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Asr.....	3:04pm
Maghrib.....	5:25pm
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Fajr (Tomorrow).....	5:07am

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MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, the Supreme Commander, on Thursday presided over the military parade, which was staged at the military parade ground of Al Murtafaa Garrison on the occasion of the 51st Glorious National Day.

Symbolic units representing the Royal Army of Oman (RAO), the Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO), the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO), the Royal Guard of Oman (RGO), the Sultan's Special Force (SSF), the Royal Oman Police (ROP), the Royal Court Affairs (RCA) and the joint military musical band took part in the military parade.

Upon the arrival of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, the Supreme Commander, to the parade ground, His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs, Gen. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office, Vice Admiral Abdullah bin Khamis Al Ra'eesi, Chief of Staff of the Sultan's Armed Forces



(SAF) were honoured to receive His Majesty.

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Afterwards, the commander of the parade column approached the Royal Box requesting permission from His Majesty, the Supreme Commander, to start the military parade.

Then, the parade began as the



joint military musical parade band representing the corps of the RAO, RAFO, RNO, RGO, ROP, the Royal Cavalry (RC) and the Royal Camel Corps (RCC) passed in slow and regular march before the Royal Box.

Then, the columns of the Protocols Guard, which represented RAO, RAFO, RNO, RGO, SSF and ROP performed its military parade accompanied with musical pieces of the joint military music in a slow and regular motion, passing before the Royal Box and giving the military salute to His Majesty, the Supreme Commander.

After that, the joint military musical parade band staged various musical pieces. Then, the columns of the Protocols Guard chanted the military anthem "Fal Taslami Oman" or "Oman, Live in Peace".

The Protocols Guard chanted the call of Loyalty and Allegiance and proclaimed thrice long live His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, the Supreme Commander.

Then, the Royal Anthem was played and the columns of the Protocols Guard gave the military Salute to His Majesty the Sultan, signaling the conclusion of the

military parade.

On this national occasion, His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik accepted a gift from the armed forces, which was presented by HH Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defense Affairs. Then, His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, the Supreme Commander left the Military Parade Ground surrounded by Allah Care.

His Majesty the Sultan was accompanied during the parade by members of the Royal Family, the chairmen of the State Council and Shura Council, ministers, advisers, commanders of SAF and other military and security departments, heads of the diplomatic missions of the Arab and friendly countries accredited to the Sultanate of Oman, members of the State Council and Shura Council, undersecretaries, governors, judges, members of the Public Prosecution Department, ambassadors and walis.

The parade was also attended by military attaches, senior military commanders and officers, state senior officials, commissioned and non-commissioned officers and personnel of SAF and other military and security departments in the state. -ONA

CELEBRATION

<FROM A1 National Day parade instilled a sense of pride among Omanis



Moadh Al Saeedi, from wilayat Al Khaboura in North Al Batinah Governorate.

Al Saeedi extended his congratulations to His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik on the occasion of the glorious 51st National Day, to all the symbolic units participating in the military parade, to all those who attended the military parade including their highnesses, excellencies, and Advisers, leaders of the Sultan's Armed Forces and other military and security agencies, and heads of diplomatic missions of friendly countries accredited to the Sultanate of Oman.

He also thanked members of the State Council, their Excellencies members of the Shura Council, deputy ministers, governors, distinguished judges, members of the Public Prosecution, their Excellencies ambassadors, and a number of their excellencies the governors, military attaches, senior commanders and military officers, and senior officials attended the celebration.

Adel Al Shanfari, from the wilayat of Salalah in the Governorate of Dhofar, also expressed his feeling of pride in the military parade that was held at the Al Murtafa camp under the patronage of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, "The military parade was wonderful and I enjoyed watching the symbolic units of the Sultan's armed forces perform the military parade with joint military music playing, it was indeed a solemn occasion."

Al Shanfari continued, "His



Majesty's appearance in civilian clothes for the military parade in the presence of their highnesses, excellencies, and military leaders was wonderful. I was eager to watch this scene with the playing of the Royal Anthem and the march of the symbolic units of the Sultan's Armed Forces, a feeling that inspires pride in

every citizen."

Al Shanfari added, "What differs from the rest of the military parades in the past years is the absence of the audience, due to the precautionary measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, as I really wished to attend the military parade myself, but for our safety and the safety of the

health of citizens, we understand these measures."

Al Shanfari expressed his gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, and to all citizens inside and outside the Sultanate, on the occasion of the glorious 51st National Day.

Rashid Al Sedairi from Al Dhahirah Governorate said, "The military parade was wonderful and I really enjoyed watching it, especially as I was waiting to watch the parade queues saluting the military, playing the joint military music the Sultan's Salaam, and firing the twenty-one gun salute to His Majesty - may God protect him."

DHOFAR GOVERNORATE



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Italian cruise ship with 1,104 tourists docks at Salalah Port

SALALAH: Italian tourist vessel, AIDABella, arrived at Salalah Port carrying 1,104 tourists within its tourism programme for a number of ports, worldwide.

Frankincense Museum

A number of tourists onboard the vessels toured the main archeological and historic landmarks and sites in Dhofar Governorate,

including the Frankincense Museum and Al Baled Archaeological Park. They also visited Sumhuram Archeological Park and the traditional souqs in Salalah.

The AidaBella cruise vessel sailing from the Suez Canal on its way to Zayed Port in UAE, is the first tourist vessel to anchor at Salalah Port since the outbreak of COVID 19 pandemic. - ONA

COVID WAVE

<FROM A1 'Great support from colleagues on duty'

"Some patients would become panicky on entering the ICU. We would convince them you are safe here and let us help in curing you," said Suman Mamachan

But for her, the biggest challenge during the second wave was her family.

"My family, including my husband and my 5-year-old daughter

are here. During the second wave, I was pregnant with my second child. But I continued my duty. We had not got our vaccinations then. I am thankful for the support of my ICU doctors, colleagues and the team who worked tirelessly to ensure that I was supported physically and emotionally during this time."



