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FAO HAILS SULTANATE FOR PROGRESS MADE IN ACHIEVING FOOD SECURITY

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has commended the progress made by the Sultanate towards achieving food security. **>A3**



HM SENDS GREETINGS TO SAUDI KING

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of congratulations to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia on his country's National Day. In the cable, His Majesty expressed his sincere congratulations and best wishes of good health, happiness and a long life to King Salman, praying to the Almighty Allah for the return of this and similar occasions on him at a time the brotherly Saudi people has achieved further aspirations of progress and prosperity. **-OMA**



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PRAISES HM

Supreme Committee to lift Dhofar lockdown from October 1



MUSCAT: Sayyid Hamoud bin Faisal Al Busaidi, Minister of Interior, on Tuesday chaired a joint meeting of the Supreme Committee and its sub-committee entrusted with addressing the economic impacts of COVID-19.

The Supreme Committee expressed its deep appreciation for His Majesty the Sultan's presiding over the meeting of the Supreme Committee last week, as well as His Majesty's emphasis on making all means available for handling the pandemic and its impacts. The Committee valued His Maj-

esty the Sultan's directives which aim at protecting all citizens and residents on Oman's benign land, ensuring the sustainability of services rendered by the state's institutions and supporting the national economy in a manner that secures the continuity of the private sector's activities and sound performance of its tasks.

The Supreme Committee has also expressed its extreme anxiety about developments of the pandemic and the re-propagation of this disease locally and internationally, leading to a hike in infec-

tions and death cases.

"This is due to non-abidance with precautionary measures and procedures issued by the departments concerned," said the committee, urging all individuals to shoulder their responsibilities and protect themselves, their families and communities against COVID-19.

The Supreme Committee voiced its great recognition of the valuable contribution of Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) in equipping the Field Hospital and managing its facilities. **>A5**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN High risk students may skip schools

1 For the students who have chronic diseases or weak immunity or for parents who are apprehensive of sending their children to schools, the Ministry of Education has issued a decision approving the general framework for schools as they plan to reopen. There are certain procedures to be approved by the Education Directorate for students to be exempted from visiting schools and sign a pledge to ensure they study at home so that they can appear in the examinations without any difficulty. **>A3**

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3 For investors who want a unified and integrated system for approvals in Oman, Masar Service Centres are the one-stop-shop. They streamline the procedures for investments by giving faster approvals, permits and licences required for projects under one roof in a specific time period. Sheikh Nasr bin Amer Al Hosni, Undersecretary at the Ministry of Labour for Labour, visited Masar Service Centre, which pertains to the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates - Madayn at Al Rusayl. **>B1**



TRAVEL CURBS EASED ON LAND AND AIR



Mwasalat bus services between cities from September 27, Oman Air flights to Duqm start

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Public transport in Oman has resumed with flights to Duqm, and will start soon on land with safety regulations to protect passengers from COVID-19 infections.

Mwasalat, the country's transport operator, will resume bus operations on September 27, while Oman Air has already begun flights to Duqm. Boat operators have also resumed their activities for a while

now, with social distancing and sanitisation measures in place.

"Intercity public transport services will start operating on September 27, and public transport services within Muscat will operate from October 4," said a statement from the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology.

"The operation of transport services within Salalah will begin from October 18, and the date for operating public transport

services in Sohar will be determined later by Mwasalat."

As part of resuming operations, a number of steps to safeguard the health and hygiene of passengers are to be taken. Buses are to be sterilised before and after each trip, and all passengers travelling on intercity buses will have their temperatures checked before boarding. Masks must be worn by all on board, and hand sanitisers must be made accessible to them.

Social distancing

Passengers are required to practice social distancing while in the bus, through the prevention of people sitting on adjacent seats. It is also prohibited to stand inside the vehicle. Holding of handles within is discouraged, and passengers will only be allowed

to board if they do not display the symptoms of COVID-19.

With airports in the country resuming partial operations on October 1, having adopted the required security protocols for travellers and staff, Oman Air began flights to Duqm on September 20, and is now operating six flights a week to the Wusta Governorate.

A statement from the national carrier said the resumption of flights was "a significant step forward in the nation's economic development and a reflection of the airline's commitment to serving the Sultanate. This step supports the development of this increasingly important city."

"As a Special Economic Zone, Duqm plays a vital role in Oman's economic growth. Oman Air's service helps facilitate business

growth in the area and attract further investment."

"Oman Air will maintain its comprehensive safety programme throughout all elements of the travel journey to ensure that guests fly confidently. Masks are required when guests are on board the aircraft and in Oman's airports."

"Physical distancing is maintained while guests board and exit the aircraft, which are carefully cleaned after each flight and at the end of every day. Cabin crew will wear a full set of personal protective equipment, meal service has been modified to further ensure safety and a number of other steps have been taken to ensure that the airline's guests and crew are safe at all times," explained Oman Air. **>A3**



Rakhyut: Perfect place for nature lovers

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75TH ANNIVERSARY OF UN

'Hope world will overcome health crisis'

MUSCAT: The Sultanate on Tuesday shared the United Nations (UN) celebration of the 75th anniversary of the international organisation.

The event was marked worldwide via videoconferencing.

Sheikh Abdulmalik bin Abdullah Al Khalili, Chairman of the State Council, delivered the Sultanate's speech on this occasion saying, "I am honoured to convey to your gathering the greetings of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik and his best wishes of success in your tasks."

He added, "The Sultanate highly



Sheikh Abdulmalik bin Abdullah Al Khalili, Chairman of the State Council.

values its strategic partnership with the UN and reaffirms its support to this partnership. It counts on the high status gained by the UN along the past decades since its inception. The UN takes centre-stage in the schema of global relations. It represents a pivotal point and a lighthouse of hope, security, peace and a podium where disputes are resolved by peaceful means and in line with principles of international law."

Sheikh Abdulmalik proceeded to say, "We meet to mark the 75th anniversary of the UN today at a time the world has become a stage

of major turbulences and an unprecedented global health crisis with serious economic and social repercussions."

He expressed Oman's hope that this crisis would be an incentive to the world to overcome the pandemic with great determination and motivate the international community to develop stronger cooperation as one global family that works for the best of all."

The activities of the UN have ramified along with the increase in number of its members and the growth of international population over the past decades. **>A6**



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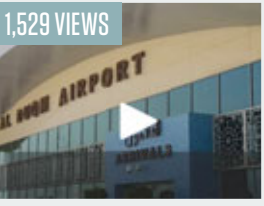


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High risk students can skip schools but need official permission

There are certain procedures to be approved by the officials for students to be exempted from visiting schools and should sign a pledge to ensure they study at home

STUDY PLAN: The framework includes the study plan, the day programme and the roles of the student and the teacher in e-learning. -File Photo

Times News Service

MUSCAT: For the students who have chronic diseases or weak immunity or for parents who are apprehensive of sending their children to schools, the Ministry of Education has issued a decision approving the general framework for schools as they plan to reopen. There are certain procedures to be approved by the Education Directorate for students to be exempted from visiting schools and

sign a pledge to ensure they study at home so that they can appear in the examinations without any difficulty. The Ministry said that the focus would be on the safety of students, faculty and the administration. The framework includes the study plan, the day programme and the roles of the student and the teacher in e-learning, besides the supplementary programme, education content and evaluation mechanisms.

In a statement, the Ministry said, "The decision is part of the implementation of directives to allocate this year as one for blended education and in preparation to start the academic year 2020-21." Citing the advantages of blended learning, the Ministry said that this is a combination of direct classroom teaching and e-learning to raise acceptance of e-learning while continuing to teach subjects and skills which cannot be part of distance learning.

The Ministry also published a number of documents through the educational portal, including: the e-learning regulatory document, the supplementary programme for the curriculum, the teaching content of the curriculum, the harmonisation of some provisions of the general document to evaluate student learning, student affairs regulations, the teacher's guide in using the online platform and many others.

TRANSPORT RESUMPTION

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A1 Ferry service to Masirah available now

Guests who are planning to travel on domestic flights should visit the Civil Aviation Authority website, paca.gov.om, to ensure they are prepared to comply with travel requirements. Guests travelling onward to countries outside Oman

should also ensure that they are aware of all official requirements at their final destinations. Tourist boats, which were also recently given the green light to operate, only allow small parties to board, with all passengers re-

quired to follow social distancing. Ferries to Masirah Island, which were temporarily halted during the pandemic when the area was placed under lockdown, have also since resumed. "Ferry services to Masirah are open," said a travel

agent in the country. "When it comes to tourist boats hired for day trips and sightseeing, the tour will not start unless passengers follow social distancing, sanitise, and are wearing masks while they are in the boat."

STATEMENT

Sultanate's progress in achieving food security hailed by FAO

ROME: The UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has commended the progress made by the Sultanate towards achieving food security. The statement was made by the FAO in a regional report prepared for discussion during the 53rd session of Near East Region Conference, held online and will conclude on Tuesday. The report said that the Sultanate made considerable progress in limiting the "lack of food security and malnutrition".

The international organisation added that the rate of food shortage in the Sultanate declined from 10.5 percent to 6.8 per cent in the period from 2004 to 2018 and, accordingly, the number of the malnourished stood at 0.03 million. **Malnutrition** The report noted that the number of people suffering from malnutrition in the Near East Region stood at 98.8 million from a total of 809.9 million in the world. Malnutrition spreads in the Arab

region at a rate of 13.2 percent, comprising 55 million men, women and children, said the FAO report. The FAO explained that this means that one out of every eight

people suffers hunger and consumes less food than what is sufficient to generate enough levels of energy that is suitable to sustain a natural and healthy life. -ONA

FOR OMANI CITIZENS

No educational qualifications for minimum wage

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Labour issued an internal circular delinking educational qualifications while fixing minimum wages for Omani citizens. A general minimum wage of OMR325 is still applicable regardless of the educational qualifications of the job seeker. An official at the Ministry of Labour said, "The decision was taken in the interest of job seekers. Before, for example OMR 600 was the minimum salary for graduates with a Bachelors degree and the Ministry refused to register any contract with a lower salary, even if the job seeker agreed to it, and some of the job seekers were losing job opportunities because the contract offers were less than OMR600." "With the new organisation, the decision is in the hands of the job seeker to accept or reject the contract that is unsuitable to him," he added. The official from the ministry noted, "People should not understand from this circular that the ministry allows companies to reduce contracts for their employees because what was previously agreed upon remains as it is, and

A general minimum wage of OMR325 is still applicable regardless of the educational qualifications of the job seeker

the job markets is currently related to supply and demand." According to the Ministry's 2019 annual report, over 70,000 job opportunities have been provided to job seekers in the private sector, 63.5 per cent of which are occupied by males and 36.5 per cent are females. Regarding the educational level of the newly accepted employees in 2019, the Ministry's statistics show that 77 per cent of them have certificates less than a diploma, 8 per cent hold a diploma and 13 per cent have university degrees.

OMAN AT UN

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A1 'Challenges call for better responses'

The UN agenda has been burdened with a variety of concerns and aspirations more than any other time in the past. The international organisation finds itself face to face with modern time developments and intricate challenges that keep piling at a rapid pace. These challenges compel UN members to adopt more advanced mechanisms that respond to present and future generations' aspirations for security in terms of

decent living, justice and stability, said Sheikh Abdulmalik. He added that the Sultanate appreciates the efforts of UN agencies and programmes in combating poverty and disease and fostering peace, harmony and sustainable development. Oman also values UN efforts in promoting environment conservation and addressing issues of climate change, extremism and terrorism worldwide, Sheikh Abdulmalik reaffirmed.

