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Home address dept set up

To help the eventual home delivery of mail and aid the ambulance and fire services in emergencies, the Capital Municipality has set up a department for naming streets and numbering houses.

Mr. Ali Salem Ali al Hosni, acting Director of the Technical Affairs Department, who also provisionally heads the new department, hopes that homes in the Capital Area will start getting numbers and addresses by early next year.

Experts from Bahrain, where streets have been named and numbered have been invited to assist the Omani authorities in numbering houses in Muscat. They have advised the Capital Municipality on the staff and equipment required for the new department.

A team of Omani experts headed by Mr. Ali Salem also visited Jordan to see numbering in progress there. The Director of the Numbering Department in Jordan visited Muscat and gave a practical demonstration to Omani engineers and surveyors.

by Muzaffar Mohammad

The Jordanian official took plans of the Capital Area to Jordan to make a study and submit advice to local engineers.

Mr. Ali Salem Said that a committee was formed for numbering and naming of streets but ran into difficulty having not enough accurate plans of the area.

He said the new department has started collecting the latest plans for the localities in the Capital. The plans will be verified by engineers and surveyors of the department before the numbering begins.

Once accurate plans of various areas are ready there will be no problem in naming and numbering he added.

The new department has also started renovation of name plates in some streets and roads.

Mr. Ali Salem said a new committee will be formed to

choose suitable names for streets and roads in order of merit. They will be named after leading Omani personalities as well as famous names in Islam.

He appealed to other ministries especially, the GTO and Water and Electricity Departments to help the numbering department in their job.

In reply to a question Mr. Ali Salem said the addressing of houses will be done on the same pattern as in other capitals.

The Capital Area will be divided into different areas and each area will have a code number. There will be numbers of roads buildings and flats.

He said once the whole Capital Area is numbered new houses will be given numbers along with the NOC for building.

Pakistan envoy



The new Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Mr. Abdul Hamid Qureshi arrived in Muscat on Sunday.

He was received at the airport by Mr. Ghayoor Ahmad, Charge d'Affaires and prominent members of the Pakistani community.

Mr. Qureshi replaces Mr. Anwer Said, who left Muscat early this year.

Change your dirham notes

Holders of UAE currency in four denominations have two months to change them for new ones issued by the UAE authorities.

The notes, of the value of 1, 5, 10 and 50 dirhams, can be changed in Oman, at the National Bank of Abu Dhabi in Muttrah High Street.

A spokesman at the bank said that they will be accepting the old notes up to the end of October.

The new notes were issued in July by the Central Bank of Abu Dhabi.

According to reports in Arabic newspapers, the notes are being replaced because of early wear and tear due to the paper not being suitable for the climate.

Central Bank of Oman sources confirmed the order saying they had received notification to this effect.

Police — city talks

Sayyid Abdalla bin Hamad al Busaidi, Chairman of the Municipal Council and President of the Capital Municipality received on Tuesday Major Salem Basher, acting officer in-charge of the Capital Area Police Division.

They discussed steps to boost co-operation between the Capital Municipality and the Royal Oman Police in city affairs.

Sayyid Abdalla sought police cooperation in implementing various municipal regulations concerning health, buildings, cleanliness and illegal encroachments. He also asked the Capital police chief for help in maintaining security in public parks and other municipal places.

The Capital Municipality President thanked the police for cooperation extended to the Capital Municipality and its branches.

Major Salem Basher assured Sayyid Abdalla that the Royal Oman Police would give its best possible cooperation and was ready to help in emergencies such as storms.

‘Health in the schools’ report

A total of 24,782 school children were treated for illness during the first six months of this year.

These statistics were released by Dr. Hassan Moosa Jaffar, head of the School Health Section of the Directorate of Preventive Medicine of the Ministry of Health.

Pupils treated either in school or in hospital included: chest ailments 205; heart 30; ear, nose and throat 1,065; eyes, 1,507; teeth 2,378; surgery 4,779; skin 738 and infectious diseases 293. Those receiving medicine totalled 13,659.

Apart from students, 521 teachers were also given treatment for various complaints by the staff of the School Health Section.

Dr. Hassan said health visitors in every school every morning check students for personal hygiene and cleanliness and if they discover symptoms of any disease in a pupil he is isolated and referred to the school doctor.

The section is getting ready to



Dr. Hassan Moosa Jaffar

start vaccination of primary school children when they begin their new session on September 24. The students will be vaccinated against T.B. and polio.

The vaccination will be done by the section in the Capital Area while health centres will do the work in Interior schools.

A call to employers

The Director General of Labour Affairs has announced that Omani nationals employing non-Arab governesses or maids should contact or send their representatives to the Directorate General of Labour Affairs or the Department of Woman and Child Affairs at the Ministry premises in Khuwair during office hours or ring 602444 (ext. 294)

Bishop's visit

“Oman is making incredible progress under His Majesty Sultan Qaboos”, according to the Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Athanasius, Suffragan Metropolitan Bishop of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church in Malabar, Kerala, who is on his third visit to the Sultanate. The Bishop first visited Oman in 1976.

The prelate was in Muscat to participate in the eighth anniversary celebration of the Mar Thoma Parish (Oman) this week.

The Bishop leaves for Bahrain tomorrow after morning communion services at the Ruwi church.

Flyover

Work on the Ruwiflyover will be completed on schedule by 7 September.

LATEST

• The Israeli Prime Minister Mr Menechem Begin has confirmed that he is going to resign but said he will not do so formally for a few days. The news came after several hours of talks between Mr Begin and his coalition partners.

According to the BEC the delay is a purely political move to give the ruling coalition time to rally its forces to try to deny the opposition Labour Party the chance to form a Government.

• In another major development, Israel Radio said the redeployment of Israeli troops in Lebanon has again been delayed following a personal appeal from US President Ronald Reagan to Mr Begin.

• As political moves continued in Israel and Lebanon, there was heavy and widespread fighting in Beirut itself, mainly in the western part of the city.

News agency report spoke of an explosion inside the compound of the French Embassy after rockets or shells landed there. Four people are reported to have been injured.

• In Chile, the Governor of the capital, Santiago, was shot dead in an ambush along with his chauffeur and an escort. A small truck carrying five people, two of them women, drew up alongside and opened fire with machine guns just as the Governor was leaving his home for his office.

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Close to 90,000 more COVID-19 vaccine doses arrive in Oman

Arrival of another lot of AstraZeneca vaccine through COVAX to help strengthen fight against pandemic

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman on Tuesday received 86,400 doses of AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine through COVAX.

COVAX is a global initiative

co-led by the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), Gavi (the Vaccines Alliance) and the World Health Organization, which works with governments and manufacturers to accelerate the development, production and equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines around the world.

To date, 1 billion doses of AstraZeneca's vaccine have been released for supply to more than 170 countries and accounts for approximately two thirds of COVAX supply to date.

In line

Dr. Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Saidi, Minister of Health, said: "In line with the national strategy for the purchase and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, we are pleased to receive the new batch



of COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca via the COVAX initiative. The delivery of this important shipment is part of a series of arrivals to continue the vaccination

campaign. We are delighted to see positive outcomes as we continue to make COVID-19 vaccines available to the public."

Sameh Elfangary, Country

President for GCC and Pakistan, AstraZeneca, said: "I was delighted to see the arrival of further doses of COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca to Muscat.

Best protection

"This is wonderful news for the people of Oman as vaccines remain the safest, most cost-effective protection against COVID-19 and are a powerful tool to address the pandemic and save lives around the world. On behalf of AstraZeneca, I would like to thank our partners at COVAX for making this possible. This milestone further demonstrates the value of governments, industry and others working together to fight against the pandemic."

AstraZeneca is committed to supplying the vaccine broadly and equitably around the world at no profit during the pandemic period. The supply of the vaccine is estimated to have helped save tens of thousands of lives and to have significantly reduced hospitalisations.

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PANDEMIC UPDATE

61 new cases of COVID-19

MUSCAT: As many as 61 new cases of COVID-19 were registered in Oman during the past 24 hours, in addition to 1 new related death. This brings the total number of COVID-19 cases in Oman to 302,300. The total number of COVID-19-related deaths reached 4,064, the Ministry of Health said.

The Ministry added that 183 new cases have recovered, bringing the total number of recoveries to 291,904. The Ministry also pointed out that 9 cases were hospitalised over the past 24 hours, as the total number of current hospitalised COVID-19-infected patients stands at 112. Of them, 54 are in intensive care units (ICUs). -ONA

BACK TO SCHOOL

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Mall of Oman set to open today

Located in Bausher, Mall of Oman will welcome visitors who can enjoy some of the world's best brands under one roof

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman's newest mall, and one of its largest, is all set to open at 11 am today. The Mall of Oman, located in Bausher, will be open to visitors who can enjoy an amazing experience and check out some of the world's best brands under one roof.

Built on more than 150,000 sqm of land, although there are only a limited number of stores open to the public right now, when the mall reaches full capacity, it will feature over 350 stores, as well as a plethora of amazing entertainment options.

Visitors who wish to do their daily shopping at the mall will find all and more than they need at the vast Carrefour hypermarket within, which spans over 12,000 square metres.

A number of other well-known brands will open their stores to customers today, including Aldo, Charles and Keith, Dune London, La Vie en Rose, Birkenstock, Skechers, Dollar Plus, Inglot, and R&B.

Plans are also underway for other brands such as Adidas, Crocs, Rituals, New Yorker, The Children's Place, Tim Hortons, LC Waikiki, Rituals, Levis' and R&B



GRAND STRUCTURE: Built on more than 150,000 sqm of land, when the mall reaches its full capacity, it will have over 350 stores, as well as a plethora of amazing entertainment options.



Kids to soon set up operations in the mall.

On at the mall is a dinosaur show running until October 30. Featuring a rideable T-Rex, a digging expedition, and a wonderful augmented reality experience, Dino World will take visitors 190 million years into the past.

"The tourism and retail sectors are integral to Oman's economy and are poised to drive economic growth and contribute to diversification in the country," said Ghaith Shocair, CEO at Majid Al Futtaim ShoppingMalls. "These objectives are aligned with Vision 2040 and we are privileged to be able to contribute to this vision as long-term

partners and investors."

"By developing Mall of Oman, we continue to contribute to the growth of the local tourism industry and enable job creation for residents both during and post construction," he added. "A development project of this size and scope is beneficial to Oman's citizens and residents and will positively contribute to economic and social development in the Sultanate."

Once developments at the mall pick up speed, Moviegoers can book tickets for any one of the 14 and above multi-screen theatres, or can head over to the 14,000 square metre indoor snow park,

which will deliver visitors to an icy Omani port town, complete with a shipwreck and a frozen lighthouse.

