

**KING ABDULLAH II LEAVES
OMAN AFTER TWO-DAY VISIT**

King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein of Jordan, Queen Rania Al Abdullah and their accompanying delegation, left after an official two-day visit to the Sultanate of Oman. **>A4**



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**HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN
GREETES PRESIDENT OF EGYPT**

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Abdul Fattah El Sisi of Egypt on 6th of October Anniversary. In the cable, His Majesty expressed his sincere sentiments and best wishes of good health and happiness to President El Sisi. His Majesty also wished the people of Egypt further development and growth. **- ONA**



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IRAN

In response to Royal orders, US citizen transferred to Muscat



MUSCAT: In compliance with the Royal orders of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik to respond to an appeal from the US government and, on humanitarian grounds, the departments concerned in the Sultanate of Oman liaised with competent authorities in the Islamic Republic of Iran – which gracefully cooperated with Omani endeavours – to transfer US citizen Mohammed Baqir Namazi from Tehran to Muscat on board an aircraft from the Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO), in preparation for his safe return home. **- ONA** **>See also A3**

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OMAN AND JORDAN TO EXPLORE JOINT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Both the leaders voiced their support for economic diversification

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik and King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, have reiterated their keenness on strengthening joint investment in different spheres. They voiced their support for developing economic diversification, private sector partnership and commercial exchange between the two countries. This was stated in a joint communique issued on Wednesday

between the Sultanate of Oman and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, reading as follows:

"In consolidation of bilateral relations and fraternal ties between the Sultanate of Oman and Jordan and their wise leaderships and, in response to a generous invitation from His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, made an official visit to the Sultanate of Oman on 4 and 5 October 2022 (8 and 9 Rabee Al Awwal 1444 AH), accompanied by Queen Rania Al Abdullah and Prince Al Hussein Ibn Abdullah II. **>A4**

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HM the Sultan, King of Jordan hold meeting

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik and King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, held a bilateral meeting at Al Alam Palace here on Wednesday. During the meeting, His Majesty the Sultan and King Abdullah II discussed the two countries' relations that are deep-rooted in history, as well as the progress being made in



enhancing cooperation and realising common interests of the Omani and Jordanian peoples. The meeting was attended by His Highness

Sayyid Theyazin bin Haitham Al Said, Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth and Prince Al Hussein bin Abdullah II, Crown Prince of Jordan. **- ONA**

SPACE MISSION

Oman's satellite Aman ready for take-off

Times News Service

MUSCAT: All systems go, ready for takeoff. Oman's space mission on Tuesday moved a step closer to achieving the long-cherished dream – launch of an Omani satellite into orbit.

Oman's ambitious mission entered a critical phase on Tuesday as the first Omani satellite, Aman, was successfully integrated with a launch vehicle, the LauncherOne rocket. Aman will be launched into the Low Earth Orbit, at Newquay, Cornwall in the UK, later this year.

Satellite integration is a major step in meeting the objectives of Oman's first space mission.

Oman's mission is handled by ETCO, an Oman-based emerging technology innovator; Virgin Orbit, a leading US-based satellite launch company; SatRev, Polish nanosatellite manufacturer and operator and TUATARA, specialists in advanced AI, data analytics and cognitive technology solutions.

The joint work led to the first Omani CubeSat satellite, Aman, being integrated with the spacecraft during



ing a procedure conducted at Newquay Airport in Cornwall.

The Virgin Orbit integration team led the event, beginning with a final cleaning and checkout of the Omani satellite, ensuring that the Remove Before Flight (RBF) items on the CubeSat were taken away.

Once the satellite was prepared, it was placed in the launch dispenser, followed by a series of rigorous checks.

"Satellite integration marks an important milestone in the plan to send the first Omani spacecraft into space this year. It is encouraging

to witness this first-of-its-kind project in the country's history and we are looking forward to see it through to a final stage that will occur later this year when it will be launched into the Low Earth Orbit," said Abdul Aziz Jaafar, ETCO Chief Executive Officer.

"Integration went as planned and it was a complete success. All risks have already been minimised during the Fit-Check event that occurred during the previous month, where the same Virgin Orbit integration team was on-site at SatRev headquarters in Poland to



perform a detailed walkthrough of all planned integration steps," said Grzegorz Zwoliński, CEO SatRev.

The project is part of the Oman Vision 2040, a national programme aimed at fostering economic competitiveness and social well-being, stimulating growth and building confidence in all economic, social and developmental relations.

Oman's space programme will enable ground breaking scientific research and capture high-resolution satellite images, which will be further analysed digitally using

Computer Vision, Machine Learning, and AI solutions developed by TUATARA in strategic partnership with ETCO.

The Omani space project intends to provide long-lasting benefits and unlock new horizons for the next generation of world space explorers and innovators in the space sector, while investing in national talent that will build a promising future for Oman.

The project will encourage and support companies in Oman to accelerate its transformation into a space-related economy.

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Jordan’s King, Queen and Crown Prince visit National Museum

MUSCAT: King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Queen Rania Al Abdullah, and Prince Al Hussein Ibn Abdullah II, Crown Prince, visited the National Museum on Wednesday.

This took place as part of the official visit of the Jordanian Monarch to the Sultanate of Oman.

King Abdullah II arrived at the museum by Jamal Al Moosawi, Secretary General of the National Museum.

The King and his accompanying delegation toured the museum and its galleries, which highlight the cultural heritage of the Sultanate of Oman, since the beginning of presence of humans in Oman to the present day. Those galleries include the Land and People gallery, the timeline gallery, the pre-historic gallery and Oman and the World gallery.

The guests were briefed on a number of Jordanian artefacts displayed in the upper arcade of the museum, including 12 Islamic coins dating from the period (70-913 AH/ 689-1507 CE), gifted by the late King Al Hussein bin Talal of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, to the late Sultan Qaboos bin



Said.

The guests visited the corner dedicated for the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimour (the dearest and purest of men) in the Renaissance gallery where the original letter No. (1) of the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimour addressed to members of the Royal Family Council through the Defence Council is displayed, as well as royal collections, most notably a piece of an architectural mural from inside the holy Al Aqsa Mosque, presented to the late



Sultan Qaboos bin Said by King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

The guests also checked a model of the Dome of the Rock in Al Aqsa Mosque gifted by the late Palestinian President Yasser Arafat to the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said in 1989. The replica is displayed in the National Museum’s collections gallery, being under the supervision of the Hashemite endowments.

The Jordanian King signed the visitor’s book saying: “We are pleased to express our great admiration of the National Museum, which represents the cultural heritage of the Sultanate of Oman.

The museum highlights in an innovative way the heritage treasures of the Sultanate of Oman and its civilisations. We extend our deepest gratitude to this astounding cultural edifice and we pray to the Almighty Allah to grant the Sultanate of Oman, its leadership and people progress and prosperity.”

King Abdullah II was accompanied during his visit to the National Museum by Sayyid Badr Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister (Head of the Mission of Honour) and Dr. Madiha Ahmed Al Shaibani, Minister of Education (Escort of the Queen). -ONA



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BORDER CROSSINGS

Call for more sign boards at Oman-UAE border

Times News Service

MUSCAT: With a long weekend coming up, travelling by road to the UAE is one of the preferred options for many. Smooth roads along the expressway ensures a better flow of traffic as one reaches border crossings with ease.

However, the lack of proper road sign boards to guide the drivers to the right border outpost is causing inconvenience, allege many drivers who recently travelled through the border. Social media was abuzz as Twitterati complained about the lack of signboards at the Oman border outpost.

Despite the modern infrastructure developed to upgrade the border posts, the lack of sign boards signalling the closure of Al Wajaja Border Post is creating confusion among drivers.

When the Hatta border centralized building was opened, talks were there to compare it with the likes of an airport. However, drivers find great difficulty in locating the concerned department once they reach the border outpost.

Saeed Al Balushi, who was returning to Oman from the UAE, said there were no signs where to go when I reached the border.

"Imagine arriving at an airport where there are no signs to guide you to the immigration or baggage collection section. Though they have spent millions, lack of these basic sign boards are creating chaos at the post."

"It's full of confusion these days at the border. People don't know where to go for stamping their visas and customs clearance. I have a make several rounds to figure out where exactly to go," he added.

Moath al Saeedi, a resident of Al Khabourah, shared his experience at the now closed Al Wajaja Border Post, said: "Proper signboards on the route to the UAE are needed at the Al Wajaja border outpost. It will



help reduce the confusion as the border post is closed now. All the necessary services to facilitate the border crossing are handled at the Hatta Border Post in Oman. There is no circular or a notice at the old Al Wajaja post informing the shifting to Hatta post on the Oman side.

"With no staff on duty at the old post, drivers like me are a confused lot. No proper instructions are given to proceed to the new integrated building at Hatta. In fact, the old post is abandoned."

Moath added: "Another concern is the name of Hatta Border Post, the common border crossing between Oman and the UAE. A quick Google search finds Hatta Border Post located in Oman as well as on the UAE side. The area where the two posts are located are in Hatta area. It is confusing to know which border post one is looking for.?"

Moath said: "I think it would be nice to have a different name to the Oman border to avoid confusion for tourists from abroad or at least to install signs boards along the road to let people know that this Hatta border post belongs to Oman and the other to the UAE."

Another motorist, Hilal al Omrani from Sohar, said: "The speed breakers are still there at the abandoned Al Wajaja port. I wonder why there are speed breakers when there is no one at

that old building."

Al Omrani said: "The presence of these breakers force us to slow down speed and lead to traffic snarls. Lot of drivers even now stop at the old office hoping that a policeman will stop them for checking their papers. It is surprising not to see any notice or sign boards to inform that they need to proceed to the new building at Hatta."

A Pakistani expatriate, Zahid, shared a similar experience. "Whenever I pass through Al Wajaja Port, I stop to check if there is any security official. I don't want to risk any traffic violations. But there is no policeman at the post. There is no notice or a sign board to inform that it has been moved to Hatta border, which is just a few kilometres ahead. It would be useful if a proper sign board informs that the post has been closed and moved to another location."

A government official on condition of anonymity told Times of Oman: "Wadi Al Jizzi Border Post, Wadi Sa'a Border Post and Al Wajaja Border Post were about four kilometres to the border of the UAE. They all have been shifted to UAE borders. One of them is Wajajah Border Post which was shifted to Hatta."

He also said that the speed breakers at the Al Wajaja Border Post will be removed soon to ensure a smooth flow of traffic.

'Expats reflect strong India-Oman connect'

Visiting Indian Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan, hails multi-faceted bilateral relations

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The contribution of Indians living in Oman towards the glorious march of their motherland and the Sultanate of Oman reflects a strong connect between the two nations, according to V Muraleedharan, the Indian Minister of State for External Affairs.

The remarks were made by Muraleedharan during a well-attended community reception, organised by the Indian Embassy in Oman, on Tuesday night.

"Indian diaspora is now a thriving feature of all major countries in the world. In Oman, the Indian diaspora, with its rich history stretching hundreds of years, is even more special. Indian diaspora in Oman is unique and reflects India's diversity. They are held together by the 'Indianness' and a profound cultural and emotional attachment towards Mother India, he said.

The Indian Minister added: "It is a matter of pride that you [Indians in Oman] have continued to cherish and celebrate the Indian ethos, values and traditions so vibrantly while making such a great contribution to this country. You are our extended family, India's soft power and an embodiment of our country's great culture.

"You have emerged as human



bridges of friendship between India and Oman. In addition to your active contribution to the society and economy of Oman, you also act as a catalyst of economic development of India.

"Your role as bridges, mediators, facilitators, lobby and advocacy groups for India's soft power projection in Oman is well recognised. The Government of India and the Indian society have always valued and appreciated your contribution to enhancing India's position, prestige and standing abroad."

