

SAYYID THEYAZIN ISSUES DECISION ON OMANI WOMEN'S CLUB

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HM THE SULTAN CONGRATULATES PRESIDENT OF AZERBAIJAN

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of congratulations to Dr. Ilham Heydar Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on his country's Independence Day anniversary. In his cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere greetings and wishes of good health and happiness to the president and his country's people further progress and prosperity. **-ONA**



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SAYYID SHIHAB RECEIVES UK AMBASSADOR

His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik bin Taimour Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs received in his office at Al Murtafaa Camp on Sunday William Murray, Ambassador of the United Kingdom (UK) to the Sultanate of Oman. Sayyid Shihab wished the ambassador success in his tour of duty in Oman. The two sides exchanged cordial talks and reviewed the relations between Oman and the UK. **-ONA**

CRICKET

Sayyid Theyazin presides over T20 Cricket World Cup opening ceremony

AL AMERAT: His Highness Sayyid Theyazin bin Haitham Al Said, Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth patronised the opening ceremony of final qualifiers of the T20 Cricket World Cup yesterday at the Stadiums of Oman Cricket Academy in the Wilayat of Al Amerat.

See also **>A7**



A SALUTE OF THANKS TO ALL WOMEN

Her Highness the Honourable Lady Assayida Ahd Abdullah Hamed Al Busaidi, Spouse of the Sultan of Oman, has issued a message on Omani Women's Day, the 17th of October

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MUSCAT: Her Highness the Honourable Lady Assayida Ahd Abdullah Hamed Al Busaidi, Spouse of the Sultan of Oman, has addressed a message of greetings on the occasion of Omani Women's Day, which falls on 17 October every year.

The message reads as follows: "On the occasion of Omani Women's Day, the 17th of October, we would like to express thanks and appreciation for every woman who advocates good deeds and elevates the values of tolerance, amity and benevolence. Our greetings go to every woman who contributes to building this dear country from her position as an active participant delivering her social, national and humanitarian duties in all fields and under all normal and unfavourable circumstances undergone by the country."

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Other high-ranking women in government positions in Oman also issued warm messages of encouragement, with State Council member Dr Aisha Al Darmaki saying women are "an essential pillar of national development in Oman. That is why Oman's Vision 2040 stipulates empowering women

socially and economically, within the priority of welfare and social protection."

Captain Badriya Al Toubi of the Public Relations Department of the Royal Oman Police, said, "Women are inspired, independent, strong, watchful, creative, ambitious, and are leaders. They are dedicated to their motherhood, and build walls for homes filled

with tranquility and harmony."

Women have also played critical roles in the oil and gas industry, according to Ghaliba Al Hinai, who heads the field group overseeing the joint development of isolated energy fields. "They play a number of different roles, be they technical, operational, administrative, or strategic," she added.

So much importance is given to

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the role of women that the plans of Oman Vision 2040 do not differentiate between the roles played by men or women, said Dr Adhari Al Zaabi, an assistant professor at the College of Health and Medical Sciences at Sultan Qaboos University.

"It is a call for everyone to unite in order to achieve this vision," she said. "Women by their nature strengthen social and family ties, not just those at work, since they need a lot of material and moral support in order to motivate them to give more."

Dr Amna Al Ruhaili, vice president of the Remote Sensing Centre at Sultan Qaboos University, added, "I would like to congratulate the Honourable Lady, and the Omani women who have made an effort to create a society and a promising future for the coming generations."

Oman has always accorded great importance to the development of women across all fields, added Wadhwa Al Alawi, the director of the Women's Affairs Department at the Ministry of Social Development.

"We are considered to be valued human entities," she said. "His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, may God preserve him, emphasised in his speech the role of Omani women, alongside men, as one of the pillars of national action."

Dr Maryam Al Nabhani, director general of Private Universities and Colleges, said in this context: "Omani women have assumed many positions at all levels, especially higher education, scientific research and innovation. They were given the opportunity to be educated, qualified and empowered, so they have accomplished, innovated and achieved many successes that contribute to development."

"Omani women have been able to prove themselves in all fields of work, including education and vocational training, whether in government colleges or private institutions," added Dr Maimunah Al Rawahi, the assistant director-general for vocational training.

(With inputs from Oman News Agency)

ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP 2021

Oman trounce PNG in World Cup opener

MUSCAT: Co-hosts Oman got celebrations under way at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 with a comprehensive 10-wicket win over Papua New Guinea in the opening match.

Zeeshan Maqsood's men ticked all the boxes, with their bowling, catching and batting giving the home fans plenty to cheer about at the Oman Cricket Academy Ground on Sunday.

Maqsood himself took four wickets to help restrict the opposition to 129/9, before half-centuries for openers Jatinder Singh and Aaqib Ilyas eased them past the target in 13.4 overs.

Not much went PNG's way after they found themselves 0/2 inside the first two overs, with captain Assad Vala's fifty the only highlight for them on a difficult day.

Solid batting

The opening pair of Jatinder and Ilyas barely looked under pressure in the chase. They were solid rather than flashy during the Powerplay, with the first six coming only in the eighth over, off the bat of Ilyas. Jatinder, who was strong

with the reverse sweep all day, was the first to bring up his fifty, off 33 balls. Getting to face a free hit, he got to the landmark with a six over long-on and brought out his trademark celebration.

Ilyas, who had been caught off a no-ball, got to his half-century in

43 balls, before Jatinder sealed the game with a final six.

Disastrous start for PNG

Earlier, PNG overcame a disastrous start where they were 0/2, thanks to a national record third-wicket stand of 81 off 60 balls be-

tween captain Vala and Charles Amini. Vala was the top scorer of the PNG innings, striking an entertaining 43-ball 56.

However, the middle order couldn't capitalise, as Maqsood ran through the line-up with three wickets in his second over. **>A3**



TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN Daymaniyat cleaning drive after Shaheen

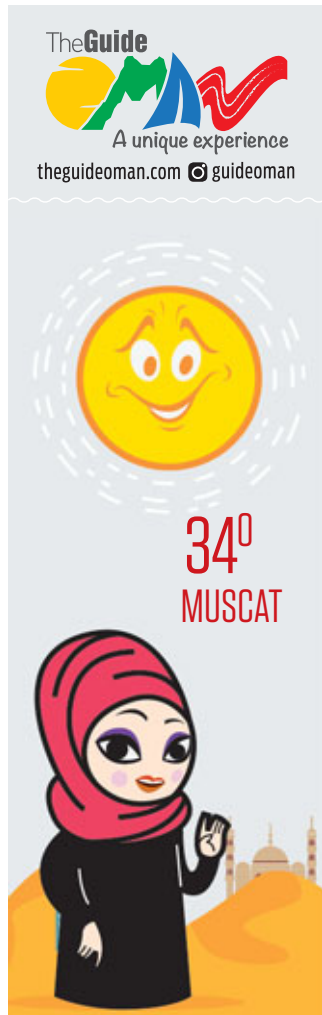
1 Environment Authority teams left for Daymaniyat Islands to clean up the debris on its beaches left by cyclone Shaheen. **>A3**

WORLD 15 US missionaries kidnapped in Haiti

2 At least 15 American missionaries and family members have been kidnapped in Haiti. **>A6**

MARKET Oil at 3-year high amid coal crisis

3 The global crude rally gained momentum in October on rising demand supported by coal shortage faced by power generation firms. **>B1**



**ROYAL OFFICE MINISTER
RECEIVES UAE AMBASSADOR**

DUBAI: Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office received Mohammed Sultan Al Suwaidi, Ambassador of the UAE to Oman. Gen. Al-Nu'amani welcomed the ambassador, who expressed his thanks and appreciation for the Sultanate's efforts in the region. He praised the strong relations binding Oman and the UAE. The two sides discussed means of enhancing joint cooperation on regional and international issues of mutual interest. **-ONA**



**OMANI PAVILION IN EXPO 2020
DUBAI MARKS WOMEN'S DAY**

DUBAI: The Omani pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai organised a discussion panel on the occasion of Omani Women's Day. The session was attended by a number of Omani Women from various sectors. It dealt with inspiring stories of successful business women and their contributions towards an innovative and economically sustainable future. **-ONA**



MG MOTOR OMAN CONTINUES TO DO MORE!

Tracing its history back to 1924, MG is the iconic British motoring brand famous for building sporty and exciting cars which are always fun to drive. From the original MG 14/28 Super Sports car designed by the legendary Cecil Kimber to the all-electric MG ZS EV of today, MG has always been innovative, always been radical and always been fun. In Oman, this world-famous mass-market automotive brand was launched by MHD ACERE under the dynamic leadership of Mr. Mohsin Hani Al Bahrani. In a short span of time, the brand has grown leaps and bounds in sales, expansion and popularity.

MG Motor Oman has an enviable range of products varying from sedans, SUVs and pick-ups. Their vehicles are practical, spacious, packed with technology and perfect for modern life. Mr. Mohsin has been actively personally involved in the growth of MG Motor Oman and due to his efforts, the brand achieved 3rd place in 2020 as per MEAC Report in terms of local sales volume which is a massive jump from the 15th position in 2019. He was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for 'Outstanding Achievement in 2020' by SAIC Motor Middle East for outstanding sales.

In 2021, MG Motor has once again recorded impressive sales. It witnessed remarkable growth of 263% and contributed to a strong 5.3% market share, the highest ever to be registered in the GCC for a single market. This outstanding performance led the brand to jump two positions to take 8th place in the list of GCC's best-selling brands. For their exceptional efforts, MHD ACERE was recently recognized as the Number 1 GCC dealer in the MG Motor Customer Satisfaction Index.

MG Motor showrooms have been opened in Muscat, Al Manuma, Sohar, Salalah, Sur, Ibra, Ibri, Nizwa and Bidayah

and the brand is continuously making efforts for rapid expansion across the country. Apart from having showrooms in different parts of the country, MG Motor Oman also has an e-commerce platform to help enhance its customers' shopping experience from the comfort and safety of their homes. The platform <https://mg-om.com/buy-online/> allows customers to select vehicles from the available stock, to reserve vehicles, to conduct online payments and to schedule home delivery of cars.

Additionally, customers can also book test drives and connect with MG Motor customer service

team for any query or information. For all the MG cars bought MG Motor offers a 6 Years/200,000 km Manufacturer's Warranty (whichever comes first) across the Middle East. This is the highest warranty offered in the mass market automotive brands. MG Motor Oman has dedicated service centres and trained professionals who provide best MG Care. Regular customer promotions and offers are also launched to improve the overall experience of owning an MG.





Dhuhr	11:57pm
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Maghrib	5:44pm
Isha	6:54pm
Fajr (Tomorrow)	4:50am

OMANI WOMEN'S DAY

Ahad Al Khair convoy provides relief to needy

MUSCAT: Within the celebrations of the Omani Women's Day, Ahad Foundation launched, yesterday, Ahad Al Khair convoy to a number of cyclone-hit wilayats.

The convoy is meant to provide supplies to Omani and resident women in the wilayats hit by the cyclone Shaheen.

The convoy showcases the role Omani women play in the various sectors and their effective participation under difficult times and conditions.

The convoy kicked off from Muscat Governorate targeting five wilayats affected with the exceptional weather condition (Cyclone Shaheen) in the governorates of



North Al Batinah, South Al Batinah and Al Dhahirah. The convoy is accompanied by volunteers from the Omani Women's Associations in the various governorates

of the Sultanate and volunteers from among the female employees of the Royal Court Affairs.

Her Highness the Honourable Lady Assayida Ahd Abdullah

Hamed Al Busaidi, Spouse of the Sultan of Oman, stressed her keenness and attention for the participation of the members of the Omani Women Associations in the convoy mainly in distribution of supplies in the cyclone-hit areas.

