

EXCITEMENT BUILDS AS SPARTAN RACE HEADS TO MUSCAT

One of the world's most popular obstacle races, the Spartan Race, is returning to the capital for the 2022 Muscat Trifecta Weekend. The race will take place at the OCEC on 16 and 17 December as part of the Oman World Cup Programme. **>A4**



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HM GREETES KING OF CAMBODIA

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to King Norodom Sihamoni of the Kingdom of Cambodia on his country's National Day. In the cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere sentiments and best wishes of good health and happiness to King Sihamoni. His Majesty also wished the people of Cambodia further progress and prosperity. **-ONA**



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HM TO PRESIDE OVER NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS IN DHOFAR



A number of development projects will be inaugurated to mark the National Day

MUSCAT: The Secretariat General of National Celebrations announced that preparations for the 52nd National Day have been completed.

Sheikh Sabbaa Hamdan Al Saadi, Secretary General of the Secretariat General of National Celebrations, told Oman News

Agency (ONA) that the celebrations include a military parade to be presided over by His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik at Al Nasr Parade Ground in the Governorate of Dhofar on 18 November.

Sheikh Sabbaa pointed out that a reception will be organised in all wilayats of Oman, with the partic-

ipation of citizens. He added that the Sultanate of Oman's Flag has been hoisted in the Governorate of Muscat starting from Al Bustan roundabout along the main road till Al Barakah Palace roundabout, while illuminations were installed on either side of the road.

One wilayat from each governorate in Oman has been decorated with ornaments in celebration of the glorious occasion, which will see the launch of shiny drone pag-eants and laser shows, he said.

Lively carnivals will be held in two different sites of the Governorate of Muscat on 18 and 19 November. Similar shows will be

held in the Governorate of Dhofar on 18 November and the Governorate of Musandam on 23 November, he added.

He pointed out that a number of development projects will be opened in various sectors, marking the National Day.

At the end of his statement, Sheikh Sabbaa extended greetings and sincere wishes to His Majesty the Sultan, praying to Allah the Almighty to have him witness to this dear occasion for years to come and to endow him with good health and long life. He also wished Oman further progress and prosperity. **-ONA**

MEETING

Oman supports use of dialogue for global conflict resolution, says Sayyid Fahd to IPU President



MUSCAT: On behalf of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, His Highness Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmoud Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for the Council of Ministers received on Tuesday Duarte Pacheco, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

At the outset of the meeting, HH Sayyid Fahd lauded IPU's role in cementing ties of friendship among world countries. He underlined the Sultanate of Oman's keenness to support these endeavours to encourage dialogue for the settlement of global conflicts through peaceful means.

HH Sayyid Fahd also reviewed the march of Shura in Oman and its positive outcomes. The meeting dealt with means of enhancing cooperation between the IPU

and the Council of Oman.

In his turn, IPU President expressed his delight to visit Oman and view its civilisational landmarks and the progress made in various fields. He underscored world countries' appreciation for the balanced policy espoused by Oman, earning the Sultanate of Oman the confidence and respect of all.

He also affirmed that his meetings with Omani officials during the visit would be reflected positively on enhancing ties of international cooperation.

The meeting was attended by Khalid Hilal Al Ma'awali, Chairman of Shura Council and Dr. Abdullah Mohammed Al Sa'edi, Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs. **-ONA** **See also>A5**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN Embassy of Japan to co-host netsuke expo

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SPORTS

Pakistan set for NZ showdown

2 Pakistan got a lifeline when the Netherlands beat South Africa, but now with a blank slate, they want to go all the way. Familiar foes after the recent tri-series, Pakistan and New Zealand go head-to-head in Sydney in the first semifinal of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 on Wednesday. **>A8**

MARKET

OIA signs pact with ACWA Power

3 Oman Investment Authority (OIA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ACWA Power of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), to explore the feasibility of investment of up to 10 per cent in the development, construction, and operation of the 1.1GW Suez Wind Energy project. **>B1**

MILITARY COOPERATION



STUDY OF THE NESTING CONDITIONS

Environment Authority launches the second phase of sea turtles satellite tracking project

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Environment Authority has launched the second phase of the project of tracking sea turtles via satellite technology.

The project aims to enhance informational contributions to the study of the nesting conditions and natural habitat of sea turtles. Five tracking devices have been installed in the Ras Al Jinz area to achieve this objective.

The project seeks to monitor threats facing turtle migration, reduce environmental risks, conduct surveys, study the nesting conditions and natural habitats of turtles, understand the behaviour of turtles in nesting and feeding



areas, track a greater number of green turtles in Ras Al Hadd and combine local and international efforts to apply best practices to protect sea turtles.

Oman is home to five species of

turtles, namely, Green Turtle, Loggerhead Turtle, Olive Ridley Turtle, Hawksbill Turtle and Leatherback Turtle, of which four of them make their nest on its soft white sand beaches.

Oman takes part in GCC Joint Defence Council session

RIYADH: The Sultanate of Oman took part on Tuesday in the 19th session of the Joint Defence Council of GCC Ministers of Defence, held at the headquarters of the GCC Secretariat General in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). Oman's delegation was headed by His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs.

The Joint Defence Council's session touched on a spectrum of military matters of common inter-

est in a bid to enhance the march of GCC military cooperation.

Extends invitation

In his statement, HH Sayyid Shihab extended an invitation to GCC Ministers of Defence to attend the 20th session of the Joint Defence Council in the Sultanate of Oman. Moreover, several decisions and recommendations were taken during the session and they will be submitted to the GCC Supreme Council. **-ONA**

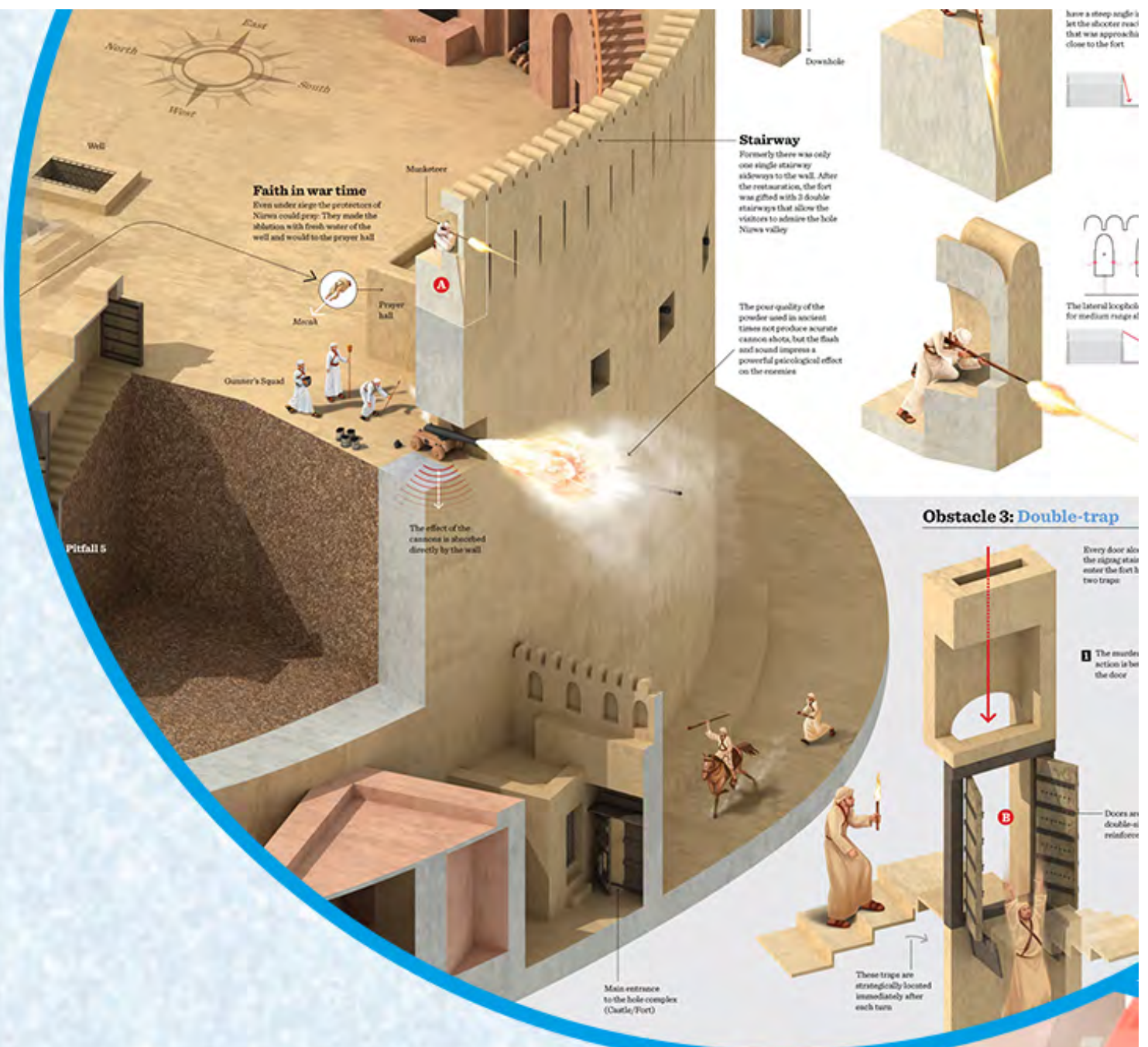
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In addition to the intriguing Iranian Cuisine, there will be live traditional Iranian musical instruments performed by Amir Hossein Keramat and his band, showcasing the elegance of Iranian Music.

The event is taking place from the 26th of October to the 17th of November, 2022. The hotel will offer Grand Iranian Buffet from Thursday to Friday from 6.30 PM to 10.30 PM for OMR 18.00 ++ and A La Carte dinner from Saturday to Wednesday from 7.00 PM to 11.00 PM and Business Lunch daily from 12.00 PM to 3.30 PM for OMR 8.5++.

Luca Medda, Cluster General Manager at Grand Millennium Muscat, commented: "In every opportunity, we always strive to find ways to create a concept that is new, unique, and fun in order to deliver an exceptional guest experience. Our focus is to make Grand Millennium hotel a place where food, culture, arts, and music collide. With the help of SalamAir, this event allows us to keep bringing special moments to our guests at Millennium."

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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Embassy of Japan to co-host *netsuke* expo in GUtech



CRAFT ART: Netsuke is a toggle developed in the 17th century in Japan and evolved out of kimono (Japanese traditional outfit) culture for practical use.

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Netsuke is a toggle developed in the 17th century in Japan and evolved out of *kimono* (Japanese traditional outfit) culture for practical use.

Kimono does not have pockets, so back in those days, items which needed to be carried, such as money pouches and tobacco containers, were suspended by a cord from a belt called *obi*.

Netsuke worked as a stopper to be positioned on the top of the belt to prevent those things from falling. Women kept items inside the sleeves, so they did not use netsuke.

As people started to wear western style clothing, netsuke disappeared from daily life. At the same time, however, the highly sophisticated art craft of netsuke has gained international acclaim for the artistic, subtle



and detailed carvings.

This co-hosted exhibition is being curated by the Japan Foundation as one of their travelling exhibition projects to introduce Japanese art and crafts to the world.

65 *netsuke* of 42 Japanese craftsmen's works will be exhibited at History of Science Centre, GUtech.

CHARITY

PDO donates over OMR88,000 to flood-hit Pakistan

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) has donated an amount of more than OMR88,000 to help people affected by the flood in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Oman Charitable Organisation (OCO), said. "The OCO has received a donation

of OMR88,422.9 from the employees of PDO to help those affected by the flood in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan," OCO said in a statement.

33 million people have been affected by the recent floods in Pakistan. The disaster has left more than 1,300 people, including more than 400 children dead. Displaced millions and put one third of the

country underwater. The floods were brought on by a severe heat-wave which caused glaciers in the mountains to melt and heavier than normal monsoon rains.

OCO also received a donation of OMR85,803.56 from the Petroleum Development Oman to help those affected by drought in the Federal Republic of Somalia.



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MEETING

Sayyid Fahd receives former President of South Africa

MUSCAT: HH Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmoud Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for the Council of Ministers received yesterday Thabo Mbeki, ex-president of the Republic of South Africa.

The meeting reviewed the advanced relations between Oman and South Africa and means of promoting them in various areas.

It also touched on ways of activating the agreements signed between both sides in different areas.

The two sides also reviewed a number of issues at the regional and international arenas.