Historical relations

Speaking on India-Oman relations, he said the "two countries enjoy traditionally warm and friendly relations rooted in history and sustained people-to-people contact. The cordial relations over centuries could be attributed to the historical maritime trade linkages, the welcoming nature of the people on both sides and above all, the seminal contribution of the Indian expatriate community to Oman's path to prosperity".

Muraleedharan said, "Indian diaspora is the fulcrum around which our bilateral relationship evolved to reach the heights it has

attained today."

With India celebrating 75th Anniversary of its Independence as the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', he lauded the Indian Embassy in Oman for its efforts to celebrate the spirit of Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, with year-long activities, including a month-long Sewa Utsav.

He called upon the Indian entrepreneurs to be part of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mission of Atma Nirbhar Bharat – a self-reliant India.

Muraleedharan said: "In the next 25 years, we have to make India self-reliant and this is not possible without your [Indian diaspora] contribution."

Earlier, the Indian Ambassador to Oman, Amit Narang, welcomed the visiting minister at the reception which was attended by eminent Indian businessmen and representatives of social-cultural organisations.

The reception also witnessed performances of patriotic songs and dances by Indian children. However, what stole the heart of all was the beautiful rendition of popular Mahatma Gandhi Hindi bhajan, 'Vaishnavjan to Tene ka-hiye Je' by popular Omani singer Haitham Rafi.

HUMANITARIAN ENDEAVOUR

US citizen thanks Oman for securing his return home



MUSCAT: US citizen Mohammed Baqer Namazi has expressed deep thanks and gratitude for the commendable efforts exerted by the Sultanate of Oman, under the leadership of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, to secure his safe return back home.

Speaking to Oman News Agency (ONA), Namazi said that it was not unbecoming of Oman, noting that the gesture reflects the major role played by Oman and its humanitarian endeavours in this regard over the past decades.

Namazi added that the countries of the region have perceived the significant diplomatic approach undertaken by the government of the Sultanate of

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Oman. He expressed his own delight and the happiness of his family which, he said, he would be joining after an absence of 10 years. -ONA



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KING OF JORDAN LEAVES OMAN

King Abdullah II was seen off at the Royal Airport by HH Sayyid Asa'ad bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for International Relations and Cooperation Affairs, Personal Representative of His Majesty the Sultan

MUSCAT: King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Queen Rania Al Abdullah and their accompanying delegation, left on Wednesday after an official two-day visit to the Sultanate of Oman.

They were seen off at the Royal Airport by HH Sayyid Asa'ad bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for International Relations and Cooperation Affairs, Personal Representative of His

Majesty the Sultan.

Along with Sayyid Asa'ad, they were also seen off by HH Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs, Sayyid Khalid bin Hilal Al Busaidi, Minister of the Diwan of Royal Court, Gen. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Nu'mani, Minister of the Royal Office, Sayyid Hamoud bin Faisal Al Busaidi, Minister of Interior, Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister

(Head of the Mission of Honour), Dr. Madeeha bint Ahmed Al Shibani, Minister of Education (Escort of the Queen), Sheikh Hilal bin Marhoon Al Ma'amari, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Amjad Al Qahaiwi, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Sultanate of Oman, members of the Jordanian Embassy in Muscat and members of the mission of honour.

During the visit, the Jordanian Monarch was accompanied by an official delegation comprised Prince Al Hussein bin Abdullah II, Crown Prince of Jordan, Dr. Bisher Al Khasawneh, Prime Minister, Ayman Safadi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Jaafar Hassan, Director of the King's Office, Amjad Al Qahaiwi, Ambassador of Jordan to Oman and several officials. -ONA



MEETING

<FROM A1 His Majesty, Jordan King welcome signing of agreements

The two leaders held in-depth talks in amiable spirit, asserting their keenness to continue developing bilateral cooperation in all fields. The aim is to serve the two countries' joint interests in a manner that reflects their deep-rooted fraternal relations, besides augmenting communication and exchanging visits between personnel of the departments concerned to explore further opportunities for cooperation.

In their quest to bolster ties of friendship and cooperation, the two monarchs welcomed the signing of memoranda of understanding, agreements and executive programmes in different fields,

including industry, mining, labour, competition protection, prohibition of monopoly, archiving, higher education, scholarly research, innovation, consumer protection, tourism and insurance.

The two sides also underscored the significance of joint investment across various sectors. They reiterated the significance of expanding economic relations by organising relevant programmes and activities, intensifying the exchange of trade delegations, cementing communication and partnership at the level of the private sectors and making optimum use of the role of the Joint Committee.

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of regional and international issues and underlined the need to shore up the march of cooperation and integration among Arab countries.

They focused on their two countries' coordination with global organisations—during regional and international events—in a manner that better serves their common interests and contributes to enhancing joint Arab Action and supporting pillars of peace and stability in the region and the world at large. They reaffirmed the constructive role of the two countries in this respect.

The two sides expressed their commitment to principles and goals of the United Nations char-

ters and the International Law.

In this context, they laid emphasis on the genuineness of the Palestinian cause and the need to reach a fair and final settlement to the issue in a manner that meets all legitimate rights of the Palestinian people—based on the 'Two-State Solution', which provides for the establishment of a sovereign, independent Palestinian State, on 4 June 1967 lines, with East Jerusalem as its capital—and on charters of international legitimacy and the Arab Peace Initiative.

His Majesty Sultan Haitham underscored the Hashemite Custody of Islamic and Christian Sancti-

ties in Al Quds (Jerusalem) and its significant role in protecting those sanctities, their identity and their historical and legal status.

At the conclusion of the visit, His Majesty King Abdullah II expressed his appreciation and thanks to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik and the Omani government and people for the warm reception and hospitality. He wished the Sultanate of Oman further progress and prosperity under its wise leadership.

He also invited His Majesty the Sultan to visit the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan—an invitation that His Majesty the Sultan welcomed with pleasure." -ONA



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OMAN, JORDAN SIGN SEVEN MOUS



MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan signed at Al Alam Palace, seven Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) and two executive programmes on various areas.

The agreements come within the context of the current official visit of King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein of Jordan to the Sultanate of Oman.

The agreements were signed by Sayyid Badr Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister and Ayman Safadi, Jordanian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates.

The first MoU was signed between the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion and the Jordanian Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply in the field of industrial cooperation.

The second MoU was also signed between the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion and the Jordanian Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply in the field of competition protection and monopoly prevention.

The third MoU was signed between the Ministry of Energy and Minerals and the Jordanian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources in the field of mining.

The fourth MoU was signed between the Ministry of Labour and the Jordanian Ministry of Labour. As per the MoU, the two sides will work to enhance and develop cooperation between them on the basis of mutual interests and investing in human capital.

The fifth MoU was signed between the National Records and Archives Authority and the Royal Jordanian Hashemite Documentation Center in the field of historical documentation and management of documents and archives.

The sixth MoU was signed between the Capital Market Authority and the Central Bank of Jordan in the field of information exchange and supervision of the insurance sector.

The seventh MoU signed between the Consumer Protection Authority and the Jordanian Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply in the field of consumer protection.

As for the executive programmes, the first one was signed in the field of higher education, research and innovation for the years "2023-2024-2025", while the second one was on tourism cooperation for the years "2023-2026".

Ayman Safadi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates in Jordan, said that Oman and Jordan signing of memoranda of understanding and executive programmes reflects the keenness of the two countries' leaders on taking practical steps towards consolidating cooperation.

In his turn, Foreign Minister Sayyid Badr underscored "the central role of the private sector in enhancing economy". This, he told Oman News Agency (ONA), could be achieved through partnerships in investment fields, thanks to an abundance of opportunities in both countries.

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BILATERAL TALKS

OMAN, JORDAN REVIEW TIES



MUSCAT: Sayyid Badr Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister, met at Al Alam Palace yesterday with Ayman Safadi, Jordanian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates.

The two sides reviewed aspects of cooperation between the Sultanate of Oman and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in various fields. They also discussed several matters of mutual interest. The meeting was attended by Sheikh Hilal Marhoon Al Ma'amari, Ambassador of Oman to Jordan and Amjad Al Qahaiwi, Ambassador of Jordan to Oman.

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REVIEW TIES

Sayyid Fahd meets Jordanian PM

MUSCAT: HH Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmoud Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for the Council of Ministers received on Wednesday Dr. Bisher Al Khasawneh, Prime Minister of Jordan.

The meeting came within the framework of the official visit of King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Sultanate of Oman.

HH Sayyid Fahd welcomed the Jordanian Prime Minister and wished the relations between both countries further development and growth.

The two sides expressed their keenness on exploring prospects of cooperation in various fields. They also reviewed several regional and international matters and touched on the efforts exerted to spread peace and stability in the region.



HH Sayyid Fahd underscored the importance of the Jordanian monarch's visit to Oman and the positive impact it will have in serving mutual interests.

In his turn, the Jordanian Prime Minister reiterated the positive impact of the King's visit to Oman

in terms of exchanging views on various matters of common interest. He also lauded Oman's supportive stance in regional issues and its balanced relations with the whole world. Oman, Al Khasawneh added, is a trusted country that is respected by all.

Al Khasawneh also applauded the development made in Oman which covers various fields.

The meeting was attended from the Omani side by Sheikh Al Fadhil Mohammed Al Harthy, Secretary General of the Council of Ministers, Dr. Said Mohammed Al Saqri, Minister of Economy, Qais Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, Abdulsalam Mohammed Al Murshidi, Chairman of Oman Investment Authority (OIA) and Sheikh Hilal Marhoun Al Ma'amri, Ambassador of Oman to Jordan.

Meanwhile, it was attended from the Jordanian side by Ayman Safadi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates and Amjad Al Qahawi, Ambassador of Jordan to Oman. **-ONA**

SECURITY AND STABILITY

USA values Oman's peace efforts in Yemen

MUSCAT: The United States of America (USA) valued the efforts made by the Sultanate of Oman under the leadership of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik in backing peace process in Yemen.

In a telephonic press briefing during which Oman News Agency (ONA) took part yesterday, Tim Lenderking, US Special Envoy for Yemen said the USA is in constant communication and consultation with the Omani government in a bid to support security and stability of Yemen.

He asserted that his country highly appreciates the benign Omani endeavours and keenness to forge a peaceful solution to the Yemeni crisis.

The US Envoy referred to the



recent phone call between Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister, and his US counterpart, Antony Blinken, during which they discussed joint efforts to enhance security and support dialogue between the warring parties in Yemen.

As for the truce in Yemen, Tim Lenderking explained that the exaggeration of demands prevented a decision to extend the truce. He urges all Yemeni parties to make more concessions and place the interest of Yemen and its

people above all else.

He stressed that the diplomatic approach adopted by the United Nations (UN), the USA and the entire international community will continue in Yemen to reach a comprehensive political solution to this crisis.

He added that he will have a tour in the region during the coming period within the framework of this diplomacy backed by the USA.

Hans Grundberg, UN Special Envoy for Yemen, announced last Sunday that the Yemeni parties had not reached an agreement to extend the truce. The UN Envoy urged all parties to meet their obligations towards Yemen and its people, and to pursue all avenues leading to peace. **-ONA**

Indonesian President visits riot victims



Widodo said that the main problem during the deadly stampede in East Java province was "locked doors and steep stairs"



JAKARTA: Indonesian President Joko Widodo said on Wednesday that he would order the public works minister to "audit all" soccer stadiums as he visited the scene of one of the deadliest disasters in the sport's history.

"We need improvements in the whole management, management of stadium spectators, time, security. It must all be fully audited so that this tragedy won't happen again," he told reporters at the Kanjuruhan Stadium outside Malang city, where at least 131 people

died in a stampede on Saturday evening.