The participants in the convoy expressed their pride in participating in Ahad Al Khair Convoy along with their sincere thanks to the Honourable Lady. They also expressed their privilege and honour of being part of the convoy. The participants also valued the kind gesture of the Honourable Lady for allocating the convoy to target women and children in the affected wilayats. -ONA

Daymaniyat cleaning drive after Shaheen

Specialists from the Wildlife Protection Unit are cleaning the beaches, said the Environment Authority in a statement



the debris that washed up on its beaches due to cyclone Shaheen.

"To reinforce the efforts of the Environment Agency for the continuity of the cleanliness of the Omani beaches, specialists from the Wildlife Protection Unit are clean-

ing the beaches of the Daymaniyat natural islands of the remnants of tree branches, plastic cans and other material, which were carried by the wadis to the sea as a result of cyclone Shaheen," said the Environment Authority in a statement.

Meanwhile, cleanup operations continue in North Al Batinah, which felt the maximum impact of the cyclone.

"The temporary field centre in the wilayat of Suwaia in North Al Batinah governorate continues its efforts, by following up and directing the field teams to deal with the reports concerning the impact of cyclone Shaheen," said a statement from the Civil Defence and Ambulance Authority.

The Royal Oman Police added, "In continuation of the plans for recovery and return to normalcy in the areas affected by the recent weather situation, the Sultan Qaboos Academy for Police Sciences provides the municipal sector with human resources to help remove waste from public places and assist the affected citizens in cleanup operations."

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MUSCAT: Teams from the Environment Authority headed to the Daymaniyat Islands to clean up

CRICKET

FROM A1 Oman bowlers aided by excellent fielding

PNG lost both openers in the first two overs of the match with Oman's new-ball pair of Bilal Khan and Kaleemullah causing havoc. Bilal took the first wicket of the tournament when he got the ball to shape in to Tony Ura, who edged onto his stumps.

The next over, Kaleemullah foxed Lega Siaka with his outswing, before a straighter one was chopped onto the stumps.

Amini and Vala, though, re-

mained unperturbed and kept up the attack. Amini was the aggressor early on in the stand, getting going with a couple of boundaries.

The partnership had guided the World Cup debutants to 70 at the halfway mark when a direct hit from Mohammad Nadeem broke the stand. Amini, who had set off for a single from the non-striker's end, couldn't make it back in time as Nadeem did a smart bit of work off his own bowling.

Vala, who needed medical attention following a collision with the bowler, brought up a fine fifty with a straight six. However, he fell looking to up the ante, as Jatinder ran in from long-on to take a good high catch.

The loss of Vala in the 15th over with the team score at 102 triggered a collapse. The middle and lower order could only add 27 more, even as the Oman bowlers were aided by excellent fielding.

Maqsood spun the momentum his team's way, by sending back Norman Vanua, Sese Bau and Kipelin Doriga in the same over. Excellent work by Nadeem, who held his balance in the deep to take a high catch of Damien Ravu, gave the skipper his fourth wicket. He finished with 4/20.

Oman next take on Bangladesh on Tuesday, October 19, while PNG face Scotland in the first match the same day. -ICC

BOOSTING TIES

Omani-Lebanese Business Forum explores avenues to boost investment and trade

MUSCAT: The Omani-Lebanese Business Forum, organised by Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) on Sunday, explored the available opportunities to promote investment and trade exchange between the Sultanate of Oman and Lebanon.

It also discussed the best ways to build and enhance partnerships between the Omani and Lebanese businesspeople.

The forum, which was held on the sidelines of an official visit by a Lebanese business delegation to Oman, started with a speech given by Eng. Redha Juma Al Saleh, OCCI Chairman. During his speech, he stated that the private sector plays a great role in developing the commercial and economic relations between the two countries. He explained that there is a mutual ambition to promote and develop such relations to reflect positively on the volume of trade exchange and investment between the Sultanate and Lebanon.

"Although the volume of trade exchange between Oman and Lebanon amounted to OMR17,021,684 in 2020, this figure does not reflect the ambitions of the Omani and Lebanese businesspeople. There are many promising areas of cooperation between the two parties generated by Oman Vision 2040 with its objectives, pillars and executive framework," Eng. Redha indicated.

"The forum was held at a time when the mutual relations between Oman and Lebanon are growing in many fields as manifested by the exchange of visits by business delegations from the two parties. This



PARTNERSHIP: The Omani-Lebanese Business Forum also discussed the best ways to build and enhance partnerships between the Omani and Lebanese businesspeople. -ONA

prompts the private sector companies at the two countries to work on sustaining their cooperation and partnerships while focusing on the productive sectors including industry, agriculture, tourism, brands and franchise." The Board Chairman of the OCCI added.

On his turn, Mohamed Choucair, Head of Economic Organizations and Chairman of the Federations of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture in Beirut and Mount Lebanon, gave a speech in which he thanked the OCCI on its invitation to the Lebanese business delegation. He stated that this invitation demonstrates a strong will and determination to move forward in establishing the best economic relations between the two sisterly countries particularly between the private sector establishments in Lebanon and Oman.

During the forum, the Ministry

of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion presented a worksheet entitled "Invest in Oman" which explored the competitive business environment in Oman that promotes growth and economic diversification and empowers the private sector. The worksheet highlighted the investment potentials of the Sultanate of Oman including its modern and advanced infrastructure, its strategic location connected to vital trade routes between East and West, and its proximity to around 54 million consumers in the markets of the GCC countries, in addition to its proximity to emerging markets in Asia and Africa.

The worksheet underscored the stable and secure investment environment in Oman, which treats foreign investments as national transactions. It also underlined the legal transparency in the busi-

ness ecosystem, the complete foreign freehold ownership that reaches 100%, the lack of any restrictions on foreign currency conversion, and the lack of income taxes on individuals, in addition to the business environment that is stimulating and open to the world.

The worksheet also illustrated the economic stimulus plan including the exemptions and incentives given to investors, the free trade agreements signed by Oman, in addition to the available investment opportunities. The paper explained that 50 industrial investment opportunities have been floated with projected investments amounted to more than OMR207,8 million. The Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones (OPAZ) also presented a worksheet, which featured some advantages, facilities, investment opportunities and incentives provided by special economic and free zones to investors.

The worksheet gave a detailed presentation of the competitive and investment advantages offered by each free zones in Sohar, Salalah, Mazayona, and the Special Economic Zone at Duqm. It explained the additional advantage provided by the strategic location of each zone, the stimulating business environment and the initiatives offered by OPAZ to attract investment.

During the sessions of the forum, B2B meetings were held between the Omani and Lebanese parties to explore the possibilities of signing partnership agreements and promoting cooperation between the two sides. -ONA

GITEK GLOBAL 2021

Omani entrepreneur to deliver keynote speech at trade meet

Times News Service

DUBAI: Omani tech entrepreneur Tariq Al Barwani joined regional government leaders and senior ICT experts at the GITEK Global 2021, the largest technology exhibition and conference in the Middle East.

While there, he will also discuss innovation taking place in the Arab World, which is being undertaken by a broad range of organisations, ranging from government organisations to start-ups.

Baseline requirements

"Cybersecurity and privacy protection are baseline requirements to maintain law and order in a digital world, I am excited to be part of the conference and look forward to highlight the challenges in cyberspace so as the role of open collaboration between public and private sectors," said Al Barwani, the founder of Knowledge Oman.

Tariq is to deliver a keynote session along with other senior ICT leaders on cybersecurity opportunities, issues and challenges at the Huawei Arab Innovation Day, scheduled to be conducted at GITEK Global 2021. The session will highlight the role of open collaboration between organizations for a resilient digital economy.

"Openness, transparency and collaboration in cyber security is a key factor for a resilient digital economy", emphasised Al Barwani.

International participation

GITEK Global, which runs from 17 to 21 October, 2021, will unite international innovators across the globe in artificial intelligence, 5G, cloud, big data, cybersecurity, block chain, quantum computing, fintech and immersive marketing.

The annual event will gather



Tariq Al Barwani will also discuss innovation taking place in the Arab World.

the region's government leadership, academia, industry analysts and regulators under one roof to showcase cutting edge technologies so as engage in a comprehensive series of summits and exhibitions from leading tech firms around the world.

"I will be speaking about cyber security digital resilience where I will specifically highlight cyberspace challenges and the role of open collaboration between public and private sectors for a successful resilient digital economy," he explained. "The topic is very important, especially with the rise of hacking, security breach and the like in the region."

"Today, no matter where you are connected from, you're still not 100 per cent immune from being attacked and consequently hacked!" he added. "Through my experiences, I hope to share and gain knowledge and practical stories on what is happening globally that could potentially happen regionally and even locally as well."

"I hope that the real world stories, practices and insights will help organisations collaborate openly among them - on what is available, how it is done, and where they could contribute for resilient digital economies," Al Barwani explained.



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FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Sayyid Theyazin issues decision to establish Omani women's club

MUSCAT: On the occasion of Omani Women's Day, (17th of October), His Highness Sayyid Theyazin bin Haitham Al Said, Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth, has issued a ministerial decision announcing 'Omani Women's Sports and Cultural Innovation Club.'

The decision comes in affirmation of essentials endorsed by the Sultanate of Oman in the field of women's empowerment across different sectors.

By announcing the club, the Ministry seeks to upgrade women's role in sports and cultural fields in a manner that responds to the actual requirements of women. The club will organise competitions, championships and events of relevance.

The announcement has been made in celebration of the potential of women, who proved capable of enriching the sports and cultural arena, and highlighting their accomplishments.

The aim is also to spread awareness about women's status and future aspirations. -ONA



ANNOUNCED ONLINE

Oman Air scoops three prizes at World Travel Awards 2021

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Air has won Middle East's Leading Airline, Middle East's Leading Airline: Customer Experience, and Middle East's Leading Airline: Economy Class at the prominent World Travel Awards 2021, voted for by air travellers based on their own experiences. The awards were announced online this year and recognise Oman Air's excellence for its on-board products and services, customer care and passenger experience. This year's award for Middle East's Leading Airline: Economy Class follows consecutive wins in the same category from 2014 to 2020.

Abdulaziz Al Raisi, Chief Executive Officer of Oman Air, commented: "Oman Air is delighted to once again be recognised for our outstanding products, services, and customer care, both in the

air and on the ground. Our commitment to deliver a truly exceptional journey for all our valued guests has always been a priority, and these latest accolades from the World Travel Awards let us know that we're delivering on that promise. They inspire us to keep innovating our product offering and elevating our service levels which consistently reflect the premium flying experience that Oman Air is renowned for."

Oman Air has continued to receive awards from industry bodies, consumer groups and publications around the world. Notably in 2021, the airline has won 'Best Airline Staff in the Middle East' at the prestigious Skytrax World Airline Awards 2021, a Five Star rating in the Major Airline category from the Airline Passenger Experience Association (APEX), the Skytrax 5-Star COVID-19 Airline Safety Rating, and the

Skytrax 5-Star COVID-19 Lounge Safety Rating for its lounge at Muscat International Airport. The carrier and its Holidays division also earned the Safe Travels Stamp from the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC).

Abdulaziz Al Rashdi, Vice President Marketing, Oman Air, stated: "Winning these awards confirms once again that our valued guests appreciate our suite of innovative products and the authentic Omani hospitality offered by all our staff. Oman Air consistently ranks high for onboard comfort, luxury and service, and for the level of customer care received on the ground, whether arriving, transiting or departing. We are committed to a premium flying experience for all our guests and to maintaining service excellence throughout their entire journey—it's what Oman Air does best."



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Auction Announcement

The Ministry of Energy and Minerals jointly with CC Energy Development S.A.L (Oman) would like to announce an open invitation for the general public to participate in a Sealed Auction as described in the table below.