The meeting was attended by



Sheikh Al Fadhl Mohammed Al Harthy, Secretary General of the Council of Ministers, Dr. Said Mohammed Al Saqri, Minister of Economy and Mohammed Nassir Al Wahibi, Undersecretary of the Foreign Ministry for Administrative and Financial Affairs. -ONA

JUDICIAL INSPECTION BODY

Supreme Judicial Council meeting

MUSCAT: The Supreme Judicial Council on Tuesday reviewed the general approaches of action undertaken by members of the judicial inspection body during the current judicial year (2021-2022).

Sayyid Mohammed Sultan Al Busaidi, Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Judicial Council, said that the meeting, held with members of the Judicial Inspection Authority, was in pursuance of Royal Decree No. 35/2022 on regulating judicial affairs and achieving a qualitative leap in the development of the justice system in a manner that responds to litigants' aspirations.

Sayyid Mohammed pointed out that the Royal Decree has



strengthened the position of the judicial inspection team by establishing a general directorate for judicial inspection at the council that reports to the Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Judicial Council.

This, he added, reflects the council's keenness on the significance of activating the role of judicial inspection as an instrument to follow up the work of courts and public prosecution departments towards the realisation of transparency and integrity in accordance with the priorities of Oman Vision 2040.

- ONA

VIKING MARS CRUISE SHIP VISITS SALALAH PORT

Salalah Port yesterday received "Viking Mars" cruise ship with 1,332 passengers onboard including 881 tourists from various nationalities. The tourist programme of the cruise ships included tours to major archeological and historic landmarks in the Governorate of Dhofar, besides visiting beaches and traditional markets in Salalah. - ONA



16TH MEETING

Oman participates in UN meeting against corruption

VIENNA: The Sultanate of Oman, represented by the State's Audit Institution, took part in the second meeting of the 13th session of the team tasked with implementing follow-up of the UN Convention Against Corruption.

Oman also participated in the 16th meeting of the International Open-ended Intergovernmental Group on Asset Recovery, as well as the 11th meeting of governmental experts tasked with enhancing international cooperation vide the UN Convention Against Corruption. The meetings are being held at in Vienna from 7 to 11 November 2022. -ONA





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The Internal Tender committee of Ministry of Social Development hereby announces the following tender :-

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GERMANY

Three Omani innovators take part in Falling Walls contest



BERLIN: The Sultanate of Oman, represented by the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, took part in the Falling Walls Lab competition that is being held from 7-9 November 2022 in Berlin, Germany.

Winners of the Falling Walls Lab competition in Oman are taking part in the international competition, those include Maira Ahmed Al Qaidi, Dr. Faisal Rashid Al Marzuqi and Emad Abdullah Al Obiadaan.

Maira Al Qaidi, participated in the global Falling Walls Lab Finale, which included 80 participants from all over the world in various disciplines, with her project 'Breaking the Wall of Unsustainable Wastewater Quality Monitor'.

Maira Al Qaidi said that "It is a great opportunity to present my project about the invention of a biosensor based on microbial cells to measure a very important parameter in contaminated water (COD), and to present the idea of the device for three minutes to a group of scientists and researchers, and the main guest of honor of the Berlin Science Summit, in addition to a jury made up of specialized expert that can help me in improving the development of the device."

Dr. Faisal Al Marzuqi also participated with his project 'Breaking the Wall of Sea Water to Drinking Water', which is about a new and innovative way to produce water without relying on traditional sources of energy and electricity.

This method relies on sunlight with the help of nanometer thermal catalysts.

Dr. Faisal said that "this participation will undoubtedly be very beneficial to me, and will refine the basic idea of the project by discussing it with the most prominent researchers and innovators in the same field.

It will allow me to see the latest developments in research and innovation around the world."

Emad Al Obiadaan's project titled 'Breaking the Wall of OM-MOFs for Climate Change', involved a new method of using metal tires t absorb gases that affect climate change and turns those gases into environmentally friendly compounds.

Emad said that his participation in the Falling Walls Lab competition in Berlin is "A wonderful experience that I learned a lot from. The participation also allowed me to see the latest scientific studies in various fields and meet many of the contestants who I was able to exchange knowledge with."

The Falling Walls Lab competition aims at boosting innovative ideas and business models among researchers and entrepreneurs across different fields. The Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation takes part annually in the competitions since 2016.

Falling Walls Lab competition aims to build and strengthen relations between distinguished researchers, academics, entrepreneurs and professionals. -ONA



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North Korea denies US claims of supplying weapons to Russia

The comments came after the US said Pyongyang appears to be supplying Russia with artillery shells for its war in Ukraine

PYONGYANG: North Korea on Tuesday denied having any arms dealings with Russia, and said it had no plans to do so, reported state media KCNA.

The comments came after the US said Pyongyang appears to be supplying Russia with artillery shells for its war in Ukraine.

“We regard such moves of the US as part of its hostile attempt to tarnish the image of (North Korea) in the international arena,” vice director at the ministry’s military foreign affairs office said in a statement.

White House National Security spokesperson John Kirby said last week the United States has information that indicates North Korea is covertly supplying Russia with a “significant” number of artillery shells.



He also said North Korea was trying to obscure the shipments by funneling them through countries in the Middle East and North Africa. Washington was monitoring to see whether the shipments are received, he added.

Ties between North Korea and Russia

North Korea is one of the few countries to have expressed support for Russia’s annexation of parts of Ukraine. Experts say North Korea is a good source of ammunition supply for Russia, because they keep a significant stock of shells.

In September, US intelligence said it had found out that Russia was planning to purchase millions of rockets and artillery shells from Pyongyang. North Korea dismissed the report, and condemned the US for making “reckless remarks,” telling it to “keep its mouth shut.”

“North Korea is clearly using the Ukraine war to tighten its relations with Russia,” Victor Cha from the US-based Center for Strategic and International Studies, told the Reuters news agency.

“To avoid any military altercations, US authorities could co-

ordinate with willing countries to detain the cargo at customs to prevent their making it to the battlefield,” he added.

A UN resolution bans North Korea from trading weapons with other countries. This year, a US-led attempt to impose tough sanctions on the isolated country over its series of ballistic missile tests was already vetoed by China and Russia.

In a separate statement, a North Korean diplomat called UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres a “mouthpiece” of the US for his condemnation of Pyongyang’s missile launches. **DW**



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PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

Bahraini citizens in Oman cast votes



MUSCAT: Citizens of the Kingdom of Bahrain residing in the Sultanate of Oman began to cast votes on Tuesday to select their representative in parliamentary elections. The representatives stand for four districts, which are the Capital, Al Muharraqq and the northern and southern governorates.

Dr. Juma Ahmed Al Kaabi, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Sultanate of Oman, told Oman News Agency (ONA) that Bahrain is witnessing a historic day in its democratic

path, which was established by King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of the Kingdom of Bahrain. Al Kaabi added that the Embassy of Bahrain in Oman completed all administrative and technical arrangements to receive voters and facilitate the electoral process.

The embassy contacted Bahraini residents through various means of communication to update them about the procedures and the requirements of the voting process, he added, noting that the voters will continue to be received till 8 pm. **-ONA**

BIG ANNOUNCEMENT

Will make big announcement on November 15, says former US President Donald Trump

OHIO: Former US President Donald Trump on Monday said that he will be making a “very big announcement” next week on November 15.

This comes against the backdrop of Trump’s expected jump into the race for the White House in 2024. “I’m going to be making a very big announcement on Tuesday, November 15 at Mar a Lago in Palm Beach Florida,” he told a cheering crowd in Ohio.

He teased a third presidential run while campaigning in Ohio ahead of the final day of voting in this year’s midterm elections.

Trump is holding his final rally of the midterm season to bolster Senate candidate JD Vance. “We want nothing to detract from the importance of tomorrow,” said Trump.

Trump has been increasingly explicit about his plans to launch a third presidential campaign, saying in recent days that he would “very, very, very probably” run again and would be formalizing his intentions “very, very soon.”

“I will probably have to do it again but stay tuned,” he said Sunday night in Miami. “Stay tuned to tomorrow night in the great state of Ohio.”

This comes as Trump on Thursday opened a swing of four rallies in the US state of Iowa. The rallies held by the ex-US president come in the final five days of the midterm elections in Iowa.

“In order to make our country successful and safe and glorious, I will very, very, very probably do it again,” Trump said. “Very, very,



very, probably.” The crowd erupted in applause and chants of “Trump! Trump! Trump!” “Get ready -- that’s all I’m telling you,” Trump said. “Very soon.”

Senator Chuck Grassley, an Iowa Republican seeking an eighth consecutive six-year term joined Trump in the rally. Trump is campaigning for the Republicans ahead of the midterms, but his name is not on the ballot this year as he inches closer to announcing a third presidential campaign.

Democrats currently control both House of Representatives and the Senate and losing any of both bodies to Republicans would significantly decrease Democrats’ power in the next two years of President Joe Biden’s term. It will be decided by an Election day voting scheduled for November 8, reported New York Times.

According to Cook Political Report, in the five states with toss up Senate races, Trump has not

held rallies in two -- Georgia or Wisconsin -- since the primary season ended.

The classification of “Toss Up” is used to refer to races that are the most competitive of the cycle, and which either party stands a reasonable chance of winning, reported cookpolitical.

Trump will visit just one of those toss up states, Pennsylvania, in his final four rallies.

Ahead of the US midterm elections, star campaigners for Democrats, including two former presidents and another former presidential candidate, have picked up the pace on the campaign trail, for key polls amid the record high inflation and slowing American economy.

Former Presidents Barack Obama, Bill Clinton, and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton are campaigning hard while President Joe Biden kept a light schedule. **ANI**

COP27 CONFERENCE

Ambition levels in India are high when it comes to renewables: Macron at COP27

SHARM EL-SHEIKH: French President Emmanuel Macron on Monday lauded India’s progress in the field of renewable energy and said that the “ambition levels in India are high.”

In his address at United Nations’ COP27 conference, he said, “Ambition levels in India are high when it comes to renewables.” He stated that France, India, South Africa, Senegal and Indonesia are making efforts to move away from non-renewables.

Notably, World leaders have gathered at Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt to discuss the climate problems at the United Nations Climate Change Conference, more commonly referred to as Conference of the Parties of the UN-FCCC or COP27, being held from November 6 to November 22.

In his address, Macron called for a ban on all deep-sea mining and asserted that climate should remain a priority despite the energy and food crisis caused by the war between Russia and Ukraine. He stressed that they will not sacrifice their climate commitments amid the energy threat posed by Russia. He emphasized that the nations must uphold their climate commitments, Euro News reported.

French President Macron further said, “For the richer countries, especially the European countries including France, this has been the delivery of our national strategies, in line with our commitments.”

“We will not sacrifice our climate commitments under the



energy threat from Russia and therefore all the commitments held by nations must be upheld,” added Macron.

In his address, he said, “The battle for the climate is inseparable from the fight for biodiversity. These are two sides of the same coin.” He said that the nations must get their economies out of dependence on coal and help emerging nations to make the shift at the earliest.

Notably, India and France initiated the International Solar Alliance (ISA) to make efforts against climate change by using solar energy solutions. A total of 106 countries have signed the ISA Framework Agreement. The ISA is an action-oriented, member-driven, collaborative platform for the increased use of solar energy technologies.

The opening plenary of COP27 started with the election of Sameh Shoukry as COP27 President by the Parties. In his address, COP27 President Sameh Shouk-

ry called on nations to showcase faith in multilateralism over the next two weeks as they negotiate to deliver on the goals of the Climate Convention.

In a tweet, the official account of the Egypt Presidency of COP27 stated that World leaders, envoys, delegates & members of civil society participated in the opening ceremony of the Sharm El-Sheikh Climate Implementation Summit to further mobilize & prioritize the global climate agenda.

A roundtable discussion on “Food Security” took place at COP27 on November 7 where climate experts explained the ways which must be carried out for building more resilient agricultural systems.

Furthermore, climate leaders and stakeholders participated in a roundtable discussion on “Just Transition” where they talked about means and ways to promote just transition and ensure that local and global climate action protects people and the planet. **ANI**

MICROBLOGGING OPTIONS

Indian social media platform Koo clocks 50mn downloads

NEW DELHI: Homegrown microblogging platform ‘Koo’ has announced that the total download for its application has crossed the 50 million mark.

The platform was launched in early 2020 with an aim to become an alternative to other available microblogging options, including Twitter.

It is a multi-lingual, micro-blogging platform to enable Indians to express themselves online in their mother tongues.

Currently, Koo is available in 10

languages including Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Punjabi, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Assamese, Bengali and English.

Koo said in a statement that the platform saw a large increase in users, time spent, and engagement, particularly since January this year.

