locally, it went to Lama Al Kharusi, the founder of Lama Sweet Company which is the first Omani homemade ice cream company in Oman and run by 10 year old entrepreneur Lama Al Kharusi. The Best Customer Service Award for the Best Customer Service in a female owned Business was awarded to Bodour

Boutique by Taqwa Al Lawati. The Social Responsibility Champion of the year Award for Women went to Nada Al-Moosa, who devotes much of her time, effort and money to raising awareness and drawing attention to the issue of animal welfare. The award for Best Online Business was awarded to Mazoon Al Jabri for her Graphic Design business @designbymaz that has set an example in the success of startups in Oman and has boosted the quality of graphic design work in Oman. Finally, the award for the role model of the year for the woman who sets an example for leadership and success was awarded to Asma Al Hajry who used to run a business that was only 12 square metres, with her diligence and perseverance today the shop has an area of 4,000 square metres. Commenting on the launch of the Hiyya Female Banking Segment, Mohammed Al Ghassani, AGM – Chief Consumer

Banking officer at Alizz Islamic Bank, said: “Our vision is crystalized in ensuring the prosperity of Omani women without compromising our Islamic values. And, as we have proven previously, we do not make a product without putting in it maximum benefits for the customer, and this is what our Hiyya Female banking segment promises to do: meet our female customers’ needs and aspirations.”

Explaining further, Al Ghassani noted that the segment would meet all the banking needs of women. “The scope of Hiyya is to ensure that it is inspirational and touches the hearts of all women customers with its inbuilt offers of discounts and facilities. We have a clear understanding of women’s banking needs and services, and thus we have resolved to make seventeenth of October a special day for Omani women through the launch of Hiyya.”



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30% Omanisation in 2 years target for Duqm factory

The Duqm Hongtong Pipe Company, which began work on 23 October, is the first factory in the park to commence operations, and has an existing 17% Omanisation rate



OFF THE BLOCK: Built on an area of 60,000 square metres, the factory will annually produce about 700 km of reinforced polyethylene pipes of four and six inch variants at this stage.

Times News Service

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The Duqm Hongtong Pipe Company began work on 23 October, becoming the first factory in the park to commence operations. It aims to employ Omanis in various technical and administration jobs, said Daud bin Sulaiman Al Farsi, the director of technical affairs, technology research and marketing at the company.

"The company's Omanisation rate is currently 17 per cent, and it seeks to increase it to 30 per cent over the next two years," he said. "The company has provided a number of initiatives and various business opportunities for small and medium enterprises and entrepreneurs in Oman by signing a number of cooperation programmes and training agreements with these institutions."

"They will be non-exclusive agents for the implementation of operations to make factory products for customers and other beneficiaries," he added.

Built on an area of 60,000 square metres, the factory will annually produce about 700 km of reinforced polyethylene pipes of four and six inch variants at this stage. The company is also studying the idea of manufactur-

ing other products that meet the needs of companies operating in the oil and gas sector.

This will help in the future to save effort and money in operational and maintenance operations, and enhance oil production technologies.

Adding to this, Yahya bin Khamis Al Zadjali, operating manager at the Special Economic Zone in Duqm (SEZD) said, "This factory marks one of the main projects in the China-Omani Industrial Park, which will play a significant role in meeting demand for this product from the various economic projects in the zone, and oil and gas companies operating in concession areas."

Strengthening partnership

"The project will also contribute to strengthening partnership and trade relations between Omani companies and their international counterparts worldwide. Further, it will contribute to developing the country's economy by attracting foreign investments to the nation, and promoting Duqm as a promising economic and industrial hub in the Sultanate."

The factory produces non-metallic reinforced thermo polyethylene pipes (RTP), which are mainly used in the oil and gas industry, specifically for the collection and transfer of hydrocarbon fluids through the piping

networks. The factory's products will initially serve the local market, while later being promoted and supplied to other regional and international markets in Asia, Africa, America and Europe.

The general manager of Duqm Hongtong Piping Company, Dr Shao Longnan, pointed out: "We are pleased to be the first in Oman to bring this business here, since it will help meet the increasing demand for the RTPs in Oman and the region."

"We elected to set up the project in Duqm, as it is a promising economic destination, as well as to benefit from the competitive advantages offered by the business environment in Oman," he added. "This project will also help transfer and exchange technologies from China to Oman. Our products will help the oil and gas industry thrive, and will contribute to in-country value through training and employment opportunities".

The opening ceremony of the factory was also attended by Su Wei, CEO of Wanfang Oman Company, the executive management of Hongtong Duqm Piping Company, Weihai Hongtong Piping, project's partner, representatives from the Special Economic Zone Authority at Duqm (SEZAD) and the Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones (OPAZ).



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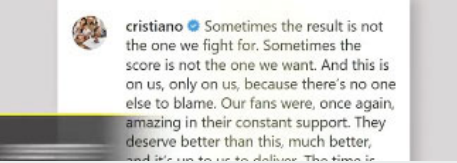
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Big phone expansion projects

New exchanges for Salalah and rural areas

The General Telecommunications Organisation has announced plans to build more telephone exchanges in Salalah and in rural areas in the North.

In Salalah the GTO has decided to build three exchanges in addition to a container exchange which is being provided for interim relief. The new arrangements will provide 12,000 telephone lines to Salalah. With the completion of all exchanges the number of lines will rise to 16,000.

by Muzaffar Mohammad

This was disclosed by Mr. Noor Mohammad Abdul Rahman, Executive President of the General Telecommunications Organisation. He said that there is also a plan to boost microwave and radio links to the rural areas. The number of exchanges and



Mr. Noor Mohammad Abdul Rahman

their locations will be decided shortly.

Mr. Noor Mohammad said that work is in full swing on the construction of the telecommunications centre near the GTO building which will serve as the main Ruwi Exchange as well as transmission link and transit centre. The centre will be ready by the end of next year.

Similarly all the new telephone exchanges for the Capital Area will be ready by the end of next year. These are being built in Muscat, Muttrah, Ruwi, Al Hajar, Wattaycha, Qurm, Ghalla, Azzaiba, Rusail, Al Khodh and Maaballa. The exchanges will provide 44,000 lines to Capital Area residents.

Of existing telephone problems in Muttrah the GTO President said three container exchanges of 1,000 lines each will start functioning in the area from next month.

He hoped this would solve the problem until the permanent exchange is ready next year.

Mr. Noor Mohammad said that the microwave link between Nizwa and Salalah which will be ready by the end of next year will provide initially 960 telephone lines and two television channels.

This can be expanded to 2,700 lines in future. A similar link is being constructed between Nizwa and Ibri.

The GTO President said that work on the construction of a satellite station for a link-up with the Arabsat will be taken in hand shortly and it will be ready in 1984.

LATEST US leads an invasion of Grenada

A joint United States and Caribbean force has invaded the island of Grenada where the army seized power last week. After several hours of fighting, the forces captured most of the objectives on the island.

President Reagan said the aim of the invasion was to protect innocent lives and restore order and democracy to Grenada.

The joint force, made up of about 1,900 American troops and about 200 men from six Caribbean nations, invaded Grenada with the aim of overthrowing the military regime.

The landings took place at dawn and later reports said the two airfields on the island, the radio station, the power station and the medical school have been captured.

When they announced the invasion, the Grenadian military authorities talked of heavy fighting and the Americans have said there have been casualties but there is no confirmed news yet on numbers on either side.

Reports say three Cubans have been killed in the fighting and three taken prisoner. The Cuban Government said that Cuban workers engaged on the construction of the new international airport were continuing to resist the American and Caribbean troops after three hours of combat.

About 600 Cubans, many of them said to be soldiers, are reported to be in Grenada. About 30 Soviet advisers were being held by the multi-national force headed by the United States.