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CCED-21-SCRAP-001	Pipe & Fittings, Tubing, Casing, Misc. Metal and Non Metal items	Farha Site	25th of October 2021	1st of November 2021 at 12.00 PM	OMR 50,000	zalbahry@cced.com.om GSM: +968 95093136 falmughairi@cced.com.om GSM: +968 94118513 nserret@cced.com.om GSM: +968 94114459
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1. The scrap materials offered for sale can be viewed at its dedicated area mentioned above "As it is-where it is".
2. A bus will be arranged to take bidders to the location and back to Muscat on the visit date specified above. The bus will leave at the CC Energy Development S.A.L (Oman) Office, CCED Building, Al Sarooj Street, Way no: 3036, Shatti Al Qurum at 6.00am and arrive in Farha Site at approx. 11.00pm then leave from Farha Site 2.00pm to arrive back in Muscat by 7.00pm.
** All bidders who will be visiting the location must send by email a copy of their residency cards (Front and Back), their Vaccination Certificate (2 dose), their full name, contact telephone number and company name by C.O.B. on the 20/10/2021, this is required for preparation of security passes for the visit. All bidders are also required to do a PCR Test 48hrs before the Visit Date and without the security pass and PCR Test Results the bidders will not be allowed on the bus.
3. Bidders are requested to collect "Bid Form" from the CC Energy Development S.A.L (Oman) Office, CCED Building, Al Sarooj Street, Way no: 3036, Shatti Al Qurum
4. Interested bidders or individuals must submit their bids in a closed sealed envelope addressed to the Materials Manager at CC Energy Development S.A.L (Oman) office reception during working hours and the envelopes are to be clearly marked with the auction reference number(s).
5. Bids are only accepted on "ORIGINAL" bid form. Photocopies or Fax will be rejected.
6. Bids shall be submitted in Omani Rials only
7. Bidders shall be required to submit with the bid a bank draft or a certified cheque with a sum of fifty thousand Omani Rial (OMR 50,000). Cheques must be addressed to CC Energy Development S.A.L and must be valid for a period of 90 days from the date of submission. This amount is refundable and shall be returned to the non-successful bidders after completion of bid evaluation. Bidders who do not submit a bank draft or a certified cheque will be disqualified.
8. Bidding applicants shall enclose scrap dealing permits and certification.
9. The successful bidder is obliged to pay the value of the tender within ten (10) working days from the date of notification of award. If awarded bidder fails to pay the outstanding amount within the specified period, the bidder shall be disqualified and the guarantee provided as part of the bid will be forfeited.
10. As per ROP and CCED Auction Security Requirements, the successful bidder will NOT be allowed to pick up any of the materials without providing CCED with the Buyers Custom Payment Papers and the list of material to be picked up from the Scrap Yard.
11. The successful bidder is responsible to follow Company's instruction & HSE procedure and to provide all the necessary arrangement and equipment for loading, transporting of Scrap Material from its location and for cleaning the location to the companies requirements.
12. The successful bidder shall clear the yard within a period of two (2) months from the commencement date of clearing. If the successful bidder is unable to clear the yard within a period of two (2) months, the successful bidder shall pay rental fees for each additional day of extension and this will be stated at notification of award.
13. The bids will be opened by the representatives of Ministry of Energy and Mining, and the Company without the need of bidders' attendance.
14. The Ministry and Company reserve the right to take any action it seems appropriate without giving any reason.
15. For more details, please contact auction coordinators (Sunday-Thursday) on (details provide in table above).



IMPORTED COVID CASES

China warns of 'twindemic' risk of influenza, COVID-19

BEIJING: Warning about the potential of "twindemic" this winter, Chinese health authorities have stressed the need for influenza prevention as flu activity in the southern provinces in the country has increased since September.

In a notification issued on Friday, the Chinese health commission has asked local officials for strengthening influenza prevention and control measures during

the flu season which is coupled with the risk of imported COVID cases, *Global Times* reported.

Infections

This comes after Chinese authorities have warned about the risk of imported COVID-19 infections due to the high incidence of respiratory infections in the winter season.

A total of 19 imported COVID-19 cases and one locally transmitted infection were reported on Saturday, Xinhua reported.

China's National Health Commission on Sunday said that the newly-added local case was reported in Xilin Gol League, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

Chinese health authorities stated that influenza activity in the southern and northern parts of

the country since March has been higher than the same period last year.

This comes in the backdrop of the risk of imported cases in China. The *Global Times* reported that the COVID-19 and respiratory infectious diseases such as influenza can be combined and bring a potential "twindemic" during this upcoming winter and the next spring. **ANI**

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15 American missionaries, family kidnapped in Haiti

The group of between 15 and 17 people, including children, was being held by an armed gang



KIDNAPPED: For months, the gang has been engaged in theft and kidnappings in the area between Port-au-Prince and the border with the Dominican Republic.

PORT AU PRINCE: At least 15 American missionaries and family members have been kidnapped by a gang outside the Haitian capital, security sources said on Sunday.

The group of between 15 and 17 people, including children, was being held by an armed gang, one source told the Agence France-Presse news agency.

For months, the gang has been engaged in theft and kidnappings in the area between Port-au-Prince and the border with the Dominican Republic.

The New York Times cited Haitian security officials as saying the group was pulled off a bus heading to the airport to drop off

some members of the group before continuing to another destination in Haiti.

Church name not revealed

Initial reports did not give details on the missionaries or their church.

"This is a special prayer alert," said a voice message sent to other religious missions by an organization with direct knowledge of the incident.

"Pray that the gang members would come to repentance," the message from Ohio-based Chris-

tian Aid Ministries continued.

The message stated that the mission's field director is working with the US Embassy, and that the field director's family and one other unidentified man had stayed at the ministry's base while everyone else visiting the orphanage was abducted.

Jennifer Viau, a spokeswoman for the US State Department in Washington, told Reuters by email that "we're looking into this."

The US Embassy in Haiti has not issued any statement regarding the incident.

Kidnappings spike amid Haiti lawlessness

A surge in gang violence has displaced thousands and hampered everyday life in the Americas' poorest country.

Violence spiraled after the assassination of President Jovenel Moise in July and an earthquake in August that killed over 2,000 people. Armed gangs, which for years have controlled the poorest districts of the Haitian capital, have extended their hold to other parts of the city, sowing terror with kidnappings. **bw**

CIVILIAN-MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Thousands call for dissolution of transitional govt in Sudan

KHARTOUM: Thousands of Sudanese protesters marched in the capital, Khartoum, on Saturday calling for the transitional civilian-military government of Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok to be dissolved and replaced by a military administration.

The protesters demanded, among other things, that General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, the head of the armed forces and Sudan's joint military-civilian Sovereign Council, initiate a coup and seize power. Some chanted "one army, one people" and "the army will bring us bread."

The demonstration came as Sudan is in the grip of factional divisions that are endangering the country's transition to democracy after two decades of autocratic rule by Omar al-Bashir ended in April 2019. It follows on the heels of a reported foiled coup attempt on September 21 that the government blamed on both military officers and civilians linked to Bashir's regime. The protest was organized by political parties and military-aligned splinter factions of the Forces for Freedom

and Change (FFC), an umbrella group that was behind the protests that led to Bashir's overthrow and has played a large role in the transition since then. The pro-military protesters, many of whom were reportedly bused in from outside the capital, clashed with pro-civilian protesters who oppose a military takeover.

Pro-civilian groups have called for protests on Thursday.

What is the situation in Sudan?

Military and civilian groups have been sharing power in Sudan since al-Bashir was toppled, but the alliance has been one fraught with tensions.

Following the failed coup attempt, military leaders have been calling for government reforms that civilian leaders see as preparing a power grab, adding to the mistrust between the two factions. On top of this, a package of IMF-backed economic reforms that has included the cutting of fuel subsidies has led to a decline in support for the transitional government. **bw**

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Royal Cavalry steals the show

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MUSCAT: The celebration included a number of pieces of music played by the Royal Cavalry Music Wing in addition to flags of the participating countries held high by riders of the Royal Cavalry. It is worth mentioning that the Sultanate is currently the 38th member of the International Cricket Council and a participating member of the Asian Cricket Council. The inauguration was attended by Manu Sawhney, Chief Executive of the International Cricket Council, Pankaj Khimji, Chairman of the Board of Oman Cricket Club and chairpersons of the cricket federations of the countries taking part in the qualifiers.



Sri Lanka team for T20 WC has variety, depth, says captain Shanaka

DUBAI: Sri Lanka captain Dasun Shanaka is full of optimism ahead of the Men's T20 World Cup which starts on Sunday. The T20 World Cup will begin with the Round 1 Group B encounter between hosts Oman and Papua New Guinea, with Scotland and Bangladesh, the other teams in Group B, clashing in the evening match. Drawing parallels to the vintage side that won the 2014 tournament, Sri Lanka skipper feels that his current side has similar depth and variety, something he believes could see them potentially go a "long way in this tournament" - even if they lack considerably in terms of experience. "If you recall, that squad had a lot of variety and depth. And with the youngsters we have coming through now, I feel have the same potential. The only thing lacking is the experience," Shanaka said, speaking on a captains' Zoom call organised by International Cricket Council (ICC). "If our guys perform to their strengths, I feel they can go a long way in this tournament. Our fans in Sri Lanka have been waiting a long time for us to be successful, and I hope we can make them proud," he added. Shanaka also lauded the batting order of the team and stated that the strength in the Sri Lanka



squad is very good. "We were not able to perform up to the mark in the last few years, but still the strength of our squad is very good. We've got two guys coming from the IPL [Dushmantha Chameera and Wanindu Hasaranga], Kusal Janith [Perera] at the top of the order and Avishka Fernando, who is going well, coming in at No. 4." Sri Lanka is placed with Ireland, Netherlands, and Namibia in Group A. The Round 1 matches will run till October 22. The top two teams in each group will proceed to the Super 12 stage of the tournament, beginning on October 23. "We are settled with our batting line-up. We've recently

changed our line-up a bit - I think we've struck a good balance," Shanaka said. "If our guys perform to their strengths I feel they can go a long way in this tournament. Our fans in Sri Lanka have been waiting a long time for us to be successful, and I hope we can make them proud," he added. The first semi-final of the T20 World Cup will be held in Abu Dhabi on November 10. The second semi-final will be hosted by Dubai on November 11. Both semi-finals have reserve days. The marquee clash of the tournament will take place in Dubai on November 14, Sunday, with Monday acting as the reserve day for the final.

Scotland beat Bangladesh by 6 runs in T20 World Cup match

MUSCAT: Chris Greaves' 45-run knock and two-wicket haul helped Scotland stun Bangladesh by six runs in Group B encounter of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup here at the Al Amerat Cricket Ground on Sunday. Chasing 141, Bangladesh did not get off to an ideal start as Josh Davey dismissed Soumya Sarkar (5) in the second over of the innings. Two overs later, Bradley Wheal removed Liton Das (5) and Bangladesh was reduced to 18/2 in the fourth over.

Crucial breakthrough Shakib Al Hasan and Mushfiquur Rahim then got together at the crease and the duo put on 47 runs for the third wicket, but Scotland got the crucial breakthrough of Shakib (20) with Bangladesh still needing 76 more runs for the win. Chris Greaves then dismissed Mushfiquur (38) and Scotland gained complete control over the match. Afif Hossain and skipper Mahmudullah then came together at the crease and put on 32 runs for the fifth wicket, but Scotland managed to maintain their cool to register a thrilling six-run victory. Earlier, Mahedi Hasan and Shakib Al Hasan took five wickets among themselves as Bangladesh restricted Scotland to 140/9. Sent into bat, Scotland got off to a bad start as the side lost its skipper Kyle Coetzer (0) in just the third over of the innings.