“We’re very excited to be crossing the 50 million download mark. This validates the demand for a multi-lingual social network built with an India-first product mindset of seamlessly including lan-

guage-speaking Indians in daily thought sharing,” Aprameya Radhakrishna, CEO and Co-founder, of Koo App, said in the statement.

“Our rapid growth and adoption is a testimony to the fact that we are solving a problem faced by a billion Indians,” Aprameya added.

Further, considering the 80 crore internet user base in India, the CEO said there is massive potential for further growth.

“There is huge potential for further growth. There are about 80 crore Internet users in the coun-

try, the majority of whom wish to express themselves in their native language. Their sharing of thoughts is restricted to closed groups and known people and are unable to express freely in the open Internet and be discovered.”

Going ahead, Koo will continue to invest in technology and build the platform with a user-first mindset to further drive digital independence for native language-speaking users in India and across the world, it said.





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WORLD

15,000 killed by hot weather in Europe in 2022, says WHO

The WHO said that this estimate is expected to increase as more countries report on excess deaths due to heat

GENEVA: At least 15,000 were killed by hot weather in Europe this year, said WHO Regional Director for Europe, Hans Henri Kluge on Monday.

“Based on country data submitted so far, it is estimated that at least 15,000 people died specifically due to the heat in 2022. Among those, nearly 4,000 deaths in Spain, more than 1,000 in Portugal, more than 3,200 in the United Kingdom, and around 4,500 deaths in Germany were reported by health authorities during the 3 months of summer,” Kluge said in a statement. The WHO Regional said this estimate is expected to increase as more countries report on excess deaths due to heat.

“For example, France’s National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE) reported that more than 11 000 more people died between 1 June and 22 August 2022 compared with the same period in 2019 - the last year before the COVID-19 pandemic. INSEE suggested that these figures were “likely to be explained by the heat-wave that occurred in mid-July, after an initial heatwave episode as early as mid-June,” he added.



Temperatures in Europe have warmed significantly over the 1961-2021 period, at an average rate of about 0.5 °C per decade.

“This is the fastest-warming region, according to a report launched this week by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). Extreme temperatures accounted for more than 148 000 lives lost in the European Region in the previous 50 years. In just 1 year since, we lost at least another 15 000 lives,” he said.

“In 2021, high-impact weather and climate events led to hundreds of fatalities and directly affected over half a million people.

About 84 per cent of these events were floods or storms,” he added.

These impacts on health that people in our Region are experiencing now with a 1.1 °C rise in global average temperature give just a glimpse of what we can expect if the temperature rises 2° C and above compared to preindustrial levels. This should sound the alarm for our future under a changing climate.

This comes as representatives and negotiators from all over the world are gathering in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, at the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27) to build on prior

agreements to urgently reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Climate change and the crises it has triggered have long been clear health emergencies. WHO and partners have long sounded the alarm, but action has been dangerously inconsistent and far too slow.

Just this past summer, heatwaves, droughts and wildfires, were witnessed, in the WHO European Region, impacting the health of the people. The Region has just been dragged through the hottest summer and the hottest August on record, according to the European Union’s Copernicus Climate Change Service. **ANI**

MID-TERM ELECTIONS



Open to voting Democrat again, says Elon Musk hours after announcing support to Republicans

WASHINGTON: Within hours of announcing his support for the Republican Congress ahead of the US mid-term elections, Twitter CEO Elon Musk on Monday said that he is open to the idea of voting Democrat again in the future.

“To be clear, my historical party affiliation has been Independent, with an actual voting history of entirely Democrat until this year,” he tweeted. He further tweeted saying that he is open to the idea of voting Democrat again in the future.

“And I’m open to the idea of voting Democrat again in the future,” he tweeted further.

Earlier on Monday, Twitter CEO Elon Musk announced his support for the Republican Congress out in the open and recommended the voters cast their ballot for the same.

Taking to Twitter, Musk made the declaration and said that it is best for there to be two political parties in power, pointing out at Joe Biden who holds the position in the White House for the Democrats.

“To independent-minded voters: Shared power curbs the worst excesses of both parties, therefore I recommend voting for a Republican Congress, given that the Presidency is Democratic,” Musk tweeted on Monday.

“Hardcore Democrats or Republicans never vote for the other side, so independent voters are the ones who actually decide who’s in charge!” he added. Notably, Musk vowed to vote Republican in May earlier this year.

The US is gearing up for the mid-term elections which are slated to take place in less than a week.

Republicans are expected to take the House of Representatives on Tuesday, though control over the Senate is a toss-up, Fox News reported citing the polls. US Midterm elections are the general elections that are held near the midpoint of a president’s four-year term of office.

Federal offices that are up for election during the midterms include all 435 seats in the US House of Representatives and 33 or 34 of the 100 seats in the US Senate.

Meanwhile, Elon Musk’s endorsement for Republicans comes a week after he took over Twitter and began making massive changes to the micro-blogging platform.

After closing the expected Twitter in the last week of October, the Tesla CEO purged the top executives of the company as a result of which Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal and finance chief Ned Segal left the company’s San Francisco headquarters. **ANI**

HUMANITARIAN CATASTROPHE

Agencies call for global action to prevent famine in Horn of Africa

NAIROBI: Global solidarity is urgently needed to help vulnerable communities in the Horn of Africa survive a rapidly unfolding humanitarian catastrophe, driven by the longest and most severe drought in recent history that is expected to continue well into 2023, according to a joint statement by WHO and several UN and other international agencies.

The statement being put out on Monday said humanitarian and development actors must urgently prepare for the continuation of life-saving assistance in response to extremely high humanitarian needs through to next year. “The Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia drought response plans are only 50 per cent funded despite escalating needs, severely limiting humanitarian agencies’ capacities to respond. More funds are required immediately to save lives before it is too late,” the statement said.

Already, 20.9 million people are highly food insecure due to the two-year drought, including 3.4 million people in Emergency in Kenya and Somalia and 300,560 people in Catastrophe in Somalia.

In southern Ethiopia, IPC-compatible analyses show widespread Emergency area classifications and indicate that there are likely households in catastrophe. In Somalia, parts of the Bay region are projected to face famine while several other central and southern areas face a “Risk of Famine” by the end of the year.

“Significant increases in severe acute malnutrition admissions to nutrition treatment programmes



have been observed across the region. Overall, 7.46 million children under the age of five are estimated to face acute malnutrition, including 1.85 million facing its severe form. Increases in child deaths have also been observed. For example, the recent Somalia Post-Gu assessment found under-five death rates exceeding 2/10,000/day amongst four surveyed population groups.”

The statement added about 23.75 million people face daily household water insecurity.

This increases their vulnerability to water-borne diseases, and forces women and children to travel long distances to fetch water, exposing them to heightened risks of violence and exploitation.

The drought impacts on health risks are also significant, and multiple ongoing disease outbreaks, including measles and cholera, for which health outcomes are worse when combined with mal-

nutrition, are major public health concerns. Facing severely limited access to food, water, and other resources, 1.77 million people have fled their homes, becoming internally displaced, and over 40,000 have sought refuge in neighbouring countries since the start of 2022.

“The situation is deteriorating due to the poor start of the October - December rains, particularly in Kenya and southern Somalia. From 1 October to 15 November, these areas are expected to receive rainfall totals that are less than 60 per cent of average, with some worst-affected areas, particularly in Kenya, experiencing the poorest start of the season on record. Worryingly, there is a broad consensus across meteorological agencies that the probability of continued below-average rains through the remainder of the season is high, resulting in an unprecedented fifth consecutive poor season,” it added. **ANI**

ATTACK ON IMRAN

Bilawal calls for impartial investigation

SHARM EL-SHEIKH: Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Monday condemned the attack on country’s former Prime Minister Imran Khan and called for an impartial investigation into the matter. While exclusively talking to CNN, Zardari said that whatever one thinks of

Imran Khan domestically, this is an attack on a former prime minister and should be impartially investigated. “I would like to reiterate my unequivocal condemnation of this attack. There must be a free, fair and impartial investigation. Whatever one thinks of Mr Khan domestically, but this is

an attack on a former Prime Minister, an attack on anyone should be investigated in an impartial manner,” CNN quoted Zardari as saying. However, Zardari said that Imran Khan’s visit to Russia after it started aggression on Ukraine misrepresented Pakistan’s stand on the matter. **ANI**

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Quote of the Day



KANE WILLIAMSON, NEW ZEALAND SKIPPER

"We have a strong team. We know it's going to be a tough match [vs Pakistan]. Both teams are going to play in the semi, playing some good cricket throughout. The past is the past, and I think both teams are looking forward to tomorrow. They've got an outstanding pace attack. They've been playing really good cricket."



PAKISTAN SET FOR NZ SHOWDOWN AFTER LATE SURGE TO THE SEMIS

Semifinal lineup



Today's match
12:00pm

New Zealand vs Pakistan



November 10
12:00pm

India vs England

Having beaten NZ to win the tri-series recently in New Zealand, Pakistan would be eyeing a win with the momentum they have gathered over the last couple of games

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA: Pakistan were handed a lifeline when the Netherlands beat South Africa in the first game of the triple-header on Sunday, but now with a blank slate, they have set their sights on going all the way.

Familiar foes after the recent tri-series near this part of the world, Pakistan and New Zealand go head-to-head in Sydney in the first semifinal of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 on Wednesday.

Having beaten New Zealand in New Zealand to win the tri-series title recently, Pakistan would be eyeing a win with the momentum they have gathered over the last couple of matches in the Super 12 phase of the tournament.

"The moment Pakistan cricket fires off with intent and starts to reveal its teeth, we become a real threat. There will be no one in this world and this competition that would want to face us right now," team mentor Matthew Hayden's inspirational dressing room speech is revealing of the kind of energy that the wins have brought into Pakistan's campaign.

On paper, they are rock solid - two consolidating openers with another at No.3 capable of warding off collapses followed by a dynamic middle-order that has a healthy mix of bashers and floaters and enough left and right-handed options, two quality spinners and a world-class pace attack that

has been dominating in this T20 World Cup. New Zealand, on the other hand, have excelled as a unit across the three different phases. From Finn Allen's powerplay exploits to Glenn Phillips' calculated onslaughts, New Zealand's batting packs quite a punch. They bat deep and have batters for any situation in the game.

The bowling attack has a left-arm quick good in the powerplay, a swing bowler, a high-end pace bowler who hits the deck hard and two different kinds of spinners.

New Zealand have thrashed the hosts and won all but one of their matches in this tournament so far. Pakistan will pose challenges, but there's no doubting that the Black

Caps are equipped to handle them, which makes for a mouth-watering contest on paper. - ICC

Predicted playing XIs:

Pakistan: Babar Azam, Mohammad Rizwan, Shan Masood, Mohammad Haris, Iftikhar Ahmed, Shadab Khan, Mohammad Nawaz, Haris Rauf, Mohammad Wasim, Naseem Shah, Shaheen Shah Afridi.

New Zealand: Finn Allen, Devon Conway, Kane Williamson (c), Glenn Phillips, Daryl Mitchell, James Neesham, Mitchell Santner, Tim Southee, Ish Sodhi, Lockie Ferguson, Trent Boult.

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OMAN CRUDE PRICE FALLS

The price of Oman oil has decreased, with prices for delivery by January 2023 reaching \$92.31, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil fell by 77 cents from the price of Monday, which was \$93.08. - **OWA**

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MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

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OIA exploring investment in Egypt wind energy project

This investment is in line with Oman's commitment to reducing CO2 emissions



SHARM EL SHEIKH: Oman Investment Authority (OIA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ACWA Power of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), to explore the feasibility of investment of up to 10 per cent in the development, construction, and operation of the 1.1GW Suez Wind Energy project.

This investment is in line with the Sultanate of Oman's commitment and pioneering role in reducing CO₂ emissions and mitigating the adverse effects of climate change and in cooperation and partnership with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Arab Republic of Egypt. This project is valued at \$1.5 billion.

The MoU was signed on the sidelines of the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27) in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

The signing ceremony was attended by Eng. Salim Al Aufi, Minister of Energy and Minerals and Head of the Omani delegation to the conference, Sheikh Khalifa Al Harthy, Undersecretary of the Foreign Ministry for Diplomatic Affairs, Naif Al Abri, Chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), Dr Abdullah Al Amri, Chairman of the Environment Authority, Abdullah Al Rahbi, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Egypt, Permanent Representative of the Sultanate of Oman to the Arab League, and Humaid Al Ma'ani, Head of the Global Affairs Department at the Foreign Ministry, in addition to chief executives of Oman Investment Authority companies operating in the field of energy.