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MUSCAT: Known for their warmth and hospitality since ages, Omanis have now got a golden opportunity to sharpen their skills in the travel and tourism industry, thanks to the opening of Muscat Hospitality Academy (MHA).

As the first batch starts in January, the academy has already secured 350 to 400 job training opportunities for Omanis. Located in the picturesque Al llam Street in Bausher, the MHA offers Swiss quality training and education to students in the Sultanate of Oman.

In an exclusive interview with T TV, Xia Cai, the founder of MHA, said, "Tourism is very important for the future of Oman and we have brought one of the best schools in world here with



RIGHT TRAINING: Xia Cai, the founder of MHA, said that the aim is to provide Omanis with the right training and foundation so that they can work easily on the frontlines.

national wealth," Xi added.

Life skills

Clearing the misconception about hospitality education, Xi said, "Hospitality does not mean only hotels and restaurants. Working in an operational environment creates lots of pressure. This education teaches you communication, life skills, how to manage different cultures and stress. As you move up the ladder, these managerial skills become very important for your career."

“The goal is to provide right training and right environment to young Omanis so that they take their best lessons from here and excel in any sector they move on, Xi said, adding, “After an 18-month graduation from the institute they will have significant hands-on industry experience, full confidence, and language and communication skills. With good internship opportunity, the graduates are ready to work from day one.”

"Oman is a natural hospitality country. This is what makes Oman such a unique place. We want Omani youth to showcase their country's beauty, and their warmth to travellers. Guests will come to experience the country, its heritage and hospitality, and we are excited to make that dream true with the help of our team," the MHA founder said.

When asked about green shoots of recovery after the COVID pandemic, Xi said the tourism sector is picking up and we hope normalcy will return in the near future. The MHA is organising an Open Day on November 15, 16 and 17 so that guests can come and see the school and learn about its programmes.



Congratulations and warm wishes to
His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik
and the people of Oman on the occasion of the 51st National Day



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Trending

ON SOCIAL MEDIA

 MOST READ ON FACEBOOK

26,363 REACH

The police stopped a number of people for obstructing traffic on Thursday.



**Story on people
arrested for
traffic violations
on National Day**

A story on people arrested for traffic violations on National Day reached 26,363 people and had 1,492 engagements on Facebook.

**MOST VIEWED VIDEO ON
INSTAGRAM**

2,482 LIKES



**Photo gallery
of fireworks on
National Day**

The photo gallery of fireworks on National Day had 2,482 likes on Instagram.

**MOST WATCHED VIDEO
ON FACEBOOK**

24,700 VIEWS



***Video of the
Military Parade***

The TTV On Scene video of the Military Parade on National Day had 24,700 views and reached 90,300 people on Facebook.



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HILLARY GETS ADVICE FROM BARBARA

"Avoid the media like the plague," Barbara tells Hillary, as she toured her around the White House. Story below.

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three tongues

Bordering on
chaos

Weather

Mainly clear skies will
prevail over the Sultanate.

Temperatures recorded
in other cities: Muscat 27 (81), Abu Dhabi 29
(84), Dubai 29 (84), Riyadh 27 (81), Jordan
32 (90), Bahrain 24 (75), Kuwait 25 (77), Am-
man 19 (66), Doha 27 (81), Cairo 21 (70), Kar-
achi 28 (82), Bombay 31 (88), Paris 58 (146)
and London 57 (145).

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Nizwa	29	16
Sohar	29	14
Raid	18	64
Salal	20	16
Muscat	30	17
Thumrait	29	16
Satlah	31	22
Mina Rayut	31	22
Qasbiya	27	17
Hama	30	16
Marmul	30	16
Fakel	31	16
Al-Hailiyah	32	16
Machra	30	17



Morocco offers to host meet

KABAT — King Hassan has offered to hold an Arab summit in Morocco to reformulate unity disrupted by the Gulf war, a senior member of the government said yesterday.

"An Arab summit is justified in order to re-establish solidarity, en-
tente and cooperation," Ahmed
Alaoui, minister of state without
portfolio, wrote in the semi-official
daily *Mawj* Sunday.

Alaoui said the king had sent
envoys to a dozen Arab heads of
state with messages about the re-
sults of his trip last month to Saudi
Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Jordan,
Syria and Egypt.

Arab diplomats in Rabat said
the king had offered his good offices
in the territorial dispute between
Saudi Arabia and Qatar and in
Riyadh's row with Jordan over
King Hussein's support of Iraq during
the Gulf war.

Alaoui, who is considered a
confident of the king, said Middle
Eastern states "are divided since
the Gulf war, either because of the
positions they took at the time or
because of bilateral differences or
disputes."

"The Arab states must meet -
why not in Morocco? - to debate
their problems in a serene climate,
find the solutions required, and
finally settle their quarrels to
concentrate on one thing: settlement
of the Palestinian problem," Alaoui
wrote.

Official sources told Reuters no
date had been fixed for a summit.
The project is in gestation. "Nothing
is certain yet," one said.

Officials and diplomats also
said it was not clear yet whether it
would be a full summit of all the 21
Arab League members or a
restricted gathering of Middle East
countries only. - *Reuters*

Fire hits Queen's Windsor palace

ENGLAND — A stubborn,
smoky fire at Windsor Castle yesterday
damaged a private chapel, in-
jured at least one person and threat-
ened valuable work of art, fire
officials said.

"I have been in and looked in St.
George's Hall and seen first-hand
what it looks like and it is a pretty
naughty mess," said Prince Andrew,
the queen's second son, who said he
was in the castle when the fire broke out.
Buckingham Palace had initially
reported that he was in the grounds
but had left.

The prince told reporters that he
joined soldiers and workers in re-
suing works of art - "pictures, clocks,
tapestries - all sorts of ornaments," he
said.

Authorities said damage was con-
fined to a small portion of the spread-
ing castle.
The fire, reported at 11:37 GMT,
was declared under control but still
not extinguished about three hours
later.

"It's confined to the northeast
corner of the upper part of the castle,"
said Malcolm Bailey, spokesman for
the Royal Berkshire fire and Rescue
Service. "Within that section the fire
is still burning but not out of control."
He said a "substantial area" was
damaged, but that comprised only a
small portion of the castle.