Widodo said that the main problem during the deadly stampede in East Java province was "locked doors and steep stairs."

Earlier on Wednesday, he was in Malang to visit relatives of the victims and talk to the wounded at a hospital.

"I want to know the root of the problem that caused this tragedy so that we can get the best solution," he said outside the Saiful Anwar hospital in Malang. After meeting several patients, he told

them to "stay spirited."

Widodo said he had spoken by phone to FIFA President Gianni Infantino, who offered his support. "He said if needed, FIFA can help fix Indonesia's soccer management," Widodo said.

Asked earlier about the possibility of FIFA sanctions over the disaster, Widodo said that was a matter for the sport's governing body to decide.

FIFA said the incident was "a tragedy beyond comprehension" and has urged Indonesia's soccer federation to conduct a thorough

investigation.

President Widodo was scheduled to symbolically hand over 50 million rupiah (\$3,288, €3,311) in assistance to each family who lost a loved one in the stampede on Saturday night, a presidential aide said.

The death toll from the disaster included 37 minors aged 17 or younger, according to the Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection, a governmental body.

How did the stampede happen?

Chaos erupted on Saturday evening after thousands of fans invaded the pitch at Kanjuruhan Stadium in Malang as hosts Arema FC lost 3-2 to rival East Java club Persebaya Surabaya. Police fired tear gas in the direction of supporters in an attempt to stem the wave of pitch invaders, forcing people to scramble toward the exit gates.

The Indonesian Football Association (PSSI) said on Tuesday that a delay in opening the gates contributed to the onrush of fans. **-DW**

BUS ACCIDENT

Bus falls into gorge, 25 killed in India's Uttarakhand state

PAURI GARHWAL: Twenty Five people were killed in the Pauri Garhwal bus accident that took place on Tuesday night in the Birakhal area of Dhumakot in Uttarakhand, informed Deputy General of Police Ashok Kumar.

Police and SDRF rescued 21 people overnight and the injured have been admitted to nearby hospitals, he added. "Twenty Five people were found dead in the Pauri Garhwal bus accident that took place last night in the Birakhal area of Dhumakot. Police and SDRF rescued 21 people overnight; the injured have been admitted to nearby hospitals," DGP Ashok Kumar told ANI.

Earlier on Tuesday, a bus carrying a wedding procession of 45 to 50 people fell into a gorge near Simdi village in Uttarakhand's Pauri Garhwal district.

"A wedding procession had left in a bus from here, Laldhang; an



accident occurred. Information is being taken from the family members. A rescue operation is still underway by Pauri Police and SDRF at the spot," said Haridwar SP City Swatantra Kumar Singh.

"Around 40-42 people were on the bus, including women and children. We are in continuous touch with the Pauri police and villagers. So far, 15-16 people have been rescued and sent to the nearest hospi-

tal. No information on any deaths received yet," he had added.

President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have each offered their condolences to the families of those

who lost their lives in the Pauri Garhwal bus accident in Uttarakhand district.

Taking to social media, Murmu said, "Deeply saddened by the accident of many casualties when the bus fell into the valley in Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand. My deepest condolences to the families who lost their loved ones in this accident. I wish the injured a speedy recovery." PM Modi also on Wednesday expressed his grief over the loss of lives in the accident.

"The bus accident in Pauri, Uttarakhand is heart-rending. In this tragic hour, my thoughts are with the bereaved families. I hope those who have been injured recover at the earliest. Rescue operations are underway. All possible assistance will be provided to those affected," PM Modi said.

Condoling the kin of the deceased, Uttarakhand Chief Minis-

ter Pushkar Singh Dhami said that the state government stands with the families.

"Heartbreaking news has been received of many casualties in the tragic bus accident near Simdi village of Pauri district. In the overnight relief and rescue operation, 21 passengers have been safely evacuated by SDRF and the local administration and sent to the hospital for treatment," Dhami said, adding that in this hour of grief, the government stands with the bereaved family members.

Earlier, Dhami took detailed information from the concerned officials about the incident during the review of the tragic bus accident.

Haridwar SP City Swatantra Kumar Singh had said earlier that the wedding party had left in a bus from Laldhang in the district and information about the accident was received later. **ANI**



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PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Noted Indian music composer to be honoured in Oman

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Nair Family Unity Muscat - (NFU) - will be honouring the famous Music Composer & Playback Singer, M. Jayachandran with prestigious Bharatha Kesari Prathibha Puraskaram, instituted in the memory of the founder of Nair Service Society (NSS) in Kerala, Bharatha Kesari Mannath Padmanabhan.

The award will be conferred on Jayachandran during their Onam Celebrations scheduled to be held on 7 & 8 October 2022 at The Grand Hall, Al Falaj Hotel.

NFU honours eminent personalities from Kerala every year with Bharatha Kesari Prathibha Puraskaram. M. Jayachandran has composed music for more than 146 films in various South Indian languages.

He is a reputed playback singer and Carnatic classical musician too. He holds the record for eight (8) Kerala State Film Awards for Best Music Composer and Filmfare Award for Best Music Composer four times in a short span.

Onam is a unique festival which is celebrated by all the people of Kerala world over; whether rich or poor; irrespective of caste, creed and religion.

Onam symbolises brotherhood, harmony and unites people from all walks of life, and with this message in mind NFU celebrates Onam in a grand manner every year. As a socio-cultural organization, NFU not only promote the rich heritage and cul-



ture of the mother land, but also extend humanitarian assistance to the needy people thru Indian Embassy.

The Onam celebrations will begin upon formal inauguration by the Chief Guest, Amit Narang, the Ambassador of India, in the presence of Guest of Honour, M. Jayachandran at an august audience comprising many dignitaries from social organisations, esteemed guests and well-wishers from the business community in Oman.

NFU will also be honouring students, who have excelled in Class-X and Class-XII CBSE examinations, with Academic Excellence Awards on the inaugural day (7th October 2022).

The two-day long Onam celebrations will conclude on Saturday, 8 October 2022 by serving traditional Ona Sadhya to the invited guests including our members and their families against special lunch coupons.

TWITTER DEAL

Elon Musk deal to buy Twitter is back

WASHINGTON: Elon Musk is abandoning his legal battle with Twitter and reinstating his original offer to purchase the company for \$44 billion (roughly €44 billion).

Musk made the offer in a letter to Twitter, which was also filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) before the close of trade on Tuesday.

A spokesperson for Twitter said that the company had received Musk's letter and filed it with the SEC.

"The intention of the company is to close the transaction at \$54.20 per share," Musk's original offer, the spokesperson said.

This follows months of reciprocal legal battles and public recriminations from both sides after their original apparent agreement to a deal back in April.

It also comes just days before Musk was expected to be deposited before trial by Twitter's lawyers and just under two weeks before the court case was scheduled to start at the Delaware Chancery Court.

According to the filing, Musk will complete the deal provided that he receives debt financing and so long as the court quashes the lawsuit from Twitter seeking to compel him to complete the deal. **ANI**



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ROYAL TITLES STRIPPED

Danish Queen Margrethe says ‘sorry’ for stripping grandchildren of royal titles

COPENHAGEN: Danish Queen Margrethe II on Tuesday apologised for stripping four of her eight grandchildren of their royal titles.

The queen said that she was ‘sorry’ for stripping her grandchildren of royal titles, however, she is not changing her mind about the move, reported CNN. The 82-year-old monarch announced in late September that the children of her younger son, Prince Joachim, will no longer be known as prince and princess from next year.

Instead, they will only be able to use their titles of counts and countess of Monpezat and will be addressed as excellencies, as their HRH titles will be “discontinued,” according to the royal household.

Helle von Wildenrath Lovgreen, press secretary to Countess Alexandra, the former wife of Prince Joachim, told CNN that Joachim and his children were “sad” and “shocked” by the decision, which Queen Margrethe views “as a necessary future-proofing of the monarchy,” according to a statement from the Queen.

“In recent days, there have been strong reactions to my decision about the future use of titles for Prince Joachim’s four children. That affects me, of course,” the monarch said in the statement.

“My decision has been a long time coming. With my 50 years on the throne, it is natural both to look back and to look ahead. It is my duty and my desire as Queen to ensure that the monarchy always shapes itself in keeping with the times. Sometimes, this means that difficult decisions must be made, and it will always be difficult to find the right moment,” she added.

The Queen said she made the



“adjustment” to allow the junior royals to lead more normal lives, while following a similar decision by other royal families to slim down the monarchy.

“Holding a royal title involves a number of commitments and duties that, in the future, will lie with fewer members of the royal family,” she said.

Crown Prince Frederik, the Queen’s older son, is first in line to the throne. His oldest child, Prince Christian, is second in line. All four of Frederik’s children retain their titles.

His younger brother, Joachim, lives in Paris with his wife, Princess Marie, and their two children, Henrik, 13, and Athena, 10. The prince also has two older sons, Nikolai, 23, and Felix, 20, from his first marriage to Alexandra, Countess of Frederiksborg. While Joachim’s children will lose their royal titles, they will maintain their places in the order of succession.

The monarch said, “I have made my decision as Queen, mother and grandmother, but, as a mother and grandmother, I

have underestimated the extent to which much my younger son and his family feel affected. That makes a big impression, and for that I am sorry.”

She added, “No one should be in doubt that my children, daughters-in-law and grandchildren are my great joy and pride. I now hope that we as a family can find the peace to find our way through this situation.”

Notably, after the death of the UK’s longest-serving monarch Queen Elizabeth II, Denmark’s Queen Margrethe II is now Europe’s longest-serving monarch.

The 82-year-old has been serving the throne in Denmark for 50 years. She became a monarch in 1972 at the age of 31 after the death of her father Frederik IX.

Around the time of her ascension to the throne, not many favoured the decision. However, she played a crucial role in Denmark’s modernisation and development.

Born in 1940 in Copenhagen, she was the eldest of three sisters. At the time of her birth, women didn’t have the right to the reins of monarchy and crown. **ANI**

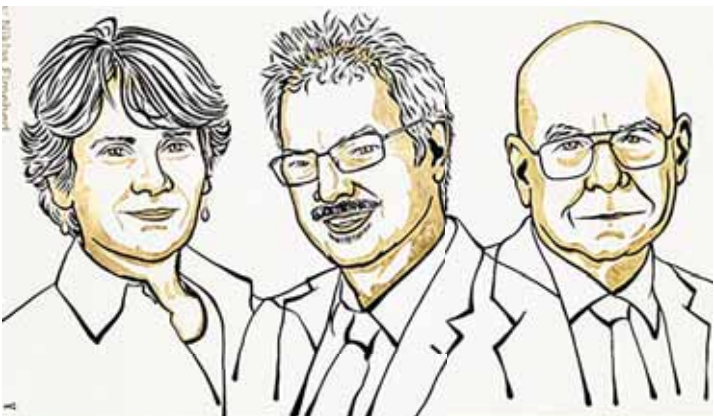
NOBEL PRIZE

Carolyn Bertozzi, Morten Meldal, Barry Sharpless win Nobel Prize in Chemistry

STOCKHOLM: The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences on Wednesday awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2022 to Carolyn R. Bertozzi, Morten Meldal and K. Barry Sharpless.

Bertozzi from Stanford University, US; Meldal from University of Copenhagen, Denmark and Sharpless from Scripps Research, US have been awarded “for the development of click chemistry and bioorthogonal chemistry” “BREAKING NEWS: The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the 2022 #NobelPrize in Chemistry to Carolyn R. Bertozzi, Morten Meldal and K. Barry Sharpless for the development of click chemistry and bioorthogonal chemistry,” the official Twitter feed of the Nobel Prize said in a tweet.