The snow park also has an ice skating trail, a mesmerising snow village, and a warm and welcoming snow café, filled with delicious treats for the family to enjoy, once they have taken a few photos with the park's resident penguins. This aside, there is an addition 3,600 sqm of space for other entertainment and leisure activities

To ease access to the mall, extensive road upgrades to interchange number 6 on the Muscat Expressway have been completed, along with four new bridges and an underpass serving the mall. Exten-

sive retaining walls and utility divisions have also been completed to facilitate the works. The new access will add to the convenience of visiting the mall as it will directly lead to the 5,200 dedicated parking bays. More than a kilometre of the 12-metre-high retaining walls are now in place, as well as the initial road directional signage for Mall of Oman.

Mall of Oman is part of Majid Al Futtaim's strategy to increase its total investment in Oman to OMR 705mn by 2020. The company's investment in the country's retail and entertainment infrastructure includes City Centre Suhar which opened its doors in January, as well as other properties including the recently upgraded City Centre Qurum and City Centre Muscat, which also underwent an OMR27mn expansion.

The agreement to develop Mall of Oman, featuring an investment of OMR288 million, a retail potential of OMR 1.8bn, and a trade area population of 1.5mn people, was signed by Majid Al Futtaim Properties and Muscat Municipality in December 2013. It is expected to generate 3,500 jobs once opened, in addition to the 1,500 created during its construction.

STRONG RELATIONS

Royal Office Minister meets Italian Chief of Defence



Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al-Numani, Minister of the Royal Office yesterday received Gen. Enzo Vecciarelli, Chief of Defence of the Italian Republic. -ONA

MUSCAT: Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al-Numani, Minister of the Royal Office yesterday received Gen. Enzo Vecciarelli, Chief of Defence of the Italian Republic and his accompanying delegation.

Al-Numani stressed the strong relations between the two countries, and the progress seen by these relations in several spheres.

In his turn, Gen. Vecciarelli expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Sultanate over its role at the regional and international levels.

The meeting also reviewed the march of good relations binding Oman with Italy. The two sides also discussed several matters of common interest.

The meeting was attended by Vice Admiral Abdullah Khamis A-Ra'eesi, Chief of Staff of the Sultan's Armed Forces (SAF) and the Ambassador of the Italian Republic to the Sultanate. -ONA



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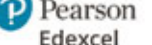
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BILATERAL RELATIONS

< FROM A1 Oman-Saudi trade

These include among others the Omani-Saudi Business Council which was held on the first day, the Omani-Saudi Investment Forum on the second day, which comprised an overview of several projects in industrial zones and free zones.

Earlier, Dr Ali Amer Al Shidhani, Communications and Information Technology Undersecretary

received Dr Ibrahim Mahmoud Babelli, Deputy Minister for Planning and Vision Realisation in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).

The two sides reviewed spheres of cooperation in the digital economy field and the joint projects and initiatives. They also explored means of benefiting from the experiences of the two countries in the digital economy field.

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

His Majesty sends cable of greetings

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Shavkat Mirziyoyev of the Republic of Uzbekistan on his country's Independence Anniversary on Tuesday.

In the cable, His Majesty ex-

pressed his sincere sentiment and best wishes of good health and wellbeing to President Mirziyoyev.

His Majesty also wished the people of Uzbekistan further progress and prosperity.

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INVESTMENT CLIMATE

Saudi business delegation explores opportunities in Sohar Industrial City

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A high profile Saudi business delegation was briefed about the investment climate in Sohar Industrial City on Tuesday by Madayn.

Officials of Public Establishment for Industrial Estates (Madayn) briefed the trade team in attracting industrial investments and providing continued support. They highlighted the regionally and globally competitive strategies, good infrastructure, value added services and easy governmental processes which Madayn offers to investors.

His Excellency 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 welcomed the Saudi business delegates.

"Sohar Industrial City is divided into seven phases where the occupancy rate in the first four phases has touched 100 per cent, while the occupancy of phases 5 and 6 is almost 70 per cent, and of phase 7 it is about 40 per cent," Hamad bin Hamoud Al Qasabi, Director General of Sohar Industrial City, informed the delegates.

Developing phase 7

"Work is in full-swing in developing phase 7, which will be completed during the first half of next year and shall provide integrated infrastructure and more space to attract and localise new investments," he added.

"Phase 7 of Sohar Industrial City is being implemented by Madayn on an area of 8.5 million



square metres, and incorporates road works, water and sewage networks, sewage treatment plant, rain drainage channels, water tanks in addition to security requirements," he said.

The total investment volume in Sohar Industrial City has exceeded OMR2 billion and a total of 380 industrial, service and commercial projects are operating in the city, which employ more than 13,700 personnel," Al Qasabi said.

Also, Madayn is currently working on implementing two strategic projects in the industrial city, the first is Madayn Vehicle Complex (Motkar) and the other the Plastic Industries Complex," he informed.

Motkar project will feature an integrated hub for car trading, spare parts, car accessories and services, and showrooms on an area touching one million square metres.

Regarding the plastics complex project, Al Qasabi said that Ma-

dayn, in coordination with OQ and Oman Vision 2040 Implementation Follow-up Unit, is working on finalising the project's preparatory phase. An area exceeding one million square metres has been allocated for the plastics complex project in Sohar Industrial City.

Incentives

Outlining the incentives offered by Madayn to woo investments, Al Qasabi said it includes lease period of lands and facilities for up to 30 years and renewable for the same period, right to waive the lease right for the remaining period of the contract, right to sell constructions and buildings on the leased land.

Other incentives included the right to involve new partners in the lease contract, fair evaluation of buildings and facilities upon the termination of the lease contract, developed and equipped lands with basic services (water, electricity, telecom, roads); transpar-

ent legal frameworks illustrating rights and obligations; punctuality in service delivery; in addition to other incentives.

The Saudi business delegates were later also familiarised with the objectives of Masar Service Centre in Sohar Industrial City.

The centre acts as an ideal platform that eases investment application procedures for the investors as they are able to obtain related approvals, permits and licenses under one platform and within a specific timeframe.

Madayn established Masar to provide integrated services required by the investors to contribute in enhancing the investment climate in the Sultanate.

The Saudi business delegation then toured Sohar Industrial City and visited Sohar Aluminium Company, which was established in 2004 to undertake a landmark Greenfield aluminium smelter project in Oman.

MINISTER OF LABOUR

< FROM A1 New evaluation system to ensure fairness in task assignment

Regarding challenges expected to face the project, he said that "Any human project is faced with challenges and the system is established on partnership as there would be an agreement between the employee and the official, a written document on the targeted goals to be signed at the beginning of the year by the employee and official". There would be flexibility in revising the targeted goals as there may arise any circumstances beyond the control of the employee which require revision of the goals, he added.

He said that the current evaluation system of employees was established on personal basis. We should not have fears in terms of the new system as we now have 15 government entities applying objective evaluation systems. The new system would ensure fairness in assignment of tasks, he added.

According to the globally followed system, amounts for incentive should be annually allocated.

In the old appraisal system, all get promoted in a certain year or years and get the same annual allowances with a few who get exceptional incentives, he said.

In the new system, there would be no group promotions and there is a category that gets annual promotions in accordance with the annual financial allocations available for each entity.

On the institutional excellence system, he said that this system is for evaluation of the performance

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of the ministries and institutions in accordance with international criteria including innovation among other criteria. He also reaffirmed that the Ministry of Labour designs the system and is not concerned with the evaluation of the performance of the ministries, as there are intuitions tasked with this responsibility and role, including the Oman Vision 2040 Implementation and Follow Up Unit, as per a Royal Decree. This role may be assigned later to State Administrative and Financial Audit Institution and the Council of Ministers (State Council & Majlis Al Shura).

LOCKDOWN

COVID-19 lockdown extended in Australian capital amid battle against 3rd wave



CANBERRA: The coronavirus lockdown in the Australian capital has been extended for two weeks as the country continued to battle the third wave of COVID-19 infections.

On Tuesday morning, Australia reported 1,253 new locally-acquired cases of COVID-19, 1,164 of which were from New South Wales (NSW), Australia's most populous state with Sydney as the capital city. Victoria, the second-most populous state with Melbourne as the capital city, reported a further 76 new local cases. The Australian Capital Territory (ACT) reported another 13 new local cases, taking the total number of active cases in the territory to 242.

Seven of the ACT new cases have been linked to previous cases or exposure sites and four were in quarantine for their entire infectious period.

Canberra's strict lockdown was due to end on Thursday but Chief Minister of ACT Andrew Barr announced on Tuesday that it will now end on Sept. 17 at the earliest.

"Today's headline case num-

bers show that we are bending the curve down and we are getting on top of the outbreak. However, it is a slow process and it will take more time," Barr said.

Under the extended restrictions, people are asked to continue to stay at home and minimize close contact with others outside of their households to reduce the transmission potential of the virus.

However, there will be some amendments to restrictions, including for lower risk outdoor activities.

From Thursday afternoon, residents in Canberra who work mostly outdoors such as gardeners will be allowed to return to work. The daily outdoor exercise limit will be increased from one to two hours and up to five people will be allowed to gather outdoors.

ACT schools will continue with remote learning and some businesses will remain closed.

Chief Health Officer Kerry Coleman said the extension was the "best decision" to keep the capital safe. **ANI**

RECORD-HIGH CASELOADS

Nurses threaten mass resignation in Philippines amid COVID surge

MANILA: The Philippines is currently experiencing record-high COVID caseloads driven by the highly transmissible delta variant. As hospitals fill up, overworked nurses have staged protests and are threatening mass resignations if government benefits are not paid by September 1.

At the start of the pandemic last year, the Philippines' government set aside special risk allowances for health care workers, which included hazard pay and money for accommodation and transportation.

However, health care worker unions allege that the promised benefits and compensation have not been paid out.

"Health care workers are tired and extremely demoralized. Many have already resigned and many more want to," said Jao Clumia, union president of St. Luke's Medical Center, one of the largest private hospitals in Manila.

The dispute over payouts stems from a stipulation that only health care workers directly handling COVID patients are entitled to receive benefits. However, health care workers claim that this provision is both unfair and unrealistic.

Could hospitals close in the Philippines?

"When you work in a hospital during a pandemic like COVID-19, you are exposed to the virus. It's as if you have one foot in your grave already," Clumia told DW. "Our hospitals will close if we don't address this issue," he added.

The Philippines Department of Health has pleaded with health care worker unions to reconsider plans for mass resignation.

"We understand their points, but we want to explain to them



DELTA VARIANT: As hospitals fill up, overworked nurses have staged protests and are threatening mass resignations if government benefits are not paid by September 1

that there are policies that we have to follow," Department of Health undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said in a press conference.

Takeshi Kasai, the World Health Association (WHO) Western Pacific Regional Director, called on the government to ensure that health care workers receive adequate support.