There are paintings, works of
porcelain statues, tapestries, suits of
armor. There's so much in there that
it is impossible to say what has been
damaged," said Dickie Arbiter, assis-
tant press secretary of Buckingham
Palace.

Queen Elizabeth II visited the
scene yesterday afternoon, according
to Press Association, the national
news agency.

Prince Andrew said he was work-
ing on military research yesterday
morning. "I heard the fire alarm and
when I came out of the room I could
see the smoke. I'm shocked at the
fact that it took hold so quickly," he
said.

The queen is normally at Windsor
most weekends, plus a full month at
Buckingham Palace and a week in June during the
Royal Ascot horse races, the palace
said.

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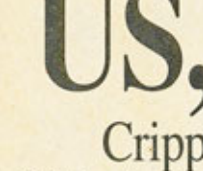
His Majesty greets band parade

SOHAR — His Majesty Sul-
tan Qaboos bin Said yesterday
greeted a parade of military
bands held here in celebration of
the 22nd National Day.

His Majesty was accompanied
by Qais bin Abdul Munim al
Zawawi, deputy prime minister
for financial and economic af-
fairs; Sayyid Saif bin Hamad bin
Saud, Minister of the Diwan of
Royal Court; General Ali bin
Majid al Ma'amari, minister of
Palace Office Affairs; Sayyid
Badr bin Saoud bin Harbi, min-
ister of the interior; General Said
bin Rashid al Kalbani, inspector-
general of police and customs;
Ahmed bin Mohammed al Is'ae,
minister of social affairs and la-
bour; and Sheikh Hamad bin
Rashid al Ya'qoubi, wali of So-
har.

During the parade from So-
har Hotel in Salan area to So-
har's historic fort, the bands played
a selection of evocative tunes which
were much appreciated by His Ma-
jesty and all those watching it or taking
part in it.

Five military bands took part in the
procession.
They were from the first and sec-
ond musical detachments of the Royal
Guard of Oman, the Royal Army of
Oman, the Royal Oman Police and the
Royal Navy of Oman. - *ONA*



US, EC reach accord

Crippling trade war has been avoided, says Bush

BRUSSELS — The United
States and the European Community
signed an agreement yesterday on
farm subsidies that both sides said
ended the threat of an all-out trade
war.

The agreement, announced si-
multaneously in Brussels and by
President Bush in Washington, re-
moves the biggest obstacle blocking
a sweeping trade pact intended to
spur the struggling world economy.
An EC official, speaking on condi-
tion of anonymity, said the agreement
was approved unanimously.

"A trade war is avoidable," declared
EC External Relations Commissioner
Frans Andriessen, one of the chief
negotiators.

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addition to settling a dispute over
farm subsidies, the two sides had re-
solved differences over market access
for industrial goods and opening up
their services sectors.

The EC-US deal now goes to the
GATT negotiators in Geneva for ap-
proval by the 108 nations involved in
those talks.

The farm subsidies bundle had
brought to a virtual standstill the Un-
guay round of negotiations to over-
haul the world trading system and
lower barriers to trade. The six-year-
old talks are sponsored by the Gen-
eral Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, or
GATT.

Under a rarely invoked EC rule,
France could still veto the deal by
contending that it violates its "na-
tional interest." But the report of a
unanimous vote appeared to minimize
those prospects. There was no im-
mediate reaction from the French
government.

The EC's biggest farm producer,
France had been the most resistant to
an accord with the United States,
fearing the wrath of its powerful farm
lobby over a deal.

But France will likely be under in-
tense diplomatic pressure from fellow
EC members to not block implemen-
tation of an agreement further.

Economists estimate that a GAT-
t trade agreement could pump in as
much as \$200 billion into the weak
global economy.

The two sides were working
against a Dec. 3 deadline.

The Bush administration had
threatened to impose a 200 per cent
import tax on \$300 million worth of
European products, mostly French
white wine, if the dispute was not set-
tled by then.

The real victory tonight is in in-
ternational trade," Ray Macchiarri,
the EC agriculture commissioner, said
at a joint press conference with Andri-
essen.

The agreement came hours after
Macchiarri and Andriessen, the EC's
chief trade negotiators, returned from
Washington where they had twodays
of talks with US officials.

"We have full expectation that the
breakthrough we have achieved will
unblock the negotiations and provide
new impetus necessary to complete
the Uruguay round," the two sides
said in a joint statement.

"We encourage our trading part-
ners to return to the negotiating table
in Geneva prepared to show the nec-
essary flexibility to bring these nego-
tiations to a close," it added.

Even with the farm deal in hand,
it could take negotiators in Geneva
several more months of hard bar-
gaining to get an overall accord cov-
ering not only agriculture but textiles,
manufactured goods and services,
such as banking and tele-
communications.

Washington and Brussels are at odds over efforts to
liberalize trade in services.
To avoid a confrontation with
France, EC negotiators might delay a
vote on any farm agreement until ear-
ly next year - after wrapping up a
wide-ranging accord in the GAT-
t talks.

"It would be more difficult
for a country to block an overall
(trade) deal than part of it," said an
EC official, speaking on condition of
anonymity.

EC officials suggested that if
France were the only nation ex-
pressing opposition to an eventual ac-
cord, negotiators would be inclined to
take the settlement to Geneva for in-
clusion in the world trade talks.

But they said that if four or five
nations balked, the community would
probably not present it to other trad-
ing nations.

Mainville, British officials yes-
terday dismissed attacks from France
and Germany suggesting that Lon-
don's handling of the six-month Eu-
ropean Community presidency had
been a disaster.

Prime Minister John Major has
struggled to impose his authority
since taking over the presidency in
July, juggling his personal commit-
ment to closer EC union with a need
to pacify a powerful Euro-sceptical
minority in his Conservative Party.