“Barry Sharpless has just become the fifth individual to be awarded two Nobel Prizes. He follows in the footsteps of double #NobelPrize laureates John Bardeen, Marie Skłodowska Curie, Linus Pauling and Frederick Sanger. Sharpless was awarded the chemistry prize in 2001 and 2022,”



Carolyn R. Bertozzi

Morten Meldal

K. Barry Sharpless

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2022 is about making difficult processes easier. Barry Sharpless and Morten Meldal have laid the foundation for a functional form of chemistry - click chemistry - in which molecular building blocks snap together quickly and efficiently. Carolyn Bertozzi has taken click chemistry to a new dimension and started utilising it

in living organisms. Chemists have long been driven by the desire to build increasingly complicated molecules. In pharmaceutical research, this has often involved artificially recreating natural molecules with medicinal properties. This has led to many admirable molecular constructions, but these are generally time consuming and very expensive to produce. **ANI**

ADDITIONAL AID

Joe Biden announces \$625 million military aid package for Ukraine

WASHINGTON: Underscoring that the US will never recognize Russia’s purported annexation of Ukrainian territory, US President Joe Biden on Tuesday announced plans to provide an additional USD 625 million in military aid to Ukraine.

According to a White House statement, US President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris spoke with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and pledged to continue supporting Ukraine. “President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., joined by Vice President Kamala Harris, spoke today with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine to underscore that the United States will never recognize Russia’s purported annexation of Ukrainian territory,” the statement read.

Biden also provided details on the latest package, which includes High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems, or HIMARS, artillery systems ammunition, and armored vehicles.

“President Biden pledged to continue supporting Ukraine as it defends itself from Russian aggression for as long as it takes, including the provision today of a new \$625 million security assistance package that includes additional weapons and equipment, including HIMARS, artillery systems and ammunition, and armored vehicles,” it added.

He also affirmed the continued readiness of the US to impose severe costs on any individual, entity, or country that provides support to Russia’s purported annexation.

Biden further welcomed the success of the agreement that has allowed the safe export of Ukrainian grain to global markets and the need to ensure that continues. In addition, he noted the ongoing efforts of the US to rally the world behind Ukraine’s efforts to defend its freedom, as enshrined in the United Nations Charter. **ANI**



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FOOTBALL

Seeb Club make Oman proud: Sayyid Shihab

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A day after Seeb Club wrote a historic chapter in Sultanate of Oman's club football history by winning the AFC Cup West Zone final to secure a place in the 2022 AFC Cup final, His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al Said, the club president, said "it was a proud moment for Oman."

Seeb trounced Al Riffa Club of Bahrain 4-0 at the Seeb Sports Stadium to become the first-ever Omani club to emerge as AFC West Zone champions. They also become the first Omani club to reach the AFC Cup final, Asia's second-best club competition after the Asian Champions League.

Sayyid Shihab said, "I am very proud and very happy of my club's performance. They made history for Oman. I thank the players, coaches, administrative staff and board members of the club for the result. To become champions of West Asia is a big achievement. We now go to play the final of AFC Cup and I hope the boys play to their best."

Seeb is on the verge of historic quadruple, having won the Omantel League title, His Majesty's Cup and the OFA Super Cup this year.

Seeb will now meet Malaysia's Kuala Lumpur City FC for title glory on October 22. KL City beat



Uzbekistan's PFC Sogdiana 5-3 on penalties in the Inter-Zonal final on Wednesday.

Sayyid Shihab expressed his thanks to the football fans of Oman for their huge support and said that the club was looking for more glory in the future.

"We would like to excel at the Asian level and this is the start of our journey," he added.

Sayyid Shihab thanked the Ministry of Sports Affairs, Royal Oman Police and other organisations in facilitating the smooth hosting of the AFC West Zone final and the group stage round earlier in May.

"It was a big honour for Seeb and Oman to host the prestigious tournament group stage and final in Oman. This was the first time that any Omani club had hosted the West Zone final. I am glad that it was held successfully."



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MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER

The MSX index closed at 4575.44 points, down by 0.15 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.02 per cent at 485.7 points. National Aluminium, up 6.33 per cent, was the top gainer while Oman Education & Training, down 6.1 per cent, was the top loser.

OIA invests in leading US battery materials firm

This investment with Group14, a leading US company manufacturing trailblazing battery materials, is part of Oman Investment Authority's strategy of seeking opportunities in new fields while partnering with global investors and attracting investment to Oman

MUSCAT: Oman Investment Authority (OIA) announced that it has successfully invested in Group14, a leading US company manufacturing trailblazing battery materials.

This investment is part of OIA's strategy of seeking opportunities in new fields while partnering with global investors and attracting investment to Oman.

Group14 specialises in manufacturing innovative lithium-silicon battery materials to replace traditional lithium-ion batteries. The company attracted several leading investors in the battery materials field, including Porsche, SK Materials, and several others.

In the recently-issued 5th edition of its quarterly newsletter *Enjaz & Ejaz*, OIA stated that the technology used by Group14 lowers costs and elevates performance. Group14 has built a strong customer pipeline with contracted revenue, including engagements with 90 per cent of the world's battery manufacturers. Through this investment, OIA intends to integrate Oman with the company's

supply chain.

Abdulsalam Al Murshidi, Chairman of OIA, stated in the newsletter's foreword that OIA is getting ready to announce the launch of several national projects by OIA companies in coincidence with the celebrations of Oman's 52nd National Day. In his speech, he called on employees to start planning their individual and institutional goals for the upcoming year 2023.

This issue of *Enjaz & Ejaz* also featured an interview with Haitham Al Salemi, CEO of Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX).

In this interview, Al Salemi shed light on the six key areas covered in MSX's strategy, namely developing the national economy, making MSX attractive and accessible, focusing on financial technology and infrastructure development, ensuring MSX has a solid commercial framework, achieving high job satisfaction among employees, and improving the workplace environment. MSX has recently taken great strides toward achieving these goals.



Investor confidence has grown, and the cap on foreign ownership of public stock companies was increased to 70 per cent under Royal Decree No. 50/2021. Draft rules and agreements related to the business of market makers and liquidity suppliers are no longer prepared.

He added that series of promotional programmes are being launched locally and internationally to familiarise people with MSX, its strategies, and available opportunities. The duties of licensing and oversight of companies working in the securities field were transferred to MSX under Royal Decree No. 46/2022.

An MOU was signed with the Saudi Tadawul Group to improve bilateral relations and locate investment opportunities.

Further, Al Salemi pointed out

that MSX launched a new mechanism that many advanced global stock exchanges use to calculate closing prices for listed companies. MSX also rolled out three new indicators for total return in key sectors: financial, industrial, and services. Moreover, MSX established an ESG department; it is also part of a GCC collaboration to issue a unified guide for ESG practices.

Additionally, MSX improved procedures for budget allocation, follow-up, and project selection. It also signed an agreement with its subsidiary, Muscat Clearing and Depository, to integrate and support departments to lower costs and improve performance.

The issue of *Enjaz & Ejaz* also highlighted pioneering and innovative projects and operations by its national subsidiaries. One sec-

tion discussed Ibri's Solar Power Plant, which commenced operations in January 2021, and is located 300 km from Muscat.

The plant is the largest solar photovoltaic plant in Oman and the first solar energy-generating plant to be connected to the main electrical grid. The plant uses state-of-the-art technologies and is operated by the private sector. In another article, the issue highlights the pioneering operations of Transom Catering Company, an Oman Air subsidiary, from meal preparation to dry cleaning and logistic services.

Enjaz & Ejaz is a quarterly newsletter by OIA. It features interviews, articles, and briefs of news from OIA and its companies. Several of its sections are devoted to employees' contributions. -ONA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Madayn BoD holds fifth meeting

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Board of Directors of the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates (Madayn) held on Tuesday its 5th meeting this year at Samail Industrial City, which was chaired by Dr Saleh bin Said Masan, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion for Commerce and Industry, and Chairman of Madayn's Board of Directors.

Several topics were discussed during the meeting including the establishment of an integrated workforce township in Samail Industrial City and the rest of the industrial cities.

The meeting was followed by a visit to Talent Electric Services, which specialises in the design and manufacturing of customised quality low voltage switchgear and control panel boards of various capacities to suit oil and gas, water and electricity, infrastructure, building and public utility projects. A visit was also made to Oman Plastics Company, which focuses on the production and sales of bottles, caps, PE films, labels and other plastic packaging products.

BUSINESS FORUM

Oman, Switzerland explore new investment opportunities



Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Oman Switzerland Friendship Association (OSFA) came back with a successful 2nd edition of its Business Forum focusing on innovation and sustainability.

The event was hosted at the Kempinski Hotel Muscat yesterday and reunited a range of high-level VIP speakers from both Oman and Switzerland including Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry & Investment Promotion, who delivered the welcome address.

This 2nd Business Forum was a renewed opportunity to develop the bonds of friendships and strengthen the relationship between the Sultanate of Oman and the Federal Republic of Switzerland.

Following the success of the 2019 Business Forum held in Bern (Switzerland), OSFA explored two leading topics for both countries: Innovation & Sustainability.

High-level speakers from Oman and Switzerland delivered their expert presentations on Finance & Investment, Tourism, Environment and Digital Technology (AI). Throughout the event, guests were encouraged to network, collaborate, exchange ideas - and explore new ways of creating investment in both countries thanks to a mix

of presentations, workshops and panel discussions.

Hosting this year's event, Hani Muhammad Al Zubair, OSFA Chairman, stated, "This Business Forum was delayed by a few years due to the pandemic, however as the saying goes, 'Good things come to those who wait'. We are delighted with the number of delegates who joined us today. We had such a variety of people, from Oman and Switzerland, each bringing their unique skill set, knowledge and networks, and all contributing to making this event so successful."

OSFA reunited a notable list of VIP speakers from Oman and Switzerland, including Qais Al Yousef, Hashil Obaid Al Mahrouqi, CEO of Oman Tourism Development Company (Omran), Nicholas Meyer (Head of Section Middle East & Africa, Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs - SECO) and both OSFA patrons, Sayyid Abdulla Al Busaidy and Vincent Maitre (Member of Swiss Parliament). Many VIPs were also among over one hundred delegates attending the Forum.

Speaking of the importance of the Oman Switzerland Friendship Association in bringing both two countries, Sayyid Abdulla Al Busaidy, OSFA Patron for Oman, explained, "Oman is often re-

ferred to as the "Switzerland of the Middle East", an indication of just how suited these two countries are to join in a Friendship Association. His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, may Allah bless and preserve him, strongly advocates maintaining strong and mutually productive relations between our two countries in various fields such as economy & trade, science & technology, culture, tourism, education and so on, and the mission of the Oman Switzerland Friendship Association recognises and values this enduring friendship. Hosting events like this Business Forum is an essential part of developing and nurturing the commercial sectors of both countries."

Commenting on the overall Business Forum, OSFA Patron for Switzerland, Vincent Maitre rejoiced at the quality of the presentations, "It has been my pleasure to be here today and witness a truly successful Business Forum. The diversity of people attending, and their valuable contributions made for an extremely productive day for everyone. The quality of the speakers and their presentations was second to none. I am very proud to be a patron and I look forward to supporting the Oman Switzerland Friendship Association as much as I can."

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MARKET



MSX index ends lower

National Aluminium, up 6.33 per cent, was the top gainer while Oman Education & Training, down 6.1 per cent, was the top loser



MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 4575.44 points, down by 0.15 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.02 per cent at 485.7 points. National Aluminium, up 6.33 per cent, was the top gainer while Oman Education & Training, down 6.1 per cent, was the top loser.

Shares of Ooredoo were the most active in terms of the number of shares traded while Oman Telecom were the most active in terms of turnover.

A total number of 260 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR144 million, with more than 4.68 million shares changing hands.