According to Department of Health data, over 22,000 COVID cases were reported in the Philippines on August 30. The seven-day moving average of new cases is currently more than 16,000. Hospital beds are also filling up around the country.

Surge comes amid hospital staff shortage

The Philippines is one of the world's top sources for nurses, however, many hospitals and health care facilities in the country are consistently understaffed.

According to labor unions, low wages are a major deterrent. Many nurses say they would prefer to work abroad or in alternative industries that offer more competitive salaries.

"There has always been a chronic understaffing of nurses. This pandemic has just made it worse. Nurses are severely overwhelmed," said Maristela Abenojar, national president of Filipino

Nurses United (FNU), a national labor association for nurses.

She said the FNU has received reports of certain hospitals with a shortage of 100 or more nurses.

"Some nurses are working 12-hour shifts and caring for as many as 20 patients. They forgo meals and bathroom breaks to save on PPEs. All of this is putting them at increased risk of COVID infection and adding to their fears of catching the disease. Their working conditions are no longer humane," Abenojar told DW.

"The government has the funds but health worker benefits and salaries are not prioritized by the health department," Abenojar added. **mw**

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WORLD



US exits Afghanistan after its longest war

Five American C-17 cargo jets flew out of Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul on Tuesday morning

KABUL: The United States forces left Afghanistan on Tuesday morning, marking the end of chaotic and messy exit from America's longest war.

The last US military planes flew out of Afghanistan. According to New York Times, five American C-17 cargo jets flew out of Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul on Tuesday morning. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken terms it a beginning of a new chapter of American engagement with Afghanistan.

"It's one in which we will lead with our diplomacy. The military mission is over," he tweeted.

Blinken has announced that the US has suspended diplomatic presence in Kabul and transferred "our operations to Doha, Qatar."

"For the time being, we will use this post in Doha to manage our diplomacy with Afghanistan," he said.

He assured that the United States will continue to support humanitarian aid to the Afghan people.

"It will not flow through the government, but rather through independent organizations, like @UN agencies & NGOs. We expect that those efforts will not be impeded by the Taliban or anyone," he tweeted.

The US' last few days in Af-



ghanistan were marred by a complete takeover by the Taliban, the collapse of the Afghan government, hasty foreign troops evacuation that left behind tens of thousands of Afghans desperate to flee the country, and horrific terrorists attack that killed scores of Afghans.

The Department of Defense has tweeted a picture of Maj. Gen. Chris Donahue, commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, boarding a C-17 to depart Kabul.

On Monday, Gen. Kenneth "Frank" McKenzie, the top general of US Central Command, told reporters that Donahue and the top US diplomat in Kabul, Charge d'Affaires Ross Wilson, were the last two US officials to step off of Afghanistan soil and onto a US military aircraft out of Afghanistan.

According to the New York Times, Taliban terrorists celebrated the "full independence" of Afghanistan. Celebratory gunfire broke out

across the city in the predawn hours on Tuesday in Kabul.

"The last American soldiers departed from Kabul airport, and our country has achieved a full independence, thanks to God," Zabihullah Mujahid, the Taliban spokesman, said on Twitter.

Moreover, the control of the airport was left in the hands of the Taliban, who said they were still working on the shape of their new government.

The war in Afghanistan began under former President George Bush following the 9/11 terror attack in the US by al Qaeda terrorists. The nearly two-decade war cost over \$2 trillion, took more than 170,000 lives and ultimately failed to defeat the Taliban, the terror group who allowed al Qaeda to operate there.

As of Monday, more than 122,000 people had been airlifted from Hamid Karzai International Airport since July, Pentagon spokesman John Kirby told reporters, includ-

ing 5,400 Americans.

President Joe Biden thanked the final US forces serving in Afghanistan for executing the "dangerous retrograde from Afghanistan as scheduled," with no further loss of American lives, in a statement released Monday evening, making the end of the United States' longest war.

"The past 17 days have seen our troops execute the largest airlift in US history, evacuating over 120,000 US citizens, citizens of our allies, and Afghan allies of the United States. They have done it with unmatched courage, professionalism, and resolve," the President wrote in the statement released Monday night.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken lauded the effort of the operation, calling it "one of the most difficult in our nation's history."

Speaking from the State Department, Blinken referenced the various challenges of the mission, noting that what the United States achieved was a "feat of logistics and coordination under some of the most challenging circumstances imaginable."

As US troops leave Afghanistan, the United Nations Security Council approved a resolution for creating a "safe passage" zone for people seeking to leave Afghanistan from Kabul's airport after the US withdrawal from the country.

The Council is relying on the Taliban to secure a safe passage out for Afghans and foreign nationals seeking to leave the country.

Following the adoption of the UN resolution, UN Director at Human Rights Watch Louis Charbonneau issued a statement urging the Taliban to uphold human rights and he called on other countries to "do their part by speedily processing asylum claims and issuing visas for at-risk Afghans so they can resettle." **ANI**

EVACUATION

Over 120,000 US, foreign citizens, Afghan nationals evacuated, says Biden

WASHINGTON DC: US President Joe Biden on Monday said that over 120,000 US and foreign citizens, Afghan nationals have been evacuated in the last 17 days as 20-year US military presence in Afghanistan has ended.

"The past 17 days have seen our troops execute the largest airlift in US history, evacuating over 120,000 US citizens, citizens of our allies, and Afghan allies of the United States.

"They have done it with unmatched courage, professionalism, and resolve. Now, our 20-year military presence in Af-

ghanistan has ended," Biden said in a statement.

Biden also said that he will address the American people on US troops withdrawal from Afghanistan on Tuesday.

"Tomorrow afternoon, I will address the American people on my decision not to extend our presence in Afghanistan beyond August 31," he said, adding that "for now, I will report that it was the unanimous recommendation of the Joint Chiefs and of all of our commanders on the ground to end our airlift mission as planned." **ANI**



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END OF MILITARY INTERVENTION

Taliban say US defeat 'big lesson' for other invaders

KABUL: The Taliban celebrated the departure of Western "occupiers" on Tuesday, hours after the last US plane left Afghanistan, but also said they wanted to have good diplomatic relations with the United States and the rest of the world.

The final departure of the US evacuation marked the end of 20 years of military intervention.

"Congratulations to Afghanistan ... this victory belongs to us all," said Taliban spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid at a press conference held from the Kabul airport runway.

"We want to have good relations with the US and the world. We welcome good diplomatic relations with them all," he added.

'Big lesson for other invaders'

The Taliban now hold full control of Hamid Karzai International, and their vehicles raced back and forth along its sole runway on the northern military side of the airfield. Taliban leaders later symbolically walked across the runway.

American defeat in Afghanistan is a "big lesson for other invaders and for our future generation," Mujahid said. "It is also a lesson for the world."

Mohammad Naeem, a spokesperson for the Taliban's political office in Qatar, expressed a similar sentiment in a video posted online. "Thank God

all the occupiers have left our country completely," he said early Tuesday.

"This victory was given to us by God. It was due to 20 years of sacrifice by the mujahedeen and its leaders. Many mujahedeen sacrificed their lives," Naeem said, referring to Taliban fighters.

A 'moment of decision & opportunity'

Many Afghans dread living under the Taliban regime, which ruled the country from 1996 to 2001.

Their previous reign was characterized by poor treatment of women and girls, widespread human rights abuses, and a brutal justice system. **ANI**

LEADED PETROL ERA

UN hails milestone as Algeria halts sale of leaded petrol

ALGIERS: The UN on Monday declared the "official end" of the leaded petrol era, saying that Algeria had become the last country to stop selling fuel with the harmful additive.

"The successful enforcement of the ban on leaded petrol is a huge milestone for global health and our environment," said Inger Andersen, executive director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

The UNEP said that the global effort to finally stop using all leaded petrol was estimated to have saved 1.2 million people from premature death per year, as well as reducing crime and considerably boosting the world economy.

Experts linked its use in vehicles to premature death, health issues, soil and air pollution. **ANI**



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Al Watani White flour 25 kg (H.B.F) Zanzibar	900	15,000	-	15,900
Al Watani Atta flour 25kg	4,777	-	-	4,777
Al Watani White flour 25kg	15,385	10,000	-	25,385
Al Fanar White flour 50kg	1,347	2,000	-	3,347
Al Fanar White flour 25kg	875	4,000	-	4,875
Al Fanar White flour 10kg	947	4,000	-	4,947
Al Fanar Atta flour 50kg	1,206	3,000	-	4,206
Al Fanar Atta flour 25kg	900	4,000	-	4,900
Al Fanar Atta flour 10kg	900	4,000	-	4,900
Chakki Atta 50kg (white)	2,600	-	-	2,600
Home Baking 10kg	3,000	-	-	3,000
Home Baking 50kg	5,420	4,000	-	9,420
Al Watani White flour 10kg	2,270	-	-	2,270
Select flour 11kg	7,200	7,000	-	14,200
Al Watani White flour 50 kg Zanzibar	2,311	-	-	2,311

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Al Harthy eyeing strong result after recent Road To Le Mans success

For the coming weekend's three-hour race, Al Harthy will be partnered by Northern Ireland's Charlie Eastwood

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Championship winning Fanatec GT World Challenge Europe Powered by AWS Endurance Cup racer Ahmad Al Harthy will make a welcome return to the ultra-competitive GT3 category this weekend, 4th/5th September, for the penultimate event of the season at the Nurburgring in Germany.

Oman Racing's Al Harthy, a double Pro-Am class title winner in the huge pan-European series, will appear in GT World Challenge Europe for the first time since



WELCOME RETURN: Oman Racing's Al Harthy, will appear in GT World Challenge Europe for the first time since wrapping-up his second championship victory in the category back in September 2019.

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For the coming weekend's three-hour race at the Nurburgring, the Aston Martin Vantage GT3 driver will be partnered by Northern Ireland's Charlie Eastwood – with whom Al Harthy won the 2019 Pro-Am crown – and Italian racer Giacomo Petrobelli.

Fresh from podium success in the recent Road To Le Mans races, as support to the world-renowned Le Mans 24 Hours in France, and race victory in the Intelligent Money British GT Championship in August, Al Harthy cannot now wait to be back in GT World Challenge Europe Endurance.

"I'm really looking forward to coming back to the championship previously known as Blancpain, where we had so much success and such great achievements in the past", said Al Harthy.

"I'm also looking forward to coming back into GT World Challenge Europe Endurance with our fantastic new look and livery and, of course, our wonderful new partnerships.

"It's one of the strongest GT3 championships in the world and

I'm really looking forward to teaming with Giacomo for the first time and also reuniting with Charlie, back racing at this level as part of a category Oman Racing has won twice before in the Pro-Am class."

He added: "It's a very strong field, it always is in this championship, but we're aiming to make a strong and competitive challenge as we always do.