Jordan envoy shot

The Jordanian Ambassador to India has been wounded by a gunman in New Delhi. He was struck by 6 bullets but doctors who performed an emergency operation say his chances of recovery are good. The gunman escaped.

An Indian Government spokesman described the attacker as a foreigner and said the attack was suspected to be part of extremist activity connected with the Middle East situation.

Security at all Arab missions in New Delhi has been tightened.

New bomb alert

Two days after the massive bomb attacks in Lebanon, there have been two new bomb alerts in Beirut. American marines with the multinational force at Beirut airport took cover in their bunkers after three lorries suspected of being loaded with explosives, were seen driving along the airport perimeter road.

At about the same time, the British Embassy in Beirut was partially evacuated because of a bomb scare.

Over 200 bodies have been recovered from the wreckage of the American and French military posts but it is thought the final total could reach 300.

About 300 American marine reinforcements have arrived in Lebanon since Sunday's bombings.

Rent tax increased to three per cent

The municipal tax on rented properties has been increased from two to three per cent with immediate effect.

The decision was announced in a local order issued by the Minister of Land Affairs and Municipalities.

The Ministerial decision, No 27, 1983 says that owners of all rented properties or part of properties will pay three per cent of the value of lease contract to the municipality of the area where the property is situated.

The decision stipulates that owners of rented buildings will have to register their lease contract with the appropriate municipality showing the period of the contract as well as the value of the rent.

Under the decision owners of any property or part of the property which is rented should

inform the municipality when the building is vacated by the tenant.

A committee will be set up in every municipality which will consist of the chairman of the municipality, an inspector, a financial officer and a building inspector.

The committee will make a list of rented properties in its area and will advise owners who have not registered their lease contracts with the municipality to do so in accordance with procedure laid down in the Ministerial decision.

The committee will verify all the lease contracts registered with the municipality. It will also check whether any building is vacated with prior notice to the tenant.

The municipality will maintain files for registering lease contracts which should mention the full name of the owner; name of the tenant and his nationality; address

of the tenant, period of the lease contract; total rental value; location of the property and place of the contract.

If any owner fails to pay the municipal tax on the rented property the municipality will resort to administrative actions which may include forfeiture of the property.

More time for taxi owners

The Capital Municipality has allowed more time for taxi owners to get their vehicles painted in the colour scheme approved for the Capital Area.

The last date which was fixed for October 15 has been extended until November 15.

Marine Life meeting

The board of directors of the Marine Life Organisation met on Tuesday for its second meeting of the year at the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries with the Minister, Abdul Hafidh Salim Rajab, in the chair.

The meeting, considered proposed loan terms for fishermen.

The Times of Oman will mark the 13th National Day with a special issue.

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VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

Oman takes part in nuclear preparedness drill

MUSCAT: The National Centre for Emergency Management (NCEM) is representing the Sultanate of Oman at the international ConvEx-3 rehearsal exercise on nuclear emergencies.

The two-day drill, held via video conferencing, due to be hosted by Barakah plant, the United Arab Emirates, will be attended by representatives of many military, security and civil agencies concerned.

ConvEx-3 exercise is carried out in response to safety measures set by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for member states.

The exercise offers an opportunity to examine the system of communications and procedures to address related emergency incidents in participating states. The process involves the reception of data via the designated electronic website in accordance with international agreements and national plans regulating this matter.



— ONA

UNITED NATIONS

Oman praises global efforts to resolve Palestinian issue

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman has welcomed the global efforts to find a just solution to the Palestinian issue.

“In a speech before the United Nations decolonisation committee, the Sultanate of Oman expressed its welcome to the global trends aimed at finding a just and comprehensive solution to the Palestinian issue, including the two-state solution, and stressed that the occupation does not have a statute of limitations,” Oman Mission to UN said.

The Sultanate called on Israel and all parties concerned to return towards peace, in a manner that lays the foundations for the establishment of a just and comprehensive atmosphere in the Middle East, on the basis of international



legitimacy resolutions, including the mandatory resolutions issued by the UN Security Council, in a manner that achieves coexistence and mutual exchange for all countries and people of the region.

The diplomat, Sultan Mohammed Al-Fazari, indicated that the international community is required to exert appropriate pressure on Israel, as the occupying power, to deter it from practicing its hostile policies in the occupied Palestinian territories in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and in the occupied Syrian Golan.



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Advertisement No. 45 /2021

Muscat Municipality invites interested companies to the following tenders:

Serial	Bidding No.	Bidding description	Companies targeted	Document Fee	Last Date for obtaining bidding docs.	Last Date for inquires submission	Last Date for submission
1	RE-Bidding - BB/02/2021	Car Cleaning Service for the Parking at Al-Khwair – Bowsher	Riyada card holders (Specialized)	25/- OMR	15/11/2021	21/11/2021	24/11/2021
2	RE-Bidding - BB/03/2021	Rental and Operating of Cold Stores Nos. (C: B9) , (B:D1) & (D:16) at the Central Market of Fruit & Vegetable	Specialized	25/- OMR	15/11/2021	21/11/2021	24/11/2021
3	RE-Bidding - BB/11/2021	Operating A Coffee Shop at Muttrah Market for Fish, Fruits & Vegetables	Specialized	25/- OMR	05/12/2021	14/12/2021	26/12/2021
4	RE-Bidding - BB/16/2021	Re-Using of Waste at Central Market for Vegetables and Fruits at Al-Mawaleh	Specialized	25/- OMR	15/11/2021	21/11/2021	24/11/2021
5	RE-Bidding - AB/17/2021	Operating Restaurant at Muttrah Market for Fish, Fruits & Vegetables	Specialized	45/- OMR	05/12/2021	14/12/2021	26/12/2021

Registered companies with Muscat Municipality which are Specialized in above bids are invited to participate in the biddings as per the following:

- Pay the specified document fee for the requested bid via bank deposit to Muscat Municipality's Bank account as follows:

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- A copy of the transaction's receipt MUST be send to the following e-mail (MM.PC@mm.gov.om), provided with the company data (name and bid number, company name, commercial registration number of the company, delegate name, office phone number, mobile number and email address approved by the company).
- The bidding documents will be send to the company via email.
- 2:00 PM** on the above mentioned dates, is the last timing for obtaining Bidding Documents. Any bid's document request received after the specified time will not be considered.

Submitted offers must be accompanied with a bond mentioned in the tender document valid for a period not less than (90) days issued by any local bank in Oman addressed to Muscat Municipality. Bidding that do not meet the required bond will not be accepted.

Documents must be enclosed in a plain envelope sealed with red wax (without any company information). box's locations are As follows:

Bidding at The Serial	The box's location
1-2-3-4	First floor at Directorate General of Quantity Surveying and Contracts in Muscat Municipality, Head Office, Darsait
5	Third floor at Directorate General of Quantity Surveying and Contracts in Muscat Municipality, Head Office, Darsait

NOTES:

- Companies which are not registered in Muscat Municipality or their registration has been expired shall register through the municipality's website (www.mm.gov.om). For technical support, please contact Muscat Municipality through email (crm@mm.gov.om).
- If the bidders have any inquiries regarding the scope of the work, they have to send their inquiries through the following e-mail (MM.PC@mm.gov.om)
- 10:00 AM** on the above submission mentioned dates, is the last timing for receiving bids. Offers submitted after the above mentioned date & time shall not be accepted for any reason.
- Muscat Municipality has the right to accept or reject any offer without assigning any reason.