Out of 38 traded securities, 5 advanced, 10 declined, and 23 remained unchanged. At the session close, domestic investors were net buyers for OMR60,000 while GCC & Arab investors were net sellers for OMR47,000, followed by foreign investors for OMR13,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 7,294.32 points, down 0.08 per cent. Ominvest was the only gainer and closed higher by 1.21. Prices of Muscat Finance, HSBC Bank Oman, Al Anwar Investment, and Oman Arab Bank were down by 1.54 per cent, 1.27 per cent, 1.22 per cent, and 0.83 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,276.55 points, up 0.01 per cent. Prices of National Aluminium, and Oman Cement were up by 6.33 per cent, and 0.66 per cent respectively. Prices of A'Saffa Foods, and Gulf Mushroom Products were down by 2.63 per cent, and 1.15 per cent respectively.

Services Index was down by 0.27 per cent before closing at 1,613.4 points. Prices of Al Batinah Power were up by 2.86 per cent. Prices of Oman Education & Training, Phoenix Power, Oman Telecom, and Oman National Engineering were down by 6.1 per cent, 2.27 per cent, 1.33 per cent, and 0.90 per cent respectively. — **United Securities**

MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

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INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	4,587.02	4,570.56	4,575.44	4,582.43	-6.99	-0.15
FINANCIAL INDEX	7,310.64	7,287.52	7,294.32	7,300.26	-5.94	-0.08
Industry Index	6,278.75	6,267.95	6,276.55	6,275.64	0.91	0.01
Services Index	1,620.56	1,611.44	1,613.40	1,617.74	-4.35	-0.27
MSX Shariah Index	486.66	484.94	485.70	485.81	-0.11	-0.02
MSX TR INDEX	5,785.30	5,764.55	5,770.69	5,779.51	-8.81	-0.15
FINANCIAL TR IDX	7,649.76	7,625.57	7,632.65	7,638.90	-6.22	-0.08
SERVICES TR IDX	1,682.80	1,673.33	1,675.37	1,679.88	-4.51	-0.27
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	6,516.28	6,505.07	6,514.00	6,513.06	0.94	0.01

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap.	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
4,683,238	1,439,023	260	23,198,289,315	5	10	23	38

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	P/B VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
	OM0000001533	OMINVEST	100	34	1	0.336	0.336	0.336	0.336	0.332	0.004	1.205	0.336	0.316	0.336	0.100_224,570,783
	OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	16,000	4,944	2	0.302	0.304	0.302	0.304	0.302	0.002	0.662	0.304	0.302	0.304	0.100_100,585,304
	OM0000001525	OMAN INVST&FIN	53,000	6,913	6	0.131	0.131	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.000	0.000	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.100_30,810,000
	OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDSTR	7,500	11,250	3	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	0.000	0.000	1.500	0.000	1.500	0.100_134,550,000
	OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	63,453	8,566	5	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.000	0.000	0.135	0.135	0.140	0.100_263,203,758
	OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INV	40,000	3,160	4	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.000	0.000	0.079	0.077	0.080	0.100_7,110,000
	OM0000002786	BANK MUSCAT	139,795	82,479	7	0.590	0.590	0.590	0.590	0.590	0.000	0.000	0.590	0.579	0.592	0.100_2,214,587,133
	OM0000003000	AI MAHA PETROLEUM	316	253	1	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.000	0.000	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.100_55,200,000
	OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV H.	44,450	2,534	3	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.000	0.000	0.057	0.057	0.058	0.100_11,400,000
	OM0000003281	TAAJER FINANCE	2,805	264	1	0.094	0.094	0.094	0.094	0.094	0.000	0.000	0.094	0.094	0.096	0.100_24,314,209
	OM0000003398	SOHAR INT. BANK	261,661	26,680	12	0.102	0.102	0.101	0.102	0.102	0.000	0.000	0.101	0.104	0.104	0.100_468,186,354
	OM0000003968	OOREDOO	1,108,252	456,524	28	0.412	0.418	0.410	0.412	0.412	0.000	0.000	0.412	0.412	0.412	0.100_268,189,023
	OM0000001152	OMAN NAT. ENG.	110,000	12,110	5	0.111	0.111	0.110	0.110	0.111	-0.001	-0.901	0.110	0.110	0.111	0.100_15,400,000
	OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	698,500	621,552	24	0.900	0.900	0.888	0.888	0.900	-0.012	-1.333	0.888	0.888	0.888	0.100_666,000,000
Total	14		1,545,832	1,237,162	102											

Parallel Market

OM0000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	608,330	50,336	48	0.081	0.084	0.081	0.084	0.079	0.005	6.329	0.084	0.080	0.084	0.100_2,820,002
OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	5,914	201	3	0.034	0.036	0.034	0.036	0.035	0.001	2.857	0.036	0.034	0.036	0.100_24,295,947
OM0000001418	RAYSUT CEMENT	22,642	4,302	7	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.000	0.000	0.190	0.174	0.190	0.100_38,000,000
OM0000002028	GULF INT CHEMI.	3,125	288	1	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.000	0.000	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.100_1,932,000
OM0000002372	OMAN OIL MARKETING	502	452	1	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.000	0.000	0.900	0.812	0.900	0.100_55,147,500
OM0000002648	NATIONAL FINANCE	300	35	1	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.000	0.000	0.118	0.107	0.118	0.100_63,865,194
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	117,347	19,407	5	0.165	0.166	0.165	0.166	0.166	0.000	0.000	0.166	0.165	0.166	0.100_33,895,750
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	166	17	2	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.100	0.000	0.100_8,140,275
OM0000004248	SMN POWER HOLDING	55,000	1,760	2	0.032	0.032	0.032	0.032	0.032	0.000	0.000	0.032	0.031	0.032	0.100_6,388,339
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	106,200	10,291	8	0.097	0.097	0.096	0.097	0.097	0.000	0.000	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.100_216,984,444
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	175,795	15,138	10	0.086	0.087	0.086	0.086	0.086	0.000	0.000	0.086	0.086	0.086	0.100_15,050,000
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	6,217	238	4	0.038	0.040	0.038	0.040	0.040	0.000	0.000	0.040	0.036	0.040	0.100_28,576,254
OM0000007043	NATIONAL LIFE INS	92	31	1	0.340	0.340	0.340	0.340	0.340	0.000	0.000	0.340	0.000	0.340	0.100_135,447,276
OM0000003260	OMAN ARAB BANK	1,616	194	1	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.121	-0.001	-0.826	0.120	0.118	0.125	0.100_200,329,200
OM0000002267	GULF MUSHROOM P	65,878	17,098	7	0.260	0.260	0.257	0.257	0.260	-0.003	-1.154	0.257	0.250	0.260	0.100_10,692,555
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	15,540	1,259	3	0.081	0.081	0.081	0.081	0.082	-0.001	-1.220	0.081	0.081	0.082	0.100_16,200,000
OM0000001517	HSBC BANK OMAN	129,859	20,129	2	0.156	0.156	0.155	0.157	0.157	-0.002	-1.274	0.155	0.154	0.156	0.100_310,948,482
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	790,000	51,705	34	0.066	0.067	0.064	0.064	0.065	-0.001	-1.538	0.064	0.064	0.065	0.100_19,657,265
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	4,000	172	2	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.044	-0.001	-2.273	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.100_62,891,863
OM0000002804	ASAFFA FOODS	23,229	6,876	10	0.300	0.300	0.295	0.296	0.304	-0.008	-2.632	0.295	0.296	0.295	0.100_35,520,000
OM0000002580	OMAN EDU TRAINING	4,614	923	3	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.213	-0.013	-6.103	0.200	0.000	0.000	0.100_14,000,000
Total		21		155											

TECHNO PLASTIC INDUSTRY

MoUs signed to promote Omani products in domestic and foreign markets

Times News Service

MUSCAT: At the company's headquarters in Ghala, Baushar, Techno Plastic Industry celebrated the signing of two memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with Al Hassan Company and Muna Noor Manufacturing & Trading. This was a significant step for the Omani manufacturers who will work to increase cooperation in promoting their products in domestic and international markets.

Eng. Omar Ahmed Cotton, CEO of Techno Plastic Industry signed the first MoU with Makboul Ali Salman, Chairman of Al Hassan, and the second MoU with Eng. Ahmed Khalid Al Barwani, CEO of Muna Noor Manufacturing & Trading.

The MoU with Al Hassan was signed on the occasion of their 10-year strategic collaboration, while the MoU with Muna Noor Manufacturing & Trading was signed to promote techno products both inside



and outside the Sultanate's markets.

The MoU will work to embody the status of these companies in terms of the quality of their products both internally and externally, according to Eng. Omar Ahmed Cotton, CEO of Techno, emphasised the significance of fostering cooperation between Omani businesses and expanding the marketing of the company's products in both domestic and international markets.

Eng. Ahmed Khalid Al Barwani,

CEO of Muna Noor, spoke on his behalf and outlined how the MoU aims to strengthen cooperation between the two businesses and increase the effectiveness of marketing their products in local and regional markets. He also emphasised that this agreement ushers in a new stage for the initial cooperation that benefits both parties.

Al-Barwani noted that this MoU is the first of its type in Oman because it will enable the two com-

panies to further their relationship between the two largest and most established factories in the Sultanate producing plastic pipes and their accessories.

Techno has extensive experience in the plastic pipe industry and is ISO 9001:2015 certified for the production of pipes and polypropylene pipe joints that serve the industrial markets both inside and outside of Oman. Techno strives to provide quality-guaranteed products with improved durability and reliability while upholding high-quality standards.

Al Hassan Group is one of the leading business groups involved in the manufacturing of low and high-voltage switchgear panels and trading of electromechanical items across Oman.

Muna Noor Manufacturing & Trading, on the other hand, has been a creative and strategic partner in all public and private projects for more than 47 years.

KPMG SURVEY

86% of global CEOs anticipate recession

NEW DELHI: A survey of more than 1,300 chief executive officers (CEOs) at the world's largest businesses reveals that over the next year, 86 per cent of these global leaders anticipate a recession to hit. However, 58 per cent of these leaders expect the recession to be mild and short.

CEO Outlook

Fourteen per cent of senior executives identify a recession among the most pressing concerns today - up slightly from early 2022 (9 per cent), while pandemic fatigue tops the list (15 per cent), said the survey - the KPMG 2022 CEO Outlook. These leaders were asked about their strategies and outlook during the survey.

Over the next year, more than 8 out of 10 (86 per cent) global CEOs anticipate a recession to hit, with 71 per cent predicting it will impact company earnings by up to 10 per cent, said the survey. A strong majority of senior executives believe that a recession will disrupt anticipated growth (73 per cent). However, three-quarters (76 per cent) have already taken precautionary steps ahead of a looming recession, it added.

Resilience of economy

Despite those concerns, senior executives also feel markedly more confident about the resilience of the economy over the next six

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months (73 per cent) than they did in February (60 per cent), when KPMG surveyed 500 CEOs for its CEO Outlook Pulse survey.

Further, 71 per cent of leaders are confident about the global economy's growth prospects over the next three years (up from 60 per cent in early 2022) and nearly 9 in 10 (85 per cent) are confident about their organisation's growth over the next three years.

"Tested by enormous challenges in quick succession -- a global pandemic, inflationary pressures and geopolitical tensions -- it's encouraging that CEOs, surveyed in our 2022 CEO Outlook, were confident in their companies' resilience and relatively optimistic in their own growth prospects," said Bill Thomas, global chairman and CEO, KPMG. — **ANI**

CRUDE OUTPUT



Oil prices inch lower ahead of Opec+ talks on supply cut

SINGAPORE: Oil prices moderated very slightly on Wednesday after gaining more than 3 per cent in the previous session ahead of a meeting of Opec+ producers to discuss a big cut in crude output.