Mulham Basheer Al Jarf, Acting Deputy President for Investment at Oman Investment Authority, said that OIA signed the MoU in line with Oman's efforts to enhance joint investments with Arab nations like the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Arab Republic of Egypt in renewable energy projects, particularly wind power. - **OWA**

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NET-ZERO CARBON PLAN

Oman Cables Industry on track to achieve its net-zero objectives

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Cables Industry (OCI), Oman's leading manufacturer of industrial cables, has reiterated its commitment to the Sultanate's carbon neutrality vision and 2050 net-zero carbon plan.

Setting ambitious carbon reduction targets for its portfolio and operations to achieve net-zero carbon emissions across all scopes by 2050, Oman Cables' roadmap is supported by consistent policies and actionable plans, with numerous projects underway in line with the Sultanate's national goals including the recent green, hydrogen-based transition.

Oman Cables commitment to the Sultanate's national net-zero by 2050 plan is aligned with how the manufacturer has been incorporating ESG considerations – with a focus on Environmental and Social Governance – into investment decisions for more than a decade. The industry leader has highlighted the importance of basing long-term investment returns and its performance portfolio on the ability to adapt to a global economy which has pledged to Net-Zero.

Cinzia Farisè, CEO of Oman Cables, said: "We are proud to announce that Oman Cables is successfully on track to achieve its net-zero objectives as we renew our commitment to the Sultanate's national 2050 vision. With COP27 fast approaching, the focus on sustainable action has rightly increased, but Oman Cables has been continuously working towards improving sustainability performance progress over time by studying and deploying deep metrics, leveraging our capabilities to unlock access to innovative infrastructure solutions for the



benefit of all stakeholders while safeguarding our planet's future."

The company continues to build on the sustainability legacy of Prysmian Group and implement the environmental pillars of its regional ESG plan, as the manufacturer's Regional Sustainability Steering Committee – led by Top Executives – together with 39 Sustainability Ambassadors across the Middle East, Africa, Turkey and India – ensures that sustainability remains at the core of all operations. As all entities involved, OCI is doing its part, investing in short, medium and long-term initiatives to ensure consistency on the journey to achieving science-based targets, in line with Oman Vision 2040: a strategic approach, a dedicated organisation, specific KPIs target, 24 projects, dedicated investments are complementing its ambitious ESG plan.

Embedded within Oman Cables' DNA, sustainability forms an integral part of business across the organisation. OCI ensures

the sustainability of production processes through efficient, effective energy management, the maximisation of renewable energy resource utilisation, reliance on recycled raw materials and love-carbon products, waste management and product circularity. Such processes are rooted in Oman Cables' extensive studies of global industry trends and best practices, while remaining committed to the United Nations (UNDP) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the interests of stakeholders across the region through its offices in Oman, the UAE, Qatar, and KSA.

OCI seeks to produce long-term value with plans including a Sustainability Academy based in Muscat for the 30,000 employees of Prysmian Group, to promote sustainable development education. The Academy is set to partner with different organisations across Oman and the wider region, raising awareness, and shaping and empowering the sustainability leaders of tomorrow.

ROBUST GROWTH

ahlibank reports 18.8% profit growth in 2022 third quarter

Times News Service

MUSCAT: ahlibank continues to leverage its portfolio of innovative products, services, and digitalisation initiatives to record unstinted growth in the third quarter of 2022. It has supplemented its first and second-quarter results with impressive results in the third quarter.

With Oman's outlook getting upgraded to stable and economic recovery gaining momentum with higher oil prices, ahlibank witnessed commensurate growth in its profits during the third quarter. It was able to achieve 18.8 per cent growth in profit, amounting to OMR25.06 million, for the period ending September 2022, in comparison to the same period last year.

Customer deposits increased by 9.2 per cent to reach OMR2,228.4 million; net loans, advances and financing grew by 7.3 per cent, reaching OMR2,538.1 million.

Besides, the bank's operating income and expenses also increased to 13.0 per cent (OMR67.93 million), and 20.1 per cent (reaching OMR29.49 million), respectively, for the nine months ending 30 September 2022.

Commenting on the bank's key performance indicators and the remarkable profit margin achieved during the year, Said Abdullah Al Hatmi, CEO, of ahlibank, said, "Our third-quarter results succinctly demonstrate our commitment to pursue the business targets set for the year. We are reaching newer heights, and the coming months will bolster our expansion process and help us end the year on a high note, with our total assets showing commensurate growth. Our performance has been consistent over the last three quarters, and our growing customer base is a clear indication of our long-term plan to further enhance our connection with the society from different parts of the country, and achieve financial inclusion."

Quoting the Central Bank of Oman's (CBO) recent Financial



Stability Report, which noted that risks to financial stability have subsided in the country, he added: "It is heartening to note that our growth curve is consistent with Oman's economic recovery in the wake of higher oil prices and the lifting of pandemic restrictions. We aim to leverage this current buoyant mood in the economy to augment our steady progress in the industry; we will sustain these developments with our unwavering focus on digitalisation, enhanced customer engagements, and our crucial partnership with the government in realising the objectives of Vision 2040. At the same time, we will continue to monitor the slowdown in various global economies and the volatility in terms of economic, geopolitical and ecological changes all impacting the global outlook"

The third quarter of 2022 saw ahlibank's successful conclusion of its issuance of 75 million Additional Tier 1 Capital Instruments. The bank also enhanced value-added benefits for its growing clientele with the opening of its first digital branch in Madinat Qaboos.

SEZAD



Future Makers Programme concludes

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Special Economic Zone at Duqm (Sezad) concluded yesterday evening the activities of the second edition of the Future Makers Programme. The initiative is implemented by Tawasul Foundation and Salikon Company, with the support and fund of Sezad and a number of companies operating in the zone.

The closing ceremony of the Future Makers Programme was held under the auspices of Dr Ali bin Masoud Al Sunaidy, Chairman of the Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones (Opaz).

The five-week programme, which involved the participation of 300 students enrolled in grades 10 - 12 from Duqm schools aims at qualifying students to keep pace with the changes in the field of modern technology and its applications, artificial intelligence and future skills, in addition to developing student's skill and capabilities. The programme also aims at empowering students to contribute to the development of their scientific and life skills, as well as enriching their knowledge in areas such as using 3D printing, drones and clean energy. Winners of applied projects competitions which were held during the programme were honoured.

The closing ceremony included an accompanying event during which several initiatives and projects of students participating in the programme were reviewed.

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MSX index ends higher

SMN Power Holding, up 6.06 per cent, was the top gainer while Oman & Emirates Investment, down 8.75 per cent, was the top loser

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A total number of 385 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR1.65 million, with more than 5.92 million shares changing hands. Out of 42 traded securities, 11 advanced, 20 declined, and 11 remained unchanged. At the session close, GCC & Arab investors were net buyers for OMR78,000 while foreign investors were net sellers for OMR49,000, followed by domestic investors for OMR29,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 7,053.85 points, down 0.06 per cent. Prices of Sohar International Bank and Al Anwar Investment were up by 3.16 per cent and 1.28 per cent respectively. Prices of Oman & Emirates Investment, Taageer Finance, United Finance, Al Sharqia Investment, and Muscat Finance were down by 2.46 per cent, 4.00 per cent, 3.03 per cent, 2.67 per cent and 1.82 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,003.57 points, down 0.26 per



cent. Prices of Oman Cement, National Aluminium and Galfar Engineering, were up by 2.46 per cent, 2.44 per cent and 1.83 per cent respectively. Prices of Voltamp Energy, Jazeera Steel Products, Gulf Mushroom Products, Oman Fisheries, and Al Anwar Ceramics were down by 4.21 per cent, 4.15 per cent, 4.02 per cent, 1.96 per cent and 1.74 per cent respectively.

Services Index was down by 0.36 per cent before closing at 1,530.65 points. Prices of SMN Power Holding, Oman Telecom, Al Maha Marketing, Muscat Desalination, and Oman National Engineering were up by 6.06 per cent, 3.81 per cent, 2.38 per cent, 0.92 per cent and 0.92 per cent respectively. Prices of Al Suwadi Power, Sembcorp Salalah, Phoenix Power, Al Jazeera Services, and Shell Oman Marketing were down by 7.90 per cent, 5.66 per cent, 4.55 per cent, 0.94 per cent and 0.49 per cent respectively. –

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Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	4,421.17	4,403.27	4,421.17	4,407.87	13.30	0.30
FINANCIAL INDEX	7,063.92	7,050.47	7,063.85	7,058.08	-4.23	-0.06
Industry Index	6,054.13	5,985.50	6,003.57	6,019.19	-15.62	-0.26
Services Index	1,539.10	1,523.94	1,530.65	1,536.17	-5.53	-0.36
MSX Shariah Index	4,469.23	4,465.55	4,465.84	4,468.90	-3.07	-0.65
MSX TR INDEX	5,576.13	5,553.56	5,576.13	5,559.35	16.78	0.30
FINANCIAL TR IDX	7,391.61	7,377.53	7,381.06	7,385.49	-4.43	-0.06
SERVICES TR IDX	1,609.02	1,593.17	1,600.18	1,605.96	-5.78	-0.36
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	6,283.17	6,211.95	6,230.70	6,246.91	-16.21	-0.26

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
5,924,962	1,645,445	385	22,983,798,639	11	20	11	42

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PD	LAST BD	LAST OFFR	PBR VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	94,366	80,667	19	0.844	0.872	0.840	0.872	0.840	0.032	3.810	0.872	0.924	0.872	0.100	654,000,000
OM0000003398	SOHAR INT. BANK	357,112	34,391	7	0.096	0.098	0.096	0.098	0.095	0.003	3.158	0.098	0.098	0.098	0.100	448,826,104
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	76,660	22,297	14	0.288	0.294	0.288	0.292	0.285	0.007	2.456	0.292	0.292	0.300	0.100	96,614,831
OM0000000300	AL MAHA PETROLEUM	39,000	33,540	4	0.860	0.860	0.860	0.860	0.840	0.020	2.381	0.860	0.860	0.860	0.100	59,340,000
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT. ENG.	20,905	2,300	2	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.109	0.100	0.017	0.110	0.109	0.110	0.115	0.100	15,400,000
OM0000001525	OMAN INVST& FIN.	100,000	13,000	2	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.000	0.000	0.130	0.126	0.130	0.100	30,810,000
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	300,000	39,900	2	0.133	0.133	0.133	0.133	0.133	0.000	0.000	0.133	0.130	0.134	0.100	259,304,443
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SER.	3,162	1,478	2	0.458	0.468	0.458	0.468	0.468	0.000	0.000	0.468	0.456	0.468	0.100	110,639,880
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	145,985	58,094	15	0.398	0.398	0.396	0.398	0.398	0.000	0.000	0.398	0.436	0.398	0.100	239,075,804
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDSTR	6,000	12,800	2	1.600	1.600	1.600	1.600	1.610	-0.010	-0.621	1.600	1.500	1.600	0.100	143,520,000
OM0000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	159,890	33,690	20	0.211	0.215	0.210	0.210	0.212	-0.002	-0.943	0.210	0.210	0.210	0.100	12,852,897
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	1,530,199	900,520	101	0.592	0.592	0.584	0.588	0.594	-0.006	-1.019	0.588	0.652	0.588	0.100	2,206,880,736
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	334,000	85,304	8	0.256	0.256	0.252	0.252	0.256	-0.004	-1.563	0.252	0.252	0.256	0.100	409,738,482
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	49,400	16,774	6	0.340	0.340	0.338	0.338	0.344	-0.006	-1.744	0.338	0.338	0.340	0.100	74,360,000
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INV.	56,291	3,685	3	0.075	0.075	0.073	0.073	0.075	-0.002	-2.667	0.073	0.073	0.073	0.100	6,570,000
OM0000003291	TAGEER FINANCE	29,000	2,784	3	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.100	-0.004	-4.000	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.100	24,831,533
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	25,304	5,026	4	0.230	0.230	0.198	0.208	0.217	-0.009	-4.147	0.208	0.198	0.208	0.100	25,978,776
Total	17	3,323,284	1,346,260	214												