The stiffer criticism from EC
partners followed this month's de-
cision to delay Irish ratification of
Maastricht until next May at the par-
tial, forced on Major by party rebels.
"You need to look below the sur-
face," one senior official said. "In the
run-up to the EC summit in Edin-
burgh there are a lot of issues that are
outstanding - this does not mean they
are resolved at the summit."

Officials said outside forces
were much to blame for Britain's troubles.
- *AP/Reuters*

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MEETING

Sayyid Asa’ad arrives in Dubai

DUBAI: Delegated by His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, His Highness Sayyid Asa’ad bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for International Relations and Cooperation Affairs, Personal Representative of His Majesty the Sultan arrived in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE), to lead the delegation taking part in celebrations of Oman Pavilion on the 51st Glorious National Day in Expo 2020 Dubai.

HH Sayyid Asa’ad and his accompanying delegation were received at Dubai International Airport by Sheikh Mansour Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Presidential Affairs, Sheikh Sultan Hamdan Al Nahyan, Advisor to the UAE President and Chairman of the Camel Racing Federation, Sheikh Ahmed Mohammed Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of Dubai Media Council, Mohsin Khamis Al Balushi, Advisor to the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment



Promotion and Commissioner-General of Oman Pavilion at Expo2020 Dubai, Sayyid Dr.

Ahmed Hilal Al Busaidi, Ambassador of Oman to the UAE, some members of the embassy, Oman’s Pavilion and the Trade

Office in Dubai. HH Sayyid Asa’ad is accompanied by an official delegation comprising Sayyid Hamood Faisal Al Busaidi, Minister of Interior, Qais Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion and a number of senior officials.

HH Sayyid Asa’ad and his accompanying delegation were seen off by Sheikh Abdulmalik Abdullah Al Khalili, Chairman of the State Council, Badr Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister, Dr. Madeeha Ahmed Al Shaibani, Minister of Education and the Charge d’affaires of the UAE Embassy in Oman.

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TWO-MONTH OF FESTIVITIES: The Winter Festival at Mall of Muscat will run from November 21, 2021 to January 22, 2022.

Shop and win big with Mall of Muscat

Oman’s leading shopping destination, Mall of Muscat, Mabella, offers visitors the chance to win a new Suzuki Jimny during a two-month long event!

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Winter cheer is here. Located at Mabella, Mall of Muscat is all set to launch the ‘Winter Festival’, a two-month long period of festivities. The Winter Festival at Mall of Muscat will run from November 21, 2021 to January 22, 2022.

During the much-anticipated event at Mall of Muscat, shop for just OMR20 at any of the participating outlets or OMR40 at Lulu Hypermarket to get a chance to win a brand new Suzuki Jimny.

Engagement contests

During the Winter Festival, there will be thrilling customer engagement contests with exciting gifts to grab on all its social media platforms and engaging activities for kids held across the mall during the weekends.

In addition, participating outlets will have various promotions and offers for shoppers. This event has been made possible with the support of its strategic partners, Oman Aquarium, Novo Cinemas, Homes R Us, Matalan, Fabyland and Moosa Abdul Rahman Hassan and Company.

“The Winter Festival is one of the premier events in the calendar of events by Mall of Muscat. Along with the grand prize of a Suzuki Jimny that one lucky winner will take home, we have some exciting and engaging events planned for our visitors,” says Mahmood Mohamed Ali Al Jarwani, Chairman of Tamani Global Development & Investment LLC the Management & Development Company of Mall of Muscat.

Home to Unique Fashion, Food & Beverage Brands in the Sultanate of Oman such as Debenhams, Shakeshack, Café Di Roma, Molten Chocolate, Victoria’s Secret Pink & Novo Cinema, Mall of Muscat has organised this fun and festive season for visitors over two months.

This is the best time to shop at your favourite brands at Mall of Muscat, as there will be special promotions running during the Winter Festival across the mall and enjoy the exciting activities at Oman’s leading shopping destination located in Salam Street, Mabella.

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Britain admits it faces 'severe' terror threat after 2 violent incidents

According to MI5, a British domestic counter-intelligence agency, the terrorist threat to the country is real

LONDON: The United Kingdom has raised its level of threat from terrorism to "severe" after two violent incidents in Liverpool and Essex in the last one month, a Canada-based think tank reported.

International Forum For Rights And Security (IFFRAS) citing counter-terror experts reported that more future threats are expected in the United Kingdom, adding that however, no group has come forward to accept responsibility for the attacks so far. British security minister Damien Hinds suspected the incident could be the result of online radicalisation - the latest aspect of terror to threaten Europe.

Hinds revealed "the security services had disrupted more than 30 late-stage plots in the last few years", IFFRAS reported.

A suicide bomber blew himself up with an explosive device near a maternity hospital in Liverpool on November 15.

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TERROR THREAT: The priority of British counter-terrorism agencies is to identify all the people in the UK who may have been radicalised in recent months or years, according to IFFRAS.

"Terrorist groups in Syria and Iraq, including Al Qaeda and the IS of Iraq, possess both the intention and the capability to direct attacks against the West. The UK is a high-priority target for extremists and they pose a significant threat to our country and to our interests and citizens abroad. Despite the current main focus on terrorism originating from Syria and Iraq, the threat of terrorism also emanates from other parts of the Middle East and regions such as North, East and West Africa, South and South-East Asia," the website said.

British home secretary Priti Patel said the UK's terror threat level has been raised from substantial

to severe, meaning another attack was "highly likely".

On October 15, Conservative Member of Parliament Sir David Amess was stabbed to death outside his constituency surgery in Essex. He had been stabbed multiple times as he was returning to the surgery. He succumbed to his injuries.

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"There are several thousand individuals in the UK who support violent extremism or are engaged in extremist activity. Some British

nationals travel overseas to train with extremist groups and return to the UK with the view to plan attacks, but increasingly the terrorist threat from within the UK emanates from individuals radicalised by individuals and material online," MI5 said.