Traders said a stronger dollar was the main reason for the slightly easier prices, as it reduced demand from buyers using other currencies.

Brent crude fell 22 cents, or 0.2 per cent, to \$91.58 a barrel at 0427 GMT, after climbing \$2.94 in the previous session.

US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures fell 29 cents, or 0.3 per cent, to \$86.23 a barrel after gaining \$2.89 in the previous session.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and allies led by Russia, together called Opec+ will be meeting in Vienna later on Wednesday, to discuss output cuts of up to 2 mil-

lion barrels per day (bpd), an Opec source told Reuters.

A cut of that magnitude would be the biggest made by Opec+ since the demand was hit by COVID-19 in 2020.

"I will not be surprised if 'buy the rumour, sell the fact' could happen since the strong rally in the crude prices may have priced in such a production cut," Tina Teng, an analyst at CMC Markets, said.

The United States is pushing Opec+ producers to avoid making deep cuts, a source familiar with the matter told Reuters, as President Joe Biden looks to prevent a rise in US gasoline prices.

The real impact on supply from a lower output target would be limited as several Opec+ countries are already pumping well below their existing quotas. In August, Opec+ missed its production target by 3.58 million bpd. — **BNA**

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Inter defeat Barca in crucial Champions League encounter

Barcelona had all of the ball in the opening minutes, but it was Inter who had the most dangerous chance

MILAN: Hakan Calhanoglu's first half-strike proved the difference as Inter downed Barcelona 1-0 in their crucial Champions League matchup.

With Bayern Munich running away with Group C, second spot will likely be decided by the home and away between the two teams over the next week.

The Nerazzurri's victory at home, thanks to a well-taken strike by Calhanoglu gives them the advantage, as the Blaugrana, just like in Munich, failed to find the back of the net.

Barcelona had all of the ball in the opening minutes, but it was Inter who had the most dangerous chance, with Calhanoglu's strike testing Marc-Andre ter Stegen



from distance.

After Joaquin Correa's goal was rightly called back for offside, Inter took the lead in stoppage time after some excellent build-up.

Federico Dimarco fired a ball across the pitch that reached Matteo Darmian, and after Lautaro Martinez's shot was blocked, Calhanoglu fired a low, right-footed strike into the bottom corner that left Ter Stegen with no chance.

Chances were few and far between in the early exchanges of

the second half, with Barcelona finally coming close in the 63rd minute.

Raphinha found his way past two defenders and picked out Gavi. The Spaniard played a great ball into the path of Dembele, who fired his left-footed strike off the upright from close range.

The Blaugrana thought they had levelled the score minutes later when Onana whiffed on Dembele's cross from the right, allowing Pedri to fire home into an empty net.

However, replays showed Ansu Fati handled the ball before it reached Pedri following a VAR review.

Barcelona continued to attack in waves and saw a penalty claim in stoppage time waved away despite replays showing Denzel Dumfries touched the ball with his arm in the penalty area.

However, their efforts were all for naught as Inter managed to hold on and claim an important victory in the battle for second. **ONA**

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



Liverpool move closer to Champions League knockout phase

LIVERPOOL: Liverpool moved one step closer to a place in the Champions League knockout phase after defeating Rangers 2-0.

Goals from Trent Alexander-Arnold and Mohamed Salah were all the Reds needed, though they likely should have scored more in what was a one-sided encounter, the Spanish MARCA newspaper reported.

Jürgen Klopp's men needed just seven minutes to open the scoring. Alexander-Arnold, who's come under criticism in recent times, stepped up and fired his free-kick into the top corner to give the Reds the advantage.

Luis Díaz could have doubled the lead minutes later, but fired his effort just over and wide of the mark, while Allan McGregor did well to stop Salah's effort from sneaking

into the far post soon after.

Liverpool entered the break-up 1-0, but they wasted no time in doubling their advantage after the restart.

Leon King was judged to have taken down Díaz in the penalty area, and Salah calmly fired home from the spot to send the Reds on their way.

Rangers' best chance came late when Kostas Tsimikas cleared Rabbi Matondo's effort off the line, but it was too little too late for the Scottish side, who remain on zero points after three matches.

Liverpool's win, along with Napoli's 6-1 victory over Ajax in the other group match, means the Reds are now one step closer to booking their spot in the knockout stage, as they now sit three points up on Ajax for second. **ONA**

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Two Omanis prepare for second Jordan MENA Digital Final

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Following the Khareef Digital Championship and Oman Digital Championship, both managed by Oman Automobile Association, two winners came out on top to compete in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Digital Final that will take place this Thursday and Friday.

The contestants have travelled to Jordan for the competition with a larger number of participants attending, compared to the previous season. Digital Motorsports Manager of OAA, Masoud Al Hinai said: "At last year's event, the atmosphere and preparation in Jordan was perfectly managed and

this year's winners of the national digital championships proved how hard they worked since their performance in the past."

This being their second held championship, the Final in Jordan will be accommodating participants from all over the Middle East and North Africa, competing against each other at a professional level. According to Masoud, the challenges on the simulators are done fairly due to contestants having the same equipment and that all it takes to win is practice and skills. Wasif Al Kharousy, who ranked first in the championship in Oman, said: "Honestly, each year the competition series gets tougher but the organisation of the

events gets even better."

The 17-year-old added: "This is my second MENA Digital Championship and I'm really excited and looking forward to it. I will give it my all to make my country proud."

The second-place winner, Mohammed Al Barwani, 34, said: "This is a great step forward for simulator racing within our region. This isn't my first time competing in Jordan and from my previous visit, the experience was lovely with the great people who were very welcoming, making it feel like a second home to me.

"This time however, as I have been practicing on the Gran Turismo games every single day, I know I am ready and will perform

my best to the end."

The MENA Digital Final is hosted by Jordan Motorsport (JMS) to attract young racers and video game enthusiasts to attend the event from across the region. Each country is represented by two contestants who are selected either through their national championship qualifiers or as their country nominees. OAA wishes the best for our two contestants for the final in Jordan and to make the most out of this opportunity.

The reception at OAA is open every day for inquiries and issuing international licences. Karting facilities at Muscat Speedway are open from 8AM to 11PM, from Monday to Saturday.



AUSTRALIA VS WEST INDIES

Finch's half-century helps Australia clinch 3-wicket win over West Indies in first T20I

CARRARA: A half-century from Aaron Finch and his 69-run partnership with wicketkeeper-batter Matthew Wade helped Australia clinch a thrilling three-wicket win over West Indies in the first T20I of two-match series in Carrara on Wednesday.

With this victory, Australia has taken a 1-0 lead over WI in the two-match series. In the first innings, West Indies posted 145/9 in 20 overs, with Kyle Mayers (39) top-scoring for his side. Pacer Josh Hazlewood (3/35) put brakes on scoring by the visitors and did not allow any big partnerships to prosper. Chasing 146, Australia kept losing wickets at regular intervals, but Finch (58) and Matthew Wade (39*) helped the hosts get across the line, winning by three wickets. Chasing 146, WI pacers Sheldon Cottrell and Alzarri Joseph dismissed opener David Warner (14) and Mitchell Marsh (3), reducing Australia to 21/2.

Finch and Green started to rebuild the innings after losing two important wickets. Joseph dislodged Cameron Green's (14) leg stump, reducing Aussies to 56/3.

West Indies continued to dominate Australian batters, sending back explosive batters Glenn Maxwell and Tim David for ducks. Australia was reduced to 58/5 in 7.5 overs.

Finch was joined by Wade.



These two experienced batters kept the scoreboard ticking for a while. They helped Australia cross the 100-run mark. The duo stitched a 69-run stand before Finch was dismissed by Joseph for 58 off 53 balls. Jason Holder caught the batter at long-on. Australia was at 127/6 in 17.1 overs.

Pat Cummins was the next batter to go after Odean Smith dislodged his off-stump. Australia was at 133/7.

Starc (6*) and Wade (39*) then helped Australia reach the target with a ball to spare.

Joseph (2/17) was the pick of the bowlers for the West Indies. Cottrell (2/49) also took two key wickets that almost handed over

Aussies a defeat. Holder, Yannic Cariah and Smith got a wicket each too.

Earlier, put to bat first, West Indies lost opener Johnson Charles for just 3 after his stumps were castled by Hazlewood. WI was 14/1 at this point.

Kyle Mayers and Brandon King then started to rebuild the innings following this early hiccup. The 34-run stand between two was broken when Hazlewood trapped King before wicket for 12 off 9 balls. WI was at 48/2.

Mayers was the next one to be dismissed after pacer Cummins uprooted his leg-stump when he was at 39 off 36 balls. WI was 3/66 in 9.1 overs. **ANI**

ICC RANKINGS

Suryakumar inches closer to top spot in ICC rankings

DUBAI: Indian batters profit after impressive showings in the South Africa series as Suryakumar Yadav inches closer to the top spot while opener KL Rahul jumps to 14th after jumping seven spots in the ICC rankings released on Wednesday.

India's Suryakumar Yadav moved considerably closer to Pakistan's Mohammad Rizwan, the number one ranked T20I batter in the world, intensifying the competition.

By concluding India's most recent T20I series at home against South Africa with two half-centuries and as their highest run scorer with a total of 119 runs, Yadav maintained his astounding climb in 2022.

Yadav's performance brought him to within 16 rating points of Rizwan in the latest T20I batter rankings, which the ICC revealed on October 5. The 32-year-old should have the opportunity to take home the top spot at the 2022 ICC T20 World Cup in Australia owing to his recent impressive showing.

With an impressive total of 316 runs in the recent seven-match T20I series against England, Rizwan finished as the series' top run scorer. However, the veteran was rested for the sixth game of the series and managed just one run in the series finale in Lahore, causing the right-hander to lose important breathing room at the top of the rankings.

The competition for first place is so close that Yadav might have



even passed his Pakistani counterpart in the final game of India's series against South Africa in Indore with a sizable score, but the right-hander was out for only eight runs.

While a number of other batters from across the world made enormous leaps on the most recent set of rankings, Pakistan captain Babar Azam is still third on the T20I batter rankings and should not be ignored for reclaiming the top spot.

India opener KL Rahul jumps seven spots to 14th on the updated list on the back of his 108 runs from two matches against the Proteas, while South Africa trio Quinton de Kock (up eight spots to 12th), Rilee Rossouw (up 23 places to 20th) and David Miller (up 10 spots to 29th) were also notable movers up the list.

After a decent series for England against Pakistan, dependable top-order performer Dawid

Malan moves up one rank to fifth, and teammate Ben Duckett (up eight spots to tie for 24th) is also improving.

Following the conclusion of two recent series in India and Pakistan, there has been some shuffling behind Australia seamer Josh Hazlewood in the new list of T20I bowlers.

South African and English spinners Tabraiz Shamsi and Adil Rashid both fall three spots inside the top 10, while Afghanistan's Rashid Khan, Wanindu Hasaranga, and experienced Australian Adam Zampa all move up two slots apiece.