Parallel Market

OM0000004248 SMN POWER HOLDING	160,000	5,440	10	0.034	0.035	0.034	0.035	0.033	0.002	6.061	0.035	0.033	0.035	0.100	6,987,246
OM0000003319 ALUMINIUM PROD.	113,120	9,263	7	0.080	0.084	0.080	0.084	0.082	0.002	2.439	0.084	0.082	0.085	0.100	2,820,002
OM0000003321 GALFAR ENGINEER	832,196	153,876	41	0.163	0.167	0.163	0.167	0.164	0.003	1.829	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.100	33,898,736
OM0000008447 OMAN REIT FUND	5,000	285	1	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.056	0.001	1.786	0.057	0.057	0.059	0.100	26,857,624
OM0000001772 ALANWAR INVESTMENT	216,483	17,023	17	0.079	0.079	0.078	0.079	0.078	0.001	1.282	0.079	0.078	0.079	0.100	15,800,000
OM0000007084 MCT DESALINATE	14,100	1,551	3	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.109	0.001	0.917	0.110	0.102	0.110	0.100	17,110,544
OM0000001169 NATIONAL GAS	100	11	1	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.000	0.000	0.114	0.112	0.114	0.100	9,690,000
OM0000001509 DHOFAR INT.	4,100	613	1	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.000	0.000	0.125	0.125	0.000	0.100	51,155,790
OM0000001517 HSBK BANK OMAN	100,000	15,200	1	0.152	0.152	0.152	0.152	0.152	0.000	0.000	0.152	0.152	0.154	0.100	304,047,544
OM0000002549 BANK DHOFAR	150,000	21,750	3	0.145	0.145	0.145	0.145	0.145	0.000	0.000	0.145	0.140	0.150	0.100	434,470,958
OM0000007043 NATIONAL LIFE INS	90	30	1	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.000	0.000	0.330	0.000	0.330	0.100	131,463,533
OM0000002275 SHELL OMAN MRK	6,000	4,896	2	0.816	0.816	0.816	0.820	0.820	-0.004	-0.488	0.816	0.816	0.816	0.100	77,520,000
OM0000004420 BANK NIZWA	156,698	14,730	8	0.094	0.094	0.094	0.094	0.095	-0.001	-1.053	0.094	0.093	0.094	0.100	210,273,585
OM0000001418 RAYSUT CEMENT	118,050	16,747	11	0.144	0.144	0.141	0.141	0.143	-0.002	-1.399	0.141	0.135	0.143	0.100	28,200,000
OM0000001590 MUSCAT FINANCE	70,815	3,864	13	0.055	0.055	0.054	0.054	0.055	-0.001	-1.818	0.054	0.053	0.055	0.100	16,585,902
OM0000001566 OMAN FISHERIES	40,580	4,108	14	0.103	0.103	0.100	0.100	0.102	-0.002	-1.961	0.100	0.100	0.101	0.100	18,207,840
OM0000002374 UNITED FINANCE	5,000	320	1	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.066	-0.002	-3.030	0.064	0.064	0.065	0.100	22,345,242
OM0000002287 GULF MUSHROOM P	300	72	1	0.239	0.239	0.239	0.239	0.249	-0.010	-4.016	0.239	0.235	0.239	0.100	9,943,660
OM0000003661 VOLTAMP ENERGY	109	10	1	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.095	-0.004	-4.211	0.091	0.091	0.095	0.100	7,407,650
OM0000005963 PHOENIX POWER	1,397	58	3	0.043	0.043	0.042	0.042	0.044	-0.002	-4.545	0.042	0.040	0.043	0.100	61,429,261
OM0000004735 SEMBICORP SALALAH	11,510	576	2	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.053	-0.003	-5.660	0.050	0.048	0.052	0.100	47,728,588
OM0000004933 AL SUWADI POWER	457,100	16,686	24	0.037	0.039	0.035	0.035	0.038	-0.003	-7.895	0.035	0.035	0.038	0.100	25,004,222
OM0000001681 OMAN EMIRATES HO.	29,700	2,172	3	0.074	0.074	0.073	0.073	0.080	-0.007	-8.750	0.073	0.073	0.075	0.100	8,896,875
Total	23	2,591,418	289,178	169											

GREEN HYDROGEN SUMMIT OMAN

Energy Minister to deliver keynote address at GHSO



MUSCAT: Eng. Salim bin Nasser Al Aufi, Minister of Energy and Minerals, will present the keynote speech at the opening of the Green Hydrogen Summit Oman 2022 (GHSO), which will be held at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre, Muscat, from December 5 – 7.

The keenly anticipated opening address will shed light on, among

other issues, Oman's newly unveiled strategy for the development of a world-scale green hydrogen industry to support the decarbonisation of the Omani economy, as well as cater to the energy transition goals of other nations.

An overview of this ambitious vision was shared recently by officials of the ministry, joined by rep-

resentatives of Oman 2040 Vision, Energy Development Oman and the newly established hydro-centric energy firm Hydrom. At the heart of this strategy is a commitment to reducing Oman's climate-warming CO2 emissions to Net Zero by 2050 – a goal that envisions investments of an estimated \$140 billion.

REGIONAL WEEK FOR CYBERSECURITY

Tenth Regional Cybersecurity Conference sees participation of 45 countries

MUSCAT: The 10th Regional Cybersecurity Conference kicked off in Oman, with the participation of 400 specialists from 45 countries around the world. It is held as part of the Regional Week for Cybersecurity, organised by the Arab Regional Cybersecurity Centre and hosted by the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology.

The opening ceremony of the conference was held under the patronage of Abdulsalam Mohammed Al Murshidi, Chairman of Oman Investment Authority (OIA), and attended by decision-makers in the field of cybersecurity from Oman and abroad.

The conference explored strategies and international experiences in the field of cybersecurity and innovation. It highlighted the procedures set for assessing measures to cut down risks in interconnected systems. It also provided an opportunity to discuss the best practices to define the national cybersecurity policy and to highlight risk management accomplishments.

The conference saw the launch of "hadatha", a cybersecurity programme aimed at establishing a specialised cybersecurity industry in the region, with emphasis on the human capital factor and innovation. The programme, which is compatible with Oman Vision 2040, seeks to address cybersecurity challenges, develop a proper ecological system, hone cybersecurity talents and establish start-ups and SMEs specialised in the field of cybersecurity.



also encourages innovation in cybersecurity, provides incentives and attracts foreign investment in the field of cybersecurity in Oman.

Expected outcomes of the conference include elevating Oman to secure a place among the top ten countries in the list of the Global Cybersecurity Readiness Index, besides raising Oman's cybersecurity market's contribution to 20% of the total contribution of the information technology sector.

The activities of Cybersecurity Week included a board meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Coop-

eration (OIC)'s national cybersecurity centres. Oman was elected, for the 5th time in a row, as head of the OIC's national cybersecurity centres board.

The Cybersecurity Week's activities also include a symposium to be held by "First" organisation and the 14th annual conference of OIC cybersecurity centres. The symposium, which serves as a platform for senior technical officials and cybersecurity officials from MENA, will discuss a draft policy on addressing cybersecurity risks. -OHA

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WELCOME TO AANGAN



Indian food connoisseurs in the Sultanate of Oman have a new address to visit for an exclusive experience of food artistry curated by none other than well-known chef Rohit Ghai.

Head out to the newly-opened restaurant, Aangan, which translates to ‘courtyard’ in English, at the Shangri-La Al Husn, Muscat, to enjoy the diverse flavours of Indian cuisine prepared by Ghai, who owns a Michelin Star restaurant in London.

This is the first time that Oman will have a restaurant run by a visiting Michelin starred chef Ghai.

In a chat with Times of Oman, Ghai said: “I wanted to bring the spirit of Aangan to Oman and inspire diners to celebrate special moments together while enjoying the diverse flavours of Indian cuisine. Indian food is complex and steeped in tradition, but through Aangan, I’m able to showcase Indian food in a new light. Using locally grown fresh produce, authentic Indian spices and innovative cooking techniques, I’ve evolved and tweaked the very best of the cuisine to create a contemporary menu that is truly unique. I look

forward to welcoming guests to Aangan from all over the world.”

The newest dining destination promises to be a feast for the senses with a fresh take on Indian cuisine in a warm and welcoming space where food is meant to be shared and enjoyed with your loved ones.

Perched on a clifftop overlooking the turquoise waters of the Gulf of Oman, the restaurant’s design takes inspiration from Oman’s heritage and India’s homeland with cosy, secluded dining spaces and an al fresco terrace. The extensive menu allows you to mix and match dishes that burst with flavour to tease and tantalise the palette.

Ghai has curated an innovative menu inspired by his personal and professional culinary experiences from across the globe. The chef is renowned for earning upmarket London restaurant Jamavar a Michelin star in under a year, the first ever Indian chef to achieve such an accolade in the UK.

Guests enter the dining area through the grand double doors flanked with bold blue drapes, inviting diners to enter another world and enjoy the heartfelt hospitality

Shangri-La is renowned for. The extensive menu designed to share; allows diners to mix and match dishes to tease and tantalise the palate. Chef Ghai has taken a contemporary approach to traditional Indian cuisine and has created dishes that burst with flavour.

Dishes include an Aloo Tikki, one of the most well-known street food dishes in India and set to be a favourite on the menu. The crispy potato cake with sweet and tangy tamarind, lentils and fresh mint is balanced with honey yoghurt to create a perfect combination of sweet and sour flavours.

Ghai’s signature batter fried crunchy Masala Prawns get their spice from the Kashmiri C---hilli. Cooked with sesame, peanut and tamarind, the perfectly cooked prawns are finished with a light dusting of desiccated coconut.

Accompanied by a twist on a traditional chokha, the Rogan Josh Lamb Shank dish is not to be missed. Slow cooked for eight hours until the meat is tender, the hearty dish is accompanied by a sauteed onion base, green and Kashmiri chilli, cumin, coriander, and a touch of ginger. A

CULINARY LOVERS ARE IN FOR A TREAT AT THE NEWLY-OPENED INDIAN RESTAURANT, AANGAN BY ROHIT GHAI, AT THE SHANGRI-LA AL HUSN RESORT & SPA, MUSCAT

smooth, velvety sauce is the perfect accompaniment to the rich and tender lamb.

Meanwhile the vegetarian Dhokla is crunchy on the outside with a soft cake like interior that is peppered with fresh apple and tempered baby heritage beetroot. To finish, a sweet, fresh Mango cheesecake is finished with green pistachio and a little kick of pink peppercorns to perfectly balance sweet and savoury flavours.

Ghai has become one of the culinary world’s most in-demand chefs after a hugely successful decade on the London restaurant scene.

Aangan will be his 25th restaurant opening and it marks an important milestone in his career as a chef and restaurateur.

Chef Ghai said: “I want to showcase my signature dishes in Oman. Some of the dishes have been created only for Aangan while some comprise my signature dishes with a unique twist.”

René Egle, Area General Manager, Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa and Shangri-La Al Husn Resort & Spa said: “When the opportunity arose to work with chef Rohit Ghai, it was an easy decision. Aangan is an exciting addition to our portfolio of premium restaurants at Shangri-La Al Husn and we are thrilled to bring this new dining destination to our guests and the local community of Muscat.

Our talented team are hugely passionate about delivering memorable experiences and with its alluring fragrant spices and distinctly different dishes, Aangan is set to be one of a kind.”

The restaurant in Al Husn opened last week. It will be open for dinner from 7pm every day, except Tuesday and Wednesday.



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— Chef Ghai



SPORTS

Oman Sailing Festival commences in Salalah

The festival, in its fourth station, in the Governorate of Dhofar, includes a number of recreational activities and events

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Oman Sailing Festival has begun in Wilayat of Salalah, Dhofar Governorate on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. "Today, on the waterfront of Dahariz Beach in the Wilayat of Salalah, Oman's community initiative for sailing 'Oman Sailing Festival' began in its fourth station. The festival will last for five days, "Oman News Agency (ONA) said in a statement. The festival, which is organised by Oman Sailing in cooperation with the Office of the Governor of Dhofar, comes as part of the efforts of the Ministry of Heritage



and Tourism to promote tourism in the governorate, introduce the Omani maritime heritage, highlight its ancient history, and advance the tourism, sports and youth adventure sector in the Sultanate of Oman. The festival, in its fourth station, in the Governorate of Dhofar, includes a number of recreational activities and events, such as sailing experiences on sailing boats under the super-

vision of specialised trainers, and the establishment of awareness campaigns for cleaning beaches. In addition to organising an exhibition for owners of small and medium enterprises and productive families. Oman Sailing Festival was held previously in three stations in the wilayats of Sohar, Musannah and Seeb, where it witnessed a wide participation of sailing experiments in addition to the imple-

mentation of cleaning campaigns for the beaches. The Oman Sailing Festival will be held in the Sports City in Musannah in South Al Batinah Governorate from November 24 to 26, while the penultimate stop will be held from December 8 to 10 in Al Mouj Muscat, and the last stop will be at Bassa Beach in the Wilayat of Khasab in the Musandam Governorate from December 20 to 24.