According to a House of Commons report on "Terrorism in Great Britain: the statistics", the number of terrorism-related arrests made in the UK since 2001 reached a peak in 2017-18 with 447 arrests. In 2020-21, out of 166 terrorism-related arrests, 27 per cent resulted in charges, and of these, 82 per cent were terrorism-related charges. **ANI**

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PRESIDENTIAL POWER

Kamala Harris becomes 1st woman to get presidential power in US



WASHINGTON: US Vice President Kamala Harris became the first woman with presidential power in the US on Friday, when President Joe Biden temporarily transferred power to her. The power transfer took place while Biden was under anaesthesia for a routine colonoscopy for one hour and 25 minutes, reported CNN. The US' first female, first Black and first South Asian vice president Harris broke another barrier as she became the first woman to hold presidential powers in the country.

Harris worked from her office in the West Wing while Biden

was under anaesthesia, according to Psaki. Biden spoke to Harris and the White House Chief of Staff on Friday morning.

"POTUS was in good spirits and at that time resumed his duties. He will remain at Walter Reed as he completes the rest of his routine physical," Psaki tweeted.

Biden, who turns 79 on Saturday, arrived Friday morning at Walter Reed Medical Center to undergo his first routine annual physical since taking office, according to CNN.

In the US, it is usual for a vice president to assume presidential powers whenever the president requires anaesthesia. **ANI**

FAKE CERTIFICATE

German football club coach resigns after fake vaccine allegations

BERLIN: Germany's second division football club, Werder Bremen, has announced that head coach Markus Anfang has stepped down with immediate effect.

It comes as the office of the public prosecutor began an investigation into the alleged use of a fake COVID-19 vaccination certificate.

In a statement released on the football team's website, Anfang said: "Because of the extreme stress caused to the club, the team,

my family and myself, I have decided to immediately step down from my role as head coach of Werder Bremen."

Assistant coach Florian Junge announced he too would be leaving the club.

Club says coaches have taken responsibility

On Friday, the Bremen prosecutors' office confirmed it was investigating claims that both members

of the coaching staff used fake COVID-19 vaccine documentation after the city's health office filed a criminal complaint.

Late on Thursday, Anfang claimed that he had received both vaccinations. "I received both of my vaccinations in an official vaccination center and got the documents to prove it," Anfang said in a statement. "I very much hope that this matter will soon be cleared up."

The club had initially moved to state Anfang's innocence and released a statement on its website, which appears to have since been removed.

In the club's latest statement, manager Frank Baumann said the two coaches had taken responsibility and the club was now looking for a new head coach.

"Markus and Florian are taking responsibility with their step and are helping to end the unrest that

has arisen around the club and the team in recent days. We respect their decision and will now start looking for a new head coach," Baumann said.

Member of club's staff tests positive for COVID-19

The debacle involving senior coaching staff is not the only challenge facing the football club. The teams head of scouting and professional football, Clemens Fritz, has tested positive for COVID-19.

The club confirmed that Fritz, who himself was once a pro-footballer, had tested positive for the coronavirus. The club said he had not experienced any symptoms.

Fritz was also understood to be the only individual affected by quarantine.

Meanwhile assistant coach Danijel Zenkovic will head up Bremen's coaching team for Saturday night's game against FC Schalke 04. **bw**

CRIMINAL TRIAL

Theranos founder Elizabeth defends against charges of defrauding investors, patients

WASHINGTON: Theranos founder Elizabeth Holmes took the stand on Friday to defend herself against charges of defrauding investors and patients about her company.

Holmes has been accused of lying about her company's diagnostic abilities, including touting technology that could run a series of tests much faster than a conventional laboratory setting using only a few drops of blood.

Holmes's criminal trial opened in September, with her defense attorney saying Holmes was a hardworking young entrepreneur who underestimated the kind of challenges her company ended up facing.

What did Holmes say during her testimony?

Removing her blue mask, Holmes said that her work at Theranos led her to believe in the company's technology.

She began her nearly hour-long testimony by recounting her early years as a student at Stanford University and her interest in disease detection. She ultimately dropped out of university and founded Theranos at 19 years of age.

She told jurors about her early efforts to raise capital for the company, saying she met with



venture capitalists from Silicon Valley. She named Don Lucas, who ultimately invested and became the chairman of Theranos's board.

"I knew him as someone who focused on building great companies for the long term," Holmes said. "He had a lot of questions. He began a very comprehensive diligence process," Holmes added. Lucas even asked about Theranos's finances.

A risky move

Though defendants are not required to testify in criminal cases, they can sometimes do so to cast

doubt on the prosecution's case. However, a major risk is that prosecutors can cross-examine defendants' claims, in an effort to expose possible inconsistencies or lies in their testimony.

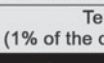
Over the course of the two-month trial, jurors in San Jose, California, have heard testimony from more than two dozen witnesses for the prosecution, including patients and investors whom prosecutors say Holmes deceived.

Holmes, 37, has pleaded not guilty to 10 counts of wire fraud along with two counts of conspiracy. If convicted, she faces up to 20 years of imprisonment. **bw**

Invitation to Tender

Dhofar Integrated Services Company S.A.O.C (DISC) invites reputable consultancy for carrying out following works in Dhofar Region.

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49er World Championship sees Omani duo qualify for gold fleet

Al Hadi and Al Kindi were aiming at Tokyo qualification, but only managed a third place finish at the Asian qualifier in 2021

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MUSCAT: The third day of the 49er, 49erFX and Nacra 17 World Championships sees Omani duo Musab Al Hadi & Waleed Al Kindi (OM) qualify for Gold fleet in a first for Oman at a 49er World Championship. The pair have been sailing 49er for almost a decade, and became quite emotional upon realizing their effort had secured

them this milestone. The achievement was even sweeter to occur on Oman National Day. Considering it was Sultan Qaboos that drove the formation of Oman Sail, an effort to rekindle the Omani spirit of seamanship, it was as if the Sultan was looking down from overhead in the final race of qualifying.

The Omani pair were emotional after being told on shore. "Oh really? First gold fleet? Oh finally!," said Al Hadi. Laughing and shaking his head he raised his hands to the sky and said, "First time in history. Give thanks, god."

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At the front of the 49er fleet, Bart Labriex with Lars van de Werken (NED) had a solid day of all top fives to move into the lead.