Sheikh Abdulmalik explained that the Sultanate pursues traditions of foreign policy and international relations that respect the noble principles of the United Nations and support endeavours for peace, understanding, cultural diversity, tolerance, positive dialogue and close cooperation with all nations and peoples. Oman advocates the settlement of disputes by peaceful means in line with principles of the international law and it supports the

development of the UN with a view to consolidating its capabilities and its performance while addressing challenges of the modern age, he added. Summing up the Sultanate's speech, Sheikh Abdulmalik stressed that the Sultanate will continue to be a partner to the UN and (a supporter for) upgrading its role in accomplishing its noble mission of establishing international peace, harmony, security, stability and prosperity. -ONA

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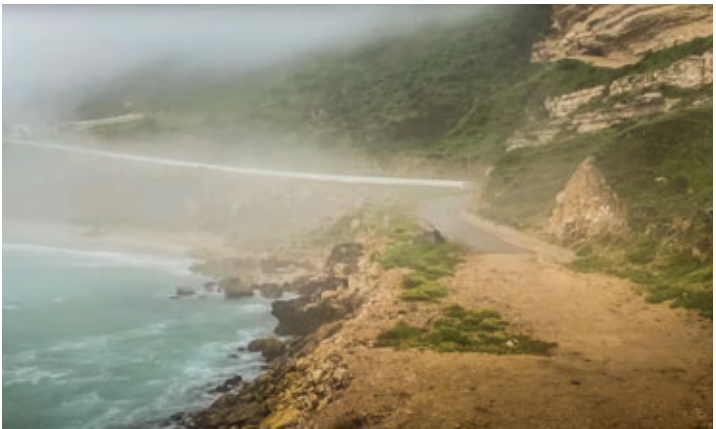
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WHERE: Rakhyut is a wilayat of Dhofar region and is a popular tourist destination in the Sultanate. It is approximately 145 kilometre from Salalah and people who visit Salalah never miss visiting this place as it is known for its historical significance and geographical and environmental diversity. Also it is the perfect place for nature lovers, campers and explorers.

WHAT'S SPECIAL: Before one reaches Rakhyut town, one can experience an amazing drive along the cliff. Rakhyut Fort is an important landmark. Apart from that Rakhyut has a large mosque, a beautiful beach and plenty of greenery all around. One can also see many old and abandoned houses here. Popular for frankincense and other cultivation, this wilayat turns emerald green during the Khareef season. A'alqot, Hiak, Neharat, Meshdid, Khidol, Nathdor, and Safarare some of the famous water springs. While Al Hawtah beach is known for its black pebbles, the Al Hawtah Falls is an important tourist attraction.





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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Minister meets Unicef representative in Muscat

MUSCAT: Laila bint Ahmed Al Najar, Minister of Social Development met Lena al-Wreikat, Unicef Representative in Muscat on Tuesday.

The two sides discussed aspects of the existing cooperation between the Ministry of Social Development and the Unicef in various fields related to childhood sector in the Sultanate.

The meeting also touched on

the size of efforts exerted and achievements made by the Sultanate in the childhood sector since it ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1996.

The meeting also stressed the importance of continuing cooperation between the Ministry and the Unicef, as well as benefiting from the Unicef expertise in serving this sector.

— ONA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Sovereign bonds worth OMR200mn issued

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Finance has reaffirmed that the Sultanate concluded with success the issuance of local sovereign bonds to the tune of OMR200 million within the context of the Government's plan to fund the State's general budget for 2020.

The Ministry said in a statement on Tuesday that the bonds were listed on Muscat Securities Market (MSM) and that they are available for trading, carrying an annual profit rate of 5.25 per cent for a period of 6 years.

The Ministry explained that

the bonds issue paved the way for banks, local Islamic windows, business firms and individual investors to utilise their funds in a smooth manner.

It is considered a step to develop Islamic banking and local financial instruments, said the Ministry, noting that the execution of this bonds issue comes within the framework of a programme of local sovereign bonds made available by means of a mechanism of preferential pricing and competitive bidding. -ONA

TACKLING COVID-19

Supreme Committee seeks wider participation from private sector

The Supreme Committee is looking forward to wider participation from the private sector and the collaboration of private establishments with the government to tackle the pandemic and address its impacts.

The Supreme Committee also looked into health and epidemiological indicators and data in the Governorate of Dhofar and the efforts being exerted in all sectors entrusted with handling the pandemic.

In view of its keenness to facilitate the movement of citizens and residents, the Supreme Com-

Incentives to private sectors shall be extended till 2020 end

mittee decided to lift lockdown of Dhofar Governorate with effect from October 1, 2020. In the meantime, it urged all individuals and

establishments to stick to precautionary and preventive procedures to ensure the safety of all.

Acting from its role to alleviate the economic impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on the private sector and, to cut down the financial burden on private firms and establishments, particularly small and medium enterprises, the Supreme Committee decided that the package of incentives related to procedures (incentives) offered by the Government to private sector establishments and workforce shall be extended till the end of 2020.

The specialised departments will announce the details of the above-mentioned incentives.

The Committee also decided to allow the return, to the Sultanate, of all those (expats abroad) who carry valid residency with effect from October 1, 2020 provided they submit themselves to PCR laboratory test upon their return, besides undergoing the prescribed 14-day health quarantine.

The Committee prayed to the Almighty Allah to protect all people against all harms. — ONA



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Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries Wealth and Water Resources

DECREASE IN DEATHS

WHO reports highest weekly spike of COVID cases

GENEVA: The World Health Organisation (WHO) has reported a record number of confirmed cases of the coronavirus registered across the world over the past week -- almost 2 million infections -- which marks the highest number in a single week so far.

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compared to the previous week, and the highest number of reported cases in a single week since the beginning of the epidemic.

During the same period, there was a 10 per cent decrease in the number of deaths, with 36,764 deaths reported in the past seven days," the WHO said in a situation report late on Monday.

In particular, an increase in the

weekly case incidence rate was reported across all regions in the last seven days, except for Africa, with the two Americas remaining the worst-hit areas and accounting for over 38 per cent of all new cases reported over the past week.

Meanwhile, Europe showed the greatest increment in the number of fatalities in the past week, with a 27-per cent increase compared to the previous week. **ANI**

Trump considering five women for SC vacancy

Judges Amy Coney Barrett, Barbara Lagoa, and Allison Jones Rushing are said to be on Trump's shortlist



SUPREME COURT NOMINEE: The president said the announcement of his pick will be either on Friday or Saturday.

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump said on Monday that he is considering five women for the Supreme Court seat vacated by the death of liberal Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Speaking to reporters at the White House before leaving for state of Ohio to campaign, Trump said they are being "vetted very carefully" and that he has spoken to some of the candidates and will also have some in-person meetings. The president said the announcement of his pick will be on "probably Saturday, but Friday or Saturday."

He added that he would rather see a full Senate vote on his nominee before Election Day, which falls on November 3 this year, a

move intended to cement a 6-3 conservative majority on the court. Judges Amy Coney Barrett, Barbara Lagoa, and Allison Jones Rushing are said to be on Trump's shortlist.

Barrett and Lagoa, both confirmed in bipartisan votes by the Senate, are reportedly top contenders. Ginsburg died last week due to complications of metastatic pancreas cancer at age 87.

A renowned champion of women's rights and liberal icon, Ginsburg was appointed to the U.S. high court by then-President Bill Clinton in 1993. She was the second woman appointed to the bench and served more than 27 years.

As the country continues to be saddened by her death, a partisan debate is raging over whether and how swiftly the Senate, which is responsible for confirm-

ing or rejecting nominations by the president, should move to fill the empty seat.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham, a South Carolina Republican and Trump ally, told committee Democrats in a letter on Monday that he intends to "proceed expeditiously to process any nomination made by President Trump to fill this vacancy." **Xinhua**

CORONAVIRUS

New Zealand reports no new cases of COVID-19



WELLINGTON: New Zealand reported no new cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday as the country embraced the first day of relaxed restrictions, or Alert Level 1, except Auckland, the largest city.

Auckland will ease restrictions on gatherings at midnight Wednesday, moving down from COVID-19 Alert Level 2.5 to 2, with the rest of the country moving down from Alert Level 2 to Level 1 from midnight Monday.

Auckland saw a second wave of COVID-19 community outbreak in August, with transmissions contained locally. Therefore, Auckland has maintained a higher alert level than the rest of New Zealand.

Auckland's Alert Level 2 means that gathering restrictions

will increase from 10 to 100 people. At Alert Level 1, people need to be ready in case COVID-19 reappears. The new levels will be in place for 14 days before new decisions are made on Oct. 5.

There are currently 39 people isolating in the Auckland quarantine facility from the community, which includes 18 people who have tested positive for COVID-19 and their household contacts, according to the Ministry of Health.

Three people are in hospital with COVID-19, none in ICU.

The total number of active cases in New Zealand is 61; of those, 29 are imported cases in managed isolation facilities, and 32 are community cases, said a ministry statement. **Xinhua**

HEALTH MINISTRY

'India has highest COVID recovery rate in world'

NEW DELHI: India has reported the highest rate of COVID-19 recoveries in the world, which has crossed 80 percent-mark, said Union Health Ministry on Tuesday.

Addressing the Health Ministry press briefing on the COVID-19 situation, Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary, Union Health Ministry said, "We get swayed by the narrative that India has over 50 lakh cases, but we forget that nearly 45 lakh people have already recovered. India has the highest recoveries, 44.9 lakhs in the world. India contributes 17.7 per cent share in the total COVID-19 cases (globally)."

"However, in terms of recovered cases, India shares 19.5 per cent of the total recovered cases (globally)."

Bhushan further stated that India's recovery rate is over 80 per cent. Over one lakh recoveries have been registered in the last 24 hours. "We have conducted 6.5 crore tests while 12 lakh tests were conducted on a single day."

"One of the major reasons for these developments is that India was able to detect the COVID-19 before, early isolation and seamless hospitalisation. All this has



been made possible because of an exponential increase in COVID-19 testing infrastructure in the country," said Bhushan.

"Around one crore tests were conducted till July 7 in the country. The journey between one crore tests to three crore tests took 27 days. During this, the number of labs was increased from 1,100 to 1,300. Till September 8, India had conducted five crore tests (cumulative figures). Today we have 1,776 labs both in

the public and private sectors. This is a huge achievement," he added. Bhushan stated that COVID-19 testing in Punjab needs to be increased.

"We have to chase the virus. The facility of beds availability needs to be put in the public domain. Instill confidence in people. New cases are being reported from a few states. We have sent our central teams to such places. PM will also keep a watch on it," he said. **ANI**

STATE COUNCIL CHIEF

< FROM A1 Oman hails efforts of UN

The UN agenda has been burdened with a variety of concerns and aspirations more than any other time in the past. The international organisation finds itself face to face with modern time developments and intricate challenges that keep piling at a rapid pace.

These challenges compel UN members to adopt more advanced mechanisms that respond to present and future generations' aspirations for security in terms of decent living, justice and stability, said Sheikh Abdulmalik.

He added that the Sultanate appreciates the efforts of UN agencies and programmes in

combating poverty and disease and fostering peace, harmony and sustainable development.

Oman also values the United Nations efforts in promoting environment conservation and addressing issues of climate change, extremism and terrorism worldwide, Sheikh Abdulmalik reaffirmed.

Sheikh Abdulmalik explained that the Sultanate pursues traditions of foreign policy and international relations that respect the noble principles of the United Nations and support endeavours for peace, understanding, cultural diversity, tolerance, positive dialogue and close cooperation with

all nations and people.

Oman advocates the settlement of disputes by peaceful means in line with principles of the international law and it supports the development of the UN with a view to consolidating its capabilities and its performance while addressing challenges of the modern age, he added.