GROUP B

POINTS TABLE

POS	TEAM	PLD	NRR	PTS
1	OMAN	1	+3.135	2
2	SCOTLAND	1	+0.300	2
3	BANGLADESH	1	-0.300	0
4	PNG	1	-3.135	0

However, George Munsey and Matthew Cross managed to steady the innings and at the end of the powerplay overs, the score read 39/1. Munsey and Cross put on 40 runs for the second wicket, however, Bangladesh stormed right back into the contest as Mahedi Hasan dismissed both Cross (11) and Munsey (29), reducing Scotland to 46/3 in the 8th over. Shakib Al Hasan then got into the act to dismiss Richie Bir-

ington (2) and Michael Leask (0), reducing Scotland to 52/5 in the 11th over. In the final few overs, Mark Watt and Chris Greaves played knocks of 22 and 45 respectively as Scotland posted a total of more than the run mark. Brief Scores: Scotland 140/9 (Chris Greaves 45, George Munsey 29, Mahedi Hasan 3-19); Bangladesh 134/7 (Mushfiquur Rahim 38, Mahmudullah 23, Bradley Wheal 3-24).

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Pressure grows on Solskjaer after Man U defeat to Leicester City

The coach has long had his critics at Old Trafford, but there is extra pressure on Solskjaer this season

MANCHESTER: It was a disappointing return from the international break for Manchester United, who fell to a wild 4-2 defeat to Leicester City in the English Premier League (EPL). This defeat means that the Red Devils have lost three, drawn one and won one of their past five, with the sole victory against Villarreal coming despite a poor performance. As such, pressure is mounting on Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

The coach has long had his critics at Old Trafford, but there is extra pressure on Solskjaer this season given the talented squad the club have assembled, having



ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE: Many believe that another coach could do better with this group of players and it could be time for a change, given that Solskjaer has been in charge since December of 2018.

signed Jadon Sancho, Cristiano Ronaldo and Raphael Varane this summer. Many believe that another coach could do better with this group of players and it could be time for a change, given that

Solskjaer has been in charge since December of 2018 and has failed to win a trophy so far.

The Norwegian has been backed in the media by several of his former Manchester United

teammates, but that support will not last forever.

For the time being, then, Solskjaer remains in his post. But, patience is wearing thin and results need to follow soon. -**DNA**

Sunil Chhetri shines as India outclass Nepal to win SAFF Championship title

MALE: India convincingly defeated Nepal 3-0 at the National Football Stadium in Male, Maldives, on Saturday to clinch the SAFF Championship trophy for a record eighth time.

Skipper Sunil Chhetri (48') opened the scoring before youngster Suresh Singh (50') doubled the lead within a minute to a two-goal lead for the Blue Tigers in the second half. Super-sub Abdul Sahal (90') whizzed past the Nepalese defence to nail the final one in the coffin on the last minute of regulation time.

Incidentally, this was Chhetri's fifth goal in as many outings during this campaign to finish at the top of the scoring chart.

India rang in a couple of changes to the starting line-up as Anirudh Thapa and Chinglensana Singh came in for the suspended Subhash Bose and the injured Brandon Fernandes.

The first chance to the Blue Tigers came in the fourth minute when Yasir played in a delicious ball from the right for Thapa but Nepalese goalkeeper Kiran Limbu came out of his line to grab the ball.

Indian forward line tried every bit to breach the deadlock but the

Nepalese defenders kept them at bay in the opening exchanges.

Pritam Kotal curled in a couple of free-kicks at the Nepal 18-yard-box only to see the opposition defenders gain possession of the ball. On the dying embers of the first half, Chhetri came close to scoring his 80th international goal but his volley flew over the crossbar.

As the referee brought an end to the first half, both India seemed to have had the upper hand with more chances created, but could not break the deadlock.

Within four minutes after the resumption, Chhetri made amends for the earlier miss as he headed in a through ball from Kotal to open the scorebook. Chhetri produced a textbook header that was powered into the ground before it bounced in over the line.

Within a minute, Suresh Singh, the former FIFA U-17 World Cupper scored his maiden goal for the Blue Tigers, volleying home a cross by Yasir Mohammad from the right flank.

Thapa and Kotal combined scintillatingly to script another goal in the process but the chance was foiled by Kiran Limbu once again. -**ANI**

INDIAN WELLS

Peers-Polasek down Russian duo to clinch men's doubles title



CALIFORNIA: Australian-Slovakian duo John Peers and Filip Polasek are the Men's Doubles champions at the BNP Paribas Open following a decisive 6-3, 7-6(5) performance against Andrey Rublev and Aslan Karatsev of Russia at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden.

It was a battle between two full-time doubles players against a Russian duo, who are more known for their successes on the singles court - although Rublev did take home mixed doubles gold in Tokyo earlier this year with Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova. The Australian-Slovakian duo was unable to con-

vert two match points on Rublev's serve at 5-3 and then dropped serve in the following game when trying to serve out the match. The teams then traded breaks before entering a tie-break, in which Peers and Polasek rallied from 3/5 down to clinch the title.

Peers, 33, and Polasek, 36, continued their strong recent form, having reached the final at the San Diego Open leading into the tournament.

Peers won his fourth ATP Masters 1000 title (first since Canada 2018) and his 25th career title. Polasek won his 16th title and second Masters 1000 (Cincinnati 2019).

Women's doubles title

Elise Mertens of Belgium along with Su-Wei Hsieh from Taiwan won the women's doubles title at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden on Saturday.

The Belgian-Chinese Taipei duo defeated Veronika Kudermetova of Russia and Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan in the championship match, 7-6(1), 6-3, on Saturday in Stadium 1. The duo has now qualified for the year-end WTA Finals. After an hour and 34 minutes of play, Hsieh and Mertens added their first WTA 1000 title as a tandem to the Wimbledon title they paired up for ear-

lier this season.

With this win, Mertens is back in the winning circle, as she defended her doubles title at the Californian desert. Hsieh was in familiar territory. She also won the title in 2014 (with Peng Shuai of China) 2018 (with Barbora Strycova of the Czech Republic). Saturday's doubles title was the 30th of her career. Despite the loss, Kudermetova and Rybakina also experienced success as a new pairing. This was only their third event together, and with it, they already broke new ground for Rybakina, who was contesting her first WTA doubles final. -**ANI**





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MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

The MSX index closed at 3,973.69 points, up 0.43 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.72 per cent at 573.15 points. Jazeera Steel Product was the top gainer, up by 9.82 per cent. While Asaffa Foods, down 9.88 per cent, was the top loser.

Crude oil at 3-year high as fuel switching supports price rally

The record-high gas prices in several parts of the world and a shortage of coal have prompted electricity generation companies to switch to crude-based fuel for generation, which further supported prices

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MUSCAT: The global crude oil price rally gathered momentum in October 2021 as oil regained the \$80 per barrel mark for the first time in three years and traded a little short of an 8-year high level, a new report reveals.

Brent near-term futures traded comfortably above the market and traded at 3-year levels of \$85 per barrel by the second week of October 2021.

The rally was supported by higher demand as the economic recovery picks pace, the Kuwait-based investment strategy and research

firm Kamco Invest said in its Oil Market Monthly Report.

"In addition, the record-high gas prices in several parts of the world and a shortage of coal have prompted electricity generation companies to switch to crude-based fuel for generation, which further supported prices," the report said.

Substitutes like diesel and fuel oil are seeing increasing demand, especially in the Asian market, which led to a shortage in Europe.

A report from FGE said that global stockpiles of key oil products such as diesel and gasoline have dropped to the lowest since



KAMCO INVEST REPORT: Substitutes like diesel and fuel oil are seeing rising demand, especially in the Asian market, which led to a shortage in Europe. - Photo used for illustrative purpose only

2014. The IEA added that the spillover from gas to the oil market could boost oil demand by 0.5 million barrels per day (mb/d) over the next six months. Moreover, the arrival of the winter season in the northern hemisphere in a month and the potential for colder-than-usual temperatures has led to an increase in the storage of gas and heating oil.

On the other hand, supply re-

mained under check as the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) reported only a marginal increase in production while US producers also showed restraint with only modest growth in output.

The Kamco analysis shows that oil demand is yet to fully peak as some segments of consumption, for instance, industrial fuels and jet fuel, are yet to reach pre-COV-

ID-19 levels. This was reiterated in EIA's latest Short Term Energy Outlook which showed US fuel demand at 19.96 mb/d in September-2021, below the pre-pandemic level of 20.25 mb/d in September-2019 while jet fuel demand stood at 88 per cent of September-2019 levels.

Opec remained cautiously optimistic about growth in oil demand in the near term. In its latest monthly report, the agency said that although a gas-to-oil switch would mean higher demand for crude oil, it could affect demand elsewhere, such as refining. While lowering the 2021 demand growth expectation from 5.96 mb/d to 5.8 mb/d, Opec advised producers to keep a close eye on oil fundamentals. According to the report, oil demand was lower-than-expected during the nine months of 2021 and that more than offset upward revision for demand in the fourth quarter of 2021.

The rally was supported by higher demand as the economic recovery picks pace, and the gains were mainly led by expectations of higher ongoing demand in the near-term coupled with additional demand for diesel and fuel oil from

the gas-to-oil switch as a substitute fuel for electricity generation in Europe and Asian markets, Kamco said in its report.

Some analysts are now predicting oil to reach \$100 per barrel, although Opec maintained a cautious view on the market pointing to offset forces in the end market. The median consensus of Brent crude prices now stands at \$73 per barrel for the fourth quarter of 2021, according to Bloomberg and is expected to remain above \$70 per barrel over the next three quarters. The EIA also raised its Brent crude price forecast by \$2.8 per barrel to an average of \$71.38 per barrel in 2021 and by \$5.87 per barrel to \$71.91 per barrel for 2022.

Meanwhile, after seeing a decline in August-2021, Opec crude monthly average recorded a month-on-month (m-o-m) increase of 5.0 per cent and averaged at a three-year high average of \$73.9 per barrel in September-2021. Brent crude averaged at \$74.4 per barrel, recording a slightly higher m-o-m growth of 5.1 per cent while Kuwait crude grade was up 5.4 per cent during the month to average at \$74.9 per barrel.

NEW BOOK



Book on VAT achievements made by firms in energy and mineral sector unveiled

MUSCAT: Acting in cooperation with the Oman Society for Petroleum Services (Opal), the Ministry of Energy and Minerals unveiled a new book on VAT achievements made by firms operating in the energy and minerals sector.

Published by "4D.media" establishment (for Press, Publicity, Advertising and Publishing), the book was launched at Grand Millennium Muscat hotel under the auspices of Nassir bin Khamis Al Jashmi, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Finance.

Abdul Rahman Humaid Al Yahyai, CEO of Opal, said, "Foreign investments attracted by the oil and gas sector are considered as strong evidence of our ability to

adapt to change. They are testimony to the investment community's confidence in the business climate in the Sultanate and its stability within the oil and gas sector."

Yahyai pointed out that the value of VAT rose from 18 per cent in 2018 to 28.7 per cent in 2020. As a result, the total business reoriented via the above-mentioned VAT programme could streamline business worth more than OMR2 billion into the local economy and provide more than 18,000 jobs for citizens in the private sector, he added, noting that the VAT Committee intends to raise this percentage (28.7 per cent) to 36 per cent or more in the near future.

OER MANUFACTURING SUMMIT AND AWARDS

Summit focuses on unlocking potential of manufacturing sector in Oman

MUSCAT: OER's Manufacturing Summit and Awards 2021, a flagship event by the Sultanate's premium business magazine, made a strong pitch for innovation and closer collaboration between the government and the manufacturing industries to address the challenges faced by the manufacturing sector in Oman.

Dr Saleh bin Said Masan, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion for Commerce and Industry was the chief guest, while Eng. Redha bin Juma Al Saleh, Chairman, Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) was the guest of honour at the summit.

In his key-note address, Eng. Redha focused on the initiatives of the Sultanate in the manufacturing sector, which is aligned with Oman Vision 2040.

Ibtisam Al Farouji, Director General of Investor Services, Madayn Oman shared insights on the investment opportunities offered by Madayn, creating jobs for Omanis and sharing a combined vision to take its industrial cities to a global level.