"Nurburgring is a very special circuit and Oman Racing is delighted to be back racing in Germany for the first time since 2016. Hopefully Charlie, Giacomo and I, and the TF Sport guys who prepare the car, can enjoy a successful weekend."

Supported by partners Omantel, OQ and the Oman Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth, Al Harthy's return to action in GT World Challenge is something he is relishing as he seeks to once again proudly fly the flag of Oman in competition against the premier drivers and teams in Europe.

Following testing at the Nurburgring on Friday, 3rd September, additional free practice will be held on Saturday, 4th September, ahead of pre-qualifying at 12.55 local time.

OMAN SAIL

Oman Sail to welcome sailors to the Sultanate for international competition

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Sail is gearing up for a packed winter season as competitive sailing is back on the agenda with seven major tournaments taking place between October and December. The return of sport to the Sultanate will be a welcome boost to the national tourism economy which has faced an incredibly challenging period during the pandemic.

The influx of sailors, coaches, race officials and media from around the world is expected to exceed 2400 arrivals into Oman, delivering a multitude of socio-economic benefits to the country.

Dr Khamis Al Jabri, CEO of Oman Sail, said, "The Sultanate of Oman has gained a strong reputation as a world class venue for high profile events. We are excited to use all of our expertise to deliver a series of memorable and impactful championships at marinas across the country in what promises to be the busiest period for sport that Oman has ever seen.

After such a long period of enforced down time this is a spectacular way to show that Oman is ready to welcome the world for authentic experiences, famed warm hospitality and perfect conditions for high level sailing."

Dermot Birchall, General Man-



ager at Barceló Mussanah Resort, said, "The entire hospitality industry is acutely aware of how difficult the past 18 months have been and we are all looking forward to welcoming guests back to Oman from around the world. The mild winter here in Mussanah is perfect for visitors and with such an impressive festival of top-class sailing about to begin, we welcome the revival of tourism to Oman once again."

The packed calendar kicks off on 11 October with the Asian Windsurfing Championships in Mussanah, before the focus shifts to Mussanah where the anticipated Mussanah Race Week returns from 20 Octo-

ber-5 November and the Asian 49er, 49er FX & Nacra 17 Championships kicks off straight afterwards on 5 November. The stakes are raised even higher a week later when the 2021 49er, 49er FX & Nacra 17 World Championships also in Mussanah, then Sailing Arabia – The Tour makes a comeback, beginning once again in Mussanah before heading south to Sur before finishing up in Muscat.

While the sailors are battling it out on the water in Sur at Sailing Arabia – The Tour, Mussanah once again plays host to a world championship as the 2021 ICLA Radial World Championships gets underway on 29 November.

Oman was chosen as a late replacement host when Houston, Texas, in the United States had to withdraw.

The final event of the season is the most prestigious as the 50th edition of the Youth Sailing World Championships come to Oman for the very first time. Regarded as a blue-chip event by World Sailing, the Youth World Championships are a highlight of the global sailing calendar and the perfect way to bring an action-packed winter season to a close.

Oman Sail has also secured the World Race Walking Team Championships, which will take place in Muscat in March 2022 as sports and adventure tourism looks to provide a boost to tourism operators, hotels, local restaurants and communities. Oman Sail lend its support to Oman Hockey Association (OHA) in presenting the bid to the International Hockey Federation (FIH) to host the Hockey5s World Cup in 2024, which the Sultanate proudly won. Each event has the potential to showcase the country to new audiences and attract new visitors to the country when full international travel becomes possible again. Previous international events that Oman Sail hosted were popular running events Al Mouj Muscat Marathon and Oman by UTMB®.

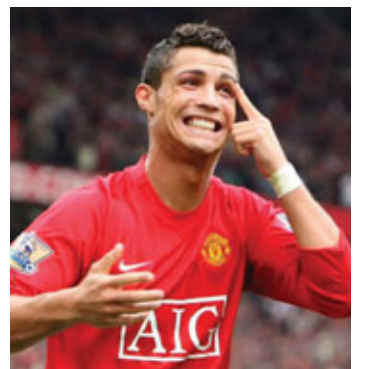
PREMIER LEAGUE

Cristiano Ronaldo 'overwhelmed' since announcement of his Man Utd return

MANCHESTER: Cristiano Ronaldo has stated he is overwhelmed by all the messages since Manchester United announced his return to England from Juventus.

On Tuesday, the Premier League club confirmed that they have reached an agreement with Juventus for the transfer of Cristiano Ronaldo, subject to agreement of personal terms, visa and medical. After re-signing for the Red Devils, Cristiano Ronaldo told manutd.com: "Manchester United is a club that has always had a special place in my heart, and I have been overwhelmed by all the messages I have received since the announcement on Friday. I cannot wait to play at Old Trafford in front of a full stadium and see all the fans again. I'm looking forward to joining up with the team after the international games, and I hope we have a very successful season ahead."

Manchester United head coach, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said: "You run out of words to describe Cristiano. He is not only a marvellous player, but also a great human being. To have the desire and the ability to play at the top level for such a long period requires a very special person. I have no doubt that he will



continue to impress us all and his experience will be so vital for the younger players in the squad. Ronaldo's return demonstrates the unique appeal of this club and I am absolutely delighted he is coming home to where it all started."

Manchester United will pay a fee of EUR15m (£13/\$18m) over the course of five years to seal the Portugal star's return to the Premier League, Juventus confirmed. They will have to pay up to EUR8m (£7m/\$9m) in bonuses "upon achievement of specific performance objectives". The deal will appear as a EUR14m (£12m/\$17m) loss for the Turin side in the 2020-21 financial year. **ANI**

OMAN VS MUMBAI

Oman dismissed for 69 as Mumbai take 2-0 lead in one-day series

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Arman Jaffer smashed a scintillating 122 as Mumbai inflicted a crushing 231-run defeat on Oman in the second one-day to take the unassailable 2-0 lead in the four-match series here at Oman Cricket Academy Ground One in Al Amerat on Tuesday.

Mumbai appear to be batting better as the tour progresses and Arman's century was the highlight of 300 for 8 that included a superb unbeaten 73 from all-rounder Sujit Naik. Oman pacer Mohammed Nadeem picked up 4 for 67 while spinner Nester Dhamba bagged 2 for 30.

Concerned over a string of low scores during the series, Oman surprised everyone with another batting low, getting dismissed for an embarrassing 69 all out in just 22.5 overs, only Nadeem holding his ground amid the ruins with a patient 35.

Mohit Avasthi was the pick of Mumbai bowlers, claiming 4 for



31. Drumil Matkar was equally impressive, taking his 3 wickets for 21. Man of the match Arman said he felt in great touch throughout his 114-ball knock.

"I am happy to have scored a century. It was long overdue and it feels great to have contributed to my team's win," he said.

Mumbai captain Shams Mulani was delighted at his young team finally finding its groove in Oman.

"Our batting really flourished today. We needed somebody to come out and put a big score on the board. I am happy that Arman and Sujith batted brilliantly and laid the foundation for today's win," he added.

After Wednesday's rest day, the two teams will play the third game on Thursday before winding up the series with Friday's last one-day match.

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OMAN CRUDE PRICE FALLS

The price of Oman oil has decreased, with prices for delivery by October 2021 reaching \$69.97, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil fell by \$1.24 from the price of Monday, which was at \$71.21. - OMA

MARKET

BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER

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Sohar Port and Freezone woos Indian businesses

A webinar was held that explored opportunities in Sohar's rapidly growing food cluster, an industry that has already yielded mutual benefits for Indian exporters and Omani distributors

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Sohar Port and Freezone recently held the second webinar in its series with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) designed to increase visibility in the Indian market and highlight trade opportunities between Sohar and Indian businesses.

The webinar explored opportunities in Sohar's rapidly growing food cluster, an industry that has already yielded mutual benefits for Indian exporters and Omani distributors. It also featured three local success stories from Sohar Flour Mills, Oman Oilseeds Crushing Company and Al-Hosn Logistics and Warehousing Services.

Omar Al Mahrizi, CEO of Sohar Freezone, said, "India is one



ATTRACTIVE INCENTIVES: Sohar offers access to raw materials as well as attractive incentives for downstream food processing and packaging. This potentially includes the processing of cereals, bakery products, beverages, edible oils, confectionery, etc. - Supplied picture

of the Sultanate's strongest trade partners in this cluster. The variety of high-quality produce and proximity of producers in India to Oman makes this a sector where we can generate significant traffic increases.

"There are already a large number of Indian companies in Sohar Freezone, 35 per cent of which are Indian, and while there is a strong will to become self-sufficient, the need for produce outstrips growth in Omani produce which stands at 6 per cent per annum.

"We still have a huge trade deficit, importing 10 times the amount exported, which creates the potential for service providers to enter

the market and for more employment opportunities to be created within the sector."

India is the third-largest partner country for food imports by value, behind Saudi Arabia and the Netherlands, however, the volume of the imports suggest India is likely to become the largest exporter. Supplies of fruit, vegetables, cereals, rice, tea, coffee, spices, dairy, eggs and meat can be found throughout the country.

In 2020, India exported almost 16,000 TEU of food products to Oman - 53 per cent of which were fruits and vegetables. Rice, Basmati and non-Basmati varieties accounted for a further 19 per cent of

imports. India also exports a large volume of - mostly frozen - meat to Oman, mainly poultry, buffalo, sheep and goat meat.

Food imports to the GCC region are projected to grow to over \$53 billion with a surrounding market of 2.2 billion people as Oman relies on imports for up to 70 per cent of all food production. Sohar Food Cluster, at Oman's gateway to international trade, is ideally positioned at the crossroads of East-West. It also has its dedicated agro-berth in the port, as well as on-site processing facilities for key commodities including flour, sugar and edible oil.

Sohar Port and Freezone's location offers functional connectivity and global market access. The container terminal, managed by Hutchinson Ports Sohar, now has a 24/7 customs clearing service, specifically for agricultural products. The port operates a customs clearing service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and a bonded transport corridor between port and freezone which allows goods to reach their destination in under 14 minutes.

The freezone is equipped with warehousing and cold storage, logistic service providers and is a vital logistics hub to move goods within the Gulf region.

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CAPITAL MARKET AUTHORITY

Campaign launched on role of capital market in national economy



Times News Service

MUSCAT: The capital markets regulators of the GCC states will resume their awareness campaign in September and October under the theme 'Promising investment in One Gulf'.

The move aims to enhance the knowledge of investment methods in the capital markets and the key concepts and basics related to the capital market to promote the GCC citizens' culture of saving and investment. The programme focuses on GCC investment awareness during the current phase led by the Capital Market Authority (CMA) of Oman in two main themes, emphasising the role of the capital market in the national economy and how to read the financial statements in two consecutive months starting from September 1 to October end.