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UN-AUDITED CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

MANAGEMENTS' REPORT FOR NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021	STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT		
	Amount in OMR		
	30-Sep 2021	30-Sep 2020	31-Dec 2020
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	685,438	724,941	698,619
ROU assets	12,664	24,864	21,814
Deferred tax assets	76,550	82,006	81,370
Total non-current assets	774,652	831,811	801,803
Current assets			
Inventories	959,937	778,253	857,402
Trade & other receivables	1,069,197	826,726	969,970
Bank and cash	47,347	108,302	213,007
Total current assets	2,076,481	1,713,281	2,040,379
Total assets	2,851,133	2,545,092	2,842,182
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Share capital	1,591,352	1,591,352	1,591,352
Legal reserve	201,450	201,450	201,450
Retained Earning	84,810	(99,556)	(7,599)
Total shareholders' equity	1,877,612	1,693,246	1,785,203
Liabilities			
Non-current liabilities			
Employees' end of service benefits	104,802	103,173	105,700
Non-current portion of term Loan	69,823	105,823	97,423
Non-current portion of lease liability ROU Assets	5,544	14,166	10,553
Total non-current liabilities	180,169	223,162	213,676
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	588,466	413,000	483,217
Bank borrowings	146,386	171,241	306,788
Current maturities of term loans	36,000	30,201	33,600
Current maturities lease liability ROU Assets	8,624	13,941	14,147
Income Tax payable	13,876	301	5,551
Total current liabilities	793,352	628,684	843,303
Total liabilities	973,521	851,846	1,056,979
Total equity and liabilities	2,851,133	2,545,092	2,842,182
Net assets per share	0.118	0.106	0.112

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR NINE MONTHS ENDED

	Amount in OMR	
	30-Sept-21	31-Sept-20
Turnover/Revenue	2,672,225	1,868,200
Cost of Sale	(1,981,908)	(1,440,791)
Gross profit	690,317	427,409
Other Income	1,669	2,121
Distribution expenses	(419,507)	(321,938)
Administration & general expenses	(152,560)	(139,259)
Provision for slow moving inventories	21,535	(31,061)
Allowances for credit losses	(72)	(39,876)
Profit from operations	141,382	(102,604)
Finance expenses	(32,152)	(39,549)
Profit/(loss) for the period before income tax	109,230	(142,153)
Taxation	(16,821)	12,009
Total comprehensive income/ (loss) for the period	92,409	(130,144)
Earnings per share	0.006	(0.009)

Note: The company does not have any items under other comprehensive income.

Mithilesh Kumar Singh
General Manager

25 October 2021

Note: The complete accounts are available on MSX website. If required, the same can also be provided by email or post in Arabic or English, in seven days, on receipt of written request from the shareholder.



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T20 WC: Asif Ali fires Pakistan to thrilling win over New Zealand

With this win, Pakistan is now leading the Super 12 Group 2 with four points

SHARJAH: Haris Rauf scalped four before Asif Ali blistering cameo of 27 in 12 balls helped Pakistan defeat New Zealand by five wickets here at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium in the ICC T20 World Cup 2021 on Tuesday.

Pakistan limited New Zealand to 134 for eight and then chased down the target with 8 balls to spare. With this win, Pakistan is now leading the Super 12 Group 2 with four points. Asif whacked one four and three sixes while Shoaib Malik smashed 26 to help Pakistan chase down 135 despite a wobble in the middle.

Chasing 135, Pakistan got off to a slow start and Babar Azam's wicket in the sixth over further dented the team's hopes. Tim Southee cleaned bowled Babar to take his 100th T20I wicket.

Ish Sodhi then trapped Fakhar Zaman in front of the stumps as Pakistan got reduced to 47/2. The Babar-led side lost two quick



wickets in the name of Mohammad Hafeez and Mohammad Rizwan as New Zealand gained control over the game.

Conway flew in the air to pull off an absolute stunner which ended Hafeez's stint at the crease.

However, Asif came to rescue Pakistan as he stitched an unbeaten 48-run stand with Shoaib

to take his home in the 19th over.

Put into bat first, New Zealand scored 134/8 in 20 overs as Haris Rauf starred with the ball picking up four wickets.

Daryl Mitchell, Kane Williamson and Devon Conway scored 27, 25, 27 runs as New Zealand batsmen struggled to get their feet in.

The Kiwis got off to a decent start but Pakistan kept taking wickets at regular intervals which didn't allow New Zealand to post a respectable total.

Brief Scores: New Zealand 134/8 (Daryl Mitchell 27, Conway 27; Haris Rauf 4-22) vs Pakistan 135/5 (Mohammad Rizwan 33, Asif Ali 27; Ish Sodhi 2-28). —ANI

GROUP A & B



POINTS TABLE

GROUP A

POS	TEAM	PLD	NRR	PTS
1	ENGLAND	1	+3.970	2
2	SRI LANKA	1	+0.583	2
3	AUSTRALIA	1	+0.253	2
4	SOUTH AFRICA	2	+0.179	2
5	BANGLADESH	1	-0.583	0
6	WEST INDIES	2	-2.550	0

GROUP B

POS	TEAM	PLD	NRR	PTS
1	PAKISTAN	2	+0.738	4
2	AFGHANISTAN	1	+6.500	2
3	NAMIBIA	0	+0.000	0
4	NEW ZEALAND	1	-0.532	0
5	INDIA	1	-0.973	0
6	SCOTLAND	1	-6.500	0

Hardik fit for NZ game

DUBAI: In what comes as good news for Team India ahead of the next game against New Zealand in the ICC T20 World Cup, all-rounder Hardik Pandya is fit for the match after hurting his shoulder in the opening encounter against Pakistan on Sunday. Sources in the know of developments said the all-rounder is already feeling better. "There is no issue and he is already feeling good. It was just a precautionary scan and the team management didn't wish to take a chance as yesterday was only the first game of the tournament," the source said. Hardik had been taken for scans after he received a blow on his shoulder during the game against Pakistan. —ANI

South Africa thrash West Indies by 8 wickets

DUBAI: Aiden Markram and Rassie van der Dussen starred as South Africa thrash West Indies by eight wickets in the Group 1 encounter of Super 12s in the ongoing ICC men's T20 World Cup here at the Dubai International Stadium on Tuesday.

South Africa chased the target of 144 with eight balls to spare as Markram and Van der Dussen played the innings of 51* and 43* respectively. Chasing 144, excellent work in the field by Russell provided exactly the start West Indies had hoped for as Temba Bavuma walked back in the first over. Hendricks and Van der Dussen then forged a 50-run stand for the second wicket as South Africa consolidate their position in the chase.

Hosein then dismissed Hendricks to give a vital breakthrough to WI but the duo of Van der Dussen and Markram stitched another 50-run partnership and held SA's innings in good shape.

The pair then cruised South Africa to victory and handed defending champions their second successive defeat in the tournament.



ment. Put in to bat first, West Indies started off cautiously off the blocks initially after which Evin Lewis started to free his arms and took the attack against South African bowlers, especially to the part-time spin of Aiden Markram. At the end of the powerplay, their score read 43/0.

Evin Lewis continued his charge against SA bowlers as he brought up his half-century in the

10th over. But in next over, Maharaj removed dangerous-looking Lewis. He walked back after scoring 56 off 35 balls. Nicholas Pooran followed the opener soon.

The other WI opener, Lendl Simmons was dismissed in the 14th over after his 16 off 35 balls. West Indies lost a few wickets in clumps in the end but managed to make 143 runs in their 20 overs for South Africa to chase. —ANI



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MARKET

BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER
The MSX index closed at 4,010.75 points, down 0.02 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.28 per cent at 559.61 points. Muscat Desalination was the top gainer, up by 5.06 per cent while Voltamp Energy, down 8.89 per cent, was the top loser.



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Sultanate's growth to pick up as reform programmes accelerate

Front-loaded fiscal reforms including VAT and cuts in spending will reduce the fiscal deficit to 0.5 per cent of gross domestic product by 2024

Times News Service

MUSCAT: After a difficult 2020, the outlook for Oman's economy is improving, with gross domestic product (GDP) growth expected to rebound to 2.1 per cent in 2021 and to 3.1 per cent on average in 2022-24, according to a new report.