Summing up the Sultanate's speech, Sheikh Abdulmalik stressed that the Sultanate will continue to be a partner to the UN and (a supporter for) upgrading its role in accomplishing its noble mission of establishing international peace, harmony, security, stability and prosperity. **-ONA**

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Merkel calls for reform as UN marks 75th anniversary

Merkel said that the interests of individual members regularly keep the organisation from achieving its goals

NEW YORK: On the occasion of the United Nation's (UN) 75th anniversary, German Chancellor Angela Merkel late on Monday called for reforms to the organisation and for greater unity between its members.

"In the end, the United Nations can only be as good as its members are united," Merkel said in a video message delivered at a ceremony marking the anniversary.

"Too often the UN Security Council is blocked when clear decisions are needed," the chancellor said, referring to the branch of the UN tasked with ensuring international peace and security. "We need reform."

The interests of individual members regularly keep the organisation from achieving its goals, Merkel said.

"But anyone who thinks he can get along better on his own is mistaken. Our well-being is shared. And so is our suffering," she said. "We are one world."

The German leader pointed to the global coronavirus pandemic as an example of a problem that crosses national borders. Such problems require "communication and cooperation" at all levels,



ORGANISATIONAL REFORM: The German leader pointed to the global coronavirus pandemic as an example of a problem that crosses national borders.

she said. Germany is willing to do its part to improve the organisation, for example by expanding the UN Security Council, Merkel said, making reference to past suggestions for reforms to the UN's most powerful body.

The commemoration began in a muted fashion with a largely online event earlier on Monday.

French President Emmanuel Macron also delivered remarks. "Our shared house is in disorder," he said in his video address. "Its foundations are hollowed out. Its walls are sometimes cracked by the blows of those who built it."

Both Merkel's and Macron's comments seemed to be directed at US President Donald Trump and his "America first" policy.

In his own speech, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres spoke of "a surplus of multilateral challenges and a lack of mul-

tilateral solutions."

He continued: "Climate calamity looms, biodiversity is collapsing, poverty is again rising, hatred is spreading, geopolitical tensions are escalating... and the COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare the world's fragilities. We can only address them together."

Guterres praised the success of the UN since its foundation in 1945. "A third World War, which so many feared, was avoided. Never in modern history have we been without, for so many years, military confrontation between the great powers," said the UN chief.

The UN was founded amid the ruins of World War II with the principle objective of achieving worldwide peace and world leaders came together, virtually, to mark the 75th anniversary of the organisation.

With just a handful of delegates

in New York due to the coronavirus, world leaders gave addresses via video links.

US President Donald Trump was slated as the speaker for the first member state to address the Assembly, but the US' acting deputy representative to the UN Cherith Norman Chalet spoke in his stead.

"For the Trump administration," Chalet said, "this anniversary is an important moment to mark the many successes of the United Nations, but to do so with clear eyes and a renewed determination to see this important body serve its intended purpose."

Washington-Beijing tensions, meanwhile, continued to simmer as President Xi launched a thinly veiled swipe at the US in a statement the Chinese mission to the UN submitted on the eve of Monday's event. **mw**

TIBETAN COMMUNITY



New York cop charged with spying for China

NEW YORK: US federal prosecutors on Monday charged a New York City police officer with spying on members of the Tibetan community for the Chinese government. Baimadajie A, 33, who is also a Staff Sergeant in the US Army Reserve, was arrested at his Long Island home for acting as an illegal agent of China. He was also charged with wire fraud and making false statements.

"This is the definition of an insider threat," said FBI Assistant Director-in-Charge of the New York Field Office William F. Sweeney, in a statement. "The FBI is committed to stopping hostile foreign governments from infiltrating our institutions, and we will not tolerate the behavior of those who willingly violate their oath to the United States, and covertly work against their fellow citizens."

Prosecutors said the accused, a naturalized US citizen who was born in Tibet, had acted as an agent for Beijing since at least 2014.

"As alleged, A. operated on behalf of a foreign government; lied to gain his clearance, and used his position as an NYPD police officer to aid the Chinese government's subversive and illegal attempts to recruit intelligence sources," said Sweeney.

The criminal complaint also says he secretly worked for unnamed handlers from the Chinese consulate in New York. He allegedly told his handler that he wanted to get promoted in the NYPD in order to help bring "glory to China."

In a statement on Tuesday, the Chinese Consulate General in New York said its staff had been "fulfilling duties in accordance with international law and the law of the United States," calling their work "above board and beyond reproach."

'The warmth of the motherland'

The accused allegedly looked for potential intelligence sources within the Tibetan community between 2018 and 2020, and provided Chinese officials with access to senior NYPD officers through invitations to events.

"When the Consulate extends a helping hand to them [Tibetans], they will feel the warmth of the motherland. How wonderful would that be?" he allegedly told his handler, in a recorded phone call.

According to the court documents, he also asked whether a Chinese official wanted to attend NYPD events to raise China's "soft power." **mw**

LEVEL 4

UK raises COVID alert level as transmission chances high

LONDON: Britain's chief medical officers (CMOs) have recommended moving the country's COVID-19 alert level from level 3 to level 4, according to a joint statement released on Monday from the CMOs.

"The CMOs for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have reviewed the evidence and recommend all 4 nations of the UK should move to level 4," said the statement.

Level 4 means COVID-19 epidemic is in general circulation, transmission is high or rising exponentially. The recommendation was tabled at a time when countries such as Britain, China, Russia and the United States are racing against time to develop coronavirus vaccines.

After a period of lower COVID-19 cases and deaths, the number of cases are "now rising rapidly and probably exponentially in significant parts of all 4 nations", said the CMOs. Britain recorded another 4,368 confirmed COVID-



ID-19 cases overnight on Monday, bringing the total number of such cases to 398,625, according to the latest official figures.

"If we are to avoid significant excess deaths and exceptional pressure in the NHS (National

Health Service) and other health services over the autumn and winter, everyone has to follow the social distancing guidance, wear face coverings correctly and wash their hands regularly," said the CMOs. **Xinhua**

INDIA

Death toll rises to 21 in Mumbai building collapse

BHIWANDI: Twenty-one people have died so far in the building collapse incident in Bhiwandi here, according to Thane Municipal Corporation.

The three-story building collapsed around 3:40 am on Monday in the Patel compound area in the Thane district.

Soon after the incident, the NDRF, fire brigade, and police teams reached the spot and carried out rescue operations.

President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have condoled the loss of lives in the incident. **ANI**



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EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of Muscat Gas Company SAOG (the "Company") is pleased to invite the shareholders to attend the extraordinary general meeting of the company, which is scheduled to be held at 3 pm , on Wednesday , 30th September 2020, via the electronic platform to hold general meetings which you can be accessed through the website of the Muscat Clearing and Depository Company (www.mcd.gov.om) , if the quorum of the meeting is not completed, a second extraordinary general meeting will be held at 3 pm on Monday 5 October 2020 to discuss the following agenda:

1. To approve the of cancellation of the resolution of the extraordinary meeting held on July 9, 2020 to sell the company's share in the shares capital of United Industrial Gases LLC, which is 30%, at an amount of only 2,050,000 Omani Rials (two million fifty thousand Omani Rials) to Air Product Leasing B.V
2. To consider and approve the sale of the entire company's 30% shareholding in the United Industrial Gases Company LLC to Mohsin Haider Darwish Investment LLC against an amount of 2,050,000 Omani Rials (two million and fifty thousand Omani Rials) (as per attachment).

According to the Company's Articles of Association and the controls for holding General Meetings using modern technology issued by the Authority, we would like to draw your attention to the following:

- A. A legal persons, exclusively, has the right to delegate a natural person to attend the General Meeting and vote on its behalf through technical means, provided that this natural person has an investor number in MCD.
- B. Voting on any of the agenda items begins no more than three days before the date of the General Meeting until the voting process ends on the day of the General Meeting. If the shareholder's shares are increased or decreased, the voting process will be canceled, and the shareholder will have to vote again on the day of the General Meeting.

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Manchester City start their season with win against Wolves

Kevin de Bruyne was the Man of the Match for Guaridola's side, winning a penalty in the 19th minute

LONDON: Manchester City kicked off their Premier League season with a 3-1 win away to Wolves on Monday evening.

Without Kun Aguero, Aymeric Laporte and Ilkay Gundogan, who has been diagnosed with the coronavirus, Pep Guardiola handed a debut to recent arrival Nathan Ake, and young phenom Phil Foden was also in the starting 11.

Kevin de Bruyne was the Man of the Match for Guaridola's side, winning a penalty in the 19th minute and then sending Wolves keeper Rui Patricio the wrong way from the penalty spot.

The Belgian then played a major role in the second goal in the 33rd minute, setting up Raheem Sterling, whose ball into space was put into the empty net from 10 yards by Phil Foden.

The second half saw Wolves take the game to Manchester City, with Adama Traore looking for space behind their back line and the home side got back into the game with 12 minutes left to play when Raul Jimenez headed home an excellent cross from close range.



PREMIER LEAGUE: The second half saw Wolves take the game to Manchester City, with Adama Traore looking for space behind their back line.

The goal came from Wolves' first shot on target, but suddenly they were on the back foot before a late deflected effort from Gabriel Jesus sealed the points deep into injury time.

Monday's first game saw Aston Villa beat Sheffield United 1-0 in Villa Park on a 63rd minute goal

by Ezri Konsa Ngoyo.

Aston Villa dominated nearly the whole game, and their task was made much easier after John Egan's red card in the 12th minute.

Aston Villa also had goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez to thank for a first half penalty save to deny John Lundstrum when the

scores were still level.

The two games ended a round of matches that saw Liverpool win 2-0 away to Chelsea on Sunday, while Arsenal beat West Ham United 2-1 and Manchester United were beaten 3-1 at home to Crystal Palace in their first league match of the campaign. **ANI**

Assessment course to test readiness of players for training

Times News Service

MUSCAT: With the participation of 28 coaches, the Oman Olympic Academy in cooperation with Sultan Qaboos University, organised remotely a psychological and physiological assessment course for players before returning to training.

The importance of this course is to ensure the psychological and physical readiness of players before returning to training, especially after a long gap due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

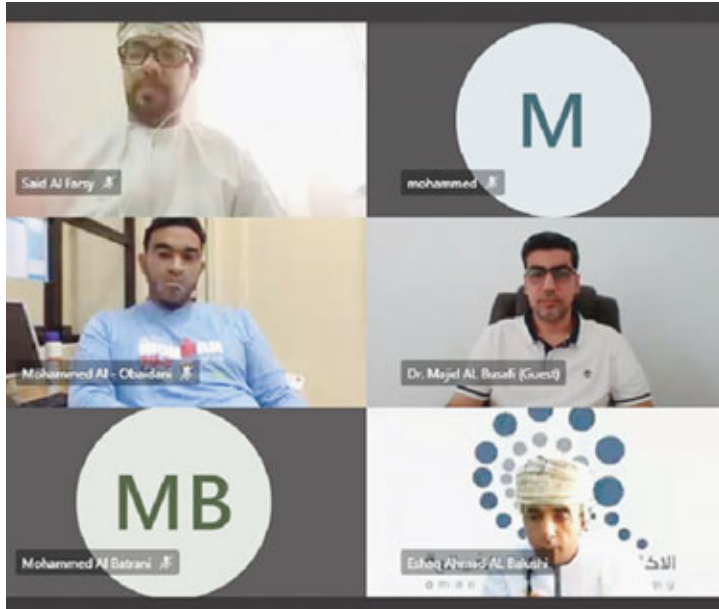
The course is about the preparation of the player to return to training and how to protect them and the functions of their body.