The awareness programmes aim to acquaint the community with the importance of the capital market as a source of funding for huge development and investment projects supporting the economy and to emphasise on funding characteristics of the capital markets whether to the issuers of securities or the investor.

The awareness message focus on the role of the market in encouraging the youth and students to save and how to utilise their savings in safe and licensed securities investment schemes to take part in the investment opportunities in the various economic sectors.

Furthermore, reading financial statements is a basic element of investment as a sound method for making investment decisions in any listed company, hence the awareness programmes will focus on how to deal with the financial statements to find out about the performance of the companies.

The campaign targets the various categories of the community with a special focus on students and women in their places of work through broadcasting awareness messages in the social media pages of the CMA in the form of infographics or video content concurrently with the securities commissions of the GCC. The CMA will organise four workshops via electronic means on the basics of investment, the role of the capital market in the national economy, reading the financial statements and a seminar on empowering women economically to invest in the securities.

CENTRAL BANK OF OMAN



Treasury bills worth OMR209mn issued

MUSCAT: Oman's central bank raised OMR209 million by way of allotting treasury bills on Tuesday. The treasury bills are for a maturity period of 28 days, from September 1 until September 29.

The average accepted price reached 99.954 for every OMR100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at 99.950 per OMR100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 0.59721 per cent and 0.59748 per cent, respectively.

Treasury bills are short-term highly secured financial instruments issued by the Ministry of Finance, and they provide licensed commercial banks the opportunity to invest their surplus

funds. The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) acts as the Issue Manager and provides the added advantage of ready liquidity through discounting and repurchase facilities (Repo).

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

Furthermore, treasury bills promote the local money market by creating a benchmark yield curve for short-term interest rates. Additionally, the government may also resort to this instrument whenever felt necessary for financing its recurrent expenditures. - OMA

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A total number of 786 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR2.87 million, with more than 18.71 million shares changing hands. Out of 47 traded securities, 13 advanced, 16 declined and 18 remained unchanged. At the session close, foreign investors were net sellers for OMR481,000 while local investors were net buyers for OMR344,000 followed by GCC & Arab investors for OMR137,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 6,321.78 points, up 0.01 per cent. Prices of United Finance, Oman Qatar Insurance, Sohar International Bank, Al Sharqia Investment, and Al Omaniya Financial Services were up by 1.70 per cent, 1.27 per cent, 1.09 per cent, 0.99 per cent, and 0.86 per cent respectively. Prices of Al Anwar Investment, Global Financial Investments, Oman & Emirates Investment, and HSBC Bank Oman were down by 1.67 per cent, 1.43



per cent, 1.32 per cent, and 1.06 per cent respectively. Industrial Index closed at 5,961.66 points, down 0.09 per cent. Prices of National Aluminium, Dhofar Cattle Feed, and Al Maha Ceramics were up by 5.67 per cent, 5 per cent, and 0.86 per cent respectively. Prices of Oman Education & Training, Phoenix Power, Al Suwadi Power, Al Maha Marketing, and Sembcorp Salalah were down by 8.33 per cent, 2.17 per cent, 1.92 per cent, 1.54 per cent, and 1.24 per cent respectively. –

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INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	3,972.76	3,964.27	3,966.75	3,969.91	-3.16	-0.08
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,323.31	6,315.14	6,321.78	6,321.10	0.68	0.01
Industry Index	5,976.97	5,961.66	5,961.66	5,967.09	-5.43	-0.09
Services Index	1,715.92	1,704.36	1,704.36	1,712.74	-8.38	-0.49
MSX Shariah Index	592.37	588.29	588.29	592.51	-4.23	-0.71
MSX TR INDEX	4,868.37	4,857.97	4,861.00	4,864.88	-3.88	-0.08

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
18,712,568	2,871,216	786	21,917,588,507	13	16	18	47

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PD	LAST BD	LAST OFFER	PWA VALUE	MARKET CAP
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REGULAR MARKET

OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	356,650	52,739	44	0.147	0.150	0.146	0.148	0.144	0.004	2.778	0.149	0.149	0.150	0.100	12,580,000
OM0000001155	OMAN INVEST FIN	2,803,592	371,651	77	0.132	0.134	0.131	0.133	0.130	0.003	2,308	0.132	0.132	0.133	0.100	31,521,000
OM0000003389	SCHAHINT BANK	455,000	39,518	16	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.001	1,087	0.083	0.082	0.083	0.100	27,075,753
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INV	235,000	24,048	24	0.100	0.103	0.100	0.102	0.101	0.001	0,990	0.102	0.102	0.103	0.100	9,180,000
OM0000002077	AL OMANIYA FIN S	60,000	7,000	3	0.116	0.117	0.116	0.117	0.116	0.001	0,862	0.117	0.117	0.119	0.100	34,156,415
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	103,774	45,336	4	0.468	0.468	0.460	0.468	0.464	0.004	0,862	0.460	0.460	0.464	0.100	25,740,000
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	2,472,750	155,816	43	0.064	0.064	0.062	0.063	0.063	0.000	0.000	0.063	0.062	0.063	0.100	19,350,218
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD	15,831	5,921	8	0.374	0.374	0.374	0.374	0.374	0.000	0.000	0.374	0.374	0.374	0.100	46,711,837
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	443,871	47,938	7	0.108	0.108	0.108	0.108	0.108	0.000	0.000	0.108	0.108	0.112	0.100	210,565,006
OM0000002786	BANK MUSCAT	1,205,885	530,817	76	0.440	0.442	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.000	0.000	0.440	0.442	0.442	0.100	1,572,768,968
OM0000006920	VISION INSURANCE	54,969	4,448	3	0.081	0.081	0.080	0.081	0.081	0.000	0.000	0.080	0.080	0.081	0.100	8,100,000
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	467,068	179,088	46	0.384	0.386	0.380	0.384	0.386	-0.002	-0.518	0.386	0.386	0.386	0.100	249,962,584
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	350,798	266,340	51	0.764	0.764	0.756	0.760	0.764	-0.004	-0.524	0.756	0.756	0.760	0.100	570,000,000
OM0000002188	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	36,500	16,429	4	0.454	0.454	0.450	0.450	0.454	-0.004	-0.881	0.450	0.450	0.454	0.100	89,000,000
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SER	32,000	14,272	8	0.446	0.446	0.446	0.446	0.450	-0.004	-0.889	0.446	0.446	0.450	0.100	105,438,860
OM0000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	79,000	31,286	16	0.396	0.398	0.396	0.396	0.400	-0.004	-1.000	0.396	0.396	0.408	0.100	24,238,892
OM0000003000	AI MAHA MARKTING	12,142	9,325	1	0.788	0.788	0.788	0.788	0.780	-0.012	-1.538	0.788	0.788	0.780	0.100	52,992,000
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	50,200	5,924	1	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.120	-0.002	-1.667	0.118	0.116	0.120	0.100	23,600,000
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDSTR	20,000	19,600	2	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.980	1.000	-0.020	-2.000	0.980	0.980	0.980	0.100	87,900,000
Total		9,225,040	1,830,696	434												

Parallel Market

OM0000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	1,996,303	297,607	97	0.148	0.154	0.144	0.149	0.141	0.008	5,674	0.152	0.152	0.155	0.100	5,002,146	
OM0000001301	DHOFAH CATTLE	10,000	840	2	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.080	0.004	5,000	0.084	0.078	0.083	0.100	6,791,400	
OM0000004669	SHARQIYAH DESALIN	7,400	887	3	0.118	0.120	0.118	0.120	0.116	0.004	3,448	0.120	0.120	0.000	0.100	11,738,259	
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	771,676	46,154	30	0.060	0.060	0.059	0.060	0.059	0.001	1,695	0.059	0.059	0.060	0.100	20,948,665	
OM0000006979	OMAN QATAR INSUR	200,000	32,000	13	0.160	0.160	0.160	0.160	0.158	0.002	1,246	0.160	0.160	0.160	0.100	16,000,000	
OM0000007084	MCT DESALINATE	56,500	4,690	1	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.082	0.001	1,220	0.083	0.082	0.000	0.100	12,910,683	
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT ENG	5,600	526	2	0.094	0.094	0.094	0.094	0.093	0.001	1,075	0.094	0.092	0.095	0.100	12,220,000	
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	528,562	98,855	20	0.187	0.188	0.187	0.187	0.187	0.000	0.000	0.188	0.187	0.188	0.100	304,051,969	
OM0000001566	OMAN FISHERIES	17,700	1,375	5	0.077	0.078	0.077	0.077	0.077	0.000	0.000	0.078	0.077	0.078	0.100	20,794,380	
OM0000001962	AL MADINA INV	2,565	156	1	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.000	0.000	0.061	0.061	0.064	0.100	4,270,000	
OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAH	650,422	76,599	16	0.117	0.118	0.117	0.118	0.118	0.000	0.000	0.118	0.117	0.118	0.100	353,569,469	
OM0000003083	AL KAMEL POWER	1,290	258	1	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.202	0.202	0.000	0.000	0.200	0.182	0.200	0.100	19,442,500	
OM0000003281	TANGER FINANCE	59,805	4,916	1	0.083	0.083	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.000	0.000	0.082	0.079	0.082	0.100	20,794,380	
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	745,020	59,387	22	0.080	0.080	0.079	0.080	0.080	0.000	0.000	0.079	0.079	0.080	0.100	16,238,916	
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	445	57	2	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.000	0.000	0.129	0.129	0.140	0.100	10,500,955	
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	10,723	1,040	2	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.000	0.000	0.097	0.097	0.105	0.100	222,079,947	
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	2,205,761	231,590	23	0.105	0.105	0.104	0.105	0.105	0.000	0.000	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.100	18,375,000	
OM0000007043	NATIONAL LIFE INS	1,600	592	1	0.370	0.370	0.370	0.370	0.370	0.000	0.000	0.370	0.370	0.370	0.100	98,050,000	
OM0000008447	OMAN REIT FUND	5,000	712	2	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.000	0.000	0.089	0.000	0.089	0.100	58,273,546	
OM0000007407	DHOFAH GENERATING	58,145	7,292	10	0.120	0.125	0.120	0.125	0.126	-0.001	-0.794	0.125	0.115	0.124	0.100	27,790,000	
OM0000001517	HSBC BANK OMAN	338,200	31,453	13	0.093	0.093	0.093	0.093	0.094	-0.001	-1.064	0.093	0.092	0.100	0.100	186,029,089	
OM0000004735	SEMBCORP SALALAH	148,896	11,912	12	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.081	-0.001	-1.235	0.080	0.080	0.081	0.100	76,365,756	
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO	737,476	53,122	32	0.076	0.076	0.074	0.075	0.076	-0.001	-1.316	0.074	0.074	0.075	0.100	1,140,625	
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV H	586,100	40,641	16	0.069	0.070	0.069	0.069	0.070	-0.001	-1.429	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.070	0.100	13,800,000
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	198,000	10,196	13	0.052	0.052	0.051	0.051	0.052	-0.001	-1.923	0.051	0.051	0.052	0.100	36,434,723	
OM0000005983	PHOENIX POWER	96,471	4,383	5	0.046	0.046	0.045	0.045	0.046	-0.001	-2.174	0.045	0.045	0.046	0.100	65,817,066	
OM0000006280	OMAN EDU TRAINING	30,000	6,600	2	0.220	0.220	0.220	0.220	0.240	-0.020	-8.333	0.220	0.220	0.250	0.100	15,400,000	
Total		9,472,808	1,025,801	351													