Keshav Maharaj of South Africa has moved up seven positions to tenth place overall after a successful series against India in which the 32-year-old took four wickets at an economy rate of just over seven, breaking into the spin-dominated top 10. **ANI**

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Oman United Insurance named Top Performing Company at AIWA Awards

Muscat-headquartered Oman United Insurance was among five listed companies in the ‘Mid-Cap’ category that were named winners of the much-coveted Best Performing Company awards – annual recognitions first instituted in 2009

MUSCAT: Leading insurance services provider Oman United Insurance Company (OUIIC) was ranked among Oman’s top performing publicly traded firms in the latest edition of the Alam-Al-Iktisaad Awards (AIWA) held at Grand Millennium Muscat recently. Muscat-headquartered OUIIC was among five listed companies in the ‘Mid-Cap’ category that were named winners of the much-coveted Best Performing Company awards – annual recognitions first instituted in 2009. Organised by UMS Events, the AIWA Awards honour listed companies that per-

form consistently and credibly on the Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) based on a set of criteria. Collecting the award on behalf of OUIIC was Sayyid Nassir bin Salim Al Busaidi, Chief Management Executive. Senior company officials were also in attendance at the gala event to celebrate this proud moment in OUIIC’s history. Significantly, it’s not the first time that OUIIC has been recognised and honoured at the annual AIWA Awards. The latest award is the seventh in a long list of trophies to be conferred upon OUIIC for its consistently strong perfor-



mance over the years. It’s a testament to the company’s unmatched standing as a top-tier player in Oman’s insurance sector with a solid market presence across key product segments of the industry. OUIIC clinched the latest honour because its 2021 performance

on the MSX ticked all the boxes for success. The company delivered a high score across the following seven financial parameters: Revenue growth, Operating profit growth, Net profit growth, Return on average assets, Return on average equity, Operating profit margin

and Net profit margin. Commenting on OUIIC’s repeat honour, Sayyid Nassir said: “We are thrilled to be recognised for the seventh time as Best Performing Company on the Muscat Stock Exchange. We dedicate this award to our customers who have sup-

ported us since our inception in 1985. OUIIC greatly values their continuing trust and confidence in our company. We also applaud the hard work put in by every employee of the company to position OUIIC strongly in the insurance industry. Our grateful thanks also to our shareholders and board members for the continued support and guidance.” OUIIC prides itself on its vision to continually excel as Oman’s insurance services provider of choice across all segments of its portfolio: Corporate, Motor, Healthcare and General Insurance. Underpinning this vision is a longstanding commitment to integrity, customer care, sustainable value creation and teamwork. As an innovation driven company, OUIIC is also focused on creating new products, strengthening its operational processes, and diversifying its business. At the same time, the company is eager to expand its retail business by harnessing the capabilities of its agencies and its branches. OUIIC is also committed to developing the skill-sets of its Omani staff, upgrading its IT systems and enhancing efficiency across its operations.

ATTENTION-GRABBER

All-new Chevrolet Tahoe Z71 epitomises power, performance and technology

MUSCAT: SUV lovers in Oman are increasingly gravitating to the all-new Chevrolet Tahoe Z71 – a full-size off-roader known for its muscular styling, brute strength and unmatched capabilities. An attention-grabber in its own right, the all-new Tahoe Z71 encapsulates the ‘bigger, bolder, better’ signature styling of the legendary Chevrolet brand. An adventure-packed standalone trim from the legendary Tahoe line-up, the Z71 benefits from a styling reboot, best-in-class interior, superior performance and advanced technology. It has been engineered and equipped to tackle some of the Middle East’s most rugged outdoors, including its towering sand-dunes, rock-strewn water channels and expansive gravel plains. With a best-in-class approach angle of up to 34.0 degrees, the Z71 is capable of handling all kinds of natural landscapes. Powering the all-new Z71 is a 5.3L V8 engine mated to an advanced 10-speed automatic transmission. Delivering a substantial 355 horsepower and 519 Nm of torque, it packs enough power to tow heavy loads of up to 3,800 kg with hardly a murmur. Helping balance efficiency with performance is the Tahoe’s Dynamic Fuel Management system that optimizes engine efficiency across a broad range of driving conditions. The interior is equally striking. Every seat is designed for maxi-



mum comfort amid an exceptionally spacious cabin. Its refreshed design allows for 66% more cargo space behind the third row, adding to its appeal as the most practical full-size SUV in the segment. Advanced technology is an overarching feature of the Tahoe Z71, as exemplified by its class-leading 360 camera with nine views, including HD Surround Vision and Rear Camera Mirror. Cutting-edge safety features abound as well, notably the Chevy Safety Assist which encompasses active safety features such as Lane Keep Assist with Lane Departure Warning,

Automatic Emergency Braking, Front Pedestrian Braking, Forward Collision Alert, Following Distance Indicator and Intelli-Beam auto high beams. A key feature of the Z71 is the Electronic Limited Slip Differential (eLSD) system, which draws on sports car DNA to deliver improved driving performance. If wheel slip is detected on either side of the vehicle, eLSD reacts instantly to shift power to the wheel with better traction. That additional traction can contribute to increased driver confidence in difficult types of ter-

rain and weather conditions. In keeping with the Tahoe’s iconic status, the all-new Z71 comes packed with unrivalled connectivity and technology with up to five display screens. Available are also an 8-inch-diagonal instrument cluster, 15-inch head-up display, dual 12.6-inch diagonal rear seat LCD displays - the segment’s most advanced rear seat media system, keeping rear passengers entertained even during lengthy drives. Leading automotive firm OTE Group is the exclusive distribution of Chevrolet models in Oman.

OMANI WOMEN’S DAY



Celebration of Omani women at Al Baleed Resort Salalah by Anantara

MUSCAT: 17 October 2022 marks Omani Women’s Day, an event celebrated at Al Baleed Resort Salalah by Anantara. This special day is an occasion to honour Omani women and recognise their efforts and impact in society. At Al Baleed Resort Salalah by Anantara, we wish to support all our women in the workplace and further beyond. The resort is also offering special savings and rewards for all ladies throughout October 17. At Anantara Spa, ladies can avail of 25% all a la carte treatments. Come for a boxing or yoga session at 25% off. Join with friends for

lunch or dinner and save 25% off a delectable meal together, celebrating your accomplishments. Al Mina is offering a coffee and cake promotion of buy one, get one free for women too. “Omani Women’s Day is an important date on the calendar at the resort. We are proud to commend the women that we work and live with. This is a day that is close to my heart, as an Omani woman, and I invite other women to share this momentous occasion with us,” commented Fatma Al Sinawi, Cluster Director of People and Culture, Al Baleed Resort Salalah by Anantara.

APPOINTMENT

Crowne Plaza Resort Salalah welcomes new general manager

MUSCAT: IHG Hotels & Resorts, one of the world’s leading hotel companies, has recently announced the appointment of Maher Bahsoun as General Manager of one of its established properties in the EMEAA region, Crowne Plaza Resort Salalah, Oman. Maher has been with IHG for more than 17 years and has a plethora of knowledge from the Middle Eastern hospitality industry. IHG has broadened his expertise through varied learning curves, strengthening his career as a hotel leader. Maher honed his key pillars of hospitality in 2003 when he completed his Management Training Internship at the Hôtel des Trois Couronnes in Vevey, Switzerland as part of his graduation in the César Ritz Colleges Switzerland – a leading business school with entrepreneurship and hospitality at its heart, where heritage meets innovation and Swiss excellence meets a global outlook. He started his IHG journey with InterContinental Phoenicia Hotel, Lebanon in 2004 where he spent 5 years of service holding sev-



eral managerial positions. While steadily progressing in his career, he further explored & moved to the UAE where he worked at the Staybridge Suites Abu Dhabi and Crowne Plaza Yas Island gaining 360 exposure and enriching his areas of expertise in rooms division, operational management as well as commercial verticals. With great passion and dedication to his work coupled with major achievements, Maher acquired the position of Hotel Manager/Acting General Manager at

Crowne Plaza Duqm in Oman and furthermore achieved his role as General Manager in November 2020 with his exemplary hands-on leadership and competencies to sustain operational excellence and profitable revenue growth for the best interest of the Owners, Guests, and Colleagues. Commenting on his appointment, Maher stated, “I have always been committed to quality and excellence. I am a strong believer in team diversity as it fosters innovation. True diversity means inclusion and empowerment, and it starts with leaders willing to embrace it.” In his most recent role, Maher has left a strong mark on the business, having diligently steered Crowne Plaza Duqm towards dynamic growth and success during the pandemic - a time considered unimaginable for the hospitality industry. Under Maher’s fine leadership, Crowne Plaza Duqm has delivered exceptional results with uncompromised service excellence achieving all hotel goals in 2019, 2020 and 2021 consecutively.

COUPÉ

Maserati presents new GranTurismo

MODENA: One of the brand’s icons is back: Maserati presents the new GranTurismo, marking a new chapter in a story that began 75 years ago with the Maserati A6 1500. The GranTurismo coupé combines the high performance typical of a sports car with comfort suitable for long distances, in both the version with a powerful internal combustion engine and with the most innovative 100% electric solutions. It represents a benchmark, embodying the concept of “The Others Just Travel”. This model is taking the House of the Trident forward into the future: it is the first car in the brand’s history to adopt a 100% electric powertrain. From an aesthetic point of view, the GranTurismo design represents an ideal balance between beauty and functionality, without ostentation. With undeniably unique and immediately recognisable lines: a pure shape suitable to cover best-in-class mechanics, emphasising the purity of its forms and its refined design cues. The classic proportions of the brand’s cars have been main-



tained, with the long bonnet and the central body intersected by the four fenders. Conversely, the roof line drops dynamically to emphasise the curve of the pillar that features the iconic Trident logo. Developed at the Maserati Innovation Lab and produced at the Mirafiori manufacturing hub in Turin, the GranTurismo is 100% made in Italy and epitomises “Italian luxury performance”, a concept typical of all Maserati models. The new coupé is equipped with the revolutionary V6 Nettuno engine, available in two versions: the Modena, with the 490-hp 3.0-litre V6 Nettuno Twin Turbo; the high-performance

Trofeo version is based on the same engine, upgraded to a maximum power of 550 hp. Alternatively, the GranTurismo Folgore adopts a 100% electric battery-based powertrain. The Folgore system is based on 800-volt technology and has been developed with cutting-edge technical solutions derived from Formula E. It offers superb performance, made possible by the three powerful 300-kW permanent magnet motors. The battery has a nominal capacity of 92.5 kWh and a discharge capacity of 560 kW, to continuously transmit around 760 hp to the wheels.



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ahlibank opens new state-of-the-art branch

The state-of-the-art facility at the Madinat al Sultan Qaboos area is designed to enhance customers' banking experience and expedite everyday banking processes, incorporating the bank's first multi-functional device - ahliexpress, while offering a brand-new outlet for new-to-bank clients

MUSCAT: Supporting its robust digitisation drive and setting a new benchmark in customer convenience, ahlibank has opened an exclusive digital banking branch at a prime location in the Madinat al Sultan Qaboos area.

The state-of-the-art facility is designed to enhance customers' banking experience and expedite everyday banking processes, incorporating the bank's first multi-functional device - ahliexpress, while offering a brand-new outlet for new-to-bank clients. It will cater to customers in the predominantly upscale residential area with top-notch services that are in tune with global digital trends.



The new branch will redefine ahlibank's credentials as one of the most preferred banks in Oman, making 'digital' the new banking mantra for its internet-savvy customers. It will further augment ahlibank's growing digital footprint in the country and leverage its active partnership with the government in realizing the objectives of Oman Vision 2040, which has set forth an ambitious national program for the digital economy.

Commenting on the new milestone, Muneer Al Balushi, AGM - Head of Retail Distribution, ahlibank, said, "Our remarkable new facility, in the heart of the city, is an affirmation of our intent to create modern banking avenues for our customers who are constantly seeking innovative products and newer and better service modules to conduct their everyday banking chores. With this digital intervention, we have assimilated our

ongoing digitization drive to set newer parameters of excellence. We will continue to forge ahead by partnering with the government in realizing the national digital agenda that will change the course of our country's economic and social development and shape the growth of a knowledge-based society.

"The recent past has demarcated the importance of digital transformation in both public and private sectors, focusing on innovation to foster a favourable business environment. The national digital programme, in particular, has tabulated the way forward to accelerate digitisation and bring to fruition the economic diversification policy as well as spur other sectors of development. With the launch of our new digital branch, we have channelled our current market buoyancy to reaffirm our commitment to digitization within our banking institutions and

the broader realm of national development. Equipped with an interactive multi-functional device, our Madinat Al Sultan Qaboos branch will reflect our mission to exceed our customer expectations, enabling them to enjoy a faster and more efficient banking experience," he added.