This is on the back of a combination of higher oil and gas output as well as the government's wide-ranging structural reform programmes, the National Bank of



REPORT: Higher oil prices and the accelerated pace of reforms are expected to boost non-oil growth and cut Oman's long-standing twin fiscal and external deficits sharply by 2024. - Photo used for illustrative purpose only

Kuwait (NBK) said in its report.

Short-term headwinds are expected, however, from the large fiscal consolidation being implemented this year to address the deficit.

In the energy sector, the further unwinding of OPEC+ supply cuts from August should see Oman's crude production increase along with a boost in natural gas production (associated and non-associated), helped by output gains in the key Ghazeer and Khazzan fields,

and resulting increases in condensate volumes will more than compensate for this year's overall decrease in oil output.

The hydrocarbon sector GDP is forecast to grow by 2.8 per cent in 2021 and by 3.6 per cent on average in 2022-2024, the report said.

Non-oil activity, meanwhile, has benefitted from a post-COVID bounce (a travel ban was lifted in September for vaccinated individuals), which together with the

government's strong commitment to reform and diversification (under both Vision 2040 and the new Five-Year Plan running 2021-25), has provided for a more constructive outlook. After falling by an estimated 4.4 per cent last year, non-oil GDP is forecast to rise 1.6 per cent in 2021 as domestic and external demand start to recover, The NBK report said.

In the medium term, non-oil growth should pick up to above 3 per cent by 2024 as the benefits of the structural reform programme start to materialise more fully. As well as stabilising the public finances, measures include boosting labour market flexibility, private sector jobs and female participation, which should lift productivity, reforming state-owned firms (eventually leading to privatisation) and improving the business climate.

Targeted sectors for development include hi-tech industry, agriculture, transport, logistics and tourism, with an additional focus on green initiatives.

Moreover, the \$7 billion 230,000 barrels per day (bpd) Duqm refinery (more than 80 per cent complete) will attract significant new investment in ancillary activities and surrounding

infrastructure, the report said.

Fiscal deficit to narrow sharply
Faced with a sharp widening of the deficit last year, the government rolled out the Medium Term Fiscal Plan in 2020 to restore fiscal stability and balance the budget by 2025. As well as VAT, measures already implemented include cuts to utility subsidies and capital outlays as well as reductions in the public sector wage bill (though social safety nets will be expanded and better targeted to support vulnerable Omanis).

These measures, together with higher oil prices, helped narrow the deficit sharply by 46 per cent year-on-year to a pro-rated 5 per cent of GDP by August.

"We expect the deficit to shrink further to 3.6 per cent by year-end from 10.5 per cent in 2020. While such a sharp near-term fiscal adjustment carries risks to economic growth, it has already yielded some dividends: S&P and Moody's both upgraded their outlooks on Oman, and the government could even be on track for its first rating upgrade since 2007," NBK said in its report.

Fiscal consolidation and broader reforms would also help to reverse

the increase in public debt (to 80 per cent of GDP in 2020 from 5 per cent in 2014) due to both domestic and external debt issuance, potentially bringing it down to 73 per cent of GDP by 2024.

External position to strengthen
The current account deficit widened to 12 per cent of GDP in 2020 from 5.5 per cent in 2019, on the back of lower oil exports. It should, however, narrow to 1.0 per cent of GDP by 2024 helped by higher oil prices and as the government's diversification and Omanisation drive support manufacturing exports and reductions in remittances, respectively. Currently, elevated energy prices are behind much of the recent improvement in the external balance.

Successful reform programme
Higher oil prices and the accelerated pace of reforms are expected to boost non-oil growth and cut Oman's long-standing twin fiscal and external deficits sharply by 2024, reducing economic vulnerabilities. However, a drop in energy prices could upend progress, with negative spillovers across the economy.

APPOINTMENT



Al Maryah Community Bank appoints Adeeb Ahamed as board adviser

Times News Service

MUSCAT: UAE's first licensed digital-only bank - Al Maryah Community Bank, has appointed Adeeb Ahamed, Managing Director of Abu Dhabi based Lulu Financial Holdings to the position of Adviser to the board members.

Adeeb, whose investments in financial services and digital payments span 11 countries in the GCC, Indian sub-continent and APAC regions, is an established and recognised industry name, known for his far-reaching contributions to the development of the global payments ecosystem. A member of the prestigious World Economic Forum's South Asian Regional Strategy Group, Adeeb additionally sits at the helm of companies in retail, F&B and luxury hospitality.

Al Maryah Community Bank, which started operations earlier this year, is a community-oriented financial services provider committed to improving the quality of life of the UAE community by operating with integrity and using innovative smart technologies.

PARTNERSHIP

Omantel, WeCom team up to provide virtual PBX service

MUSCAT: Omantel, the Sultanate of Oman's first and leading integrated telecommunications and ICT services provider, has announced its partnership with WeCom to launch virtual PBX service, on the sidelines of GITEX 2021 in Dubai.

The initiative aims to support small and medium businesses as well as the government across the Sultanate. The service, named Virtual PBX, is a type of IP Telephony system, which requires no "on-site" equipment except phones devices if needed and a secured internet connection.

It supports office phones, smartphones and laptops/desktops.

The virtual PBX solution will provide customers with a pay-as-you-go model, thus eliminating the need to invest upfront on IP Telephony infrastructure as the current options in the market.

Customers can scale up and scale down their number of users or branches as per their business requirements and Omantel will provide the ease of being a one-stop-shop for all telecom needs including SIP services, IP telephony

solutions (backend, desk phones etc.), internet services, conferencing solution and many more.

Eng. Baha Al Lawati, Enterprise Unit Vice President at Omantel, said, "Customers using the new virtual PBX product will be able to connect to the PBX platform hosted within Oman through secured connections and enjoy the voice services along with PBX features on the go. As always Omantel ICT is one step ahead in bringing future technologies in the Oman market to help local businesses to grow."

Salim Al Maamari, CEO at WeCom said, "This partnership with Omantel has been a crucial step for WeCom to play an active role in liberating the corporate sector by expanding the number of options available. Our virtual PBX offering offers ease, agility and reliability that many businesses will come to expect and now with this partnership with Omantel's expansive clientele we are excited about the potential this will bring to Omantel's clients in particular and the sector as a whole."



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MARKET

MSX index ends lower

The top gainer was Oman Chlorine which closed higher by 3.45% while top loser was Al Madina Investment which closed lower 5.41%.

MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 4,010.75 points, down 0.02 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.28 per cent at 559.61 points. Muscat Desalination was the top gainer, up by 5.06 per cent. While Voltamp Energy, down 8.89 per cent, was the top loser. Shares of Sohar International Bank was the most active in terms of the number of shares traded while Bank Muscat was the most active in terms of turnover.

A total number of 588 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR3.6 million, with more than 19.3 million shares changing hands. Out of 55 traded securities, 12 advanced, 15 declined and 21 remained unchanged. At the session close, foreign investors were net buy-

ers for OMR173,000 while local investors were net sellers for OMR162,000 followed by GCC & Arab investors for OMR12,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 6,348 points, up 0.17 per cent. Prices of Ahli Bank and Sohar International Bank were up 2.73 per cent and 1.04 per cent respectively. Al Madina Investment, Al Anwar Investment, National Finance, United Finance and Muscat Finance were down 3.39 per cent, 2.97 per cent, 2.86 per cent, 1.79 per cent and 1.72 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,099.47 points, down 0.95 per cent. Prices of Gulf International Chemicals and Oman Flour Mills were up 1.05 per cent and 0.51 per cent respectively. Services Index down by 0.81 per cent before closing at 1,661.21 points. — United Securities

MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	4,012.23	4,001.77	4,010.75	4,011.69	-0.94	-0.02
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,348.88	6,324.50	6,348.79	6,338.28	10.51	0.17
Industry Index	6,145.20	6,099.47	6,099.47	6,157.82	-58.34	-0.95
Services Index	1,674.72	1,661.21	1,661.21	1,674.72	-13.51	-0.81
MSX Shariah Index	561.23	559.60	559.61	561.23	-1.62	-0.29
MSX TR INDEX	4,822.28	4,809.72	4,820.52	4,821.64	-1.13	-0.02