They are chased by a pair of German boats. American's Ian Barrows and Hans Henken managed to wind the final two races of yellow fleet to move up the standings nicely.



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: The achievement was even sweeter to occur on the Oman's 51st National Day.



MATCH REPORT

Muscat CT brush aside Oman Stallions by six wickets in low-scoring match; Orient Travels pip ABL Task by 31 runs

MUSCAT: In a low-scoring match of the Premier Division of Oman Cricket League, Muscat CT got the better of Oman Stallions by six wickets at the Oman Cricket ground in Al Amerat on Friday.

After being put into bat by Muscat CT, Oman Stallions had a bad start losing their first five wickets with only 66 on board. The team could never recover, and ultimately was bundled out for 104 in 36 overs, with Prasad Sankata the sole batsman who put up some resistance with 38 runs. Ganesh Chandrashekhhar and Debutant Chonira Aiyappa chipped in with three wickets apiece.

In reply, Muscat CT knocked off the target in 26.5 overs. Debutant Hashir Dafedar was the top-scorer with 30 runs, studded with four boundaries. Hemalkumar Tandel was the only bowler who made an impression, picking up two wickets.

Brief Scores - Oman Stallions 104/10 in 36 Overs (Prasad Sankata 38 (101) - 1x4; Ganesh Chandrashekhhar 27/3, Chonira Aiyappa 15/3) lost against Muscat CT 105/4 in 26.5 Overs (Hashir Dafedar 30 (55) - 4x4, Hemalku-



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In another Division A match of the Oman Cricket League played on Friday, Orient Travels pipped ABL Task by 31 Runs.

Put into bat after ABL Task won the toss, Orient Travels scored 198 before being bundled out in 47.2 overs.

Syed Mohammed Ubadah was the top scorer with 60 off 68 balls, with three boundaries and five massive sixes. Haroon Khan was the best bowler for ABL Task, picking up three wickets for 45.

ABL Task, in reply, could never get going, losing wickets at regular intervals and none of the batsman creating any impact on the game. Ultimately, the team was all out for 167 in 43.2 overs, with Shayan S scoring 25.

Waleed Al Balushi was the leading wicket taker for Orient with three wickets for 22.

Brief Scores - Orient Travels 198/10 in 47.2 overs (Syed Mohammed Ubadah 60 (68) 3x4, 5x6; Saud Haroon Khan - 45/3) won against ABL Task 167/10 in 43.2 Overs (Shayan S 25 (52) 2x4; Waleed Rahim Al Balushi - 22/3) by 31 runs.

CRICKET

Rohit-Rahul help hosts claim series as India win by seven wickets

RANCHI: KL Rahul (65) and Rohit Sharma (55) starred with the bat as India chased down the target of 154 to defeat New Zealand by seven wickets in the second T20I of the three-match series here at the JSCA International Stadium Complex, Ranchi on Friday.

Chasing 154, India got off to an excellent start as openers Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul put on 50 runs in just 6.4 overs, claiming their fifth consecutive T20I partnership. Both the batters thrashed the Kiwi bowlers at every side, as Rahul brought up his fourth half-century during the game. However, New Zealand bowlers got a sigh of relief when Rahul was sent back by the skipper Tim Southee in the 14th over. Rohit continued the carnage and also brought up his half-century.

But, Southee strikes back again and dismissed Rohit and Surya Kumar Yadav in the 16th over.

The Kiwi skipper's wonderful spell came a little late, as Rishabh Pant smashed two sixes in two deliveries and brought India home with 16 balls in spare. The Men in



Blue has now claimed the three-match series by a 2-0 lead.

Earlier, opting to bowl, the Indian bowlers led by debutant Harshal Patel (2/25) put on a brilliant display as the hosts restricted New Zealand to just 153/6.

The trio of Harshal, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Deepak Chahar kept the Kiwi batters under check as the visitors managed to score just 15 runs from the last three overs.

This came after Axar Patel and R Ashwin had put the brakes on the attacking display by the New Zealand batters. **ANI**

EY LIFT THE AUDITORS CUP 2021

EY won the 19th edition of Auditors Cup recently. It was a very well contested and fought tournament among 8 teams across audit firms. Every individual demonstrated true spirit of teaming and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. The final was played between EY and BDO. EY lead by Alkesh Joshi won the toss and elected to bat first scoring 46 runs in 6 overs. In reply, BDO fell 1 run short of the target. Omar Sarfraz from EY was declared the man of the match in the final.



QUALIFYING PERFORMANCE

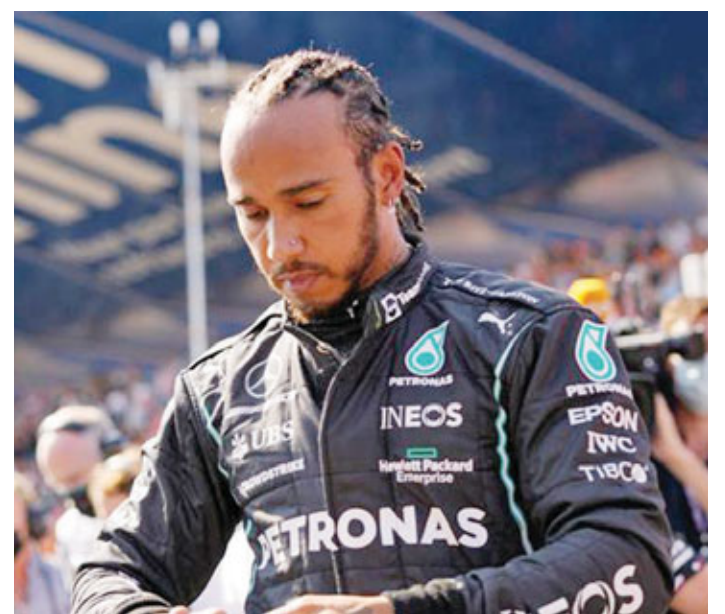
Hamilton takes pole under lights at Qatar Grand Prix

DOHA: Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton delivered one of his most dominant qualifying performances of the season to take pole position for the inaugural Qatar Grand Prix, with title rival Max Verstappen lining up alongside him in second.