While the new branch, with its unique and holistic banking portfolio, throws the spotlight on ahlibank' strategic digital growth strategy, digitisation itself is not a new concept for the bank, which has, previously, introduced a suite of e-channels, including a hi-tech mobile app, to cultivate a dynamic banking environment; one that will lead towards a sustainable economy. It is an ongoing process that will uphold the bank's customer-centric approach to business in tailoring and delivering products and services that are pledged to durability.

PERFECT SKILLS TO FLY

Oman Air, MHA and British School of Excellence join hands to offer preparatory cabin crew training

MUSCAT: In partnership with Oman Air and The British School of Excellence, Muscat Hospitality Academy (MHA) announces a unique opportunity for Omani female students to enrol for Preparatory Cabin Crew Training.

The programme duration is for six months and will encompass academic and practical training with world-class experts and coaches who provide students with the necessary credentials to secure a guaranteed job from Oman Air.



The training programme includes specialised courses covering in-flight service, the tools and equipment used on board, industry terms and phrases, and the rules and regulations governing air service operations. Participants will receive world-class training which will incorporate subjects such as workplace safety, grooming, deportment & etiquette, mindset & emotional intelligence, communication skills, service excellence, food & beverage service, aviation knowledge, and intermediate and independent business English skills training.

Upon successful graduation, the students will receive official certification from the MHA and The British School of Excellence that qualifies them to work for Oman Air.

Entry requirements for the programme include a high school certificate and English language proficiency (both spoken and written). Applicants must be aged between 21 and 28 and there is a minimum height requirement of 157 cm. Candidates must have the ability to swim unaided as well.

Muscat Hospitality Academy (MHA), is part of Heart of Hospitality (HOH) which is a subsidiary of Muscat Investment House (MIH). Aligned with Oman Vision 2040, MHA focuses on driving tourism as a key enabler for economic sustainability and

development, by placing Omani nationals in the frontline of hospitality, providing skilled labour for investors and operators - thus reducing youth unemployment.

MHA recognises that Omani youth play an important role in implementing policies, initiatives, and commercial aspects of the national airline which has been observed and appreciated by its esteemed customers, in addition to major international assessment companies. As MHA continues to impart education and training programmes to support the Sultanate's Omanisation policy, the latest programme for Cabin Crew training comes at a time when aviation is well positioned for a strong recovery.

Amina Al Zadjali, the General Manager for Muscat Hospitality Academy states, "As we all know that there is a rising demand for Omani professionals across all sectors, more so in the tourism and related fields, we are persistent to leave no stone unturned to bring the best of the world to nurture the best, here within Oman. We relentlessly work to support Oman's national imperative in driving tourism as a key enabler for economic sustainability and development. We strive to be the market leader in vocational education and training standards in Oman to unlock our full potential through human capital."



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Oman Avenues Mall launches grand marketing extravaganza

The campaign is intended not only at celebrating the season but also at showcasing the rich history of the FIFA World Cup in an informative display at the new welcome court of the mall

MUSCAT: Oman Avenues Mall announced the launch of the 'Football Unites' promotional campaign as a prelude to the upcoming World Cup to be held in the region for the first time in history. The mall would be launching various promotional campaigns starting from October 6 and running until December 31, aimed



at curating a world of happiness and excitement for families, shoppers, and mall visitors to immerse themselves in. The campaign is intended not only at celebrating the season but also at showcasing the rich history of the world cup in an informative display at the new welcome court of the mall.

A slew of promotions across categories is included in the promotion to incentivise the visitors apart from the several gaming-led events that shall be held at the mall. The promotion under the title of 'Spend & Win' entitles customers who make a combined purchase of OMR15 from the outlets at the Mall

to take part in multiple raffle draws that will pick up 24 winners of the Al Saada Mall Gift Cards worth OMR100 each during the promotion period spanning 12 weeks apart from this, Customers with a single purchase of OMR15 can also participate in the Mega Draw to be held on of December 31 to win the sporty Jeep Wrangler Gladiator.

Gogi George, General Manager, Development & Leasing, Lulu Group International, comments: "The football season is a time of great fun and excitement and the world cup coming to the region for the first time is a major boost. The season is an expression of un-

limited verve and borders on our theme "Football Unites"; one in which friends, families and communities are drawn closer. We want to spread seasonal cheer and create a reason to celebrate every day. Oman Avenues Mall has led the transformation landscape in Oman and has been able to appeal to the larger populace of Oman and we will continue in our quest in the future too."

In addition to the 'Spend and Win' campaign, there are a plethora of activities at the Oman Avenues Mall lined up this season. Another first for the mall would be the human foosball competition in

which visitors can take part and win attractive prizes. Human foosball is the same as regular foosball, but humans take the place of plastic players instead. The game aims to get the ball into each team's goal while players are restricted by the handheld rod. For the skilled, there would be several gaming activities at the 2nd level of the Mall, with a chance to win exciting prizes for the participants.

The Mall has also announced that the cinema operator at the mall - Cinopolis shall be broadcasting Fifa World Cup 2022 live at the cinemas with ticketed sales commencing soon. There are competitions in the Mall wherein 5 winners would get two tickets each to view the day's match live at the cinemas. This is part of the initiative of the Mall to further the digital engagement and competition platforms. The mechanisms to participate in these activities would be announced soon.

To reach out to the ever-growing online population, the Mall's social media pages will feature a stream of social content from fans who use the hashtag #FOOTBAL-LUNITES on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. Visitors who tag this have a chance to win an exclusive

Xbox gaming set.

Derick Michael, General Manager, Oman Avenues Mall said, "We are sure that the response to this promotion and line-up of events at the Mall would delight many. We are geared towards providing a fulfilling and enriching experiential mall experience to all our visitors."

Oman Avenues Mall stands true to its marketing tag, 'Celebrate everyday' with its mega-sized entertainment and leisure offerings and a multitude of food and beverage offerings. The mall is home to more than 240 brands across 108,000 square meters of lease space. The Mall has been a harbinger of change with its ever-evolving product offerings and retail offerings that have caught the imagination of its customers' and are now acknowledged as a dynamic retail-led mixed-use destination. A division of the renowned Lulu Group International, based in Abu Dhabi, Oman Avenues Mall is one of the largest and sought-after destinations in the Sultanate of Oman. Located in the heart of the city with a host of unparalleled amenities and services, Oman Avenues Mall will provide a refreshing experience to the discerning customer.



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Meethaq launches new Visa credit cards to enhance its card offerings



MUSCAT: Meethaq Islamic Banking from Bank Muscat has announced that it has launched new Visa Platinum and Gold credit cards for its customers enhancing its existing cards proposition.

The launch of the cards is another step undertaken by Meethaq to demonstrate its commitment towards serving its customers in a better way. To encourage customers to sign up and benefit from the new VISA credit card features, Meethaq Islamic Banking is waiving the 1st year annual fees on these cards for a limited period subject to customers signing up for both primary and supplementary credit cards.

Speaking about the product launch, Sami Arfah Bait Rashid, Assistant General Manager – Meethaq Personal Banking, said: "Meethaq is delighted to offer the new VISA Credit Cards to its customer base. Visa is well known for their cutting-edge electronic payments platform that facilitates billions of transactions worldwide every year.

"Meethaq is always delighted to listen to its customers and offer them various Islamic banking services and facilities, which comply with the principles of Sharia and are aligned to their needs. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers for their strong confidence in Meethaq Islamic bank-



ing and its cutting-edge products and services."

Meethaq's Visa Credit Cards are based on the concept of Ujrah with no profit-based fees. Cardholders can enjoy 52 days of profit-free credit period, 24-hour cash advance facility from Visa ATMs worldwide and a secure Internet shopping via online OTP service. Travel benefits on the cards include free travel takaful for tickets bought with the card, offers at some of the most iconic and distinctive hotels worldwide as well as discounts at a number of merchants worldwide.

The cards feature both contactless and Chip and PIN payments at PoS terminals for highly secure transactions, and are accepted worldwide at more than 30 million locations.

Customers also benefit from Meethaq's Easy Payment Plan facility wherein they can pay for

their big-ticket purchases at selected merchants in Oman over a period of 12 months, without needing to pay any extra amount for the extended credit facility.

It must be noted that every Meethaq product goes through the process of Sharia compliance certification by the Sharia Supervisory Board and is created in line with the guidelines of the Central Bank of Oman. Meethaq Islamic Banking has been well recognised for its prominent role in providing banking services and facilities that are compliant with the principles of Islamic Sharia.

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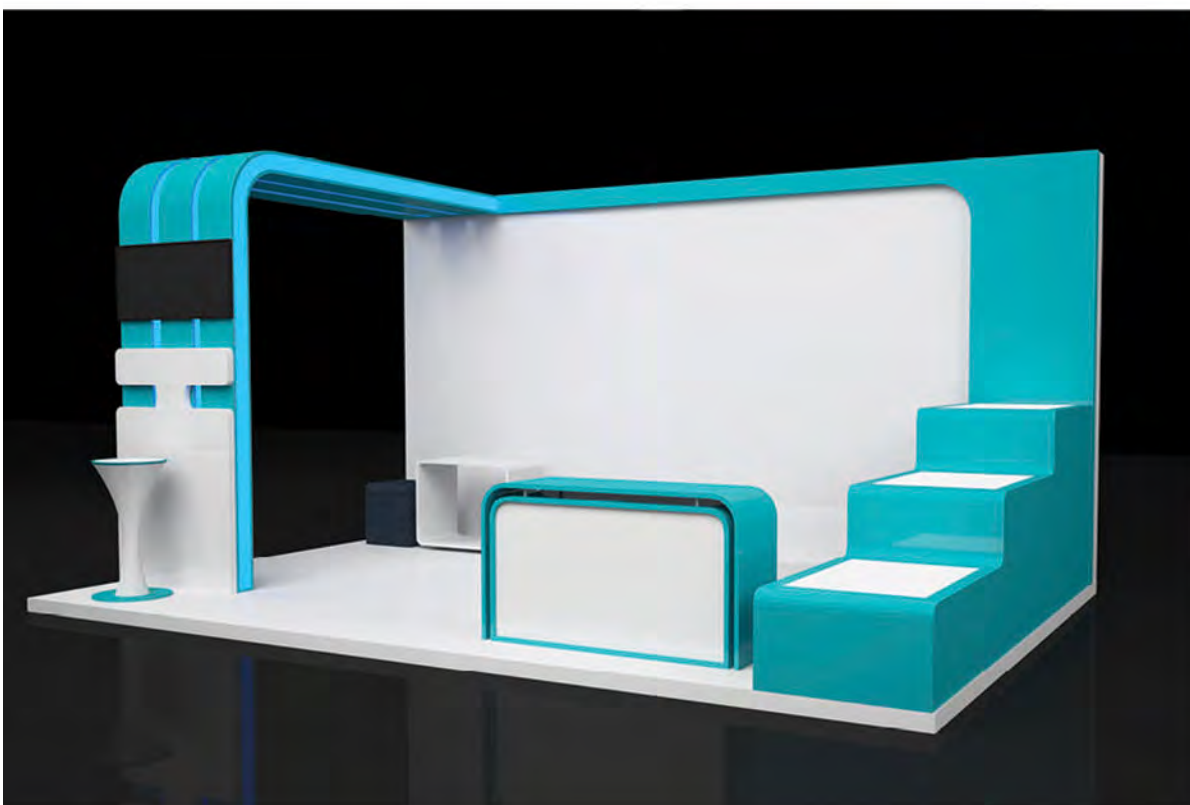
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