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap.	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
19,313,219	3,625,903	588	22,011,515,691	8	29	18	55

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

SR.	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF. RD.	DIFF %	LAST PR.	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	PR. VAL.	MARKET CAP.
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REGULAR MARKET

OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	1,119,528	126,362	19	0.112	0.114	0.112	0.113	0.110	0.003	2.727	0.113	0.111	0.113	0.100	220,311,284
OM0000003386	SOHAR INT BANK	217,317	210,789	23	0.097	0.097	0.096	0.097	0.096	0.001	1.042	0.097	0.096	0.097	0.100	290,036,042
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	149,855	110,797	17	0.736	0.740	0.736	0.740	0.736	0.004	0.543	0.740	0.736	0.740	0.100	255,000,000
OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	25,000	19,860	2	0.792	0.796	0.792	0.796	0.792	0.004	0.505	0.796	0.000	0.796	0.100	125,370,000
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED CO.	1,256,032	383,196	23	0.310	0.316	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.000	0.000	0.316	0.316	0.316	0.100	31,000,000
OM0000002077	AL OMANTYA FIN.	236,090	26,914	1	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.000	0.000	0.114	0.103	0.113	0.100	33,280,609
OM0000006920	VISION INSURANCE	327,000	24,825	8	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.100	7,500,000
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDSTR	26,274	25,220	1	0.882	0.882	0.882	0.882	0.886	-0.004	-0.446	0.882	0.000	0.886	0.100	80,012,400
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	118,587	44,610	7	0.376	0.378	0.376	0.378	0.378	-0.002	-0.529	0.376	0.378	0.378	0.100	244,755,030
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	95,149	297,50	6	0.312	0.316	0.312	0.312	0.314	-0.002	-0.637	0.316	0.312	0.316	0.100	232,024,967
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	823,274	397,500	34	0.480	0.480	0.476	0.482	0.486	-0.004	-0.823	0.480	0.480	0.484	0.100	172,886,850
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	48,089	11,460	13	0.239	0.240	0.237	0.238	0.240	-0.002	-0.833	0.237	0.237	0.239	0.100	78,747,705
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SER	371,736	169,512	5	0.456	0.456	0.456	0.456	0.460	-0.004	-0.870	0.456	0.440	0.460	0.100	107,802,960
OM0000002176	JAZZERA STEEL PROD.	248,113	92,497	19	0.376	0.376	0.370	0.372	0.376	-0.004	-1.064	0.372	0.348	0.372	0.100	46,462,041
OM0000003440	AL SHARQIA INV.	178,100	15,983	11	0.092	0.092	0.090	0.091	0.092	-0.001	-1.087	0.090	0.085	0.092	0.100	8,180,000
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	302,952	158,320	6	0.534	0.534	0.504	0.522	0.528	-0.006	-1.136	0.504	0.504	0.518	0.100	28,710,000
OM0000001525	OMAN INVSTA FIN	1,108,401	147,278	31	0.134	0.134	0.132	0.133	0.135	-0.002	-1.481	0.132	0.132	0.132	0.100	31,521,000
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	103,503	13,689	4	0.134	0.134	0.131	0.132	0.134	-0.002	-1.483	0.131	0.131	0.133	0.100	11,220,000
OM0000001418	RAYSUT CEMENT	13,785	3,255	4	0.240	0.240	0.236	0.236	0.240	-0.004	-1.667	0.236	0.220	0.240	0.100	47,200,000
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	697,084	57,804	36	0.058	0.058	0.056	0.057	0.058	-0.001	-1.724	0.057	0.056	0.057	0.100	17,907,241
OM0000002226	ALJAZERA SERVICES	349,341	126,125	14	0.368	0.368	0.354	0.362	0.370	-0.008	-2.162	0.356	0.350	0.354	0.100	22,155,947
OM0000002188	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	499,535	185,686	9	0.416	0.418	0.410	0.416	0.426	-0.010	-2.347	0.410	0.414	0.416	0.100	91,520,000
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	880,900	86,074	26	0.100	0.100	0.097	0.098	0.101	-0.003	-2.970	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.100	19,600,000
OM0000003000	ALMAHA MARKTING	11,972	8,430	2	0.700	0.720	0.700	0.704	0.732	-0.028	-3.825	0.720	0.700	0.720	0.100	48,576,000
Total		11,972,969	2,465,357	320												

Parallel Market

OM0000007084	MCT DESALINATE	106,500	8,846	5	0.084	0.084	0.083	0.083	0.079	0.004	5.063	0.083	0.080	0.083	0.100	12,910,683
OM0000004735	SEMBOORP SALALAH	117,274	9,851	10	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.083	0.001	1.205	0.084	0.082	0.084	0.100	80,184,044
OM0000003028	GULF INTL CHEM	15,800	1,516	3	0.096	0.096	0.095	0.096	0.095	0.001	1.033	0.095	0.095	0.100	2,014,000	
OM0000002580	OMAN EDU TRAINING	7,975	2,113	3	0.265	0.265	0.265	0.265	0.264	0.000	0.379	0.265	0.260	0.265	0.100	18,550,000
OM0000001085	DHOOFAR INSURANCE	10,000	1,900	2	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.000	0.000	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.100	15,000,000
OM0000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	168,560	20,545	9	0.122	0.124	0.120	0.122	0.122	0.000	0.000	0.120	0.120	0.126	0.100	4,095,717
OM0000001833	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	513,226	99,741	11	0.194	0.194	0.194	0.194	0.194	0.000	0.000	0.195	0.189	0.194	0.100	315,433,583
OM0000001517	HSBC BANK OMAN	1,276,372	126,644	13	0.092	0.092	0.091	0.092	0.092	0.000	0.000	0.091	0.091	0.092	0.100	10,000,000
OM0000002341	OMAN CHLORINE	172,948	32,860	1	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.000	0.000	0.190	0.000	0.000	0.100	12,939,695
OM0000001483	BANK DHOOFAR	664,776	83,139	3	0.125	0.129	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.000	0.000	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.100	374,543,390
OM0000002549	GLOBAL INV H.	194,400	12,937	15	0.062	0.063	0.061	0.062	0.062	0.000	0.000	0.062	0.060	0.062	0.100	12,400,000
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	606,397	57,559	9	0.095	0.095	0.094	0.095	0.095	0.000	0.000	0.094	0.094	0.095	0.100	212,510,538
OM0000004798	MADINA TAKAFUL	1,220,914	118,429	41	0.037	0.037	0.037	0.037	0.037	0.000	0.000	0.037	0.035	0.037	0.100	16,973,000
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	94,026	4,514	7	0.048	0.049	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.000	0.000	0.048	0.048	0.049	0.100	70,204,870
OM0000008979	OMAN QATAR INSUR	596,086	122,198	4	0.205	0.205	0.205	0.205	0.205	0.000	0.000	0.205	0.192	0.205	0.100	20,500,000
OM0000007910	AMN REAL ESTATE	1,350	134	1	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.000	0.000	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.100	19,000,000
OM0000008447	OMAN RETT FUND	20,000	1,720	3	0.086	0.086	0.086	0.086	0.086	0.000	0.000	0.086	0.086	0.086	0.100	56,309,269
OM0000002872	OMAN OIL MARKETING	9,955	8,999	1	0.904	0.904	0.904	0.904	0.908	-0.004	-0.441	0.904	0.000	0.904	0.100	55,392,500
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEERING	502,890	38,792	46	0.078	0.078	0.077	0.077	0.078	-0.001	-1.262	0.077	0.077	0.080	0.100	15,629,866
OM0000003281	TAGEER FINANCE	87,000	6,276	5	0.073	0.073	0.072	0.072	0.073	-0.001	-1.370	0.072	0.072	0.076	0.100	18,258,480
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	797,921	43,199	22	0.055	0.055	0.054	0.055	0.056	-0.001	-1.786	0.054	0.054	0.055	0.100	19,203,943
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	224,915	11,527	10	0.051	0.052	0.051	0.051	0.052	-0.001	-1.923	0.052	0.051	0.052	0.100	36,434,723
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT. ENG.	146,650	13,614	19	0.095	0.095	0.091	0.093	0.095	-0.002	-2.105	0.091	0.092	0.092	0.100	12,690,000
OM0000002648	NATIONAL FINANCE	43,800	4,468	5	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.105	-0.003	-2.857	0.102	0.104	0.104	0.100	55,305,506
OM0000001962	AL MADINA INV.	8,000	456	4	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.059	-0.002	-3.390	0.057	0.057	0.064	0.100	3,990,000
OM0000004925	ALBATHINAH POWER	157,643	8,084	10	0.051	0.052	0.050	0.051	0.053	-0.002	-3.774	0.052	0.051	0.052	0.100	34,419,259
OM0000004248	SMN POWER HOLDING	10,000	550	1	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.058	-0.003	-5.172	0.055	0.055	0.060	0.100	10,976,668
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	2,183	1,004	5	0.122	0.125	0.122	0.123	0.135	-0.012	-8.889	0.125	0.125	0.135	0.100	10,012,538
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GSM: 92334161