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP



MESAC golf tourney to begin from November 9

Times News Service

MUSCAT: ABA Oman International School will host the Middle East Schools Activities Conference (MESAC) Golf Championship 2022 at the Ras Al Hamra Golf Club from November 9-11. Besides the hosts, the competition will see young golfers from the American School Doha, Dubai American Academy, American Community School of Abu Dhabi, American Embassy School New Delhi, and American School of Dubai. The competition will feature individual and team events and each team comprises six players each.

The hosts have fielded a strong squad and include two national team golfers - Mahir Sampat and Ayman al Busaidi. The other members of the team are Krish Pawani, Rohit Khimji, Harris Siddiqui and Armaan Verma. Ayman was a member of the successful Oman U18 squad that claimed a team silver in the U18 category of the Pan Arab Junior Golf Championships at Golf Citrus, Hammamet, Tunisia, recently. Mahir was a member of the U15 squad that narrowly missed a bronze medal in the team event as they came fourth at the Arab meet.

T20 WORLD CUP

Moeen Ali feels Suryakumar is 'the best in the world'

ADELAIDE: Ahead of his side's semifinal clash against India at the ongoing ICC T20 World Cup, England all-rounder Moeen Ali praised star Indian batter Suryakumar Yadav, calling him the "best in the world". The second semifinal between India and England will take place in Adelaide on Thursday. "He is an amazing player, I do feel like he is the best in the world. He has probably taken T20 cricket to another level," Ali was quoted as saying by Sky Sports. "I think he is the first of the players who come through where you cannot bowl at him when he is playing well, it is very difficult and a weakness does not really stick out," he added. Suryakumar Yadav has been one of India's star performers in this ICC Men's T20 World Cup. His performances in recent games have led him to gain the No. 1 spot



in the ICC Men's T20I rankings. In five matches so far, the batter has scored 225 runs at an average of 75.00 with three half-centuries. **1,026 runs** In 28 T20I innings this year, Suryakumar has scored 1,026 runs at an average of 44.60. One century and nine half-centuries have come out of his bat, with the best score of 117. These runs have come at a strike rate of 186.24. Suryakumar is the first Indian and only the second player in T20I history to score 1,000 runs in a calendar year. **360-degree** England has experience Suryakumar's sheer power and 360-degree batting first-hand this year. He hit his maiden T20I century in testing English conditions in the third T20I of the series held earlier this year, smashing English bowlers for 14 fours and six sixes in his knock

of 117 off 55 balls. Moeen, who got his wicket in that match, recalled, "He absolutely murdered me before I got him out. They still needed a lot of runs and he got them close. Thankfully, he was tired when I got him out - that's how I got him, I think. But he played amazingly well, some of the shots he played were some of the best I have ever seen." The all-rounder said that England is heading into the final four stage as underdogs, terming India as favourites to win. "It is the biggest game you can play in T20 cricket, in terms of the crowds and playing against a top side and cricket being such a force in India. That is what you want as a player. They will be the favourites to win. It is probably the type of game we want and need at this time. If we get through that, it will be a massive boost to our confidence," Ali concluded. -ANI

India will play NZ in final: De Villiers

MUMBAI: Former South African batter AB de Villiers has offered his prediction for the ICC T20 World Cup final, saying that India will play New Zealand in the summit clash and lift the trophy for the second time. De Villiers was at the launch event of the first edition of The Last Man Stands (LMS) India Super League 2023, the world's largest amateur T20 cricket league in India. India does not really have a good history with New Zealand at the ICC events. Recently, they lost to the Kiwis in a must-win match in the group stage of the ICC T20 World Cup 2021. They also lost the ICC World Test Championship final to New Zealand and the 2019 50-over World Cup semifinal to the Kiwis. -ANI

BAHRAIN ROTAX MAX CHALLENGE

Muscat-based Shonal second in Bahrain Rotax karting race

Times News Service

MUSCAT: It was a start that the young Muscat-based go-karting racer Shonal Kunimal wished as he climbed the podium in the opening race as the 2022-2023 Bahrain Rotax Max Challenge (BRMC) began at the Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC), the world-class grassroots motorsport facility of Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhiir. The 11-year-old Indian School Ghubra student came second in the Mini Max category in the first round on the weekend. Amid plenty of closely fought racing at Bahrain's premier national karting championship, Shonal's performance stood out as missed the podium by a narrow margin. It may be mentioned that Shonal is a regular face in the regional karting circuit over the past six years and has won many titles in the regional races. The Mini Max class featured six drivers - Nasser Nass, Shaikh Ahmed bin Saqer Al Khalifa, Isa Almoayed, Yousif Alghaith, Ali Almoayed and Shonal Kuni-mal. Shonal was second in qualifying and was involved in a close contest with Nasser, with the lead being exchanged in the 12-lap sprint. Nasser, however, edged past Shonal a couple of corners before the chequered flag and went on to win the race on 1.414km circuit in a time of 8 minutes 55.963 seconds. Shonal ad to settle for second, finishing 0.153 seconds behind, while Shaikh Ahmed



completed the podium in third 0.230s back. The BRMC will feature eight rounds in its 2022-2023 season. Rounds two and three are set to be held on 9-10 December, while the fourth and fifth round will take place on 13-14 January, 2023. Rounds six and seven will be held on 10-11 February, setting the stage for the season-finale on March 17 th of 2023. The second-place finish in Bahrain will serve Shonal well and give a boost to his preparations ahead of his participation in the Middle East North Africa (MENA) Nations Cup, which will be held at the Muscat Speedway from 13-17 December. A total of 20 nations are expected to take part in the MENA Nations Cup. Shonal has fond

memories of the last edition, also held in Oman, as he had bagged a podium at the event in Micro Max category. After his latest podium finish, Shonal said, "It was exciting and a good start for the new season in Bahrain with my team manager Khalifa Waheed Al Yaqoobi, along with my mechanics, Raven Abalos and Charith Nadee Perrera. I look forward to a successful season in Bahrain and will eye for the overall crown." At the BRMC, the karters represent some of the top karting teams in the Gulf, including Birel ART Bahrain, Praga Middle East Racing, Forza Bahrain Racing, North-Star Racing and Accelerate Motorsport.

KARATE

Preparations on for international karate meet in Muscat

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Shotokan Karate Center, in cooperation with the Omani Karate Committee, is gearing up for the eighth Shotokan Karate Center International Competition, which will be hosted by Al Amal Sports Club in Ghala, Muscat, on 2-3 December. Chairman of the Shotokan Karate Center Nawaz Mokeri said: "This tournament comes within the framework of the center's annual plans, where it is expected that large numbers of players and clubs, academies and centres will participate. The tournament is preceded by a course for coaches organised by the Shotokan Karate Center in the lecture hall of Al-Amal Sports Club on 1 December 1, with the aim of reviewing the developments and updates that have taken place in the World Karate Federation (WKF) rules for karate in kata and kumite. Munther Bilal, a member of the Shotokan Center, said: "The number of competitors registered in this edition of the tournament is increasing daily. There is a registration link for the tournament for national clubs, academies and private centres spread across the Sultanate of Oman and from clubs from several other countries.

CRICKET



Muscat CT, Yalla Shabab clinch wins in Premier Division

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Muscat CT beat Oman Stallions by staggering 9 wickets and Yalla Shabab beat AER Bin Ali by 3 wickets in the Premier Division of Oman Cricket's Season 2022-23 powered by Muscat Pharmacy. Electing to bowl first, Muscat CT were in the exploit the fresh wicket. Ganesh Narsumiyya and Munis Ansari wrecked havoc in the Oman Stallions dugout as they claimed 5 wickets (3 for Ganesh and 2 for Munis) in the 1 st 6 overs of the powerplay for just 11 runs. Yaser Ali's 23 and Jiten R's 25 helped the stallions jot a few runs before Samay Shrivastav picked 2 wickets to end the Stallions innings at 85 in all. Muscat CT started with all blitz from Kashyap Prajapati (39 off 39) and Jatinder Singh (26 off 32) with Shoaib Khan lighting up the finish with his 19 off 13 balls. Brief Scores : Oman Stallions

85/10 in 32.3 overs (Yaser Ali 23(24) 4x5; Ganesh N 26/3, Munis A 10/2 , Samay S 15/2) lost to Muscat CT 89/1 in 13.5 overs (Kashyap P 39(39) 3x4,1x6, Jatinder Singh 26(32)) by 9 wickets. In the 2nd match, Yalla Shabab elected to bowl 1 st. AER lost it's 2 wickets early on in the power-play. A stable 43 off 57 from Usama Aqeel and quick 46 off 53 balls from Sean Nowak along with the rest batters getting to double digits but not making an impact guided AER's total to 216. Mohd Rafi and Mohd Zahid's 3 wickets each and Kaleemullah's 2 wickets restricted AER with the total seeming to be an easy chase for the Shabab's. Yalla Shabab got off to a sturdy start but was well settled by Mujibur Ali's 51 off 83 balls and a match winning 78 off 125 balls by Mohammed Nadeem with Mohammed Naseem adding to finish the game for Yalla Shabab.



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MUSCAT: For the ardent Range Rover enthusiasts, here is a chance to own one at a special price. Range Rover Sport spells sheer luxury and sportiness for cruising both on and off-road with greater élan.

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free five years or 105,000km service package, and five years or 150,000km Road Side Assistance. Please note that the offer is valid for 2022 models only, with limited availability.

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MUSCAT: Gearing up for Oman's 52nd National Day, Mountain Dew and Ooredoo have teamed up to give consumers the chance to win a range of fun and exciting prizes, including up to 5GB data, on-net minutes, endless WhatsApp data and even the latest smartphones.

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All instant prizes are valid for 24 hours from the time of redemption. Winners of a smartphone will be contacted by Ooredoo with instructions for claiming the gift.



INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT



ISM organises CBSE Oman Cluster Table Tennis Tournament

MUSCAT: Indian School Muscat (ISM) organised the CBSE Oman Cluster Table Tennis Tournament in their table tennis arena on October 29 in six age categories – Under 14 Boys and Girls Under 17 Boys and Girls and Under 19 Boys and Girls. 135 students from eight Indian schools participated in the prestigious event.

The chief guest for the inaugural ceremony was Sirajudeen Nhelat, Director, Board of Directors, Indian Schools Oman. Other dignitaries, Principal Dr Rajeev Kumar Chauhan, Vice Principals, Assistant Vice Principals, participating teams, teachers, parents and sports enthusiasts were present for this Inaugural ceremony. Coordinator Sports, Craig Lucas Gonsalves welcomed the gathering.

The Chief Guest Sirajudeen Nhelat addressed the audience and declared the meet open. In his speech, he encouraged the participants to pursue success with determination and stressed the importance of participation

more than winning. Captain of the Indian School Muscat girls' Team Manvi Sarvanan administered the oath. The chief guest and the principal of Indian School Muscat played a few rallies in the presence of the audience to initiate the tournament.

The day-long event concluded with the valedictory ceremony. Abdullah Mohamed Said Ba Makhalef, Oman Table Tennis Committee Chairman, was the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honor was Sunil. S, Chair, Infrastructure Subcommittee, Indian School Muscat.

ISM emerged as the overall champion winning the under-14 and under-19 age categories for boys and girls. Indian School Ghubra and Indian School Al Maabala won the under-17 boys and girls respectively

Chauhan congratulated all the winners and the runners-up have been qualified to represent Oman Cluster at the CBSE nationals to be held in India later this year.

TRAINING PROGRAMME

KR Eshraqa supports Omani Women Association's 'Ana Aqdar' sewing programme

MUSCAT: In an effort to create a better future for Omani women from different walks of life and to make them financially independent and self-reliant, Khimji Ramdas's (KR) Eshraqa recently conducted 'Ana Aqdar' - a tailoring and fashion design training programme, in partnership with the Omani Women Association, Muscat. This support is part of Eshraqa's 'Qudurat initiative', which focuses on women's empowerment and employability.

The two-month training program which began in September mentored ten women on various tailoring techniques using the sewing machines and tailoring tools provided by Eshraqa. The initiative culminated with a fashion show held at the Omani Women's Association in Muscat, under the patronage of Her Highness Sayyida Hujjah bint Jaifar Al Said, Chairperson of the Association for the Welfare of Handicapped Children. The fashion show showcased costumes that were designed and sewn by the participants themselves. Some of the best participants received top honours and were felicitated by the chief guest at the event.