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Association were the endorsement partners of the summit, which was organised by UMS Events. Shell Oman Marketing Company, Octal and Raysut Cement were the strategic partners while Al Maha Ceramics, Sohar Aluminium, Moon Iron and Steel Co, Al Tamman Indsil Ferrochrome, Areej Vegetable Oils and Derivatives (Minara brand), Voltamp Energy and Oman Cables Industry were the associate partners. Ford Trucks was the official commercial vehicle partner. *Times of Oman* and *Al Shabiba* were the media partners, Alam Al Iktisaad Wal A'mal magazine, the Arabic media partner and oerlive.com, the online media partner. SSA International was the knowledge partner.

Kevin Baoke, Global CEO of b2wise, made a presentation on 'Artistic versus Scientific Planning: Best Practices for a VUCA world,' where he talked about sharing a balance between inventory, service and capability. Naveen Narayanan, Managing Director of SSA Business Solutions (P) Ltd, spoke on the importance of achieving manufacturing excellence and lean management for companies to streamline their operations as we move to Industry 4.0.

The first panel discussion deliberated on 'Manufacturing: Negotiating anew Reality.' The panellists included Manash Ranjan Sanyal, COO, Raysut Cement, Abdullah Bin Said Al Badri, CEO, Voltamp Oman, Cinzia Farise, CEO, Oman

Cables Industry, Mohammed Harith Al Barashdy, CEO, Oman Fiber Optic, Himansu Mohapatra, Group GM - Investment, Muscat Overseas Group and Venkat AN, CEO, Al Jazeera Steel Products Company. Mayank Singh, Executive Vice President and Group Editor, UMS moderated the panel session which focused on a cross-section of issues affecting the manufacturing sector in Oman, including strengthening supply chains for minimal disruption.

The first panel session was followed with presentation by Mohammed Al Jabri, Sales Manager, Credit Oman on 'The role of Credit Oman in empowering the private sector,' while Ramesh Kadaganchi, Founder of Cybrlytics Technology spoke on 'Emerging trends in Industry 4.0 & Smart Manufacturing.'

The second panel session focused on "Crosscurrents changing manufacturing - COVID-19 to Industry 4.0 and The Way Ahead," The panellists included Atul Misra, COO, MISCO, Rajeev Singh, CEO, Al Maha Ceramics, Said Al Rashdi, CEO, Oman Manufacturers Association, Pradeep Kumar B. Nair, CEO, Sebacic Oman and Skyline Duqm and IT expert Ramesh Kadaganchi Founder of Cybrlytics.

MINING OPERATION

Bitcoin-mining power plant raises ire of environmentalists

NEW YORK: An obstacle to large-scale bitcoin mining is finding enough cheap energy to run the huge, power-gobbling computer arrays that create and transact cryptocurrency.

One mining operation in central New York came up with a novel solution that has alarmed environmentalists. It uses its own power plant.

Greenidge Generation runs a once-mothballed plant near the shore of Seneca Lake in the Finger Lakes region to produce about 44 megawatts to run 15,300 computer servers, plus additional electricity it sends into the state's power grid.

The megawatts dedicated to Bitcoin might be enough electricity to power more than 35,000 homes.

Proponents call it a competitive way to mine increasingly popular cryptocurrencies, without putting a drain on the existing power grid. -BNA

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MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 3,973.69 points, up 0.43 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.72 per cent at 573.15 points. Jazeera Steel Product was the top gainer, up by 9.82 per cent. While Asaffa Foods, down 9.88 per cent, was the top loser. Shares of Muscat Finance were the most active in terms of the number of shares traded while Renaissance Services was the most active in terms of turnover.

A total number of 493 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR1.2 million, with more than 7 million shares changing hands. Out of 44 traded securities, 17 advanced, 12 declined and 15 remained unchanged. At the session close, local investors were net buyers for OMR37,000 while GCC & Arab

investors were net sellers for OMR19,000 followed by foreign investors for OMR18,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 6,265 points, down 0.15 per cent. Prices of Muscat Finance, Oman & Qatar Insurance, Ominvest, HSBC Bank Oman and Sohar International Bank were up 3.33 per cent, 2.08 per cent, 1.29 per cent, 1.12 per cent and 1.10 per cent respectively. Oman & Emirates Holding, Vision Insurance, Takaful Oman, Global Investment Holding and Al Anwar Investment are down 6.67 per cent, 4.94 per cent, 3.16 per cent, 2.94 per cent and 2.78 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,132.49 points, down 1.08 per cent. Services Index was up by 0.27 per cent before closing at 1,677.50 points. — **United Securities**

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Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	3,982.26	3,956.16	3,973.69	3,956.49	17.20	0.43
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,315.09	6,273.38	6,291.12	6,265.32	25.80	0.41
Industry Index	6,185.31	6,130.08	6,185.31	6,132.50	52.81	0.86
Services Index	1,687.23	1,667.32	1,683.81	1,677.50	6.31	0.38
MSX Shariah Index	577.86	573.16	573.16	577.33	-4.18	-0.72
MSX TR INDEX	4,786.27	4,754.90	4,775.97	4,755.30	20.67	0.43

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
6,965,060	1,233,030	493	22,073,840,844	17	12	15	44

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PD	LAST BD	LAST OFFER	PDA VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET															
OM0000000170 JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	9,000	3,222	4	0.358	0.358	0.358	0.358	0.358	0.002	0.5618	0.358	0.358	0.358	0.100	44,715,470
OM0000000800 AL MAHA MARKETING	17,500	12,750	6	0.732	0.732	0.728	0.728	0.692	0.036	5.202	0.728	0.728	0.728	0.100	50,232,000
OM0000001590 MUSCAT FINANCE	1,737,000	107,080	58	0.062	0.063	0.061	0.062	0.060	0.002	3.333	0.061	0.059	0.062	0.100	19,043,072
OM0000001535 OMINVEST	30,000	9,420	7	0.314	0.314	0.314	0.314	0.310	0.004	1.290	0.314	0.302	0.314	0.100	253,640,511
OM0000000388 SOHAR INT BANK	151,830	13,967	7	0.092	0.092	0.091	0.092	0.091	0.001	1.909	0.091	0.091	0.092	0.100	275,085,731
OM0000001400 OMAN FLOUR MILLS	19,000	15,192	2	0.792	0.800	0.792	0.800	0.792	0.008	1.010	0.800	0.720	0.800	0.100	126,000,000
OM0000000200 AHLI BANK	75,000	8,330	3	0.115	0.115	0.109	0.111	0.110	0.001	0.909	0.109	0.110	0.116	0.100	216,411,979
OM0000000796 BANK MUSCAT	292,290	137,432	33	0.468	0.472	0.468	0.470	0.466	0.004	0.858	0.472	0.466	0.472	0.100	1,680,003,152
OM0000001749 OMAN CEMENT	73,661	17,385	8	0.237	0.240	0.237	0.239	0.238	0.001	0.420	0.240	0.238	0.239	0.100	79,078,578
OM0000001418 RAYSUT CEMENT	348,800	80,090	32	0.254	0.258	0.250	0.255	0.254	0.001	0.394	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.100	51,000,000
OM0000001525 OMAN INVST& FIN.	180,500	25,198	18	0.139	0.140	0.138	0.140	0.140	0.000	0.000	0.138	0.137	0.138	0.100	33,180,000
OM0000000277 AL OMANIA FINS.	44,000	5,192	3	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.000	0.000	0.118	0.112	0.118	0.100	34,448,350
OM0000000306 OMAN TELECOM	55,069	40,832	15	0.740	0.744	0.732	0.740	0.740	0.000	0.000	0.732	0.732	0.764	0.100	555,000,000
OM0000000368 OOREDOO	482,270	183,143	45	0.380	0.380	0.378	0.380	0.380	0.000	0.000	0.380	0.378	0.380	0.100	247,358,807
OM0000000440 AL SHARGIA INV.	15,000	1,425	1	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.096	-0.001	-1.042	0.095	0.088	0.095	0.100	8,550,000
OM0000000324 RENAISSANCE SER.	424,795	194,286	15	0.432	0.460	0.432	0.458	0.468	-0.010	-2.137	0.450	0.450	0.462	0.100	108,275,780
OM0000001772 ALANWAR INVESTMENT	202,273	21,212	21	0.105	0.106	0.103	0.105	0.108	-0.003	-2.778	0.104	0.103	0.104	0.100	21,000,000
OM0000001160 NATIONAL GAS	21,710	28,512	31	0.135	0.135	0.134	0.135	0.140	-0.005	-3.671	0.135	0.132	0.141	0.100	11,475,000
OM0000000690 VISION INSURANCE	46,690	3,618	4	0.077	0.077	0.077	0.077	0.081	-0.004	-4.938	0.077	0.075	0.077	0.100	7,700,000
Total	19	4,415,688	917,286	313											

Parallel Market

OM0000000267 GULF MUSHROOM P	6,000	1,506	3	0.251	0.251	0.251	0.251	0.239	0.012	5.021	0.251	0.251	0.255	0.100	10,442,923
OM0000000707 DHOFAR GENERATING	169,800	15,282	14	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.087	0.003	3.448	0.090	0.085	0.089	0.100	20,001,600
OM0000000563 PHOENIX POWER	13,600	659	6	0.048	0.049	0.048	0.048	0.047	0.001	2.128	0.048	0.044	0.048	0.100	70,204,870
OM0000000879 OMAN QATAR INSUR.	100,000	19,600	7	0.196	0.196	0.196	0.196	0.192	0.004	2.083	0.196	0.190	0.196	0.100	19,600,000
OM0000001319 ALUMINIUM PROD.	294,000	30,862	34	0.115	0.114	0.115	0.112	0.120	-0.002	-1.667	0.114	0.120	0.124	0.100	4,095,717
OM0000001517 HSBC BANK OMAN	100,000	8,999	9	0.088	0.090	0.088	0.090	0.089	0.001	1.124	0.090	0.089	0.090	0.100	180,028,151
OM0000001152 OMAN NAT ENG.	74,965	7,337	13	0.097	0.100	0.097	0.098	0.097	0.001	1.031	0.097	0.095	0.097	0.100	12,740,000
OM0000001178 MUSCAT GASES	5,000	820	1	0.166	0.166	0.166	0.166	0.166	0.000	0.000	0.166	0.166	0.170	0.100	4,880,000
OM0000000275 SHELL OMAN MRK	8,170	5,800	2	0.940	0.940	0.940	0.940	0.940	0.000	0.000	0.940	0.940	0.940	0.100	80,300,000
OM00000002374 UNITED FINANCE	120	7	1	0.058	0.058	0.058	0.057	0.057	0.000	0.000	0.058	0.055	0.058	0.100	19,901,231
OM0000000469 SHARGIAH DESALIN	200	23	1	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.000	0.000	0.115	0.104	0.115	0.100	11,247,248
OM00000004768 MADINA TAKAFUL	134,000	13,400	5	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.099	0.100	0.100	17,500,000
OM00000004825 ALBATHINAH POWER	81,400	4,233	3	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.000	0.000	0.052	0.049	0.057	0.100	35,094,146
OM00000004933 AL SUWAYD POWER	100,539	5,228	3	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.000	0.000	0.052	0.050	0.057	0.100	37,149,130
OM00000007043 NATIONAL LIFE INS	10,000	3,420	1	0.342	0.342	0.342	0.342	0.342	0.000	0.000	0.342	0.330	0.342	0.100	90,630,000
OM00000007811 MUSANDAM POWER	37,078	12,236	5	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.000	0.000	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.100	23,228,700
OM00000003281 TAGGER FINANCE	546,215	40,489	24	0.074	0.075	0.074	0.074	0.075	-0.001	-1.333	0.075	0.074	0.075	0.100	18,765,660
OM00000002372 OMAN OIL MARKETING	31,200	28,080	10	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.920	-0.020	-2.174	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.100	55,147,500
OM00000003521 GALFAR ENGINEER	531,255	41,501	21	0.080	0.080	0.078	0.078	0.080	-0.002	-2.500	0.078	0.078	0.080	0.100	15,832,943
OM00000003125 GLOBAL INV H	55,000	3,625	2	0.066	0.066	0.065	0.066	0.068	-0.002	-2.941	0.065	0.064	0.065	0.100	13,000,000
OM00000004776 TAKAFUL OMAN	200,000	18,400	4	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.095	-0.003	-3.158	0.092	0.094	0.101	0.100	9,200,000
OM0000001681 OMAN EMIRATES HO.	37,500	2,625	7	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.075	-0.005	-6.867	0.070	0.068	0.070	0.100	8,531,250
OM00000002804 ASAFFA FOODS	5,100	1,584	2	0.310	0.338	0.310	0.310	0.344	-0.034	-9.884	0.338	0.310	0.338	0.100	37,200,000
Total	2,499,142	263,726	178												

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX

Increased economic activity uplifting consumer sentiment

DUBAI: Consumer confidence in Dubai moved to its highest level in 10 years during the third quarter of 2021, the Consumer Confidence Index tracked by Dubai Economy showed. During the quarter the Index rose two points from the previous quarter and 21 points compared to the same

quarter of 2020.