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Contact 79170769

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Contact 78375996
Email: vishnutp999@gmail.com

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Indian male, having 7years of experience in Construction with Masters from England, Currently working as PROJECT ENGINEER in Muscat (family status). D/L available.

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JOB WANTED

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COOKING WITH QUICK AND EASY TWEAKS

Cooking and entertaining don't have to be overly complex to impress. Here are quick, simple ways to elevate your meals for memorable experiences your friends and family will love:

Balanced seasoning

Are your go-to family recipes in need of an update? Enhance the flavour profile of savoury dishes by swapping out salt and pepper and instead, reaching for an all-natural, pre-blended seasoning of kosher salt, coarse-ground black pepper and garlic.

You can use it in a number of ways during meal preparation and table-side to give holiday dishes something extra:

- Add flair to appetisers by shaking it into the yolk mixture of deviled eggs or using it

to season baked brie.

- Season the outside of your turkey with olive oil and a few liberal shakes of the seasoning, or even create your own brine that will become a treasured recipe of its own.
- Season steak and roasts with it.
- Add it to stuffing and mashed potatoes.
- Update morning egg bake recipes to wow overnight guests.
- Include it on your holiday table so that guests can season their food to taste.

Add pizzazz to desserts

With a few updates, you can give your standard dessert line-up a touch of elegance. Use fresh ginger in your gingerbread cookies. Create your own crumbs for sprinkling on top of cakes. Garnish slices of pie with a mint or

basil sprig or a cinnamon stick. Melt your favourite chocolate and drizzle it on anything.

Up your tablescape game

A feast is the perfect time to create a special atmosphere. And you can do so easily by breaking out your best dishes and utensils, as well as by adding a few natural elements to the tablescape, such as poinsettias, holly, evergreens and pinecones. Ditch the overhead lights and use candles or other warm lighting to create a soft, convivial glow.

You don't need to overhaul your entire menu to make your feast special. Make quick, simple tweaks and additions to your existing recipes and entertaining traditions to elevate the occasion. **-artielecity**

ROUND-UP

Z-Corp launches ‘HIMMA’ initiative to develop high potential talents

‘HIMMA’ seeks to ensure optimum investment in our human capital through the provision of a suitable environment for Omani talents to boost their capabilities and continuous improvement in their career path



MUSCAT: The Zubair Corporation welcomed the first batch of employees participating in the ‘HIMMA’ programme to develop and empower potential Omani high potential talents within the Corporation and its subsidiaries.

The ceremony was held at the Corporation’s headquarters, in the presence of Al Zubair Mohammad Al Zubair, Vice Chairman of the corporation’s board of directors and the general supervisor of the task force for empowering high-potential Omani talents, and several members of the executive management of the Corporation and its subsidiaries. The ceremony also included the launch of the programme’s slogan, “Towards a Promising Career Future”.

During his remarks, Al Zubair Mohammad Al Zubair highlighted the role of the ‘HIMMA’ programme



in developing Omani talents of the Zubair Corporation companies and equipping those identified as high potentials with the competencies needed to take on leadership, supervisory and specialised positions in the future that suit their aspirations and capabilities, in various fields and career levels, which is in line with the Zubair Corporation’s vision. Al Zubair added that ‘HIMMA’ seeks to ensure optimum investment in our human capital through the provision of a suitable environment for Omani talents to boost their capabilities and continuous improvement in their career path. He urged all participants in the programme to take advantage of the opportunity and hone their skills and practical experience aiming to see their creative ideas in various specialities.

Commenting on the objectives

of the programme, Hilal Omar Al Siyabi, Chief Corporate Services Officer at The Zubair Corporation, said, “Through this programme, we seek to bring about the development of Omani talents across various subsidiaries of The Zubair Corporation. At Zubair Corporation, we are keen to encourage a performance-based work culture among employees and spread a spirit of healthy competition and motivation to bring about innovation at work, which in turn will not only enhance productivity but have a positive impact on the overall performance of the corporation and its subsidiaries. The ‘HIMMA’ programme is considered as part of the corporation’s strategy to manage and develop human capital within all group companies. The participants were selected based on

several criteria, such as completion of two years of service with a Bachelor’s degree and a good command of the English language as well as other interpersonal traits. ‘HIMMA’ will take place for six months, during which the participants will undergo intensive practical training courses, designed specifically to achieve the goals of the programme.”

Gerry Woods, Chief Operating Officer at Impact Management Services (IMS), a local firm specialising in human capital development, said, “The ‘HIMMA’ programme is designed to achieve the medium and long-term goals of The Zubair Corporation and its subsidiaries. It ensures the objective implementation of the leadership succession plan by developing the second and third level employees to foster practical skills in the

leadership and supervisory elements. The ‘HIMMA’ programme is a comprehensive programme that allows continuity by involving several senior management members in the HIMMA journey. It also includes follow-ups activities post completion of the programme in a way that enhances output and achieves the desired goals. We are confident that the outcome of the programme will be an added value to the corporation, as well as to all the participants, giving them a boost to their career journey.”

The ‘HIMMA’ programme is one of the initiatives launched by the Taskforce for Empowering High-potential Omani talents, which aims to develop Omani talents across all group companies and create a productive work environment based on a culture of performance, productivity and innovation.

TOKEN OF LOVE

Badr Al Samaa Hospital Ruwi celebrates COVID-19 survivors in Back to Life event

MUSCAT: Badr Al Samaa Hospital, Ruwi organised an event: Back to Life with Badr. Under this programme Badr Al Samaa celebrates the fighting spirit of critically ill COVID-19 recovered patients. This programme was organised to salute and admire such real heroes.

More than 80 critically ill COVID-19 patients recovered at Badr Al Samaa Hospital, Ruwi attended the event and many of them shared their heart-touching stories of caring hospitalisation and expressed gratitude towards Badr Al Samaa Group of Hospitals. A memento and a token of love were presented to each of the COVID-19 recovered patients. Team of Internal Medicine, Dr Basheer A, Dr Ravi Perumal, Dr Manohar Noone and Dr Thasli Thankachan presented the mementos to all survivors.

Dr Basheer A, Chief Internist, Badr Al Samaa Hospital, Ruwi in his welcome address said that Badr Al Samaa Group is the first to admit COVID-19 patient in the private healthcare sector, to do prone ventilation, first to successfully treat pregnant lady on a ventilator. The recovery rate is more than 99% across our group in COVID-19 treatment.