ECONOMY

India's GDP grows 20% in April to June quarter

NEW DELHI: India's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 20.1 per cent in the April to June quarter (Q1 FY22) as compared to contraction of 24.4 per cent in Q1 FY21, government data released on Tuesday showed. -ANI

THIRD VIRTUAL SESSION

Tax Authority holds session on invoices and tax records

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Tax Authority held its third session on Tuesday, on 'Invoices and Tax Records'. This session comes as part of the value-added tax campaign 'With You and For You', which aims to introduce value-added tax and the mechanism of its application. The session discussed the types of tax invoices and their essential data, tax records and their types, and the mechanism for archiving them. Karima Al Saadi, Acting Director-General of Planning and Tax Policies stressed the importance of the taxable person's obligation to issue a tax invoice containing all the data stipulated in the Value Added Tax Law and its Regulations, to preserve the right of both the trader and the consumer. The taxable trader or service provider should know the types of invoices and the way of issuing them. The profit margin invoice



is issued when the taxable person sells used goods in the framework of the taxable person's activity. The simplified tax invoice can be issued by the VAT taxable person for supplies less than OMR500 after the approval of the Tax Authority. The taxable person may also issue a summary tax invoice that includes all supplies of goods and services made to the same customer within one month, provided that the summary tax invoice includes the same data contained in the tax invoice as

stipulated in Article 144 of these regulations.

The session also highlighted the importance of keeping records, which are the primary means of documenting commercial transactions to use to prepare tax returns and tax examination procedures.

At the end of the session, Al-Saadiya pointed that the taxpayer shall present the tax certificate at the venue of the commercial activity to avoid penalties and administrative fines.

GARTNER REPORT

Worldwide government IT spending to grow 6.5% in 2022

DUBAI: Worldwide government IT spending is forecast to total \$557.3 billion in 2022, an increase of 6.5 per cent from 2021, according to the latest forecast by Gartner, Inc.

"Governments will continue to accelerate investments in digital technologies to respond and recover from the continuing evolution of public health uncertainties due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Irma Fabular, research vice president at Gartner. "The disruptions caused by the pandemic have also reinforced a key digital government tenet, which is public policy and technology are inseparable."

In 2022, increased investments in digital technologies will see governments spend 64 per cent of total IT spending on IT services and software to improve the responsiveness and resilience of public services. These include investments in enhancing customer and employee experience, strengthening analytical capabilities and scaling operational agility.

IT infrastructure and applications modernisation, as well as digital government transformation, will remain high government priorities in 2022.

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CONTACT 99283938

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Contact No. 97228393

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ACCOUNTANT

Indian Male B. Com, MBA having 14 yrs Exp in Accounts/Finance & Admin, upto finalisation, OODO, ERP, Tally & Online Softwares. Oman D/L, Noc/Release Available. Can join immediately.

Email: mq_199820@yahoo.co.in
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With Executive Assistant exposure, well experienced with Oman labour law, well versed in office management, new office induction & administration, Indian male, with Valid Oman D/L, NOC available, seeks suitable placements.

Contact 94948676

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Chief Accountant/Finance Manager. Indian Male with more than 16 years experience in Oman. Can handle accounts of Trading, Manufacturing, Real Estate up to finalization.

Contact 78040335
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JOB WANTED

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JOB WANTED

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MEDICAL

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Indian male experience in Sales and Marketing for 12 years with D/L looking for suitable placement. Contact 71790238



A perfect weekend getaway with family and friends, delicious food, a wonderful stay, and amazing hospitality that Oman is known for the world over, the Sheraton Oman Hotel has it all when it comes to a memorable staycation.



As you walk past the majestic glass entrance and step into the vast lobby of the Sheraton Oman Hotel, just off Muscat's Central Business District (CBD), you are sure to be spellbound by its clean, bright and beautiful entryway, which hints and what lies ahead on your amazing staycation.

Following full compliance to COVID-19 protocol you approach the front desk where courteous receptionists welcome you with a smile as dazzling and warm as the sun outside. The front office lady we met was extremely friendly, quick, efficient, and handed us the keys to our room on the 14th floor.

One look at the room, and it was easy to see that anyone would love to spend a weekend (or much longer) in such a spacious, clean, and very comfortable accommodation providing us a very pleasing view of the city and an uninterrupted vista of the rugged Al Hajar Mountains.

After a hard day's work, all you might want to do is plonk down on the bed, watch your favourite movie using the super-fast complimentary WiFi, or immerse yourself in a tub, enjoying the high quality amenities provided to make the best of your stay. Keep in mind that the room's LED TV also comes with satellite channels.

The landmark Sheraton Oman Hotel, located in Ruwi, has been synonymous with five-star hospitality for over three decades and is one of the tallest buildings in the city of Muscat. The hotel is nestled in its familiar and original environment with elevated rooms. Here one along with the family can dive into the super luxury escape and unlock a world of fun that amalgamates the traditional with the modern.

If you are looking for a workout, enjoy the Sheraton Fitness, Jacuzzi & Spa, with modern equipment and for total pampering, visit the spa for a massage, facial or body treatment. With a fantastic staycation offer, hardly a thing to miss, you can avail a lot of complementary facilities as an honoured guest of the hotel while you enjoy your short but wonderful stay.



MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS GAUCHO NIGHT

Held every Thursday at the Asado Steakhouse between 7:00pm and 11:00pm, guests of Sheraton Oman can enjoy a delicious dinner, featuring flame-grilled prime cuts of the choicest meats. Meats hire will make your tongue dance to the beats of South American authenticity, artfully blending great cuts of meat with Latin flavours, making it one of the finest steakhouses in Muscat.

When: Every Thursday, 7:00pm - 11:00 pm
Where: Asado Steakhouse

THE PAN ASIAN BRUNCH

Head over to Turbine & Taps between 1:30 and 4:30pm every Friday for an unmissable brunch. Inspired from Muscat's service, industry and engineering being the forefront of innovation. Through ingenious mixology, curated blends and a world of hops, this restaurant promises culinary firsts and an extensive gallery of beverages to explore in

contemporary style. There are many words to describe the Pan Asian Brunch, but few can do it justice, not only in taste but also in terms of the sheer variety of dishes. Bursting with flavour are the scrumptious Thai corn fritters, Thod Khao Pod, served alongside wonderfully cured, smoked and spiced sushi and sashimi.

The fresh and tasty salad cart provides a wonderful interlude between dining experiences, whether you covet the Som Thai papaya salad, or the Pepes Ikan, an Indonesian grilled fish wrapped in banana leaves. Do, however, save room for Chinese BBQ chicken and gyoza dumplings featuring a variety of fillings, including duck and prawn.

Your extravagant journey does not end there, however: the next course comprises Vietnamese rolls and money bag wontons served with extra zing provided with a hearty helping of sweet chilli and chilli vinegar. That's followed (yes, there are more) by shrimp and vegetable tempura with eggplants, carrots, onion and

mushroom, and another wondrous sauce selection, featuring a tamarind dip, tempura dip and wasabi aioli.

You might not want to eat another bite by this stage. Understandable, but what you've been served so far is just your appetiser.

A sumptuous main course, consisting of Gulai Ayam (yellow curry with chicken), beef rending (Indonesian coconut beef stew) and an aromatic yellow rice together, stir fried with garlic and vegetables is simply not to be missed.

The old adage - save room for dessert - is just as apt here as it would be on any other gastronomic journey. You'd be hard-pressed to choose between Sangkaya (Thai coconut custard), banana fritters, Japanese Mochi, Klepon (Indonesian sweet rice cake) and ice Kachang, a Malaysian Shave ice treat with nuts. Do not waste time choosing what to savour... have them all, instead.

When: Every Friday, 1:30pm to 4:30pm
Where: Turbine & Taps



OMANI SABLA NIGHT

The Omani Sabla Night at the Sheraton is simply about doing great things with understated skill: great food, great themes, and a great staff that brings to life the true essence of Omani tradition and culture.

Visitors to the Sabla can experience first-hand the traditions of Oman: the utensils, dresses, implements and cooking methods are on display at the Courtyard on Fridays. There is an effort to showcase local recipes, with food preparation going live on the weekend, advertently giving food aficionados a reason to rejoice.

'Sabla', Arabic for 'meeting place', recreates life in Oman with an aesthetic touch to true Omani ambience. The Courtyard on Friday evenings takes on a village theme, with an array of typical Omani cuisines from past to future through the present made for diners to savour. Preparation techniques vary from the pots and pans in use yesteryear vis a vis the most modern cooking techniques, all carried out by men and women in traditional attire.

And yes, Omani Halwa, a symbol of traditional hospitality, is also served during Omani Sabla Night.

When: Every Friday, 7:00pm to 11:00pm
Where: Courtyard

BREAKFAST AT COURTYARD

Great atmosphere, a delicious and rich breakfast, lovely and friendly staff makes for a great start to the day.

At the hotel's all-day dining venue, savour your meal bathed in glorious natural light illuminating the atrium style restaurant, with pink peach trees dotting the elegant space, creating the perfect ambience for a quiet cup of tea or catching up with friends.

Courtyard serves a buffet with live cooking stations and thoughtfully crafted a la carte options available all day long, and gives seafood lovers something to look forward to every Wednesday.

Sheraton Oman Hotel, with its strategic location, is perfectly positioned for guests to explore the beautiful and historic Muscat city. The hotel is only half an hour away from Muscat International Airport, 20 minutes from the Royal Opera House Muscat and 10 minutes from the historical heart of the city with access to the Old Town, the Muttrah Souk, the new Fish Market and the National Museum of Oman. - Times News Service



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ROUND-UP

Bank Muscat receives Best Trade Finance Bank in Oman 2021 Award

The award recognises the services provided by the bank through its Global Trade Services division, which includes highly customised and innovative financial solutions that meet customer needs for prompt payments on exports, imports and local operations

MUSCAT: In keeping with its role as the leading financial services provider in Oman, Bank Muscat recently won the Best Trade Finance Bank in Oman 2021 from Global Trade Review magazine.