The course also aims to familiarise players with the basic principles of sports training, and to evaluate their physical abilities

after a long break.

Dr. Majid bin Saeed Al-Busafi (Senior Lecturer) from the Department of Physical Education at Sultan Qaboos University, and Dr. Radwan Al-Sassi and Dr. Ali Al-Yarabi (associate lecturers) from the same department gave a speech on course targets for athletes, coaches of sports federations and committees, sports and military sports clubs, and higher education institutions and those interested in sports training in the Sultanate.

The course includes many topics, including the mental and psychological dimensions of the player, the psychological readiness test before returning to training, the effect of discontinuation from training on body systems, in addition to the basic principles of sports training.



MEETING: The course is about the preparation of the player to return to training and how to protect them and the functions of their body.

DELIGHTFUL INNINGS

Enjoyed watching Devdutt Padikkal play, says Ganguly

DUBAI: After witnessing Devdutt Padikkal's knock of 56 runs against SunRisers Hyderabad, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly complimented the Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) batsman for playing a delightful innings.

SunRisers Hyderabad stumbled to a 10-run loss against RCB on Monday. The David Warner-led side was not able to chase down the target of 164 runs. During RCB's batting innings, Devdutt Padikkal scored 56 runs for RCB in his first match for the franchise.

With this, Padikkal now has fifty-plus scores in all his major debut matches (first-class, List-A, T20, and IPL).

In the course of his innings, Padikkal smashed eight boundaries as well.

"Enjoyed watching Devdutt Padikkal @RCBTweets. Left handers grace so delightful," Ganguly tweeted.

In the match, RCB's Yuzvendra Chahal finished with figures of 3-18 and he got the crucial wickets of Jonny Bairstow, Manish Pan-



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a video posted on the official website of IPL. "For the past month we have been training here, Virat Bhैया has talked to me and I have learnt a lot from him. Whenever I am with him, I keep asking questions from me. Playing today with Finch felt amazing, he understood that I was scoring quickly, so he gave me the strike and showed confidence in me," he added.

SunRisers were 121/2 at one stage and they were looking comfortable in their pursuit of 164. However, Yuzvendra Chahal and Navdeep Saini staged a stunning comeback for RCB and Hyderabad lost eight wickets for just 32 runs, losing the match by a deficit of 10 runs.

Jonny Bairstow played a knock of 61 runs for Hyderabad while Manish Pandey scored 34 runs.

Earlier, for RCB, Padikkal and AB de Villiers had scored half-centuries to take the side's total to 163/5 in the allotted twenty overs.

The Virat Kohli-led side will now take on Kings XI Punjab on Thursday, September 24. **ANI**

INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE

IPL opener between Mumbai Indians and CSK breaks viewership records

NEW DELHI: The opening match of the Indian Premier League (IPL) between Mumbai Indians and Chennai Super Kings broke viewership records as 200 million people tuned in to watch the match.

CSK had managed to defeat Mumbai Indians in the tournament opener on September 19. BCCI's secretary Jay Shah took to Twitter to announce the feat. "Opening match of #Dream-11 IPL sets a new record! As per BARC, an unprecedented 20 million people tuned in to watch the match. Highest ever opening day viewership for any sporting league in any country- no league has ever opened as big as this," he wrote on Twitter.

CSK skipper MS Dhoni announced his return to cricket by recording 100 wins for his franchise on Saturday. CSK defeated Mumbai Indians by five wickets in the opening match of the IPL 2020.



With this, Dhoni became the first skipper in IPL to record 100 wins as the leader of a franchise. CSK had been on a five-match losing streak against Mumbai, but after winning the match on Saturday, the Dhoni-led

franchise finally gained a victory over the Rohit Sharma-led Mumbai Indians.

Dhoni returned to the cricket field after 437 days as he last played a match during the 2019 World Cup. He had last played

against New Zealand in the semi-finals of the 50-over tournament in July last year.

The former India skipper had announced his retirement from international cricket on August 15 this year. **ANI**

TENNIS



Djokovic wins record 36th Masters title

ROME: Novak Djokovic won a record 36th Masters crown as he beat Diego Schwartzman in the men's final of the ATP Italian Open on Monday.

Djokovic, the world number one and the top seed at the tournament, won 7-5, 6-3 against Argentine Schwartzman to lift his 36th Masters title, one more

than Rafael Nadal.

The Serb said he did not play his best tennis this time in Rome, but could find it when needed.

Simona Halep, top seed of the women's draw, won her first title in Rome after defending champion Karolina Pliskova of the Czech Republic retired while trailing 6-0, 2-1 in the final. **Xinhua**

OMAN OIL PRICE DECREASES

The price of Oman oil has declined with prices for delivery by November 2020 reaching \$41.27, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil declined 53 cents from the price of Monday, which was \$41.80. - **ONA**

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MSM INDEX ENDS HIGHER

Oman's benchmark MSM 30 index closed the session on Tuesday at 3,626.77, registering an increase of 0.5 points or 0.014 per cent compared to the last trading session. The total value of traded securities reached OMR0.522 million compared to the last trading session.

One-stop-shop for investors at Masar Service Centres

Masar Service Centres streamline the procedures for investments by giving faster approvals, permits and licences required for projects under one roof in a specific time period

Times News Service

MUSCAT: For investors who want a unified and integrated system for approvals in the Sultanate, Masar Service Centres are the one-stop-shop for them.

They streamline the procedures for investments by giving faster approvals, permits and licences required for projects under one roof in a specific time period.

Sheikh Nasr bin Amer Al Hosni, Undersecretary at the Ministry of Labour for Labour, visited Masar Service Centre, which pertains to the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates - Madayn at Al Rusayl. Hilal bin Hamad Al Hasani, Chief Executive Officer of Madayn, welcomed Al Hosni and briefed him on Masar and its variety of services.

The CEO of Madayn stated that Masar presents a unified and inte-



OFFICIAL VISIT: Sheikh Nasr bin Amer Al Hosni, Undersecretary at the Ministry of Labour for Labour, visited Masar Service Centre, which pertains to the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates - Madayn at Al Rusayl. - Supplied picture

grated system that facilitates and streamlines the procedures for the investors to be able to obtain approvals, permits and licenses that are required for their projects under one roof and during the specific time period.

"In fact, Masar aims at providing a system of integrated services that the investor needs to contribute to enhancing an ideal investment environment in the Sultanate," said Al Hasani.

Resumes work

Ibtisam Al Farooji, Director of Masar Service Centre project,

informed that Masar Service Centres at Al Rusayl and Sohar Industrial Cities have resumed receiving clients effective from last Sunday after a hiatus of more than five months caused by COVID-19. During the period, Masar was processing the enquiries and transactions using electronic services as possible.

Al Farooji explained that the centre features services of a number of bodies that include Madayn and its Oman Investment and Development Holding Company (Mubadrah), Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion,

Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI), and Sanad Service Centre.

One platform

Al Farooji emphasised that Masar aims at bringing together various services offered by several bodies under one platform to offer a flexible, reliable and secure environment for the investors to conduct transactions with these bodies. "Through Masar Service Centre, Madayn aspires to contribute to comprehensive and sustainable economic and social development

through its effective management of the industrial cities and the services and incentives that are offered to investors to develop attractive investment destinations for local and foreign projects," Al Farooji added.

Through Masar Service Centre, Madayn and Mubadrah offer a range of services that include granting licenses, permits and approvals issued on behalf of any government body, approving main contracts and subcontracts (third-party), exercising inspection and supervision activities in the industrial cities, leasing lands and

facilities in the industrial cities, in addition to other services.

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion offers several services including obtaining new or renewal of commercial registration, obtaining an industrial license, adding activities to the license, and attesting the certificate of origin. On its side, the Ministry of Labour provides services related to employment licenses (permits), renewing labour cards, approving investor requests, lifting the ban on investors, getting acquainted with Omanisation percentage, employee statement, responding to enquiries and complaints, in addition to other services.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs delivers a set of services related to attestation of commercial contracts, invoices and certificates. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs also offers services regarding marriage certificate, divorce certificate, study certificate, request of a lost document, among other services. Moreover, Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) provides several services through Masar such as chamber membership registration; attestation of commercial invoices; issuance and documentation of certificate of origin for the Omani, re-exported and foreign origin products; and attestation of various documents including salary certificate, experience certificate, and translated documents.

Masar, Sanad Service Centre offers its usual services that are related to the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, Ministry of Regional Municipalities and Water Resources, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Health, Royal Oman Police, and Public Authority for Social Insurance.

STATISTICS

Real estate deals dip 7.3% in August

MUSCAT: The total value of property transactions in the Sultanate at the end of August 2020 fell 7.3 per cent to reach OMR1,527.6 million from OMR1,647.4 million for the same period of 2019, as indicated by the preliminary statistics issued by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI).

The number of plots issued at the end of August 2020 was 107,192, which is a decline of 24 per cent compared to the end of August 2019, when 140,952 plots were issued.

Of the total traded value at the end of August 2020, OMR510 million worth transactions were sales contracts while OMR965.1 million transactions were mortgage deals.

Sales contracts

As many as 32,460 sales contracts were executed in August 2020 against 38,279 contracts during the same period of 2019. However, the total number of mortgage contracts declined by 25.8 per cent to reach 7,989 contracts against 10,771 contracts in 2019.

The Sultanate's government collected OMR41.6 million as real estate transaction fees at the end of August 2020, which is a drop



NCSI DATA: Of the total traded value at the end of August 2020, OMR510 million worth transactions were sales contracts while OMR965.1 million transactions were mortgage deals. - File picture

of 25.4 per cent compared to the same period of 2019.

NCSI data revealed a significant rise in traded value of exchange (barter) contracts by 233.1 per cent at the end of August 2020

to OMR52.5 million, as against OMR15.8 million posted in the comparable period of 2019.

The number of barter contracts witnessed a rise of 1 per cent to a total of 1,100, compared to 1,089

contracts in 2019.

The number of plots allocated to GCC citizens fell by 63.2 per cent to reach 228 plots compared to 620 plots during the same period of 2019, the data showed. - **ONA**

INTEGRATION

Alizz Islamic Bank completes merger process with Al Yusr Islamic Banking

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Alizz Islamic Bank has completed all processes related to the integration of Al Yusr Islamic Banking. This includes the integration and transferring of customers, services, employees, assets, and liabilities from the Al Yusr Islamic Banking window to Alizz Islamic Bank's operating system.

This merger, which is the first of its kind in the local banking sector, has led to the formation of a larger Islamic banking entity that can effectively compete in the market and meet the various financial services needs of the customers. The merger has received the unanimous support and endorsement from the boards of directors, and Sharia supervisory bodies of both banks.

The success of the merger between the two institutions has resulted in the formation of a new financial entity that will be more competitive, both locally and regionally, and in a position to promote the development of the financial sector in the Sultanate in line with the latest international standards. The merger brings together several synergies as the banks currently have complementary products, systems, technologies, and customer segments.

Alizz Islamic Bank now has a wider network of 17 branches in various governorates of the Sultanate. In addition to expanding the digital services network to complete banking transactions with ease, customers will have access to an award-winning mobile banking application which is considered one of the best applications in the local banking sector. Additionally, Relationship managers are available for individual and corporate services. The bank also offers various



Sulaiman Al Harthi

financial advice through its 24/7 call centre.

Commenting on the successful completion of the merger stages, Sulaiman Al Harthi, Chief Executive Officer of Alizz Islamic Bank said, "We believe that this merger between Alizz Islamic Bank and Al Yusr Islamic Banking has created a favourable platform to expand the scope of our service infrastructure as well as enabling us to be accessible to more customers via our expanded network. The merger will help us branch out faster and increase the customer base of Alizz Islamic Bank and will provide us with the strong shareholders' support which will enable facets related to financing and investment processes. It has also resulted in the bank having a wider geographical spread to operate on a larger scale."