Abdul Latheef, Managing Director in his address said being the largest healthcare provider our share of responsibilities in pandemic was also big and so were the challenges but Badr Al Samaa sailed through with the team efforts and streamlined every challenge like shortage of staff, expansion of beds, availability of medicines, etc. We treated hundreds of patients for free and gave considerable discounts to many given our corporate social responsibility.

Dr P A Mohammed, Managing Director in his address said at the beginning of the pandemic, for COVID-19, Badr Al Samaa had dedicated 25 normal beds, 16 ICU beds and 8 ventilators and the number at the peak of COVID-19 grew to 113 normal beds, 29 ICU beds and 19 ventilators. In the whole of the private sector, Badr Al Samaa’s bed contribution in the Muscat region was 37% and in the rest of Oman, it was 90%. 35% of the total available for COVID-19



in the private healthcare sector belonged to Badr Al Samaa.

Sameer PT, CEO, said as a pandemic was new for us but we learned through and handled it much better. Our team has become an expert in COVID-19 and that is the reason our success rate is high. Not just COVID-19 treatment but Badr Al Samaa was leading in RT-PCR tests and vaccinations, more than 3,50,000 till now.

Samuel Kutty, Senior Editor in a media in Oman who was critically ill with COVID-19 and developed a heart problem, renal failure, pleural effusion but eventually got recovered at Badr Al Samaa Hospital said that the medical team of Badr Al Samaa felicitated the miracle which God had planned for him. He thanked everyone at Badr Al Samaa and his friend circle who stood by him during his recovery.

Dr Benny Panakkal, Senior Consultant Interventional Cardiology and Group Medical Director said he never knew that COVID-19 can cause heart attacks but eventually he experienced many cases of heart attacks happening due to COVID-19. He said we made it mandatory to test everyone coming to ICU for COVID-19 and miraculously found the many patients who were presented with heart attacks were actually having COVID-19.

Nisha Mol, a critically ill COVID-19 survivor who was pregnant during her hospitalisation attended the event with her baby; both mother and baby were healthy. She said that the care and treatment extended by Dr Basheer and the staff nurse really help me to

survive the pandemic. Also, the comfort and confidence given by Dr Basheer in fact gave not only a positive outcome but a second lease of life to me and my child.

Dr Ravi Perumal, Specialist Internist, said that the COVID-19 situation is well under control now especially due to the aggressive vaccination drive in which Badr Al Samaa is a major service provider. He said during COVID-19 treatment along with the treatment we had to give a lot of moral support to the patients who were isolated from families to keep them motivated and positive.

Navneetha a critically ill COVID-19 survivor said she is full of emotions to hear the life-saving stories of everyone present in the event. She said doctors, nurses and all staff has been exemplary in their professional conduct. She said she looks at everyone in Badr Al Samaa as God’s message, she said this experience is a big eye-opener for her and she’ll always remember Badr Al Samaa for this new life.

B Shivasubramaniam, CEO L&T, Oman, Qatar & UAE and husband of Navneetha said many case studies revealed that many companies are purpose-driven and were benevolent; he said he experienced the same qualities in Badr Al Samaa. He congratulated Badr Al Samaa for their service to humanity.

Dr Manohar Noone, Specialist Internist said it had been challenging for the entire world, the whole world was gasping for breath. He said it gives immense pleasure to see everyone working as a team to

gain control of the situation and fortunately we are in a much better position now.

Nelson P V, Faculty, National University of Science and Technology critically ill COVID-19 recovered patient expressed gratitude, appreciation and love for the team of Badr Al Samaa. He said no one wants to remember their ordeal with COVID-19 but we would love to remember the people for a lifetime who have been behind our survival. He said the culture at Badr Al Samaa is true to its motto, more than healthcare humane care.

Dr Thasli Thankachan, Specialist Internist said since the last 19 years Badr Al Samaa has been delivering quality healthcare services and during this pandemic, we acted as true leaders in private healthcare. He appreciated everyone in Badr Al Samaa for their dedication and commitment to the service of mankind.

NSS Subramanian, CEO of Oasis Water and husband of one critically ill COVID-19 recovered patient said after COVID-19 lot of complications came into the light and he suggested everyone get them screened after recovering from COVID-19. Badr Al Samaa has a culture of putting the patients above everyone and during the treatment of his wife; he experienced it to his best.

Wisely Babu, a critically ill COVID-19 recovered patient said doctors at Badr Al Samaa are very supportive and gave him hope and emotional support during his treatment. He said the team at Badr Al Samaa made the difficult phase of his life the easiest by their behaviour and professional conduct.

Jayan, Senior Official, Asian Paints, a COVID-19 recovered patient said I was lucky to get a bed when his oxygen saturation fell to 70%. He said the nurses and doctors during the treatment took care of even the smallest of things and made him comfortable during the stay. He appreciated all the staff for sacrificing their personal life for a greater cause.

Swaminathan Ghaneshan, a critically ill COVID-19 recovered patient attended the event to express gratitude to the team of Badr Al Samaa for saving his life.

SCRATCH & WIN OFFER



Own a Kia Seltos and get a chance to win it back

MUSCAT: Own the attractive Kia Seltos SUV and get a chance to win it back instantly through Scratch & Win offer. All one has to do is to buy a Kia Seltos and just before taking the delivery and submitting all necessary documents, go for a Scratch & Win offer. Other than a chance to win a car one can also win 50% price payable or doubling of cash gift amount or win periodic services up to 100,000km. Three customers have already won their cars back. (Conditions apply. Please visit the Kia showroom for details.) The campaign is valid until December 28.

The Seltos combines forward-looking technical features, class-leading space and a suite of world-class safety features, and is powered by a highly efficient Smartstream petrol engine. It offers distinctive exterior design details, such as its long hood, a strong, character line on the front bumper, and sharp lines pressed into the bodywork. It also sports a wide ‘tiger-nose grille’, making the car instantly recognisable as a Kia, but with a difference.

Seltos is equipped with intricate and sharply designed full LED headlights and taillights, providing the car with a commanding and confident presence on the road. For daytime driving, the car also has LED daytime running lights and rear lamps, and 3D multi-layer indicators to make it clear exactly where the Seltos is heading. For driving in

foggy conditions, the car is also equipped with LED fog lights.

The interior of the Seltos is impressive. The cabin is characterised by broad, sweeping shapes and highly technical details and is equipped with a range of technologies to maximise convenience, connectivity and ease of use.

Powering the Seltos is a 1.6-litre gasoline engine producing 121 HP paired to a six-speed automatic transmission (6AT). To further elevate the driving experience, the Seltos is equipped with a Drive Mode Select system that lets drivers adapt the car to their preferred style or the road conditions. Drivers can choose from ‘Normal’, ‘Eco’ and ‘Sport’ mode. The Eco mode is tuned to maximise vehicle range by using fuel-saving measures, while Sport mode increases responses from the steering and electric motor to maximise the dynamic driving feel of the car. Normal mode provides a careful balance between the two.

The Seltos is a technologically advanced and refined compact SUV equipped with a range of advanced features. They include a Smart Key with Button Start, Auto Cruise Control, Terrain Mode System (Snow, Mud, Sand), Electronic Stability Program (ESP), 1.6 Litre MPI Engine, 6-speed Automatic Transmission, 16” Alloy Wheels.

The Seltos is fitted with dual airbags, as well as a suite of electronic vehicle safety systems.