Highlighting Eshraqa's role in women empowerment initiatives across the Sultanate, Nailesh Kh-



imji, Director, Khimji Ramdas Group said, "Eshraqa appreciates the value women bring to society as leaders, innovators, and accelerators of change. Through our support of programs like the 'Ana Aqdar' programme, we remain committed to Oman's Vision 2040 by creating an environment of equality and inclusivity. We will continue to encourage Omani women from different walks of life to build a better tomorrow for

themselves and their families, and the society at large."

Her Highness Sayyida Alia bint Thuwaini Al Said, Chairperson of the Omani Women's Association mentioned: "KR Eshraqa's support is creating new livelihood opportunities for the Omani women who have participated in the 'Ana Aqdar' programme. Skill workshops such as these go a long way in supporting women to become powerful agents of change."

PARTICIPATION

Oman Airports presents its expertise in airport management at Saudi exhibition

MUSCAT: Oman Airports and its subsidiaries TRANSMO SATS Cargo and TRANSMO Handling have concluded its participation in the Saudi Airports Exhibition, which took place recently.

The Saudi Airports Exhibition – which is hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – is the biggest event in airport developments in the Middle East and the world. It serves to discuss economic and commercial cooperation within the ever-growing Saudi Arabian and global airports and aviation sector. The event was attended by major international investors, manufacturers, and suppliers in the airports industry.

During the exhibition, Oman Airports introduced regional and international attendees to the company's successful track record of operational experiences in airport management.

The event provided an important platform for hosting bilateral discussions between aviation institutions and the global supply chain to enhance the airport industry. The exhibition is also considered a global meeting point from which to build and enhance socio-economic connections and cooperation in the aviation sector.

Saudi Airports Exhibition provided a prime opportunity for Oman Airports to further align their operations with the latest trends and new services in aviation and airports management.



This served to create additional opportunities for the company to conduct their strategy and achieve their objectives.

Oman Airports looks forward to expanding its network of economic cooperation in terms of managing airports, ground handling, and cargo handling operations – especially following the world's gradual post-Covid 19 recovery. International exhibitions like this Saudi Airports Exhibition therefore provide excellent opportunities to expand cooperation among international airport stakeholders.

It is worth mentioning that the Saudi Airport Exhibition is the largest event dedicated to the development of airports, in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It attracts thousands of industry officials, suppliers, investors, and global professionals – and it presented an exceptional opportunity

for Oman Airports to discuss ways of economic cooperation with the rapidly growing Saudi airport sector.

The exhibition provides multiple platforms for sharing knowledge, expertise, best practices, and the latest technologies, as well as for making new partnerships. The event also provides prime opportunities for bilateral discussions between aviation CEOs and global supply chains to improve the aviation sector.

On the sidelines of the exhibition, discussions were held over two days to review the future visions of industry stakeholders and leading inventors in this sector. During the discussions, speakers shared their experiences, expectations, and views with a focus on the latest trends, technologies and challenges that will be faced by the sector in the next decade.



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Celebrate winter living in style with REDTAG’s Winter Homeware

The latest Winter Homeware from REDTAG, the Middle East’s leading value-focused brand, includes soft furnishings, bundled beddings, and curated cushions that warm the living spaces and the hearts

DUBAI: REDTAG, the Middle East’s favourite value fashion and homeware brand, has launched its Winter Homeware 2022 Col-



lection. The homeware range for the cold season characterises an element of nostalgia, utmost functionality, and the right amount of eccentricity — the perfect combination to create a winter haven to hibernate in style. REDTAG’s drive to continually transcend the bounds of home décor has reached another pinnacle in the new Winter homeware collection. Soft furnishings in wintry hues, layered beddings in bohemian

designs, and curated cushions in tasteful textures and warm colours are made to transform living spaces into sanctuaries where you can tuck away for the season with loved ones. “Homeware speaks for us, they reflect our ideas, moods, and feelings. They are also the hostess’s pride when entertaining guests. They must embody comfort, warmth, and companionship. That was the thought process behind



the development of our Winter Homeware 2022 Collection. They are as durable as they are decorative,” explained Shehbaz Shaikh, Chief Retail Officer, REDTAG. You can make Winter even more festive and special with feel-good cushions and luxurious throw pillows. Woven and embellished cushion covers in beige with palm tree prints are staples for quintessential Middle Eastern homes. Cushions in tea green — the col-

our associated with optimism, regeneration, and positivity — with pastoral-style tufted patterns can effortlessly stylize the couch. The new collection also boasts abstract, geometric and colour-blocked cushioning. Home décor will be uplifted with vibrant new rugs and throws. REDTAG has curated three and five-piece beddings that are easy on the pocket and heavy on lifetime value. The new collection of duvets, comforters and quilts are available in colours that induce a sense of nostalgia and materials that are generous in warmth. The tableware range promises to make the experience of sipping some hot soup on a wintry evening all the more gratifying. Highly durable plate sets and serving trays in golden wheat designs, combined with intricate tablescapes, can make for an exquisite dining experience. Adding the perfect finishing touch are the scented candles in blood orange and amber aromas, which can permeate the living spaces and invigorate the senses. “Our Winter Homeware Col-

lection is a perfect opportunity for us to showcase the value we swear by. Striking the right balance between functionality and aesthetics has been characteristic of our value-centric offerings. I’m confident that the new collection will warm people’s hearts, as well as their living spaces,” added Shehbaz Shaikh. Value-centric offerings have defined REDTAG since its inception. The same strategy saw the brand launch hyper-convenience services such as ‘Anytime-Anywhere Exchange’, ‘Find Your Size’, ‘Fashion Stylists’, and ‘Free Home Delivery’ as well as online purchasing in KSA. With several such first-to-market services in the Middle East and its tiered loyalty programme — RT Rewards — which boasts over 15 million members, REDTAG continues to cement its position as the leading value fashion and homeware brand in the region. Its contributions were acknowledged by RetailME through the ‘Most Admired Brand Campaign of the Year’ award 2021.

“E-BOGIE” CONCEPT

Hyundai’s innovation transforms future of commercial vehicles

DUBAI: Hyundai Motor Company has ushered a new era of autonomous capabilities in commercial vehicles with the introduction of the Hyundai Drone Trailer concept as the future of multi propose transport, represented by the hydrogen fuel cell “E-Bogie” concept. Hyundai’s trailer drone concept has lifted the possibilities that hydrogen fuel cells can achieve in the future, as a fully autonomous transportation system. The concept includes the installation of hydrogen tanks on mobility solutions to expand sufficiency and flexibility by ensuring more than 1,000km of sufficient range from a single charge compared to the current transportation system. Originating from the rail industry, Hyundai named the fuel cell used in this concept an e-Bogie, as the term ‘bogie’ is used to describe wheel subframes that sit



under every train car. Similar to The Fuel Cell e-Bogie which is located under the container just like a rail bogie. The e-bogie cell is designed as a fully enclosed fuel cell system that is autonomous with four-wheel steering, which can move

independently through portside operations and complex urban contexts. The possible business applications of the trailer drone system are unlimited. When the e-bogie operates freely from the container trailer, it can be used for various functions,

such as cargo transportation, construction, firefighting, and rescue. Hyundai intends to put the future of our planet in the forefront of mind when thinking about the innovative solutions that can be provided by Hyundai as a mobility solution provider. Therefore, when designed the Trailer Drone, it was a representation of Hyundai’s vision of an autonomous future, a future that brings smarter and more sustainable applications that enable generations to achieve the progress of Humanity. As recognition of Hyundai’s efforts in innovative mobility solutions, Hyundai has been granted its first-ever ‘Luminary’ honor at Red Dot Award: Design Concept 2022 with its Trailer Drone fully autonomous hydrogen mobility concept. The ‘Luminary’ honor is the highest level of recognition accorded at the Red Dot Award.

IN TAMINAT COMPLEX, BAUSHER

Takaful Oman moves to new head office

MUSCAT: The Sultanate’s only indigenous Islamic insurer, Takaful Oman Insurance has stayed committed to continuously enhancing its operational efficiency to further enrich customer experience. In line with the same, the company recently announced that it has moved to its new head office in Taminat Complex, Bausher. The new office was inaugurated by Abdullah Bin Salem Al Salmi, Executive President of Capital Market Authority in the presence of Ahmed Bin Ali Al Maamari, Vice President of the Insurance sector as well as other senior members of the Capital Market Authority. The inauguration also witnessed the attendance of the company’s Board of Directors, Sharia Supervisory Committee members, key clients, and other distinguished guests. At the inauguration, Mohammed Al Khonji, Chairman of Takaful Oman Insurance, said that the company’s core focus is to broaden its existing customer base and grow its market share and profitability by introducing new products and ser-



vices across both its retail and corporate segments. The inauguration of the new office is in tandem with this vision as it provides a central hub of operations and is an embodiment of the company’s identity, ethos and values. After expressing his gratitude to the Capital Market Authority for their continued support, Neelmani Bhardwaj, Chief Executive Officer (acting) at Takaful Oman

Insurance also said, “It gives me immense pride to say that we are a company that places a keen emphasis on professional growth and employee empowerment while fostering a strong corporate culture. We are aligned with Oman Vision 2040 and its focus on developing the skills and capabilities of local talents. Our fully equipped office will complement our well-conceptualised talent

management policies and help us to further contribute to nurturing a skilled workforce.” The new office, which is on the 6th floor, is aesthetically designed with an open plan. With an ample number of meeting rooms, it aims to promote a collaborative and conducive work environment while increasing interaction between departments. In addition, with a 20-seater training room, it aims to introduce continuous learning and training programmes for its staff and local distribution partners in Oman. The company already conducted its first training session in the new office on the day of the inauguration. Organised for the company’s agents and its senior management, the session was based on the fundamentals of Sharia Law and was delivered by Mufti Zee-shan, a Sharia Committee member. Along with the new office, the company also has a state-of-the-art branch on the ground floor of the same building to better serve its customers.

FIA WORLD RALLY



Toyota seals first place at Rally de España

MUSCAT: Toyota GAZOO Racing team wins title for second year running following seventh victory of the season during the penultimate round of the 2022 FIA World Rally Championship. The Toyota GAZOO Racing (TGR) World Rally Team (WRT) completed an FIA World Rally Championship treble in style recently as Toyota clinched the 2022 manufacturers’ title with a superb win at Rally de España for Sébastien Ogier in the No. 1 Toyota GR YARIS Rally1 Hybrid Electric Vehicle. The manufacturers’ championship success follows the drivers’ and co-drivers’ titles secured by Kalle Rovanperä and Jonne Halttunen during the previous rally in New Zealand. The victory marks the second year in a row that the team has achieved a clean sweep of the three available WRC titles, and the sixth occasion that Toyota has topped the WRC’s manufacturers’ classification. The rally win in Spain was the team’s seventh of the season. In his first asphalt rally since January’s Rallye Monte-Carlo, Ogier was among the pacesetters from the start, winning three stages in the No. 1 Toyota GR Yaris Rally1 Hybrid Electric Vehicle during the first day despite the challenging roads and mixed weather conditions. He took three more stage wins in a commanding performance on day two as he pulled away from the pack, and went on to win the last

two stages of the rally on the last day – including the final Power Stage – and clinch victory by 16.4 seconds. Ogier’s teammate Kalle Rovanperä was also in the battle for the lead during day one when he was fastest in four stages in the No. 69 Toyota GR Yaris Rally1 Hybrid Electric Vehicle, before eventually finishing in third position overall. Akio Toyoda, President of Toyota Motor Corporation and TGR Team Founder, commented “Congratulations to everybody in the team! I’m really happy that the team achieved all three titles in the drivers, co-drivers, and manufacturers’ championships, just as we did last year. And above all, I’m so glad that the GR Yaris has become a triple champion. Four GR Yaris Rally1 Hybrid Electric Vehicles, ten drivers/co-drivers, all of the staff and partners who supported them, and the fans all over the world who kept supporting us – it’s a championship we achieved thanks to all of them.” Over the years, Toyota has been participating in many different forms of motorsports, including Formula One, the World Endurance Championship (WEC), and the Nürburgring 24 Hours endurance race. Toyota’s participation in these events was overseen by separate entities within the company until April 2015, when Toyota established GR, to consolidate all of its motorsports activities under one in-house brand.