It's important to note that Alizz Islamic Bank will enjoy stronger shareholders' support post this merger and will be able to service its customers in a better way both locally and globally.

CENTRAL BANK OF OMAN

CBO issues treasury bills worth OMR10 million



MUSCAT: Central Bank of Oman raised OMR10 million by way of allotting treasury bills on Tuesday.

The treasury bills are for a maturity period of 91 days, from today until December 23, 2020.

The average accepted price reached 99.804 for every OMR100 while the minimum accepted price arrived at 99.800 per OMR100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 0.78816 per cent and 0.78971 per cent, respectively. Note 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 1 per cent.

Treasury Bills are short-term

highly secured financial instruments issued by the CBO on behalf of the government, which help the licensed commercial banks to gainfully invest their surplus funds, with the added advantage of ready liquidity through discounting and repurchase facilities (Repo) offered by the Central Bank.

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

Additionally, the government (MOF) may also resort to this instrument whenever felt necessary for financing its recurrent expenditures. - **ONA**

MARKET

MSM index ends higher



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increased by 0.996 per cent against the last trading session and reached around OMR19.84 billion. It is worth mentioning that the value of shares bought by non-Omani investors reached OMR189,000 while the value of shares sold by non-Omani investors reached OMR76,000. The net foreign investment in the market increased by 21.73 per cent to OMR113,000.

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Index.....	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value.....	Diff.....	Diff%	
MSM30 Index.....	3,628.52	3,617.04	3,626.77	3,626.27	0.50	0.01	
Financial Index	5,851.36	5,828.70	5,849.52	5,847.12	2.40	0.04	
Industrial Index	3,961.09	3,950.11	3,953.32	3,955.31	-1.99	-0.05	
Services Index	1,562.77	1,559.57	1,561.10	1,559.57	1.53	0.10	
MSM SHARIAH INDEX	517.52	517.50	517.51	517.52	-0.01	0.00	
MSM TOTAL RETURN	4,130.96	4,117.89	4,128.96	4,128.40	0.56	0.01	
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Trading Summary							
Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap.....	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
2,716,015	521,511	192	19,837,660,866	6	8	16	30

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PD	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	PDA VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000002176	AL JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS	341,208	36,205	37	0.104	0.108	0.104	0.106	0.102	0.004	3.922	0.106	0.105	0.106	0.100	13,239,184
OM0000000418	RAYSUT CEMENT	2,344	727	2	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.308	0.308	0.000	0.000	0.310	0.304	0.310	0.100	61,600,000
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	100,000	33,200	4	0.332	0.332	0.332	0.332	0.332	0.000	0.000	0.332	0.322	0.332	0.100	268,180,413
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOMMUNICATION	195,100	122,523	13	0.632	0.632	0.628	0.628	0.628	0.000	0.000	0.628	0.628	0.632	0.100	471,000,000
OM0000003234	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	152,328	48,636	3	0.318	0.326	0.318	0.320	0.320	0.000	0.000	0.326	0.320	0.328	0.100	75,651,200
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	53,725	20,846	12	0.388	0.390	0.388	0.388	0.388	0.000	0.000	0.388	0.386	0.390	0.100	252,566,361
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	57,337	21,150	9	0.370	0.370	0.368	0.368	0.370	-0.002	-0.541	0.368	0.366	0.368	0.100	1,195,824,284
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	25,000	9,500	1	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.384	-0.004	-1.042	0.380	0.372	0.380	0.100	38,000,000
OM0000003398	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	91,132	8,749	8	0.097	0.097	0.096	0.096	0.098	-0.002	-2.041	0.096	0.096	0.097	0.100	233,712,647
Total	9	1,018,174	301,536	89												

Parallel Market															
OM0000001566 OMAN FISHERIES	11,500	966	3	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.082	0.002	2.439	0.084	0.084	0.086	0.100	10,500,000
OM0000002200 AHLI BANK	15,300	2,142	2	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.137	0.003	2.190	0.140	0.130	0.140	0.100	230,952,045
OM0000004925 AL BATINAH POWER	11,500	621	6	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.053	0.001	1.887	0.054	0.053	0.054	0.100	36,443,921
OM0000001483 NATIONAL BANK OF OMAN	100,000	16,800	2	0.168	0.168	0.168	0.168	0.166	0.002	1.205	0.168	0.163	0.168	0.100	273,158,988
OM0000001517 HSBC BANK OMAN	30,000	2,760	2	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.000	0.000	0.092	0.088	0.092	0.100	184,028,777
OM0000002168 AL ANWAR CERAMIC TILES	14,097	2,340	6	0.166	0.166	0.166	0.166	0.166	0.000	0.000	0.166	0.165	0.167	0.100	49,171,471
OM0000002226 AL JAZEERA SERVICES	16,900	2,939	4	0.174	0.174	0.173	0.174	0.174	0.000	0.000	0.174	0.171	0.174	0.100	10,649,544
OM0000003281 TAAGEER FINANCE	10,000	890	1	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.000	0.000	0.089	0.088	0.089	0.100	22,569,510
OM0000004420 BANK NIZWA	1,050,192	105,019	13	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.100	0.101	0.100	150,000,000
OM0000004735 SEMBICORP SALALAH	200	22	1	0.109	0.109	0.109	0.109	0.109	0.000	0.000	0.109	0.105	0.109	0.100	104,048,343
OM0000004933 AL SUWADI POWER	500	28	1	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.054	0.054	0.000	0.000	0.055	0.054	0.055	0.100	38,577,942
OM0000005963 PHOENIX POWER	78,917	4,274	9	0.057	0.057	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.000	0.000	0.054	0.054	0.056	0.100	78,980,479
OM0000007407 DHOFAR GENERATING COMPANY	100	19	1	0.194	0.194	0.194	0.195	0.195	0.000	0.000	0.194	0.180	0.194	0.100	43,336,800
OM0000007811 MUSANDAM POWER	6,726	2,179	1	0.324	0.324	0.324	0.324	0.324	0.000	0.000	0.324	0.324	0.324	0.100	22,806,360
OM0000007043 NATIONAL LIFE & GENERAL INS.	54,149	17,544	21	0.324	0.324	0.324	0.324	0.324	0.000	-1.220	0.324	0.324	0.328	0.100	85,860,000
OM0000001707 OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	40,000	17,680	3	0.442	0.442	0.442	0.442	0.450	-0.008	-1.778	0.442	0.434	0.448	0.100	39,647,400
OM0000003521 GULFAR ENGINEERING AND CON.	92,210	4,518	8	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.050	-0.001	-2.000	0.049	0.049	0.050	0.100	14,209,051
OM0000006920 VISION INSURANCE	50,000	4,700	1	0.094	0.094	0.094	0.094	0.097	-0.003	-3.093	0.094	0.090	0.096	0.100	9,400,000
OM0000003139 NATIONAL ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS	89,500	9,218	14	0.104	0.104	0.100	0.103	0.108	-0.005	-4.630	0.102	0.100	0.102	0.100	3,457,859
Total	19	1,671,791	194,660	99											

INSURANCE SECTOR

CMA organises training programme

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Capital Market Authority (CMA) has resumed its annual training programmes for the national cadres in the insurance sector. CMA held a training programme on medium management skills through video conferencing. The programme aims to acquaint the participants with advanced skills in medium management to move to the senior management stages. The annual training programmes of Tamkeen initiative aims to empower the national cadres working in the insurance sector through qualitative and digital Omanisation policy under three functional levels: Operations, medium management and senior management to achieve the timeline of the national initiative that started in 2018 in coordination with the Ministry of Labour. The medium management programme in its advanced level is one of the significant programmes



INFORMATIVE SESSION: The annual training programmes of Tamkeen initiative aims to empower the national cadres working in the insurance sector. - File picture

that add administrative skills and the instruments required for running operational works of insurance processes as it targets the participants in the first medium management skills programme besides those who are qualified to

move from operational management to medium management. The programme included several points in managerial leadership skills required to increase productivity and application of efficient orientation and assessment

techniques. In addition to using technology in problem-solving to overcome the obstacles that face the participants, and dispute resolution using most advanced problem-solving systems, creating change management plans that lead to continued improvement and finally developing efficient work plans for time management were also discussed. It is noteworthy that Tamkeen vision is based on enhancing the representation of national cadres in medium and senior technical managerial position without focusing on operational roles following specific percentages after consideration of the realities of the manpower in insurance companies and brokers. CMA aims to reach an Omanisation ratio at 50 per cent in senior roles, 75 per cent in medium roles and 90 per cent in operational roles gradually through the end of 2020. The number of Omanis working in the sector was 2,433 at the end of 2019.

COVID-19-INDUCED RECESSION

US federal debt to reach nearly twice economy's size in 2050

WASHINGTON: US federal debt is projected to reach nearly twice the size of the economy in 2050, driven by the massive fiscal response to the COVID-19-induced recession, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) said Monday in a report. "Even after the effects of the 2020 coronavirus pandemic fade, deficits in coming decades are projected to be large by historical standards," the report said, expecting the federal deficit to increase from 5 per cent of US gross domestic product (GDP) in 2030 to 13 per cent in 2050. The projected budget deficits will boost federal debt from 98 per cent of GDP in 2020 to 195 per cent of GDP in 2050, just below twice the economy's total size, according to the CBO. "High and rising federal debt makes the economy more vulnerable to rising interest rates and, depending on how that debt is financed, rising inflation," the report said, warning the growing

debt burden also raises borrowing costs and increases the risk of a fiscal crisis. "CBO's report shows 30 straight years of trillion-dollar deficits that grow and grow, leaving no doubt that we're on a dangerous and unsustainable fiscal path," Michael A. Peterson, CEO of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, said Monday in a statement. "Unfortunately, the coronavirus crisis has simply accelerated an already unsustainable fiscal trajectory, because of its devastating effect on the economy and the necessary legislative response," Peterson said. "Once we have emerged from the pandemic, it will be more important and urgent than ever for our leaders to manage our debt, to ensure that America is more prepared for the future, better positioned for widespread and inclusive growth, and meeting our moral obligation to future generations," he added. -Xinhua

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES

Ministry signs pact to support honey industry in the Sultanate



COLLABORATION: The agreement was signed by Dr Ahmed bin Nasser Al Bakri, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources for Agriculture, and Said bin Talib Al-Ma'awali, Chairman of OIFC Board of Directors. - OMA

MUSCAT: An agreement was inked between Oman's Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources and Oman India Fertiliser Company (OIFC) to support the honey industry in Oman. The pact was signed in co-operation with the Office of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations and the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority.

The agreement was signed by Dr Ahmed bin Nasser Al Bakri, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources for Agriculture, and Said bin Talib Al-Ma'awali, Chairman of OIFC Board of Directors. The project aims to address some of the challenges facing the honey industry in the Sultanate

in line with the agricultural and rural development strategy 2040, its investment plan, FAO strategic objectives and the provision of capacity building programmes with a focus on the organisational and technical aspects. The project will provide support to beekeepers to develop a common vision and action plan through a series of multi-stake-

holder workshops to have sustainable and economic beekeeping. The project also aims to enhance the technical skills of beekeepers and beekeeping-related institutions, low-income families and family projects, in addition to honey bee technicians in agricultural departments, which results in the adoption of good agricultural practices in beekeeping. - OMA

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Inventory, Accounts & Purchase, Indian male 30, having 8 years experience with good knowledge and skills, looking for a suitable opportunity. NOC available. Contact: 96219904. Email: khanshah98@gmail.com

Indian Male. M.Com with 10 years experience seeks job. Contact 92789440

Indian female, M.com (Finance) & MBA (HR), 6 years experience seeking for an opening at Muscat.Contact 95340104 .email sunilasunil30@gmail.com

Indian Male Accountant, 15 years experience, 12 years in Oman looking for a job as Accountant with NOC. Please contact with me for more details on 91214849.