ROUND-UP

MHD-ITICS joins hands with Omani racing sensation Ahmad Al Harthy

The brand new partnership between Al Harthy and MHD ITICS is an incredibly exciting development for Oman racing, as the Sultanate's premier racing driver begins to put in place his plans for the remainder of the year and also his 2022 motorsport season

MUSCAT: MHD-ITICS, the Infrastructure, Technology, Industrial and Consumer solutions cluster of Mohsin Haider Darwish, announced in a recent press conference the appointment of Omani motorsport champion Ahmad Al Harthy as its brand ambassador. As part of this association, MHD-ITICS will partner with and support Ahmad Al Harthy in the upcoming 2021/2022 racing season. The press conference held on October 26 at the Al Bustan Palace - A Ritz-Carlton Hotel, was attended by Ahmad Al Harthy and Lujaina Mohsin Haider Darwish, Chairperson of MHD-ITICS, along with

key members of the Oman Racing Team and senior members of management from MHD-ITICS. Commenting on MHD-ITICS' sponsorship of Al Harthy for the 2021-22 season, Lujaina Darwish said, "We have always been proud to associate ourselves with and stand behind exemplary Omani talent like Ahmad Al Harthy, who has brought pride to Oman on the racing circuit. MHD-ITICS is extremely happy to support him in the upcoming 2022 racing season."

Raise awareness "Moreover, through our partnership with Ahmad Al Harthy and



Oman racing, we will be able to raise awareness and exposure internationally of MHD-ITICS and our brand values, given the team's present status on the circuit. At the same time, we will be assisting Ahmad Al Harthy and Oman Racing in the pursuit of their passion for competition, perfection, and discipline. It is this very same passion that is the driving force behind our company's performance, making us market leaders in the business domains we are active in."

Al Harthy expressed his delight with the new partnership saying, "Over the past several decades, MHD-ITICS have actively contributed to the economy of our nation. It is indeed a great pleasure to have a company of their stature on board as an important strategic partner of the Oman Racing Team. It will be a pleasure to work with them throughout the 2021/2022 racing season. Our new partnership encourages us to continue what we are doing at the highest

level we can in motorsport, seeing the Oman flag flying proudly wherever we race around the world." Enjoying another successful season in 2021, Al Harthy was a top-four GT class finisher on his maiden campaign in the Asian Le Mans Series, a race winner on his return to British GT back in August and a podium finisher in the 'Road to Le Mans' in France. Earlier this month, in his second outing of the year in GT World Challenge Europe Endurance Cup,

he took a superb Pro-Am podium finish in Spain. Of course, Aston Martin Vantage GT3 racer Al Harthy is a former two-time Pro-Am Champion in the prestigious GT World Challenge [formerly known as the Blancpain GT Series] and the first driver of Arab origin to win one of the coveted titles, as well as being a past Silver Cup Champion in British GT and Pro-Am1 Champion in the Porsche Carrera Cup GB Championship.

WAFRA 3RD QUARTER

ahlibank holds Wafra draws with prizes worth more than OMR300,000

MUSCAT: ahlibank's popular prize scheme Wafra 2021 continues to change the lives of an increasing number of customers, rewarding them with frequent and more cash prizes. The bank has rewarded the lucky winners in the Wafra 3rd quarter draws with prizes totalling more than OMR300,000, including one winner of the grand 'Salary for Life' prize of OMR 250,000 (OMR 1,000 monthly for 250 months), which went to Jai Hasnani from Al Khoudh branch. The event was streamed live on the bank's official social media pages. Muneer Al Balushi - AGM-Head of Retail Distribution, ahlibank said, "At ahlibank, the role of Wafra savings accounts is not only to give various customer segments special rewards but also to encourage them to save more to achieve



their future aspirations. "Through multiple categories of draws, and at multiple timelines, the Wafra prize scheme has been systematically designed to encourage individuals of various income brackets to try their luck by adopting prudent financial practices. We aim to continue our journey to bring smiles to the fac-

es of more winners." Highlighting the bank's commitment to its customer-first approach, Al Balushi said, "The consistent growth witnessed by the bank over the past years has come as a result of innovation to provide high-quality products and services, and the development of banking technologies, especially

those that are geared towards enriching the experience of our retail customer base. Additionally, the Wafra prize scheme helps us to maintain close relationships with our customers, and impactfully engage with them, while the savings enhancement nature of the scheme supports their personal socio-economic goals." In addition to the grand prize winner, the Bank also announced the winner of the quarterly prize from Al Nukhba and Exclusiv accounts worth OMR 25,000, as well as the winner of the quarterly draw of Imtiyaz accounts with a prize of OMR 10,000. For customers who maintained an average quarterly balance of at least OMR 5,000 in their accounts, the bank presented a special quarterly prize of OMR 25,000 to five winners (OMR 5,000 per winner).

EMPOWERING WOMEN

Alizz Islamic Bank launches its new female banking segment 'Hiyya'

MUSCAT: Upholding the bank's tradition of observing the Omani Women's Day with symbols of appreciation and empowerment, a ceremony was held at Shangrila Bar Al Jissah Resort under the auspices of Asila Al Samsami, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Investment Promotion for Investment Promotion and in the presence of the CEO of Alizz Islamic Bank, Sulaiman Al Harthi. During the ceremony Alizz Islamic Bank announced the launch of an exciting new female banking segment called 'Hiyya', featuring a bouquet of banking products and services that are designed exclusively for women. Celebrated annually on October 17th, Omani Women's Day, this year, will mark a new chapter in the history of Alizz Islamic Bank, as 'Hiyya' is crafted to meet all the investment, health and financial needs of female customers; it will

provide customers with tier-based savings account to enhance their profits. The Shari'a compliant account is based on the principle that the customer is the 'rab-al-mal' (investor) and the bank is the 'mudarib' (investment manager), wherein the bank invests the funds within a common investment pool, including other partner accounts. As per the arrangement, profits will be shared between customers and the bank according to the previously agreed distribution ratios. In addition to that, instant debit cards will offer exclusive benefits, as the main intent is to ensure an open platform for women to enjoy a host of discounts and special offers at spas, beauty salons and beauty products while availing deals from health clubs, fitness centres and perfume stores. Exclusive stores and branded outlets for clothing and accessories, home décor, restaurants and flower shops are all pegged onto the ac-



count, which also includes priority express service at all Alizz Islamic Bank branches. What is more, women who opt for the Hiyya account will get free Takaful insurance services - this is designed specifically for women, as it covers some of the most common cancers that affect women, such as breast cancer, ovarian cancer, fallopian tube cancer, uterine cancer and other types of cancer. It will

also include insurance cover to obtain a second medical opinion. Additionally, it will also cover insurance on hand luggage and travel, the Takaful insurance provision also assures compensation for the loss of hand luggage while travelling anywhere in the world). It will also provide compensation for the loss of personal documents or keys on account of the loss of handbag; the onus will be on the

insurance company to reimburse the customer for the expense incurred in obtaining new personal documents/keys. The only condition for availing the Takaful insurance scheme, which has some of the best offers to meet all health needs of women and add value to their lifestyles, is that the woman must not be less than 18 years old and not more than 65 years old and that she be of Omani nationality or have a valid Omani residency visa. During the launch the bank also announced the winners of the 'Hiyya' awards for women. The awards were classified into several categories. The award for the Best New Female Owned Business went to Natasha Events, owned by, Natasha Al Wahabi, and this award is given to the best new business owned by a woman, while the Most Inspirational Business Woman award went to Sayyida Asila Al Said the owner and founder of Party Fever

Oman, a comprehensive company that provides an event management and party planning and has become an essential part of society. As for the Made in Oman award for the best female-owned business that manufactures and produces goods locally, it went to Lama Al Kharusi, the founder of Lama Sweet Company which is the first Omani homemade ice cream company in Oman and run by 10-year-old entrepreneur Lama Al Kharusi. The Best Customer Service Award for the Best Customer Service in a female-owned Business was awarded to BodourBoutique by Tagwa Al Lawati. The Social Responsibility Champion of the Year Award for Women who give back to Society through Social Responsibility Programs went to Nada Al-Moosa, who devotes much of her time, effort and money to raising awareness and drawing attention to the issue of animal welfare.

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