The reigning world champion had the momentum heading into third quarter, having been fastest in each of the previous two segments, and put himself in supreme shape after the first runs with a clinical lap.

"He was then the first to head out for the second and final runs - and found even more time, smashing into the 1m20s (the only driver to do so) to take pole position by nearly half a second from Verstappen," stated an official F1 report.

The second Mercedes of Valtteri Bottas slotted into third, ahead of Pierre Gasly, who had the shine taken off his stunning performance when he ran well wide at the penultimate corner. That dragged him onto a curb, which shattered his front wing and led to a puncture. That forced some drivers to back out of their final results, though Fernando Alonso's first effort was still good



REIGNING WORLD CHAMPION: The reigning world champion had the momentum heading into third quarter, having been fastest in each of the previous two segments, and put himself in supreme shape after the first runs with a clinical lap.

enough for a very impressive fifth in what is his second top-five start in the last five races.

Lando Norris put McLaren sixth, to give them the edge in the tight fight with Ferrari for P3 in

the constructors' championship but Carlos Sainz was only a place behind for the Scuderia, as he out-qualified his teammate Charles Leclerc for the third successive race. **ANI**

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JAPAN STIMULUS PACKAGE

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Economic growth in several sectors surpasses estimates

In manufacturing sector the actual growth at the end of June 2021 was 34.2 per cent while the targeted growth rate was 8.7 per cent for 2021, the Ministry of Economy said

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Economic diversification in Oman has led to tremendous growth of some sectors in the first year of the 10th Five-Year Development Plan. "Many economic diversification sectors targeted in the 10th Five-Year Development Plan (2021-2025) achieved remarkable growth rates (at current prices) between the 2021 target and the actual as of June 2021," the Ministry of Economy said.



FUELLING GROWTH: In 2021, a number of development projects were implemented to complement the infrastructure and improve the quality of services provided to citizens. — File picture

In manufacturing sector the actual growth at the end of June 2021 was 34.2 per cent where the targeted growth rate 8.7 per cent for 2021. The growth registered in the transport storage and communication sector at the end of June 2021 was 15.8 per cent while the expected growth was 7.9 per cent only. In the fisheries sector, 21.9 per cent was the actual growth at the end of June

2021, and the targeted growth rate was 9 per cent. The mining sector witnessed growth by 7.7 per cent in 2021. The ministry added, "In 2021, a number of development projects were implemented to complement the infrastructure and improve the quality of services provided to citizens in various governorates." "The appropriations in the development budget for the projects

under - implementation, as of August 2021, increased by 5.7 per cent as a result of approvals for new projects," the ministry said. The most important of such projects include the completion of the Al Batinah Coastal Road Project Phase One (Barka-Widam Al Sahel), Musandam Gas Processing Plant Project, Housing Aid Programme for 2021 and Governorates Development Programme.

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- Expansion of the Royal Hospital - MRI and catheterisation laboratory
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- Expansion of Sohar Hospital , MRI and catheterisation Laboratory
- Training of job seekers

GENUINE SPARE PARTS

Apple announces new 'Self Service Repair' programme

WASHINGTON: Apple's 'Self Service Repair' programme is finally here. This will allow users to buy genuine Apple device parts and tools to fix their own phones from the tech giant.

As per GSM Arena, in this repair programme, knowledgeable customers can complete their own repairs with access to original parts and tools.

This is not a typical move for Apple. Making its original parts and tools available to anyone is a big deal, especially for Apple.

In the repair programme, Apple will focus on more common repairs from frequently serviced modules- this includes screen repairs, battery replacements, and camera modules for both iPhone 13 and iPhone 13 lineups. After that, Apple will add its M1 Mac computers to the Self Repair programme.

Customers will be able to place orders for these genuine parts and will receive a credit towards their purchase if the used part is returned. Apple's "new store will offer more than 200 individual parts and tools". In addition to OEM parts and tools, Apple will also provide manuals for these common repair procedures.

Despite the announcement of this programme, Apple recommends that most customers should still visit a professional repair provider and that certified technicians who use genuine Apple parts are the "safest and most reliable way to get a repair."

Self Service Repair will be available in the US in early 2022, and will eventually expand to more countries later in the year.

— ANI

DUBAI AIRSHOW

Airlines preparing for a slow global takeoff

DUBAI: For many travellers, November 8 was Freedom Day. That was the day the US finally started to allow in fully vaccinated foreigners — with approved vaccines — after being closed off for more than 18 months for the European Union, the UK, Brazil, China and India.

For airlines, full trans-Atlantic planes were an optimistic sign that global travel was finally getting back to some form of pre-pandemic normal. Whereas US carriers are heavily invested at home, a number of big European airlines are particularly dependent on lucrative North Atlantic services. Air France-KLM generates 40 per cent of sales here, while Lufthansa brings in 50 per cent of its sales.

Yet even before the coronavirus hit, the airline industry was reeling from two Boeing 737 MAX crashes that killed nearly 350 passengers. China was the first country to ground its fleet and a total global ban followed. When 737 MAX flights resumed in many places in December 2020, airlines didn't need them as unused planes were parked around the world waiting for passengers.

Just months after the first announcement of the coronavirus, many countries closed borders, imposed lockdowns and quarantines for travelers in the spring of 2020. Plane-makers slowed or stopped production. Airlines mothballed jets and furloughed employees. Some canceled plane orders or tried to defer delivery or payments. Others even packaged and sold their in-flight meals to nostalgic non-flyers.

Now this week at the five-day Dubai Airshow, some airlines are making big plans again. The expo is the first big trade show since the



BIG TRADE SHOW: The expo is the first big trade show since the start of the coronavirus pandemic and is seen as a good indicator of things to come. Big manufactures have a lot to prove. — DW

start of the coronavirus pandemic and is seen as a good indicator of things to come. Big manufactures have a lot to prove and a lot to lose.