The award recognises the services provided by the bank through its Global Trade Services (GTS) division, which includes highly customised and innovative financial solutions that meet customer



needs for prompt payments on exports, imports and local operations. With its strong global network of over 500 correspondent banks, Bank Muscat offers a number of customised solutions to meet the challenging demands of exporters, importers and local traders in the Sultanate. The bank issues Letters

of Credit, various types of Guarantees, Standby LCs, handles documents under collections, checks compliance of documents under export Letter of Credits, confirms Letter of Credits and provides different financing solutions like forfaiting, receivables finance, trust receipts etc., to its exporting and importing customers. It also caters its services to Islamic banking customers through its Meethaq unit. As part of its continuous efforts to enhance ease of banking and providing speedier services, the bank offers GTS products and services through the GTS e-application available on the bank's website for the benefit of all its customers. The e-application offers a number of advantages over conventional processing including standardisation of processing, flexible working,

ease of access, the faster turnaround time for services. Speaking about the achievement, Fatma Khalifa Al Maskiry, Assistant General Manager – Global Trade Services, Bank Muscat, said, “Global Trade Services play an important role in facilitating trade and economic development across the globe. Bank Muscat has been providing international trade finance and lending solutions to the bank's institutional clients in both developed and emerging markets, making it a leading market player in the region and this award recognises the bank's efforts in supporting the corporate sector in Oman. We are very happy and encouraged to be recognised by a top international publication for our achievements.” The Global Trade Services team

at Bank Muscat blends traditional financial solutions with tailor-made packages for operations, ensuring prompt payments, managing liquidity and minimising exchange rate risk. As a prolific innovator in the financial sector, the bank has won a number of international and local awards and accolades. It was listed by Forbes Middle East as one of the Top 50 Banks in the region as well as one of the Top 100 Listed Companies in the Middle East in 2021. The bank has been working steadily to further improve its excellent portfolio of services. With a deep understanding of customer needs and driven by robust policies to achieve global best practices, Bank Muscat is focused on strategic initiatives to confront challenges and further increase its market share.

EXCLUSIVE

Qatar Airways will soon roll out unique Fifa World Cup travel packages for Privilege Club members

DOHA: Qatar Airways Holidays in partnership with Discover Qatar, will soon be launching unique Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022 travel packages for Privilege Club members. This exclusive offer will be accessible to all Privilege Club members, giving fans the best possible fusion of football and travel for an unforgettable experience. As the Official Frequent Flyer Programme of the Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022, Privilege Club members will bring a range of exclusive offers and benefits unique to the championship and will be given priority access to the unique travel packages 14 days before going on sale to future joining members who sign up to the airline's loyalty programme after the launch. To ensure fans are the first to access the tickets for this once-in-a-lifetime experience of witnessing the much-awaited Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022, travellers can join the programme for free by visiting qatarairways.com/fifaearlyaccess. The highly-anticipated Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022 travel packages will be allotted match tickets based on the type of package they choose, pairing it with a selection of accommodation options and round-trip international flights onboard the award-winning airline. With seven different packages to choose from, fans can combine



more than one package and can watch up to seven matches in total. As the Fifa World Cup qualification process takes place around the world, Privilege Club members can purchase a wide range of packages to attend the matches of their favourite national teams. These exclusive packages will give football enthusiasts the chance to purchase packages to follow their favourite team's matches during the Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022, before the conclusion of the qualifiers. If a selected team does not qualify for the championship, fans can amend their package booking to attend another team's match, or receive a full refund. Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, Akbar Al Baker, said, “The

stage is almost set for the world's biggest football tournament. We have waited with much anticipation to play our role in delivering an unforgettable Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022. Qatar Airways Holidays have partnered with Discover Qatar to design unique and personalised packages that fans will not want to miss out on. Rest assured we remain prepared to serve all fans and members travelling with us the best hospitality from start to finish, courtesy of the world's best airline.” Qatar Airways Holidays has officially been appointed by FIFA as a licensed tour operator to distribute ticket inclusive packages for the Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022. Packages will be available on a first-

come, first-served basis, with the option for fans to select their favourite team, guaranteeing a place to attend their matches throughout the tournament and allowing them to enjoy the finest Qatari hospitality for a complete experience. The packages will initially be released for the following countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden and Thailand. The airline is set to sponsor the Fifa Arab Cup 2021 taking place in Qatar later this year and has recently sponsored the 2021 Concacaf Gold Cup and the UEFA Euro 2020. Qatar Airways has an extensive global sports partnership portfolio that includes football-governing bodies such as Fifa and CONMEBOL. As the official Fifa partner, Qatar Airways has sponsored mega-events including the 2019 and 2020 editions of the Fifa Club World Cup and will sponsor the much-anticipated Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022. Qatar Airways also sponsors some of the world's biggest football clubs including Al Sadd SC, Boca Juniors, FC Bayern München, K.A.S. Eupen, and Paris Saint-Germain.

HEALTHCARE

Lung abnormalities: ‘Never ignore breathing difficulties’

MUSCAT: Take a deep breath, and think about the amazing activities your lungs perform every moment. Modern medical science has made great strides in treating lung diseases. However, there is more room for creating greater awareness on lung abnormalities, diagnosis, and treatments in the COVID-19 era. “Never take your lungs for granted, don't ignore breathlessness or breathing difficulties mild or severe as it could be due to a series of underlying health problems, says Dr Nasser Hamed Al-Busaidi, Senior Consultant Respiratory & Internal Medicine (visiting) at Al Hayat International Hospital. “Though patients are not fully aware of lung disorders, COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), severe asthma and bronchiectasis are known conditions. Remember, lungs are always exposed to our surroundings and the atmosphere, and of course exposed to germs. “For many, breathlessness is a feeling of total collapse, and a painful and heavy feeling in the chest may be an early sign of potential lung disorder. But there is no cause for panic about breathlessness. What is needed is a practical approach to understand your lungs better. “It is always important to look at the hidden causes of the abnormal situation. More precisely, if you are suffering from shortness of breath, chest pain, fatigue, persistent cough and fever, you must



seek immediate medical attention, and reveal the difficulties to the doctor,” says Dr Al-Busaidi, who is also the Chairman of Internal Medicine Programme at Oman Medical Specialty Board (OMSB), President of the Oman Respiratory Society and Senior Consultant in Pulmonology and Head of the Department of Respiratory Medicine at Royal Hospital. “These days, people are more health-conscious and are aware of severe conditions such as pneumonia, cystic fibrosis, lung cancer, and pulmonary vascular diseases. In a nutshell, one must ensure that his/her respiratory system functions normally at all times. “Even if you don't have a history of respiratory illness caused by smoking or any other occupational lung diseases, regular check-ups will help you protect the lungs,”

says Dr Al-Busaidi. “Most of the people approach the doctor late, and often after the problem reaches the stage of a major respiratory disorder at uncontrollable levels. Though experts had been expressing concerns over potential pulmonary fibrosis (lung scarring) conditions in the COVID-19 era, such cases are yet to be officially reported. Nevertheless, the possibilities of lung abnormalities could not be ruled out if the lung infection is severe. One should not hide the real symptoms of lung disorders from the doctor. Protecting the health of lung tissue is crucial as the scarred lung is often an irreversible condition, but timely detection and treatment will do wonders and slow down or stop the progression of scars. Those patients with severe lung infection and pneumonia are

more vulnerable to complications. Negligence and delay in treatments can cause permanent lung damage,” points out Dr Al-Busaidi. On wearing face coverings, Dr Al-Busaidi said, despite the pandemic, we need to continue our everyday activities such as shopping and visiting friends and relatives. One should continue wearing masks unless it is medically exempted as protecting extremely vulnerable people is always a challenge, everywhere. “Knowing the ABC of your lungs will help you protect them. It is an irrefutable fact that oxygen is the fuel of our life. We all know our lungs absorb oxygen from the air we breathe in and transfer the same into the bloodstream. Lungs release the waste gas called carbon dioxide when we breathe out. Lungs are highly efficient and sophisticated organs of the human respiratory system. The system also contains tubes leading from the mouth and nose to the lungs and various other structures in the chest that allow air to move in and out of the lungs. What's more, even in human voice production, the lungs play the role of an activator. Healthy lungs perform the role of an activator satisfactorily. When you inhale or exhale air becomes the key source of power for the vibration of vocal cords. When vocal cords vibrate, air passes through the cords from the lungs and produces the sound of one's voice. Yes, it's an amazing story of life and breath,” Dr Al-Busaidi added.

ASTER HOSPITAL SOHAR

Tips to manage anaemia during pregnancy



MUSCAT: Dr Zaheeda Abdulla, MRCOG (U.K), MRCPI (Ireland), at Department of Maternity Services, Aster Hospital Sohar shares tips to manage anaemia during pregnancy. What is anaemia in pregnancy? It is a condition in which the pregnant women's blood lacks adequate healthy red blood cells. Red blood cells carry oxygen to the whole body. It is measured in the blood by the level of haemoglobin. When iron is deficient in the blood, your body can't produce enough red blood cells as a result iron deficiency anaemia leaves you tired and has shortness of breath. During pregnancy, your body requires more blood to supply growth to your baby. When there isn't enough iron in the body, red blood cells aren't produced in sufficient amounts to meet this additional demand. As a result, you will suffer from anaemia.

Why do I have iron deficiency anaemia?
1. There may be not enough iron in your diet.
2. Some problems in your gut that it does not absorb enough iron from your diet
3. Demand for iron is high in pregnancy with twins and triplets
4. Loss of iron due to heavy bleeding before pregnancy or because of any medical conditions
5. Short interval of a birth previous child less than one year
6. If you have anaemia in the previous pregnancy.

Who are those who are more likely to get anaemia in pregnancy?
1. Low iron stores before pregnancy
a. Medical conditions – thalassaemia, sickle cell anaemia
b. Gut problems – inflammatory bowel diseases, previous surgeries in the gut
2. Demand is very high
a. Twins, triplets
b. A short interval of birth (previous child less than 1 year)
c. If you have anaemia in a previous pregnancy

How do I diagnose anaemia in pregnancy?
Simple blood test:
Your doctor will advise you to check your haemoglobin at your first visit and then again at

28 weeks. If you are at increased risk, then it requires more frequent testing.
Risks of anaemia in pregnancy
Mother:
a. Weakness
b. Shortness of breath
c. Fast heart beat
d. Headache
e. Dizziness
f. Pale yellow skin
g. Chest pain
h. Risk of heavy bleeding at the time of delivery requiring blood transfusion
i. Increased risk of post-natal depression
Baby:
a. Low birth weight
b. Premature delivery
What should I do to prevent myself from getting anaemia?
Step 1:
Eat iron-rich food – fruits, green leafy vegetables, lean red meat, chicken, fish, fortified cereals and bread, brown rice, pulses and beans, well-cooked egg, Dried fruits, apricots, prunes, raisins. Food that increases absorption of iron in the stomach foods rich in vitamin C – fresh citrus fruits, fruit juice, tomatoes, broccoli, potatoes.
Food that decrease iron absorption and therefore should not be consumed with iron-rich food – tea, coffee, milk, antacids
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ROUND-UP

The Myriad launches first female only residential living community

The property in Muscat is designed to be a launchpad for young ladies to find success in the growing Omani economy

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Myriad is launching a fresh concept of a dedicated housing community for women in the Sultanate.