The quarterly index measures the current and future sentiment of consumers towards the state of the economy, job prospects locally, personal finances and consumers' perception on whether it's a good time to buy things they need or want. The Q3 2021 Index

showed that 73 per cent of consumers were positive about current job prospects, compared to 46 per cent in the same quarter of the previous year. A higher share of consumers (88 per cent) were optimistic about job prospects in the next 12 months, compared to 77 per cent in Q3 2020. — **WAM**

SUSTAINABLE CONCEPTS

Sustainable transport draws path to global green development

BEIJING: Displays of diversified versions of shared bikes with sustainable concepts, a 6.5-kilometre-long dedicated road for bicycles, and mega airports well-connected with public transport networks are not only the highlights of the exhibition area at the Second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference, but also represent the green pursuits of more Chinese people.

"Sustainable development in transportation is definitely where the industry is going," said Kang Chunhua, an expert at the International Science and Technology Department of Beijing Daxing International Airport.

Kang made the remarks at the UN conference that gathered representatives from 171 countries to discuss online and offline solutions to achieve safe, accessible, green and resilient transport.

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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF RUNNING?



There are many benefits of running, but there are a few negatives as well. Some people might enjoy the feel of the wind on their faces and love that they can go for miles without stopping. Others may think it's too hard or not worth it to run when they could be walking instead. There is no correct answer as everyone has different opinions about what exercise should look like and what kind of lifestyle they want to lead.

There are several reasons that running might be good for you. Some people enjoy the feeling of their heart beating faster and adrenaline coursing through them as they run long distances, while others may find it to be a great stress reliever or mood booster. If done correctly (not too fast, not over-exerting yourself), running can help strengthen your heart and lungs, which can be beneficial for several reasons. Another reason is that running can help reduce the risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol.

It also helps to lower the risk of diabetes in some people. If you're not overweight, there are still plenty more benefits that come with running! If you are skinny, running is still perfect for you. It can help improve your mood, make you feel better about yourself, reduce stress levels, and even give people a natural high! You will feel that you have accomplished something great, and this can be very rewarding.

Running can be strenuous and take a toll on the body, especially for those who are unconditioned. Moreover, running is not beneficial if someone does it incorrectly or too fast of a pace, leading to injuries such as shin pain, joint pain, knee problems, and plantar fasciitis. On the other hand, if people do run

correctly while practicing good form, it can benefit them in several different ways.

A few benefits include cardiovascular health, weight management, and control, mental health advantages such as stress relief and increased moods, bone strength, among many more.

While running is an excellent exercise for the body, there are some cons to be aware of if someone chooses to run. Some of the cons include injuries.

It can be boring if someone runs alone or does not have a goal set for themselves, such as improving their running time and speed. People who are skinny and never do any physical activity may find that they will gain weight when starting to run because they won't have enough muscle mass compared to more active individuals.

Running is an excellent exercise, but as with any other workout, there are pros and cons that you have to consider

when running your first race or in the long run of training for a marathon. One thing that people often forget about running is how it can affect you too far. Many people have gotten injured running or even ended up with shin splints, so you need to keep in mind that if your body isn't used to the impact of running regularly, then it can take a toll on your bones and muscles.

If you are interested in running for weight loss, then running is an excel-

lent exercise to do! However, if you are already thin and looking to gain some muscle mass through running, that may be difficult as the body fat percentage has to be low enough before the body starts to gain muscle.

Healthy lifestyle

If you are running to lose weight, you must ensure that the exercise will be effective for your fitness level and health goals. There are several different ways that running can help those who want to lose weight, such as burning calories at a high intensity or getting increased muscle tone, depending on the length of time you are running.

If you run slower, your workout will be less intense, which means it is not burning as many calories, negating any weight loss benefits. It would simply just be called regular exercise rather than cardio-respiratory training with an elevated heart rate. When running at a higher rate of speed, you burn more calories per minute, but it is only effective for short periods compared to lower intensity running.

Suppose someone has not been exercising regularly and they begin a slowly increasing workout schedule with intervals of cardio exercises such as running, walking, or biking. In that case, that will benefit their health goals because this will gradually help them enter into a safe and steady environment.

So if someone is skinny, they should still exercise or go running because it will help develop their health and fight off any disease lurking. It also helps with mental clarity and stress management, which can improve one's overall happiness level. In addition, being physically active makes us feel good about ourselves and feel solid and robust. [artisticcity](#)



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Crackdown on some inscribed imports

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Capital Municipality and Customs authorities this week began a crackdown on some imported items carrying inscriptions of Koranic verses and pictures of Islam's holiest shrines as well as Oman's national emblem and flag. The items also included children's toys resembling weapons.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has warned importers and local businessmen that the goods with forbidden inscriptions and pictures will not only be confiscated but will also invite legal action against the offender.

The Ministry in a notice has called the attention of all importers and businessmen that it

is forbidden to import or display in shops toy guns, pistols, bombs, rockets etc or any toy which can be readily turned into a weapon.

These toys have been banned in the interest of public security and violators will be penalised and their goods confiscated.

The Ministry has also banned the import or display of articles including textile and clothes which are inscribed with Koranic verses, names of God or carry pictures of Muslims' holy shrines including the Kaaba and Masjid Nabawi.

It has reminded the importers and businessmen that all such items are allowed with prior permission from the Ministry of

Justice, Awqaf and Islamic Affairs.

In a third notice the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has reminded importers and businessmen that the import and sale of all articles, especially watches, carrying pictures of His Majesty, or the national flag or the emblem of the khanjar are banned unless prior permission has been obtained.

It is also forbidden to inscribe these pictures and signs on watches or other articles after they have been imported into the country.

All such goods will be confiscated and legal action will be taken against the offenders, the Ministry notice warned.



شركة سلاحين دقيق عيان المحدودة (ش.م.ع.)
Oman Flour Mills Company Ltd. (S.A.O.)

50 per cent leap in production

Oman Flour Mills has upgraded its plant with the latest flour milling technology in increase the production capacity by 50 per cent.

The new level of production — 300 tons per day from 200 tons — has been timed for November 15 after the annual meeting of the company.

Mr. Mahmood M. Elshorbagi, General Manager of Oman Flour Mills Company Ltd. S.A.O. told the "Times" on Tuesday the increased capacity will be enough to fulfill the Omani market demand for flour for the next five years.



Mr. Elshorbagi.

Modernisation

The modernisation of the plant, which has cost the company R.O. 600,000, has come about in three stages — renovation of existing plant, upgrading the present system and employing the latest technology.

The modernisation, Mr. Elshorbagi added, will not only meet the local market demand for flour but will also help in producing new products.

Among the new products planned by the company will be more specialised types of flour, and cake and biscuit flour. The management has also gone in for the "fortification of flour" by adding vitamins and minerals.

The quality control at the mills is now fully computerised which gives a guaranteed quality.

In reply to a question, the general manager said that Oman Flour Mills has lowered prices of flour by 17 per cent during the last 12 months.

The mills which head for a 15 per cent increase in profits over the previous year plan a still higher target for exports during the next five years.

Minister's UAE visit

UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nayan received Oman's Minister of Commerce and Industry Colonel Salin bin Abdullah al Ghazai who arrived in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday on a three-day official visit.

The Minister said on his arrival that his talks with UAE officials will concentrate on ways of boosting trade relations and other issues of joint interest.

The visit came at the invitation of UAE Minister of Commerce Saif al Jarawan.

New date for GCC summit

The Gulf Cooperation Council has postponed the start of its summit conference next month by one day to 27 November, it was officially announced in Kuwait.

Abdul Aziz al-Otebi, Secretary-General for Cabinet Affairs, said after a weekly meeting of the Kuwait cabinet that the council's Foreign Ministers will meet on 20 November to prepare on agenda for the three-day summit.

He gave no reason for the delay in the summit.

The "Times" is producing a special issue to commemorate the 14th National Day. Advertisers are reminded that the last day for accepting advertisements is October 31.

Teachers are warned about private work

The Ministry of Education and Youth Affairs has sent a warning to teachers in Capital Area schools about the growing practice of private tuition.

The warning printed in a poster distributed to all schools is based on an interview given by Yahya bin Mahfoodh al Manthary, Minister of Education and Youth Affairs to the press.

A spokesman at the Ministry of Education and Youth Affairs and this week that harsh measures will be taken against teachers employed by Ministry found to be giving private tuition.

He said there is a clause in

teachers' job contracts that the signatory will not accept any private tuition.

"It is the moral responsibility of every teacher to respect his undertaking", he added.

by Muzaffar Mohammad

The Minister in his interview appealed to parents not to acquire any private tuition for their children as it badly affects the standard of education maintained by the ministry.

He said the ministry organises special evening classes for students who are

poor at studies.

The Minister stressed it was imperative to curb the private tuition which is common in the Capital Area at the initial stage before it grows to a dangerous proportion.

The spokesman said the private tuition not only made students complacent in regular classes but also made teachers negligent towards their main duties.

He said in the past contracts of some teachers had been terminated by the Ministry and the same punishment will be given to those who break the Ministry's instructions in the future.

LATEST

The British Government has made its first formal statement on the IRA bomb attack last week, aimed at the Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her senior ministers.

Speaking in the House of Lords, Lord Whitelaw said the effect of the attack was to strengthen the united resolve of the Government, Parliament and the people to preserve democracy.

Security at Westminster, he said, had already been stepped up. But he said total impregnable security was not compatible with a free society.

Reports from Nigeria say that at least 100 people were killed when a boat sank in a lagoon off the Western state of Hondu. The accident happened some days ago but details are only now emerging. State

officials said the boat sank while on its way to Lagos.

A number of leading American banks, including Citibank and Chase Manhattan have reduced their lending rates. Their action follows a decision by the Bankers Trust of New York to cut the rates. One result of this was that the dollar weakened against four major currencies

except the pound sterling.

The United States government has reported a slight fall in production, the first since November 1982. In London, the pound fell to a record low of \$1.19 but recovered later.

Financial experts say two reasons for the pressure on the pound was the latest failure to end the miners' strike and the decision of Norway to lower the price of its North Sea oil.

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ROUND-UP

Bank Muscat hails achievements of all Omani women, its female staff

Bank Muscat is proud of the opportunities that have been provided to women employees who now make up more than 48 per cent of the over 3,800 employees at the bank

MUSCAT: Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate, has expressed its deepest appreciation to all Omani women, including the bank's female employees in particular for their continuous efforts and achievements. It has to be noted that the wholehearted participation and the strong role of women has been playing a great role in the stability, progress and long term development of the Sultanate. As one of the achievements of the Omani Renaissance, Bank Muscat is proud of the opportunities that have been provided to women employees who now make up more than 48 per cent of the over 3,800 employees at the bank. As a result of its excellent HR practices, women employees work



across different departments and at all levels including the bank's senior management. The bank provides a professional work environment based on a fair and equal opportunity to all, state-of-the-art technology and global best practices in the financial services sector. Bank Muscat has affirmed that the bank will continue to provide more educational opportunities and 'on the job training' to Omani women to reach the highest levels in their careers in the coming years.