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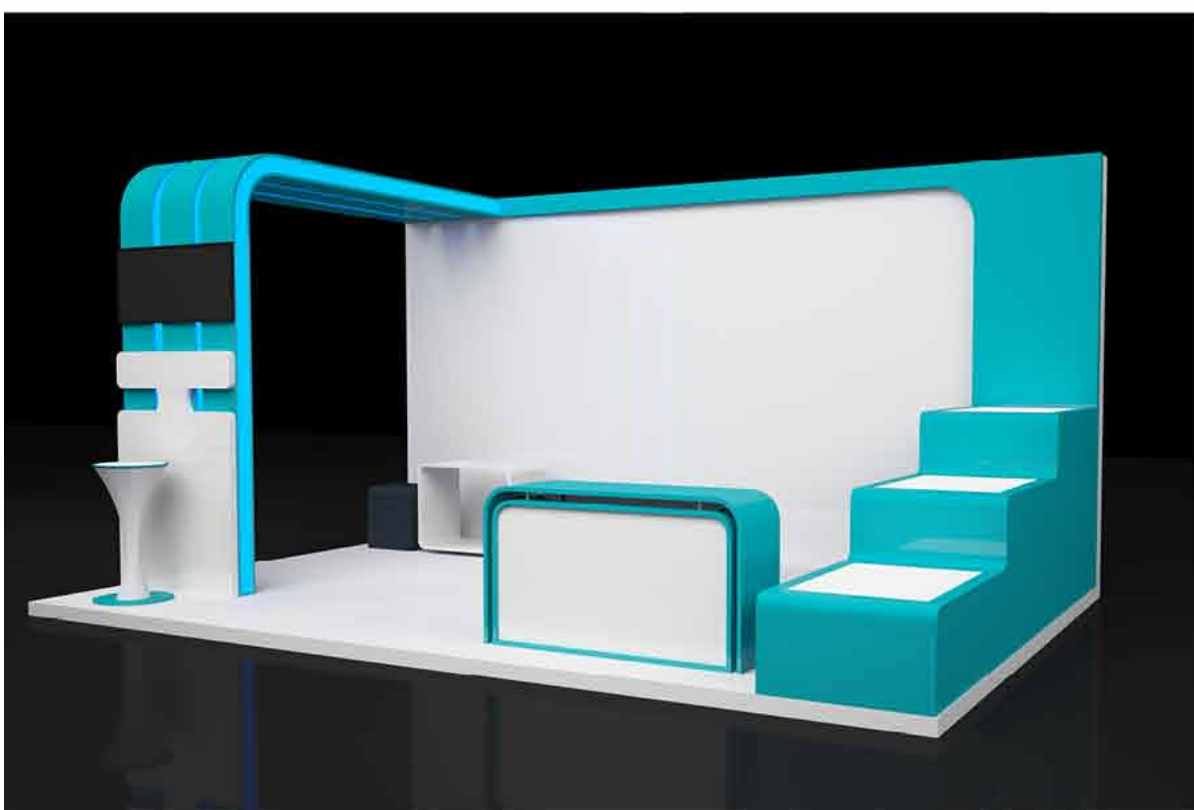
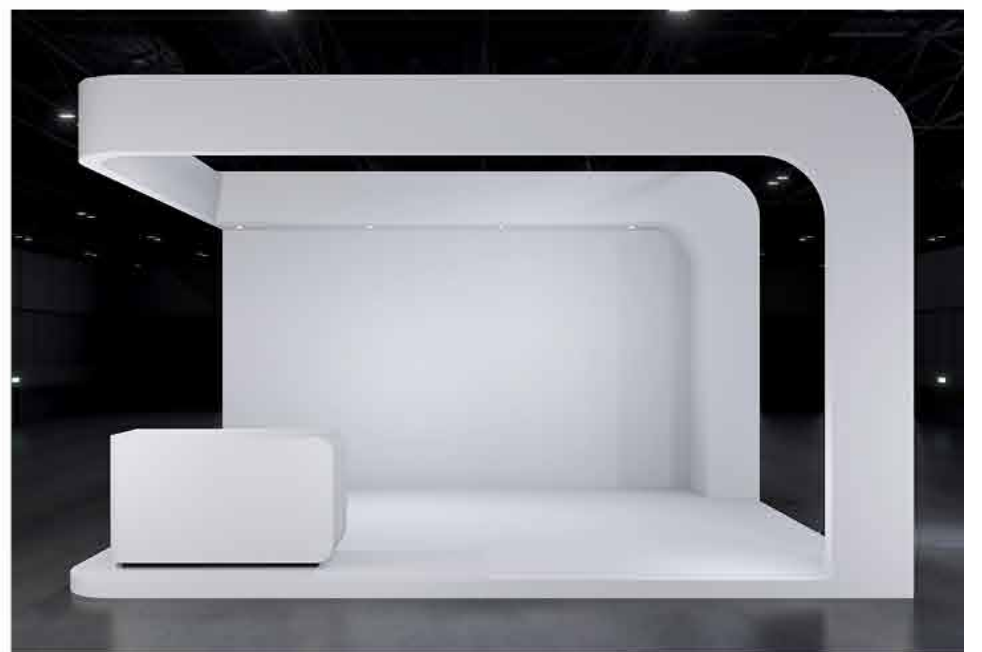
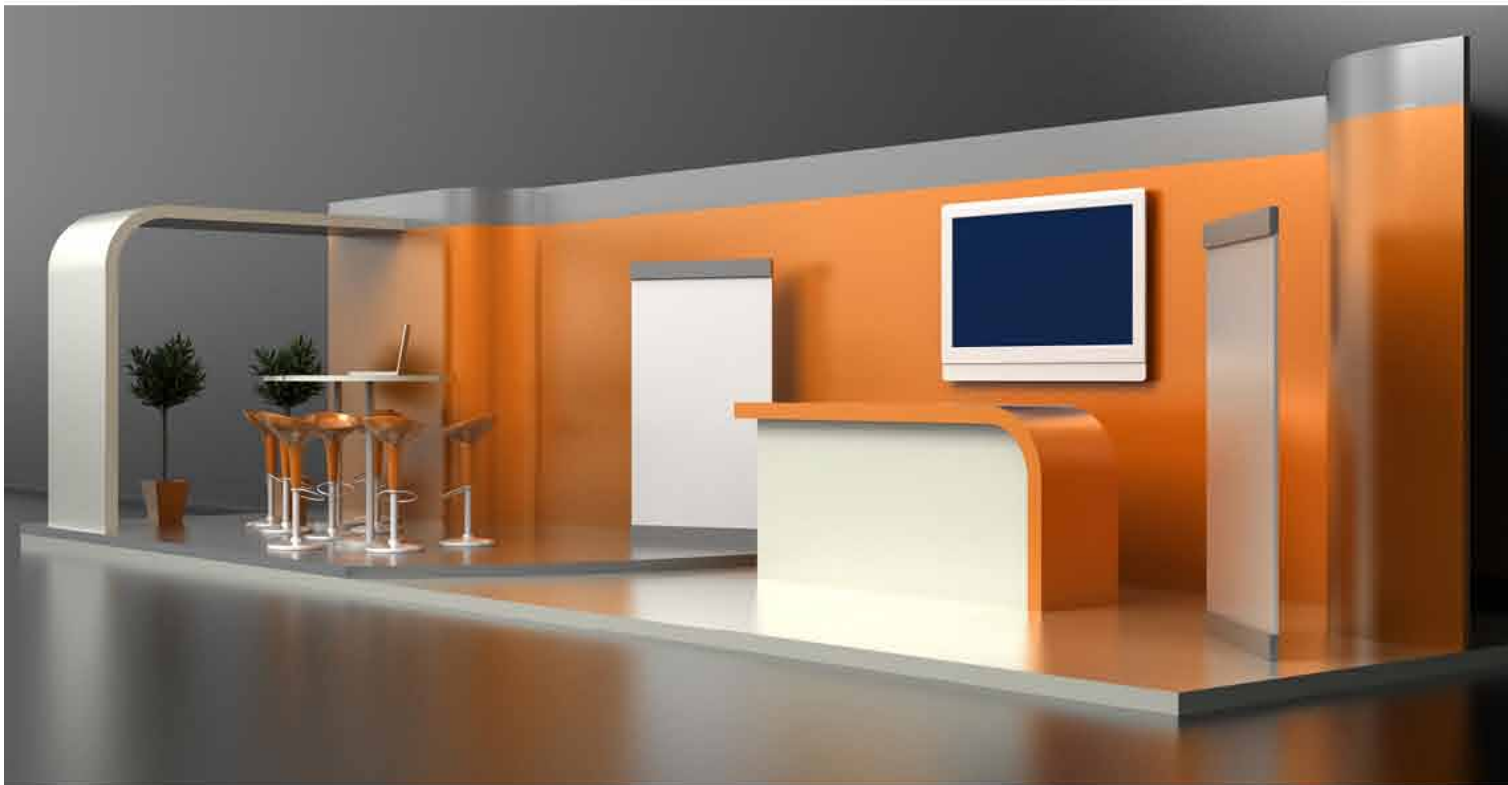
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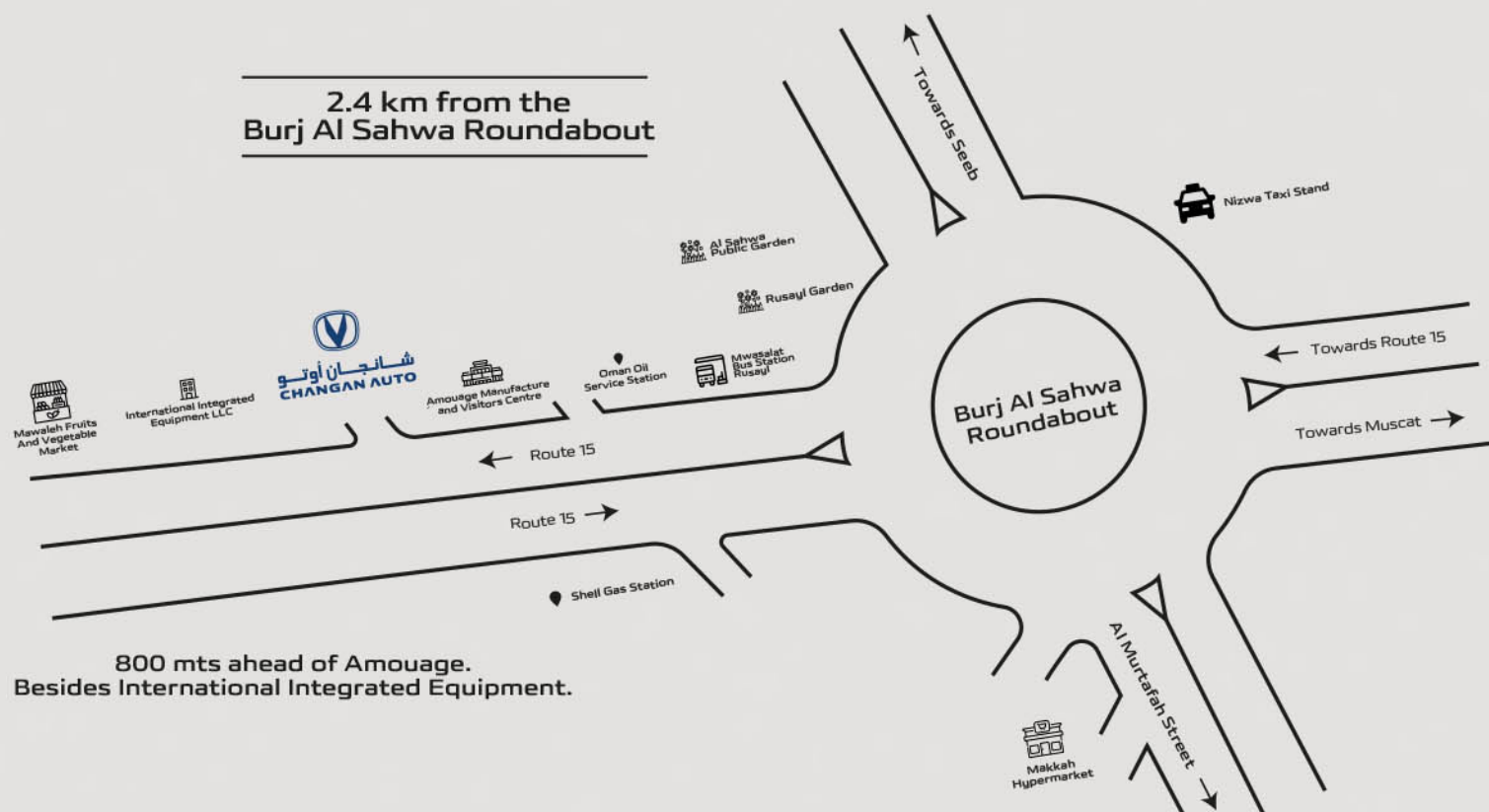


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