Indian male M.Com having 11.5 yrs(4yrs in UAE & 7.5 yr in Oman) experience in accounts& Finance. Looking for suitable job. # 98381981

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 Email mwm30033@yahoo.com. Contact 27243393

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MEDICAL

Nurse required for a GP doctor clinic. Visa is ready, clinic to begin operation immediately Interested candidate Contact /whatsapp Emran 95956363

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CONTACT 72144127, RAMESH4974@GMAIL.COM

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INDIAN, female, MBA, 4 years experience in Office Administration and Customer Service (Banking & Construction field), knowledge of MS packages, currently on family visa, available for immediate joining.

Mob: 95073054 Email: bfaqua88@gmail.com

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Indian Male, 40 Years, B.Com + CA intermediate, having more than 15 Years of experience (12 years in Oman) in the different positions as Accounts Manager, Internal Auditor and statutory auditor. currently working as Finance Manager, seeking similar Managerial position in finance.

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Project Manager/Construction Manager

20 years experienced Civil Engineer (10 years-Oman, 8 years-UAE) currently working as Senior Construction Manager in top reputed organization in Oman. Seeking opportunities in a reputed company.

Email: johnv199497@gmail.com +971543086708 / +96894017400

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Btech and 15 years exp in Oman. NOC and Release available.

Contact 92254336 ameen1667@gmail.com

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Contact Number: 97880684

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Contact 99721926, tanvircivil@gmail.com

SENIOR MANAGER / PROJECT DIRECTOR – CIVIL ENGINEERING

Very widely experienced both in Consultancy and Construction looking for a placement at top management level or on partnership.

Contact: winnerdandd@gmail.com Mobile/WhatsApp 95150850, 79163390

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Indian, 36 male, Piping / stress Engineer, 13+years experience in onshore / offshore / pipeline in Oil & Gas. Knowledge in Caesar, AutoCAD, Mavis work, MsOffice, PDS looking for suitable job, join immediately.

Contact no. 94342605; shahahmed142@gmail.com

12+ Years Experienced HSE Professional

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Contact details: 99377048

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Indian Male, 12 Yrs. experience in Oman, seeks job for HR/Admin/Office Asst./Secretary. **Contact 96992190 / 97841713**

Indian Male, Oman experienced Civil Site Supervisor.D/L available Seeking suitable placement. **Contact +968 79797750 Email: abhishekrajesh49436@gmail.com**

Senior Organizational Development / HR professional, MBA, Chartered member CIPD, Indian male with 19 years GCC experience having strong background in HR policy, seeks placement. # 96012368. email: ammu2194@yahoo.com

Smart Indian, Excellent English, Masters, Arabic speaker, 17years Oman experience seeks Admin/HR, Operations,Corporate/Marketing Communication, Credit, Chairman/ CEO Office, Projects. # 99283938

Indian female, 14 yrs experience in leading automotive industry as sales coordinator, office assistant and secretary. Looking for suitable position and ready to join immediately with NOC. **Contact 91791424**

31 year Female MBA with Omani DL, seeks placement in Admin or Finance. **Contact 96711850**

Indian female 29, experience in telemarketing & secretarial field on family visa. **Contact 93605361**

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Looking for driver job. # 94447012

Bangaldeshi looking driver job. **Contact 99007210, 96409814**

Looking for driver's job having 3 yrs experience in Oman Market. Languages know English, Hindi& Arabic. **Contact 96701574, 98993350**

Looking for heavy driver job. **Contact 94087276**

Looking for driving job. 5 yrs experience with Car. **Contact 96176918**

Looking for Driver Job. # 93227735

ENGINEER

5+ years of experience looking for job as Civil Engineer, ready to join immediately. **Contact 92146076, Email tauqir.akbar@yahoo.com**

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Civil Site Engineer/Inspector, total 12 yrs of experience out of which 6 yrs in consultancy firm supervision. looking for suitable opportunity.more preferably in a Consultancy firm with Oman DL.NOC available. # 78368484

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Planning Engineer (B.E Civil) with 6 years experience in Construction of Buildings/Infra/Roads with primavera/MS projects, looking for a suitable situation. NOC and D/L available. **Contact 93314353**

Planning Engineer currently working in Muscat, having a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering with 11 year's experience in Civil Construction. I'm looking for a well-established Company to gain a competitive edge in Oman. Valid GCC Driving License holder. **Contact 91007054**

Experience HVAC Engineer facility maintenance around 20years experience.**Contact 94307181 Email minhaj.mohamed@gmail.com**

Indian male 23 years mechanical engineer with one year experience in manufacturing sector, presently on visit visa looking for a suitable opening. **Contact 94683565. ms001suhail@gmail.com**

BSc.Survey Engineer 5 years experience in construction, Pipeline, Infrastructure and road works. **Contact 96047403**

Indian male, 18 years experience in Electrical engineering & Procurement.Seeking projects & operation field Willing to joint immediately with NOC Posses driving licence. BE E.E.E, MBA. **Contact 72324160. Email globaleng360@gmail.com**

Civil engineer (B.E) 15 yrs experience,12 yrs in Oman. Looking for suitable position with Oman DL. **Contact 97432396. email jamal_rangun@yahoo.com**

Electrical engineer 7 years experience, CEP, Safety courses, Duqm Refinery experience, D/L, # 79474387

Project Engineer 14 yrs experience in EPC.Currently available in Muscat having NOC.Ready to join with 30 days. **Contact 94051915. Email tabish.alam@yahoo.com**

Mechanical engineer seeking job, 4 years' experience in (MEP) structural steel, HVACc & firefighting field. With Oman DL,NOC available. # 79572873

Civil Site Engineer, Indian male 34,diploma Civil engineer experience 12 yrs(9 years in Oman)(5.5 yrs in consultancy field).Looking suitable job with Oman DL. # 93746877

HVAC-MEP / Manager -Sr Engineer,B.E, Mechanical Engineering with 15+ Years of experience including 12+ years from land-mark projects across GCC. Expert in design,procurement, project management,T&C works with OMAN DL Can join immediately, # 94954839

B.Sc Civil engineer 30 yrs Oman experience in Project management & structure design,looking for suitable placement in consulting/contracting. **Contact 968-99349578**

B.Sc in Civil Engineering having more than 12 years experience in Oman. Hand on experience in Ministry of Health, MOD,ROP and RCA prestigious project. Available in Oman with NOC and Valid DL. **Contact No. 92180869, E-mail: mamuns02@yahoo.com.**

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Electrical engineer, experience 12 year in Oman seeks job. # 98148034

BSc. Civil Engineer 12 years experience in construction and road works. **Contact 99715328**

Civil Engineer, Indian-male 49, Diploma Civil Engineer, Exp 29 years(17 years Oman). Looking suitable Job (Joining immediately) with Oman DL, **Contact 96229731**

24, Indian male, Diploma in Mechanical Engineering with Oman valid D/L. 1yr work experience in Oman, Can join immediately. **Contact no. 79121923/99224057**

B.Sc Civil engineer 30 yrs Oman experience in Project management & structure design,looking for suitable placement in consulting/contracting. **Contact 968-99349578**

MANAGER

20Yrs experienced Indian commerce graduate, 3 Years of Fleet management in FMCG sector, 7 years of Contracts, Transportation at Oil & Gas sector in Oman, and 10years of Administration in India. D/L & NOC available. Call/Whatsapp **94777651**

Project Manager, 17yrs experience,11 yrs in Oman on projects execution worked with reputed contracting companies,commercial ,residential& government projects. looking for suitable position.**Contact 99470854,94361538**

MECHANIC/TECHNIC.

Mechanical engineer, male (25 yrs) qualified in MEP, NEBOSH, Autocad(Revit) seeking job. **Contact 79165700, 92015294. Email melvinsolomon16@gmail.com**

MEDICAL

Sudanese Pharmacist, Female, 4 years experience in community pharmacy, pharmaceutical industry, **GSM: 94533602**

IT

Indian female having 8 yrs experience in the field of software testing and administration looking for a suitable job. **Contact no : 91711326**

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Indian Female with 18years exp. and knowledge upto finalization with D/L seeking suitable placement. **Contact 92724555**

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Procurement specialist/logistic coordinator, 8+ yrs experience in Oman with MNC Oil & Gas co.D/L & NOC available. **Contact 96095376**

Indian M.com graduate holding Oman DL, 05 Years plus experience in purchase / Supply Chain in international restaurants / Franchisees looking for a suitable job. NOC available. **GSM: 90197061 Email shakeeb77721@gmail.com**

Indian Male 45 yrs with 16 yrs exp in Oman as Logistic Supervisor, seeks a job in Warehouse/Distribution/FMCG companies, GCC D/L. NOC can be arranged. **Mob: +968-71689224. Email truefails@rediffmail.com**

Procurement Officer 20 years experience in Oman looking for suitable position. **Contact 97903411**

Project Procurement / Supply Chain Professional with 18 years of experience (13 years in Muscat) MBA + B.Tech (Mech), PMI-ACP, Proficient in latest procurement & contract management systems and practices looking for suitable opportunities. Expat with NOC / Drv licence. **Contact 79790072.**

Procurement officer with 19 yrs experience in construction. **Email u.bati307@gmail.com**

SALES / MARKETING

Sales manager(MBA) with 6 years experience specialised in seafood and FMCG for HORECA and hyper-market sector looking for suitable position. NOC available. **Contact +968 78321364**

Indian male experience in Sales and Marketing for 12 years with Driving License looking for suitable placement. **Contact 92085257**

Indian male, 18yrs of experience in outdoor sales of FMCG and electronics is seeking suitable placement. DL and NOC available. **Contact 91290046**

Indian male 34 yrs, 7 yrs exp in outdoor Sales Muscat/Sohar region. FMCG/Telecom, NOC available. Transferable visa. **Contact 98144874**

Salesman/office driver, 15 yrs experience. Valid D/L. Muscat area. **Contact 79818772**

B.E Civil Indian M 24 Y Sales Exp in Sales/Marketing/Team Lead/ Manager/Business Development. Available in Oman with NOC. Looking for Any Job. **Contact 78186546**

Indian Male 32, having over 9 years of oman exp in sales & Marketing is seeking for a suitable placement. NOC & Valid Oman Driving license available **Gsm 92460904**

Filipino, male with more than 10 years experience in Oman as Sales associate, customer service, administrative office, real estate, rent a car, purchaser and Logistics with driving license. **Contact 97761075**

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16 yrs Oman experience in procurement,logistics& customs with valid Oman DL & NOC seeking suitable position. **Contact 95174968**

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Indian Female, B.E. in Electronics & Communication + CCNA (Routing & Switching) fresher, studied in Oman, looking for suitable placements. Contact 99636352

Indian Male-43 yrs. Experience in trailer driver, GCC holding valid heavy licence. Seeking suitable job. NOC available. Mob - 99449686, 91- 9526956869.