Empowering Omani women
On this occasion, Ilham Murtadha Al Hamaid, Deputy General Manager - Large Corporates, Bank Muscat, said: "Since the launch of the Blessed Renaissance under the leadership of the late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said (May his soul rest in peace), the role of Omani women has been recognised and cherished as a pillar of society's progress in various fields. This role has been further strengthened under the able leadership of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik for the Renewed Renaissance of the



Sultanate. Bank Muscat is particularly proud of the role that Omani women play in various sectors, especially in the banking sector and their contributions to the progress of the Bank. Omani women have proven their abilities and leadership skills and this is reflected in the new organisational structure of the bank, which will come into effect from 1 January 2022. The bank is keen to continue supporting Omani women and give them more opportunities to grow and rise to the top-most levels as well as contribute to achieving the goals of the landmark Oman Vision 2040. I extend my sincere appreciation, thanks and greetings to each and every Omani woman as we work together for the further advancement of our beloved country.

Thank you Bank Muscat
Several Bank Muscat female employees also expressed their happiness regarding the fact that a day has been dedicated to Omani women and to celebrate their successes and achievements in various sectors. Speaking on the occa-



sion, Ola Rashid Al Talei, Manager, Safalat Ibra Branch, North Sharqiyah, said, "His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said's (May his soul rest in peace) efforts to empower and honour Omani women and prepare them for greater achievements in life is one of the crowning glories of Omani Renaissance. It has led to more women actively contributing to the nation's progress and development." She added: "My journey at Bank Muscat is an excellent example of how the bank encourages and promotes its women employees to do well in their careers. I was able to gain good experience over the years and reach the position of branch manager. Our experiences over the years have taught us to absorb the art of management and overcome various challenges. I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Bank Muscat, especially the Executive Management, for the support and attention accorded to Omani women. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Omani women, especially my



colleagues at Bank Muscat."

Proud to be recognised
Speaking about the importance of the day for Omani women, Rabab Abdullah Al-Ajmi, Manager, Saham Corniche Branch, North Al Batinah, said: "We are proud to be honoured on this day which has motivated Omani women to exert more efforts in nation-building and contribute more to the success of the Sultanate in different sectors. The strong participation of Omani women will be an engine of strong growth that helps achieve the ambitious goals of Oman Vision 2040." Rabab added: "With regards to the excellent opportunities that have been provided to me in my career, there is no doubt that Bank Muscat has played a major role in helping me grow and build my skills. I have been continuously offered several opportunities for training and upskilling myself to take on more responsibilities and bigger roles. Women work across all the departments and branches of the bank. This shows the keen support extended by the executive

management of the bank. I would like to tell all my sisters that while there are many challenges to overcome in any work environment, we have to be optimistic and work towards our goals, and participate actively in strengthening the pillars of this great nation.

More efforts and creativity
Sumaya Khalifa Al Hasni, Manager, Al Kamil Branch, South Al Sharqiyah, said: "Thanks to the many opportunities provided by the Blessed Renaissance, Omani women have been steadily proving their competence and capabilities across different fields. The role of women in society has only been growing. I am thankful to Bank Muscat for giving me and my women colleagues many opportunities to develop our skills and grow in our careers at the bank. Bank Muscat has always provided the best possible opportunities to its women employees and this support is a crucial part of why we have done very well. I am proud of all my sisters at the bank and across the country who are working daily to strengthen Oman and its economy in line with the goals of the landmark Oman Vision 2040.

Only for women
It must be noted that in recognition of the unique needs of its women customers and to better support them, Bank Muscat provides dedicated banking services and facilities to women under its Zeinah suite of products. Zeinah ensures privacy and a relaxed atmosphere for women customers at Bank Muscat branches.

COLLABORATION

College of Pharmacy at National University signs MoU with Novartis Pharma Services

MUSCAT: The College of Pharmacy at the National University of Science and Technology signed a memorandum of understanding with Novartis Pharma Services with approval from the Ministry of Health Directorate of Pharmaceutical Affairs and Drug Control. This collaboration aims to: Enhance graduate skills levels and ensure a smooth and effective transition between university and business environments; Increase opportunities for students to acquire relevant work experience during their studies, including internships, work-based practise programmes; Help students understand the



opportunities and different career paths that are available in the private pharmaceutical sector; Strengthen the partnership between MoH, College of Pharmacy, and Novartis reflecting the level of commitment of Novartis towards

the Sultanate and its patients. This MoU will include: Establishment of a graduate programme for College of Pharmacy graduates. The participants will be directly involved in day-to-day operations, working with pro-

fessionals and gaining first-hand experience of Novartis business and products while building functional and management skills as well as on-the-job learning. The 18 months programme, after which if any vacancy opens up at Novartis, the graduates can apply to the specific vacancy and will go through the interview process along with all applicants. Implementation of Novartis Talk: A series of sessions initiated by Novartis to provide College of Pharmacy students with a broad understanding of the healthcare industry and give students exposure to different career paths and prepare them for the world of work.

IN AL HAIL

Al Hashar Pharmacy opens new retail outlet

MUSCAT: Al Hashar Pharmacy, Cygnus Division expanded its network of community pharmacy outlets offering quality medicines with the inauguration of a new retail outlet at Al Hail - Muscat. Al Hashar Pharmacy also plans to add a few more retail outlets in and around the capital and Dhofar region shortly. The new retail pharmacy outlet was inaugurated by Jihad Bin Abdullah Bin Saeed Al Fannah, Majis Al Shura - Wilayat Sur, in the presence of Board of Directors Representative, Ali Al Ashry and Suresh A. Gandhi, CEO of Al Hashar Pharmacy on October 11. In attendance from Al Hashar Pharmacy were Sachin Agrawal, COO, Shekar Subramanian, CCO & Heads of departments. The branch pharmacists then briefed the team about



various community healthcare services already being offered and plans for future advancements. The newly opened retail pharmacy outlet, equipped with personalised community healthcare services, is the latest addition to the Al Hashar Pharmacy's grow-

ing number of healthcare services, focusing primarily on improving accessibility, convenience and affordability. The retail pharmacists would offer patient education initiatives for managing chronic diseases and also have plans to support respiratory patients by better

counselling and device demonstration. This would establish a unique concept where trained pharmacists partner with the patients to enhance their awareness about inhalation therapy and respiratory outcomes for a breathe-free experience. Jihad Al Fannah congratulated Al Hashar Pharmacy on this inauguration, which he said would contribute to better health care services. He stressed that serving citizens was the main objective and praised the role of young community pharmacists in meeting the requirements of better patient care management. "Enhanced personalized patient services, prevention of disease complications and enhanced quality of life is our motto," said Gandhi.

BEING RESPONSIBLE



MHD-ITICS steps forward to help in post-Shaheen clean up

MUSCAT: A large group of volunteers from MHD-ITICS, the Infrastructure, Technology, Industrial, and Consumer Solutions cluster of Mohsin Haider Darwish, comprising members of its staff, led by its chairperson, Lujaina Mohsin Darwish, and accompanied by the cluster's CEO and individual division heads, took part in the clean-up of some areas within the Muscat Governorate, in the aftermath of tropical cyclone Shaheen. The clean-up effort, which took place on October 4, was also addressed by Mohammad Al Kindi, Deputy Governor of Muscat, who expressed his appreciation for the initiative by the volunteers. Commenting on the clean-up, Lujaina Darwish said, "As a proud Omani company we feel it is part

of our wider community responsibility to offer our assistance in such a time of need. Such worthy efforts from all volunteers on the day are certainly commendable and remind us of our collective sense of responsibility towards our society." The clean-up effort saw the volunteers safely clear debris left in the wake of the cyclone. By doing so, they hope to speed up the recovery process and return the capital to normal as soon as possible. Further, Lujaina Darwish said, "Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those suffering from the unprecedented impact of tropical cyclone Shaheen. This clean-up is only part of our effort and the full MHD-ITICS team stands ready to assist those hit hardest by this devastating storm."

NATIONAL BANK OF OMAN

NBO launches relief programme for cyclone Shaheen affected people

MUSCAT: Supporting the nation in the wake of Cyclone Shaheen, the National Bank of Oman (NBO) has implemented a wide-reaching relief programme to allow affected account holders to defer loan payments for 3 months until December 31. It has also allocated an additional OMR 10 million in interest-free loans. National Bank of Oman will also be offering a hassle-free renovation loan for existing home loan customers of up to OMR 5,000. As part of a nationwide call to action, National Bank of Oman has also partnered with leading

retailers to offer its customers a discount of up to 50 per cent on essential household appliances such as stoves, refrigerators, and washing machines, to help replace items lost to water damage. A core part of National Bank of Oman's culture is to lend support and make meaningful contributions to those who need it the most. The bank rallied up staff volunteers to help with clean-up efforts in their local community along with a donation drive, encouraging them to contribute too. As for impacted employees, the bank provided them with the support required.

DIGITAL PAYMENT

Khedmah launches new mobile tap machines



MUSCAT: Committed to diversify its unique services and expand its reach, Oman Investment & Finance Co. (Khedmah), recently launched mobile tap machines, a new addition to its wide array of digital payment methods. These portable machines will be placed in selected areas across the Sultanate based on customers' needs. The new machines are easy to transfer from one place to another providing greater flexibility to attend to customers' needs in their

suited areas. Through these machines, Khedmah can be present in various events and activities to serve its valued customers. With the addition of the new machines, the Khedmah network now boasts 68 branches and 56 kiosks across the Sultanate. Through these channels and other digital platforms such as the website and Khedmah mobile app, clients can easily pay their electricity, water and telecommunications bills, recharge phones and electricity prepaid meters.

"The launch of Mobile Tap Machines resonates with the company's vision of providing high-end and easily accessible services to community members. The placement of these machines across the Sultanate is based on several factors, such as population density, changing competition factors, and urban development. Due to its re-location flexibility, the company can meet the changing requirements of the market," said Adil bin Abbas Al Balushi, Sr. Manager of Infrastructure at OIFC.

ROUND-UP

New Moosa Connect application redefines customer convenience

The Moosa Connect App offers features that are versatile and transform the experience by bringing ease

MUSCAT: Moosa Abdul Rahman Hassan & Co. further its vision of providing a hassle-free and one-of-a-kind experience to its customer by launching the new Moosa Connect app that redefines convenience and puts customers in the driver's seat, no matter where they are.

The Moosa Group has a rich legacy in the Sultanate as a distributor of industry-leading automotive brands including GMC, Suzuki, Sixt Rent-A-Car and as a provider of other auto-related products and services. This new app sets yet another milestone in its journey of enhancing customer experience.

Available on both Google Play Store and Apple App Store, the Moosa Connect App offers features that are versatile and transform the experience by bringing ease. The features range from booking service for GMC or Suzuki vehicles, scheduling test drives, staying connected with Moosa dealers across Oman for spare parts inquiry and availability and staying updated with notifications on the latest offers and promotions.

This apart, the all-in-one app gives easy access to lease premium and comfortable cars from Sixt

Oman which is one of the Sultanate's leading car rental and leasing service providers, offering the finest customer service and a choice of cars from a wide range of 4x4s or stylish sedans. Bookings can be made in just a tap through the Moosa Connect App and the car will be delivered without any hassle.