“The property in Muscat is designed to be a launchpad for young ladies to find success in the growing Omani economy. Whether they are students, trainees, executives, or employees, all residents will be part of a safe, secure and fulfilling female community,” says Vikram Rao, CEO of The Myriad Group. “We are heavily focused on providing a fun but safe environment, and we are the leaders in this space.”

The Myriad Muscat comprises three towers of residential spaces for young women, sitting atop a two-storey mall that spans the width of the three blocks combined. The community offers affordable and modern accommodation to over 2,700 ladies. Residents have the freedom of choice between various single and multi-occupancy room types to best suit their needs.

Within the residential blocks,



there exists a multitude of communal facilities and convenience services for residents to take advantage of. These include Kitchen Lounges, where residents can gather to cook and enjoy meals, socialise and relax. Connecting the buildings is a network of landscaped courtyards with plenty of outdoor seating areas. Residents can also benefit from utility-inclusive rents, high-speed internet, safety and security measures, weekly cleaning, laundry rooms and covered parking.

Below the residential blocks, The Myriad Muscat Mall is taking shape. Both local and international retailers are preparing their stores for the opening. Some of the retailers are planning to offer special rates and promotions to the residents, as well as attracting external retail customers due to the strategic location.

The complex is situated in the highly populated area of Al Khoudh, with easy access from multiple residential and commercial district zones, as well as from Sultan Qaboos University and Knowledge Oasis. One of the very first outlets to be part of the community is LYFT Wellness, a new upscale and trendsetting wellness and fitness centre dedicated to ladies, bringing a unique concept to The Myriad Muscat.

The Myriad Muscat is a joint development of Sandan Development, Shaksy Group and Mubbadrah Investment. This combination of living spaces, leisure and convenience bring about a completely unprecedented concept to the Sultanate, to provide comfort and security to the community's residents and visitors and allowing them to feel a sense of homeliness whilst living away from their family homes.



EQUIPPED WITH FREEZER UNIT

Omifco takes delivery of 2 new Fuso Canter trucks



MUSCAT: General Automotive Company (GAC), the official distributor of Fuso trucks in Oman, recently handed over the keys of two 5.7-ton GVW (3 Ton chassis Pay Load) Fuso Canter trucks 4x4 to Omifco (Oman India Fertiliser Co.) The 2 trucks, each equipped with an insulated body and freezer unit, will be sponsored by Omifco to support the Oman Agricultural Society for pomegranate farmers at al Jabal Akhdar.

The trucks were handed over to Omifco officials at the premises of the Ministry of agriculture in Al Khuwair. Also present at the hand-over ceremony were members of the officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Association

of Jabal Akhdar.

A spokesperson from Omifco said, “As a company that is 50% Omani owned and operating here in the Sultanate, we are always looking for ways in which we give back to the community. Fuso is a brand that we have personally had a great experience with, and their trucks are easily characterised by their high quality and operational efficiency. GAC is equally reputed for its high levels of service and support. As such, we felt that the Fuso Canter would be the most suitable vehicle to donate to the Oman Agricultural Society. I am confident that these additional 2 trucks, will enable the Oman Agricul-

tural society to better serve their beneficiaries across the country.”

The Fuso Truck and Buses are one of Japan's leading commercial vehicle brands and has been present in Oman for over four decades, which has allowed the brand to build a loyal customer base and a strong platform for introducing new light, medium, and heavy-duty trucks, and buses to the market.

All Fuso vehicles are characterised by their strong trusted quality, economic efficiency, solid functional design, committed service, and wide choice. Fuso trucks are available at Fuso Truck Centre in Azaiba, Muscat and branches in Sohar, Nizwa, Ibri, Barka, Sur, Jaalan Bani Bu Ali and Salalah.

EXPANSION

Malabar Gold opens new showroom in India

MUSCAT: Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one of the largest gold and diamond retail chains in the country, launched a new showroom in Mancheril, taking the store tally in Telangana to 15. Being the 28th showroom in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana region, it further strengthens the presence of Malabar Gold & Diamonds with an exceptional range of designs and a world-class shopping experience.

Spread across a 3,500 sq. ft. area, the showroom offers an unmatched jewellery buying experience with diversified collections catering to customers with traditional and contemporary sensibilities.

The showroom displays an extensive array of intricately designed jewellery crafted in gold, diamonds, platinum and silver. The trained jewellery experts at the showroom offer a world-class shopping experience to the customers in Mancheril. The customer-friendly policies provide customers peace of mind. The showroom adheres to all precautionary measures to ensure a safe and hygienic shopping experience for the customers.

Malabar Group Chairman MP Ahammed said, “The love and affection of the people of Telangana have motivated us to further strengthen our bond with the state by opening the showroom at Mancheril.”

ITALIAN BRAND

Milano organises its annual Dealers’ Meet

DUBAI: Milano, an Italian brand, wholly owned by the Danube Group and primarily known for the finest bath and home solutions in UAE and across the Middle East held its annual Dealers’ Meet recently at Hilton, Al Habtoor City. Even during the festivities of Onam, more than 200 dealers attended the event.

Among other factors, Milano considers its vast dealer network in GCC to be one of the main pillars of its business. In 2017, the brand pioneered the trend of celebrating the efforts and success of its top-performing dealers in the sanitaryware sector by taking them to Switzerland, followed by a trip to Italy by Cruise in the year 2018. However, the pandemic disrupted this streak but Milano is back with the scheme as travel has started to open up again people are now keen to travel after being unable to do so for nearly two years. This year the brand has announced a trip to the beautiful country of Georgia for the dealers who deliver outstanding numbers.

Talking about the event Anis Sajjan, Vice Chairman, Danube Group said, “We’re proud of being able to bring together the dealers in one place making it easier for the dealers to benefit from the experiences of each other. Milano as a brand feels extremely glad to have successfully achieved 20 per cent annual average growth amid the pandemic.”

He added, “With adversities and challenges come opportunities and we at Milano have grabbed it



with both hands. At a time when our industry had largely limited their imports, we did not do so and have had sufficient stocks to meet all the requirements of the market. This year we have seen more business compared to the previous years combined and our dealers have been one of the key drivers of this growth.”

Anis Sajjan further added to this saying, “Despite the challenges posed by the supply chain disruptions & the resultant rising freights, we have not taken our foot off the gas and have covered ourselves till March 2022. We see the demand for our products to be strong and we don’t want to play it on the back foot.”

The event also saw the launch of the new catalogue which introduced a new range of sanitaryware, electricals, tiles, and hardware products joining the already deep & wide range of existing star products, some of the most advanced across the GCC.

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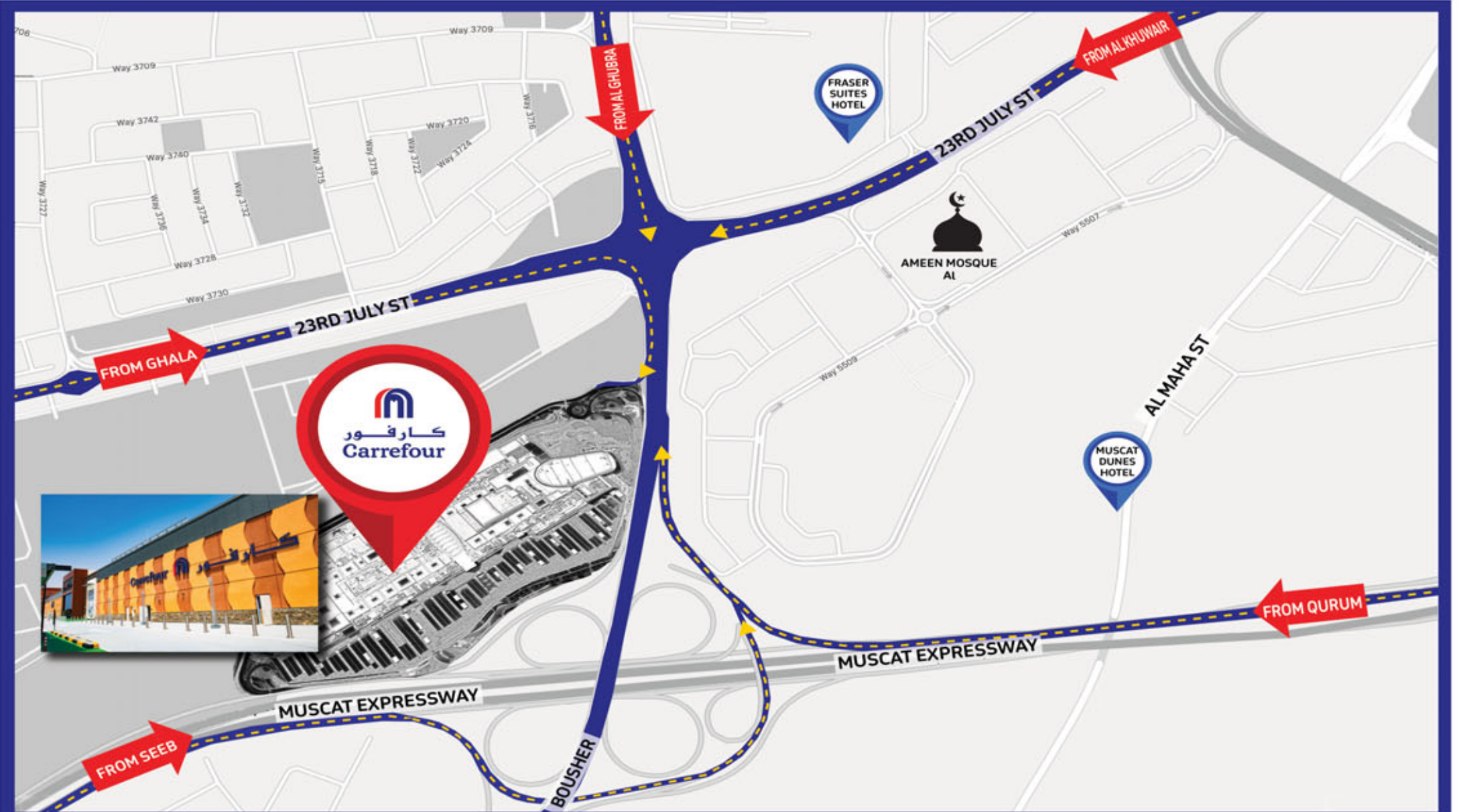
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