Female, Planning Engineer, BE Mech. 13 years experience with oil & gas Engineering Field and construction Projects seeking a suitable job Contact no : 97408929

Diploma in Electrical Engineer (8 years Experience in Installation of LT line, Vendor Coordination, Arrange Quotation from supplier for Tender/Work). Contact 91-9771492886

Filipino male w/ release., with 8 years exp. in OMAN: ADMIN, accounting, purchasing, Knows Tally ERP 9 and microsoft's excel, 97890657, email: hernandezjanlouis27@gmail.com

B.Tech in Civil Engineering (structural), 23 yrs fresher (trained for 5 months) seeking job as structural Engineering, familiar with various software. Contact 78274434. Email mohammedarshadjunaid@gmail.com

Indian well experienced sr accountant or Chief accountant, looking for suitable placement. Contact 95362046. Email srjobinoman@yahoo.com

AutoCAD Draftsman with 8 years of Oman Experience, Architecture & Structural drafting. NOC available Contact: 78253720

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Accountant Indian Male 26yrs with MBA Finance having 5yrs experience, 3yrs in Oman looking for suitable position of an Accountant. NOC Available. GSM: 95394439. Email: mohdanas040@gmail.com

A Technical Graduate with around 2 Years' Experience in HR-Admin, seeks opportunity in HR, Administration, Desktop-Support (IT), Data Entry or IT Teacher. IELTS: 6.5-Bands. Contact / WhatsApp: +968949773471. Email: hshakjaveed@gmail.com

Indian/male (28)/MBA/4 years' experience in procurement and coordination with valid Oman. licence. Available for immediate joining. Contact: 92536194. Email: suhailbs@gmail.com

Mechanical engineer - NIT Surat, Gujarat, India - Oman resident with DL - one year work experience - Contact: 91756930

Indian male M.Tech(ECE) 4 yrs exp. as a Sales Engineer in Industrial Automation, PLC, SCADA with a valid Saudi D/L. Looking for a good opportunity. # 98240758 mohdrashidali87@gmail.com

Indian 15 yrs Oman experience B.Com, ICWA9(Inter) PGDBM head-ed Finance, logistics established Company. 93870808, 93883272

Electrical Engineer 4 yrs 6 months experience with NOC available. Contact 90863138. Email guntisiddharth@gmail.com

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Civil Engineer Contact 78012115

Indian Male HR /Admin - MBA, BCOM having 9 years experience in Gulf 5 yr and India 4 yr looking for suitable placement. # 97914340. Email: rahulkv30@yahoo.com

Part time Accounts/Data entry. Experienced Accountant looking for part time Accounts/Data entry job. Please contact: 98649698

Indian Male, 15 years Oman experience with valid Oman D/L looking for job in sales. NOC available. Contact 95356820

Result driven business manager seeking an opportunity where 15 years of trading and management experience can be applied to improve the sales and enhancing the company revenue. # 95124176

Indian Male 29 years B.E (Civil) having 6 yr Gulf experience as Project coordinator looking for suitable placement. Oman D/L # 99682689. fayiz.yh@gmail.com

Indian Male HR /Admin and Purchase - MBA, BCOM having 9 years experience in Gulf 5 yr and India 4 yr looking for suitable placement. Contact : 97914340. Email: binthjumatrading@gmail.com

Indian Male - Accountant MCOM, BCOM having 7 years experience in Gulf 4 yr and India 3 yr looking for suitable placement. Contact : 97432723. Email: tonythomasjohn777@gmail.com

Looking part-time housemaid job surrounding area of Ghobra / Aziba like cooking, washing & cleaning post-delivery support, baby care. contact 79293053.

Male, looking for a job in administration or office coordinator, extremely familiar with the Oman market Not looking into Sales or Marketing. Looking forward to hearing from potential companies. Having D/L. # 93264375 email: vpnandakishore@gmail.com

Draftsman 2 years' experience. Looking for suitable job (Indian male). Contact 968 93083224/919791452601. Email: elaison.c@gmail.com

Indian Female 10 years, experience As Cook, South Indian, Gujarati Special, looking For Part Time. Contact : 95795971

Indian Male (30), MBA-Finance, 6 years experience in electrical and lighting industry as Sales Executive-project sales (outdoor), specialized in lighting for residential and commercial projects. Contact 94560161. Email qaisebukhari@gmail.com

Situation Wanted* Mechanical engineer specialized in quality inspection with cswip 3.1 & ASNT LEVEL II certifications looking for an opening in oil & gas industry. currently in Muscat. # 96206400 or awrunedathil@gmail.com

Indian male Diploma (Cinematography) & BA English with 5 yrs of experience in sales and Marketing field Seeking suitable placement. currently in Oman on visit. Contact 78150989. Email: alexthomas927@gmail.com

B.Tech Electrical Engineer Indian male with 11 yrs of experience in contracting and consultant firms. Looking for job with Valid GCC driving license available. Contact 968-94343694. Email: ymansoor2@gmail.com

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Filipino, female 41 B.Sc accounting mgt., with 10 years' experience in Oman: admin, accounting, finance, secretarial, ticketing. Knowledge with excel. 96901439 email lorelie_a@yahoo.com

B.Com Graduate with four years of experience in Sales & Marketing, two years in Oman, looking for suitable post. Contact 93568656

Diploma holder 5 yrs work experience Indian male 26, looking for Indoor slaes/merchandiser, office assistant. Contact 968-78093683, whatsapp-94158447

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ROUND-UP



Hyundai is thinking smartly about the future of travel for consumers

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MUSCAT: Technology has significantly transformed the automotive industry so much that the way we travel in the future will not be the same as how it is today.

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but for also cities and towns.

For example, autonomous vehicles can pave the way for reducing traffic while shared transport will make commuting even more affordable. Electric vehicles, which are already widely driven worldwide, are an obvious choice for improving local air quality and thus drastically cutting pollution.

A lot of extensive work and research still needs to be undertaken before we can fully experience autonomous vehicles and shared mobility daily. Yet, these innovations are an encouraging sign of a fundamental shift to serving to the needs of consumers.

Delivering vehicles for the future will not just be about design

and luxury. Consumers will want vehicles that are intelligent and connected so that travelling becomes simpler and safer. They need to be excited about the opportunity of adopting a new mode of transport and not be worried about the potential drawbacks.

As an established global automaker, Hyundai Motor Company

is committed to providing smart mobility solutions through new technologies. This has driven us to come up with strategies with the focus on enriching people's lives and achieving progress for humanity.

Whether it is finding better ways to move around, reducing environmental impact or increasing productivity, we are looking at the wider picture of creating a meaningful change to travelling.

This was demonstrated well at CES 2020 earlier this year when Hyundai revealed its innovative human-centred vision, reinforcing the company's mission to become a Smart Mobility Solution Provider.

Urban Air Mobility (UAM), which connects the sky and ground, Purpose Built Vehicles (PBV) and the Hub (Mobility Transit Base) are three smart mobility solutions that we believe will free future cities and people from constraints and time that will enable them to create more value to their lives.

Hyundai is already one step ahead on this journey by forming an aerial ridesharing partnership with Uber.

As the first automotive company to join the Uber Elevate initiative, Hyundai will produce and deploy the air vehicles with our state-of-the-art technology. UAM is expected to transform ridesharing trips and urban transportation as a new mode of transport.

This is a significant move that shows Hyundai's vision for future mobility as a Smart Mobility Solution Provider.

But for consumers to embrace

the different forms of travelling, it would require collaboration from organisations across different industries to implement these innovative ideas and ensure the infrastructure is in place.

With the Internet of Things (IoT) playing an integral role in everyday life, the transport infrastructure is a vital component of a city's growth that can help save millions and protect the environment for the better.

Unfortunately, the world has slowed down temporarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic that has affected all industries. People are now rethinking ways to commute to work or to meet friends in the post-COVID-19 era.

The current health concerns will make public transport a less desirable option, with more people opting for shared mobility and electric vehicles instead.

Despite these unprecedented times, Hyundai Motor will continue to invest in future technologies, including autonomous driving, artificial intelligence, smart cities, new materials, robotics and developing efficient sources of green energy.

In the automotive industry's race toward progress, Hyundai Motor is keeping a strong pace to take the lead. Hyundai's innovations will go beyond automotive technology and into smart mobility solutions, making meaningful progress for humanity.

By Bang Sun Jeong, Vice President, Head of the Middle East & Africa Operation at Hyundai Motor Company

ISLAMIC BANKING

Meethaq inaugurates new branch at its head office in Airport Heights

MUSCAT: Meethaq, the pioneer of Islamic banking in Oman from Bank Muscat, celebrated the official opening of its head office branch recently.

The opening of the new branch is in line with the bank's vision "To serve you better, every day" and to continue to expand operations across the Sultanate to offer a world-class Islamic banking experience to customers in every corner of the country.

With the opening of the new branch, the total number of Meethaq branches in Oman has now reached 21, which includes 11 branches in the Governorate of Muscat and 10 branches in other governorates. In addition to the new Head Office branch, Meethaq is also happy to announce the plan to open three more new branches during this year.

The newly opened branch adds to the bank's already an excellent network of branches and a dedicated network of 40 ATMs/CDMs as well as access through the Bank Muscat ATM/CDM network across different governorates of the country. It will further benefit customers in both Muscat Governorate as well as other nearby governorates given its strategic location at the bank's Head Office in Seeb. The branch, which will work from 8 am to 2 pm, will provide many facilities and services that are compatible with the principles and provisions of Islamic Sharia. It will offer a full suite of retail banking operations and services such as home finance, auto finance and other retail facilities. The new branch will also have a Hafawa Centre for the benefit of Premium Banking customers and is staffed by well qualified and ex-



perienced Omani employees. It is expected to see a large number of customers because of its excellent location and accessibility.

The new branch is designed to create a unique ambience and banking environment in line with the Meethaq brand values of true partnership, transparency and trust. Meethaq plans to expand further its network of branches as well as launch new products and services to complement the unique Islamic banking experience. Meethaq Islamic Banking continues with its strong and consistent growth across all business activities. It retains its leading industry position in terms of asset size, deposit base and profitability as well as branch network and distribution channels.

Meethaq already has several branches spread across the country including in Al Ghubra, Muttrah, A'Seeb, Qurum, Al Khoudh, Al Khuwair, Salalah, Ibra, Sohar, Saham, Barka, Saham and 18 November. Branches are also operating in Nizwa, Bahla, Buraimi and Ibri, apart from a branch on the campus of the Sultan Qaboos University in response to the tremendous public demand for banking products and services



based on Sharia principles.

Meethaq Islamic banking provides several value-added services and exclusive lifestyle privileges to its customers, complementing a world-class banking experience. As the pioneer of Islamic banking in the Sultanate, Meethaq has adopted best

practices in Islamic banking and finance worldwide to provide a robust model that benefits its customers. Every Meethaq product goes through Shari'a compliance certification by the bank's Sharia Supervisory Board and is created in line with the guidelines of the Central Bank of Oman.

PARTNERSHIP



Use NBO credit card, and win OMR2,000 worth home renovation from Danube Home

MUSCAT: Always finding exciting ways to reward its customers, National Bank of Oman's (NBO) popular credit card competition is back, offering customers the chance to win a home renovation worth OMR2,000 with Danube Home.

Anyone shopping using an NBO credit card up until September 30 will be eligible to enter the draw, which will be announced on the bank's social media channels.

Maha Al Raisi, Head of Card Business at NBO, said, "Aside from working hard to encourage cashless banking, particularly in light of COVID-19, it is our aim to find innovative ways to engage with our customers while adding value to their lives. Our latest competition is a great opportunity to take advantage of the experts for a fresh new interior. The best part is, cardholders are eligible to win just by doing their usual shopping."

NBO's suite of credit cards offers cashless convenience, tailor-made

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to meet the needs of its customers. Providing excellent spending power and a smarter, safer alternative to cash, cardholders can access a host of unmatched benefits including movie tickets, dining and hotel discounts, free travel insurance, airport lounge access and more.