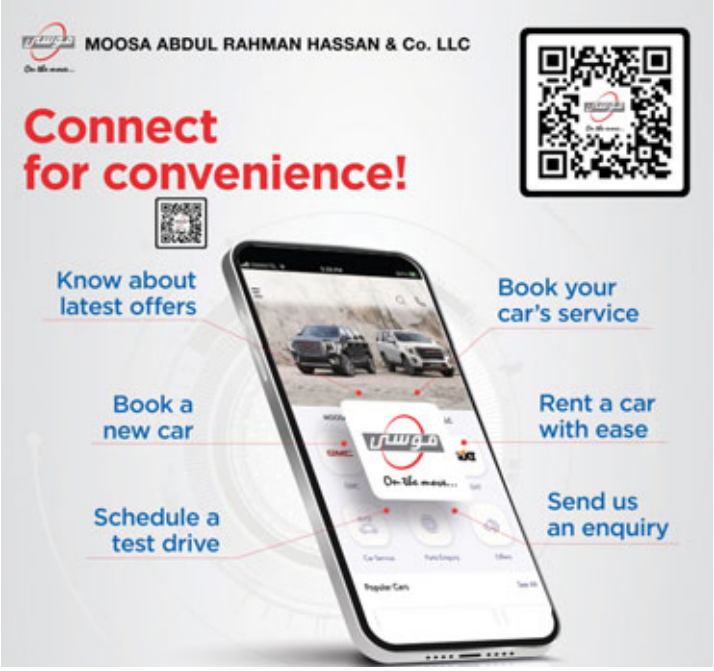
The Moosa Group offers a wide choice of vehicles with something for everyone. The GMC SUVs and trucks have the power to get any job done from extreme off-roading adventures to spending a relaxing day by the beach or exploring the mountains. Its compact SUV Terrain, the crossover Acadia and the next generation Yukon to the Sierrra, deliver the perfect combination of intuitive technologies and premium execution. The popular Denali represents the pinnacle of GMC design, performance and amenities and the AT4 trim de-

liver a unique blend of a distinctive style, advanced technology, and excellent off-road capabilities.

Suzuki is recognised across the world as the creators of value-packed cars that everyone enjoys driving. Their high-quality range of cars includes the stylish Swift, comfortable Dzire, dynamic Ciaz and the spacious 7-seater Ertiga which are a symbol of reliability and originality.

Suzuki remains at the forefront of their development, constantly pushing technology, design and engineering which when combined with many decades of 4WD experience creates the powerful Vitara and the legendary Jimny to conquer tough hilltops or rule sandy beaches with confidence.

The new Moosa Connect App complements every choice of vehicle and is all set to bring a whole new world of convenience to customers.



RECOGNITION

Alizz Islamic Bank wins 'Best Rated Mobile Banking App' in Oman award

MUSCAT: Alizz Islamic Bank's mobile banking application won the prestigious 'Best Rated Mobile Banking App' at the recently concluded Oman Banking & Finance Awards. This award comes as an acknowledgement of the bank's growing excellence in enhancing the customer experience via timely and convenient technological enhancements.

Organised by Oman Economic Review, and held under the patronage of Tahir Salim Abdullah Al Amri - Executive President of Central Bank of Oman, at the Al Bustan Palace - a Ritz Carlton Hotel, the impressive annual award ceremony has set a new tempo for the banking sector to emulate and follow. The proceedings were witnessed by CEOs of major financial and banking institutions in the country and professionals from the industry, alongside digital teams of various banks.

For Alizz Islamic Bank, the recognition of the 'Best Rated Mo-



bile Banking App' stems from the growing popularity of its mobile app. The award committee tabulated the number of ratings by users of all mobile banking applications in Oman. The app is available on the Apple App Store, Google Play store and Huawei Gallery store, and evaluated based on user experience and the ease of completing banking transactions. The

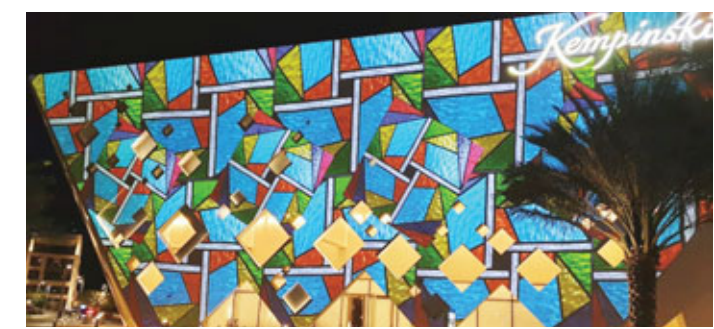
algorithm of the mobile app ensured its efficacy and established it as an easy, simple and convenient tool for its growing users.

Commenting on winning the award, Asaad bin Hilal Al Kharusi, Head of Strategy and Transformation of Alizz Islamic Bank, said, "The shift from traditional avenues of banking to smart mobile devices has enhanced the customer

experience. Today, our customers can conduct banking transactions with ease from the comfort of their homes, offices or even public places - at any time of the day or night. Constant updates to the app have also contributed to upholding the Bank's image as a pioneer in adopting innovative technologies. It has reestablished customer experience as a core business strategy."

Describing the 'Best Rated Mobile Banking App' award as a true reflection of the technological changes going on in the banking and financial sector, Al Kharusi added, "Alizz Islamic Bank's electronic channels, such as the mobile app, ATMs and the Interactive Teller Machines, are all designed to provide a different and distinctive experience for customers. We constantly strive to create and implement digital banking services that enhance the experience of our customers by facilitating all banking transactions using digital technology."

WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS



Kempinski Hotel Muscat receives Oman's Leading Conference Hotel award

MUSCAT: Kempinski Hotel Muscat received an award for Oman's Leading Conference Hotel during the 28th edition of the World Travel Awards 2021.

Whether you are planning meetings, weddings, or celebrations, the venue facilities at Kempinski Hotel Muscat are unparalleled in the city. Kempinski Hotel Muscat offers a range of options for small to large groups. The conference rooms range in capacity from 16-48 people. The magnificent, 1,100 sqm Muscat Ballroom,

can be divisible into three smaller function spaces. Whatever the size of your event, we take care of the planning and details.

World Travel Awards (WTA) is the most prestigious awards programme in the global tourism industry. WTA was established in 1993 to acknowledge, reward and celebrate excellence across all sectors of the tourism industry and is recognised globally as the ultimate hallmark of quality, with winners setting the benchmark to which all others aspire.

PARTNERSHIP

Oman International Hospital now welcomes OQIC cardholders

MUSCAT: Continuing with its expansion and reach of its services to more people, Oman International Hospital (OIH) has joined hands with Oman Qatar Insurance Company (OQIC) to welcome its health insurance cardholders for all treatments and services.

This alliance opens doors for thousands of OQIC health insurance cardholders to access OIH's state-of-the-art technology, facilities and the expertise of an international team of specialist doctors at affordable charges.

Manuel Carvalho, COO of OIH who signed the pact said, "As an international healthcare provider in Oman bringing our European hospital management expertise, we offer quality healthcare, cutting-edge technology and medical expertise to the people of Oman. Our goal is to provide world-class services and treatments at an affordable cost so that our patients return home happy and healthy. We are glad to have joined hands with OQIC, one of the leading healthcare insurance providers in Oman, which will enable



more people of Oman to access our bespoke services and be introduced to global medical innovations right here in Oman."

Hasan Al Lawati, CEO of OQIC said, "Oman Qatar Insurance Company SAOG is one of the fastest-growing insurance providers, focused on delivering quality and prompt service to its customers setting high standards in service delivery using state-of-the-art systems, Apps and robust health care network. OQIC is happy to offer its eligible insured members high-quality healthcare services

at Oman International Hospital through this network expansion."

Oman International Hospital, which soft-opened in May, is managed by IdealMed GHS, Portugal, which manages many hospitals across the world. The hospital is also home to four major Centres of Excellence - Women and Children Centre, Heart and Vascular Center, Ortho and Spine Centre and Oman Vision Centre. Apart from OQIC insurance, OIH also accepts members of other health insurance companies namely, NLGIC, CIGNA and MSH.

SPECIAL OCCASION

Al Mouj Muscat celebrates Omani Women's Day

MUSCAT: Al Mouj Muscat, the Sultanate's premier lifestyle destination, celebrates Omani Women's Day, an annual event that honours the essential role women play in society.

Now in its 13th year, Omani Women's Day was introduced by the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said, may God rest his soul, as part of a nationwide renaissance that set out equal opportunities, rights and duties for all. His vision has helped shape a culture that empowers women to excel in the workplace and where both their economic and social significance is recognised. Today, His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, may God protect him, champions the rights of women to serve their country and society as we work towards fully realising Oman Vision 2040.

Al Mouj Muscat is focusing the day on giving thanks to the accomplishments of women and was in its management team alone, four



out of the nine positions are held by female members of staff.

As part of its commitment to Oman Vision 2040, it provides an extensive programme of training and professional development, and actively encourages diversity with women now employed in all departments from architecture and engineering to project management and marketing.

"When it comes to being an inclusive organisation, we have a lot to celebrate and Omani Women's

Day provides an ideal opportunity to do so," comments Al Mouj CEO Nasser Al Sheibani.

"A nation can only truly thrive when the talents of all its citizens are recognised and in Oman, women are at not only nurturing the next generation but are at excelling in every sector. It is why we are delighted to share our gratitude on a day that honours the life-enhancing contributions women will make this day, and every day in the Sultanate."

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The experience of distinctive driving has reached a whole new level with the **MG RX8 Black Edition**. The largest 7-seater SUV from MG Motor combines a powerful striking appearance with an unparalleled comfort. A truly capable 4x4, the RX8 offers a real-time 4x4 Torque on Demand (TOD) System, as well as an advanced 4WD system with six different driving modes. It is powered by an efficient

220HP 2.0-litre turbo petrol engine that features Net Blue Technology and develops maximum torque of 360Nm. With its unique sporty design, state-of -the-art technology and 13 unique upgrades to the earlier model, the MG RX8 Black Edition takes these characteristics to a whole new level.

MG HS

The dynamic MG HS is a smart and practical SUV that exudes charm and capability, letting you experience life like never before. Embracing the design concept of X-Motion and exuding a real drive to 'DO MORE', this stylish option will prove reliable and fun to drive, with some of the finest technology providing a fully engaging motoring experience and a sense of adventure.

MG RX5

Versatile, capable, sporty and fun, the MG RX5 is the ultimate SUV developed to offer everything the inquisitive and adventurous motorist demands. Driving safety, engaging technology,

and responsive performance all come as standard, evoking the heritage of the iconic manufacturer. It also provides a passion for performance to match your own. With the MG RX5, every journey is an event to remember.

MG ZST

A contemporary design and punchy drive characterise the

MG ZST which, though designed and built with British heritage in mind, has already proved its popularity in the Middle East. This striking crossover offers more equipment than ever, with an upgraded engine, additional styling features and the very latest in technology.



MG 5

Adventure, lively and capable - the MG 5 is one of the most exciting sedans around. Whether for work or for pleasure, you can be confident that the vehicle is always looking to 'DO MORE' to excite, with the three trim levels - STD, COM, and DEL - providing all the requirements you could possibly need.

MG 6

Sporty styling and head-turning aesthetics. A passion for life and a flair for design. The hallmarks of the magnificent MG 6 are plain to see. This is a smart and adventurous sedan that comes in three trim levels and is powered by a 1.5L turbo-charged engine that guarantees lively, energetic and

dynamic performance.

MG T60

Hard workers need a versatile partner, and there's no light pickup better suited to a demanding schedule than the MG T60. Whether you're hauling loads to a construction site out of town or taking clients on an off-road adventure, this is

a model that enables you to 'DO MORE' with two engine options and 4x2 and 4x4 configurations.

MG GT

Coming soon in Oman, the all-new 2022 MG GT is truly inspired by MG's remarkable heritage. It takes its physical form from its racing predecessor MGB that was launched in 1962

as one of the trendiest fastbacks to hit the road in Abingdon, England with its coupe look. The MG GT has been designed to offer desirable GT coupe styling to the mid size 4 door sedan markets with turbo performance and high levels of safety and standard equipment. This model is the first from MG to offer the new 1.4 SGE direct

injection petrol engine in addition to the 1.5 NSE. MG GT is also the first MG to offer EPS steering and seven speed dual-clutch TST transmission. In Oman, the new MG GT will be available in 1.5L and 1.5 Turbo versions.





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