Applications approved between September 1 and 30 for new credit cards and all purchases of the required value during the same period will be eligible to enter the prize draw, which will take place on October 8. Cash withdrawals at ATMs will not be eligible for the draw.

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INFINITI QX70 now available at low EMI

A symbol of INFINITI's progressive design, the INFINITI QX70 continues to stand out from ordinary luxury crossovers



MUSCAT: Making the ownership experience truly pleasant, the original sport-crossover INFINITI QX70 (3.7 LUX SENSORY) which is designed to empower is now available at a low EMI of OMR 174.

With its sports car-inspired silhouette, the INFINITI QX70 leaves an impression that is both, instantaneous and unforgettable. The iconic performance crossover continues to prove that luxury doesn't have to be dull – in look, interior indulgences or the driving experience. A symbol of INFINITI's progressive design, the INFINITI QX70 continues to stand out from ordinary luxury crossovers with its unique combination of aggressive aerodynamic styling and performance without sacrifice.

The QX70 remains INFINITI's most audacious design craft with sporty-crossover traits making it perfect for anyone who aspires to own a sports vehicle with distinctive and bold styling, yet designed with roomy interior comfortable for the whole family.

The low EMI (terms and conditions apply) of OMR 174 is applicable on the 2020 model of INFINITI QX70 (3.7 LUX SENSORY). Subject to credit approval. Terms and conditions apply.

A senior spokesperson at INFINITI Oman, said, "Our valued customers can now avail the attractive EMI to buy their favourite INFINITI. INFINITI QX70 has a sports car-inspired silhouette, with a sloping roofline that smoothen the airflow resulting in efficient aerodynamics that reduces turbulence for lower fuel consumption and quieter ride, which leaves an impression that is instantaneous and unforgettable."

The INFINITI QX70 features a

325-horsepower 3.7-litre V6 with VVEL (Variable Valve Event & Lift) and a responsive seven-speed automatic transmission.

Aggressive aerodynamic styling

The QX70's aggressive silhouette is highlighted by a strong front-to-rear shoulder line, tight greenhouse, kicked-back roofline and integrated rear spoiler, while its large LED taillights extend beyond the body, helping create aerodynamic downforce. Large dual exhaust outlets with chrome finishers cap the action-ready appearance.

The special QX70 Sport Package provides an added level of stealthy performance appearance with a dark finish front grille with dark finish upper and lower surrounds, and dark finish fog light surrounds, outside mirror housings, side air vents, lower side mouldings, roof rails, and upper and lower trunk finishers.

The INFINITI QX70 is offered in eight exterior colours: Graphite Shadow, Malbec Black, Umbria Twilight, Liquid Platinum, Black Obsidian, Midnight Mocha, Moonlight White and Iridium Blue.

Under the polished, assertive exterior is an equally advanced body structure, offering room for five adults and the capacity to hold four full-size golf bags. QX70 utilizes the rigid FM (for Front Midship) platform architecture, with balanced front-to-rear weight distribution to help provide exceptional handling performance. Weight reduction and body strengthening efforts include the use of aluminium doors and hood.

The INFINITI QX70's interior includes a command centre-style cockpit designed to enhance the driving experience. The high-tech

interior design includes an Infiniti signature double-wave instrument panel and Fine Vision electroluminescent gauges.

The standard leather-appointed front seats offer 10-way driver's side (including power lumbar)/8-way passenger side power adjustments and are available with a heating and cooling function for maximum comfort in any season. Heated front seats are standard on all models.

The interior's array of comfort and convenience equipment ranges from a leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob to dual front and rear cupholders, four 12-volt power outlets, power windows with front one-touch auto-up/down function, power door locks and available tonneau cover and aluminium pedal accents.

Every INFINITI QX70 comes equipped with an advanced Bose® Premium Audio system, acoustically engineered to optimize sound within the interior. The system features 11-speakers, an AM/FM/CD player and a USB connection port for iPod Interface and other compatible devices.

Also, the standard is SiriusXM Satellite Radio (SiriusXM subscription required, sold separately), diversity antenna and steering wheel-mounted remote audio controls.

All QX70s come equipped with an advanced 3.7-litre DOHC 24-valve V6 with INFINITI's Variable Valve Event & Lift (VVEL) valve control technology, which continuously adjusts valve timing and lift amounts, enabling higher fuel efficiency with higher torque and improved emissions over conventional variable valve designs. The VVEL intake camshafts, which feature continuously

variable lift control teamed with a Continuously Variable Valve Timing Control System (CVTCS), allow for a 6,800-rpm redline.

The engine includes an aluminium block and heads and electronically controlled throttle system and has been tuned specifically for use in the QX70. The engine is rated at 325-horsepower and 267 lb-ft of torque. Along with VVEL, the advanced V6 engine design also features a silent timing chain for quiet operation, micro-finished crank journals and cam lobes, and resin-coated lightweight pistons, a dual exhaust system with equal length exhaust manifolds and low muffler exhaust pressure to help improve engine breathing.

Only one transmission is offered – a refined 7-speed transmission that features a wide ratio of coverage and wide lock-up area, as well as a manual shift mode, Downshift Rev Matching and Adaptive Shift Control (ASC). The standard ASC system adapts the transmission's shift timing depending on driving style. Solid magnesium paddle shifters are available with the Sport Package, while INFINITI's advanced Vehicle Dynamic Control (VDC) system with Traction Control System (TCS) is standard on all models.

The QX70 AWD model comes equipped with INFINITI's Intelligent All-Wheel Drive system, which uses an advanced torque split control strategy that automatically redistributes torque to the wheels (0:100 up to 50:50 front to rear) according to the road and driving conditions.

An independent suspension is utilised at all four corners, with double-wishbone suspension design in front and a multi-link design in the rear.

HEALTHCARE SERVICES



Renna Mobile partners with Badr Al Samaa to provide special rates

MUSCAT: As part of its continuous efforts to aid the community, Renna Mobile has partnered with Oman's largest healthcare provider, Badr Al Samaa Group of Hospitals, to offer a special benefit to its customers.

With this, Renna Mobile customers can avail healthcare services at any centre of Badr Al Samaa Group of Hospitals at special rates and stay healthy during these challenging times. The discount rates vary for different services as agreed between both partners.

To avail this benefit, all a Renna Mobile Customer needs to do is dial *181*615# from his mobile. In reply, the customer will receive an SMS. After receiving the SMS, the customer needs to show the SMS and Civil ID at Badr Al Samaa billing desk/customer care executive.

On this occasion, Raed Haddadin, CEO, Renna Mobile said, "We are excited to partner with Badr Al Samaa, a prominent healthcare name in the region and sincerely appreciate their support for this initiative. In this testing time, our customers must get access to the best healthcare and no establishment other than Badr Al Samaa Group of Hospitals fits better. Both Renna Mobile and Badr Al Samaa Group always strive to provide the best of the solution to their customers or patients."

He added, "Renna Mobile believes in going beyond the realm of telecom services and helping customers stay better and safer. Perhaps thus, we strive to become a more preferred telecom operator in the Sultanate."

Renna Mobile customers can avail healthcare services at any centre of Badr Al Samaa Group of Hospitals at special rates

Speaking about the partnership, in a joint statement the managing directors of Badr Al Samaa Group of Hospitals, Abdul Latheef and Dr P A Mohammed said, "We are happy to offer our support to this special initiative by Renna Mobile. Being the largest healthcare provider in the private sector, we understand our social responsibility and through this campaign, we not only make ourselves affordable to many but also raise awareness around the importance of preventive health check-ups."

Renna Mobile is the largest MVNO in the Sultanate and is always committed to offer the most Value for Money products and services with the latest technology supported by 24 X 7 friendly customer services.

Badr Al Samaa Group of Hospitals, which is the biggest private healthcare group of Oman, has a presence in UAE, Bahrain, Qatar, and Kuwait. Growing with the trust and confidence of its patients, the group plans to introduce more advanced facilities in Duqum and Mabella and many other GCC countries.

DEDICATED SERVICE

Al Hashar Pharmacy bids adieu to purchase & administration manager after 43 years of service



MUSCAT: Al Hashar Pharmacy announced that T. Gopinadhan, Purchase & Administration Manager has decided to retire effective September 22, 2020.

Gopinadhan has served the company since 1977. Over the years he has played a critical role in helping the company adapt to significant changes. In the process, he served to champion several different roles from Purchasing, warehousing, logistics, Tender Operations & Administration enabling Al Hashar Pharmacy becoming a trusted healthcare partner in Oman.

"Gopinadhan's work ethic, command of complexity, devotion and client focus have been exemplary at the company. He has been a mentor to many, and his influence has made an indelible impact on generations of professionals at the firm. I want to thank Gopinadhan for all he's done for the devel-

opment and progress of Al Hashar Pharmacy," said Suresh Gandhi, CEO of Al Hashar Pharmacy.

Al Hashar Pharmacy is a pharmaceutical distribution company dedicated to patient-oriented healthcare in Oman. Founded in 1972, we have over four decades of excellence inpatient care. Al Hashar Pharmacy has been one of the pioneering organisations in the field of Pharmaceutical distribution and retail trade. Various services offered by Al Hashar Pharmacy includes pharmaceuticals, laboratory diagnostics & community pharmacies.

Al Hashar Pharmacy has christened their revenue departments relating to brightest constellations in the night sky. Auriga division focus on healthcare and OTC products & Orion department focus on Rx products in various therapeutic segments in pharmaceuticals.

WORLD CLEANUP DAY

Over 120kg of waste cleaned up by Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort



MUSCAT: World Cleanup Day is an annual global social action movement aimed at combating the global solid waste problem, including marine debris.

Taking place annually on the third Saturday of September, this year's World Cleanup Day was held on September 19 and saw 150 countries participate in litter cleanups and waste mapping activities in parks, forests, communities, and beaches.

Renowned for its commitments to sustainable hospitality and sentimental conservation, Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort's team united on September 17 and helped clear up the entire area of a nearby village, Sayq Village. With the amount of one-time plastic waste increasing at an alarming rate

globally, the team set out to clean-up all litter and objects foreign to the natural fauna and flora of the mountain, all whilst maintaining social distancing and wearing personal protective equipment.

The cleanup drive was undertaken by 20 team members of the Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort, including Acting General Manager, Rami Farhat, and Manager of People & Culture, Shakir Al Fahadi. Fuelled by the collective efforts of the hardworking team, the successful initiative resulted in an impressive 120 kg of waste cleared and appropriately disposed of, leaving the Sayq village well sanitary.

Talking about the initiative, Rami Farhat, Acting General Manager at Anantara Al Jabal Al Akh-

dar said, "The goal of adopting this initiative is to promote the culture of cleaning our surrounding areas and preserving the appearance of our important landmarks.

"Our country, and the rest of the world, is already dealing with an existing plastic problem, but the use of disposable masks and gloves is creating a new kind of pollution. Whilst it is necessary to use these products for protection against COVID-19, it is also essential for individuals to dispose of this waste appropriately.

"With waste being a fundamental global issue, Oman has made great strides to overcome this worldwide problem, such as increasing green areas, and improving marine environment and protecting it from pollution.

Movements like World Cleanup Day help us play an active role in raising awareness among current and future generations and we are proud to take part."

Most companies conduct this drive annually, however, the team at Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort organise a monthly cleanup, setting a crucial example to both guests and the rest of Omani residents. They believe that whilst one individual can't clean up a whole country, a single individual can motivate the rest of the country to play their part.

In 2019, Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort also donated and installed public waste bins across the neighbouring 400-year old villages of Al Aqr, Al Ain and Al Shareejah.

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