Airbus announced that it had a group order from a private-equity-backed consortium of airlines for 255 of its A321 planes though it did not reveal the price tag. Of that, 102 will go to Hungarian low-cost airline Wizz Air, 91 to US carrier Frontier Airlines, 39 to Mexico's Volaris and 23 to JetSMART in Chile. Additionally, Kuwait's Jazeera Airways agreed to a tentative deal to buy 28 new A320neo jets.

Guillaume Faury, CEO of Airbus, is optimistic about the future, though the business is not back to where it was in 2019. From Dubai, he told Bloomberg TV that the industry is starting "to see the light at the end of the tunnel" as traffic goes up. As old planes are retired and replaced with more

fuel-efficient ones, he expects smaller business jet sales to recover quicker than big wide-body long-haul planes.

For its part, Boeing said that India's startup Akasa Air had ordered 72 of its 737 MAX planes. The plane-maker also has a contract to convert 11 of Icelandic's passenger 737s into cargo planes.

In total, manufacturers announced over 500 orders at the Middle East airshow. It is a positive signal, but most of the orders are for small cheaper aircraft instead of the impressive wide-body planes like the double-decker Airbus A380 or the Boeing 777.

One bright spot over the past year has been the growing importance of freight planes. With fewer paying passengers, these planes have been a lifeline to many airlines. With the shipping industry strained and the acknowledgment that global supply

chains are not working properly, this could remain a growing business for airlines.

The other big lifeline for airlines around the world was government largesse. Many American airlines took advantage of the country's multibillion bailout funds. Other nations helped out their airlines in the form of loans, credit guarantees or cash infusions.

On November 12, Europe's largest airline, Lufthansa, announced it had repaid all aid money received during the epidemic ahead of schedule. The company had been offered a €9 billion rescue package from a group of European governments. In the end, the company only took €3.8 billion.

Though these aid programmes and massive borrowing have softened some of the blow, airline industry losses for 2020 were \$138 billion (€121.9 billion), according to the International Air Trans-

port Association (IATA) trade organisation, which represents 290 airlines comprising 83 per cent of global air traffic. The group expects the losses for this year to come in at around \$52 billion and \$11.6 billion in 2022.

Overall, for September, the latest month with full data, total demand for passenger air travel was down 53.4 per cent compared with September 2019. It was an improvement on August, but nothing like pre-pandemic growth.

Splitting the numbers, international passenger traffic in September was down 69 per cent. Domestic passenger numbers were better, but still down 24 per cent in the same time.

"But generally domestic markets are performing well, again reinforcing our view that once the travel restrictions are removed, we do see strong passenger demand," IATA's boss Willie Walsh said at a November 3 press conference.

This year he expects 2.3 billion passengers and 3.4 billion next year, well below 2019's 4.5 billion. Yet despite this uptick, he admitted that a sudden rebound is unlikely. "It will take time to recover. Nonetheless, the trends are positive," he added.

How fast airlines and manufacturers get back on their feet depends on multiple and mostly unpredictable factors: rising fuel costs, fewer business flights, or a fourth or even fifth wave of COVID-19 with more travel restrictions. In the end, passengers will decide when and how they want to travel to visit family or do business. Airlines can only hope to quickly fill as many seats as possible, which will give them a reason to buy more new planes. — DW

THE VERGE

Microsoft's new Windows Xbox app resolves game install headaches

WASHINGTON: American tech giant Microsoft is now allowing testers to access a new Xbox app for Windows that greatly improves the game install process from the Windows store.

According to The Verge, as reported earlier this month, the updated app allows PC gamers to install titles into any folder of their choice with unrestricted access to game files. It's an option that helps address many of the headaches of installing titles from Xbox Game

Pass for PC, and it should also mean you can backup game files and restore them if need be.

Previously, Microsoft forced games to install into a Windows Apps folder at the root of a drive, and it was locked down so you couldn't modify files or freely move them around. The updated Xbox app now lets you choose a location, and, if you have existing games installed, you can move them onto secondary drives.

Windows 10 and Windows 11

users can test the new Xbox app through the Xbox Insider Hub app from the store. You'll need to join the 'Windows Gaming' preview within the Xbox Insider Hub app to get the updated Xbox app.

Microsoft does list a number of known issues for this early release though, including issues launching some games on external drives and a number of games that aren't supported yet.

Users still can't add games downloaded from the Windows

store into Steam, as there appears to be a permission issue preventing that. The Xbox app is still in preview, so that could be a bug that will be addressed before it's widely available. Either way, Windows store game installs are finally getting more Steam-like, after years of issues and bugs for PC users. If you've been avoiding Xbox Game Pass for PC due to the Windows store, this new Xbox app should remove some of the associated headaches. — ANI



MARKET

Japan announces record stimulus package of \$490bn to fix economy

There will be cash handouts of 100,000 yen each to households with youth aged 18 or below

TOKYO: Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida announced a huge economic stimulus package on Friday, amounting to a record 56 trillion yen (€434 billion, \$490 billion) in additional government spending to accelerate the nation's economy, which has been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic.

"We want to support those people who are suffering because of the coronavirus, while steering our nation's sorely damaged economy back to health," Kishida said.

"The package has more than enough content and scale to de-



BOOSTER FOR ECONOMY: The proposal won Cabinet approval, according to the prime minister's office. — DW

liver a sense of security and hope to the people," he added.

The proposal won Cabinet approval in the evening, according to the prime minister's office. It still needs parliamentary approval. Kishida has promised speedy action, and parliament will convene next month, he said.

The new package includes financial aid to ailing firms, whose businesses have been affected by COVID restrictions and the related slump in demand.

There will be cash handouts of 100,000 yen each to households with youth aged 18 or below.

Reserves will also be set aside for emergency pandemic spending. Furthermore, the government

plans to increase defense spending as part of the stimulus package.

Since the onset of the pandemic, COVID infection numbers and related deaths in Japan have remained relatively low.

The country has never had a full lockdown.

Still, restrictions imposed to curb the virus' spread resulted in the closure of some restaurants, while some had to limit their opening hours. Public events and places like theaters had to restrict crowd sizes to adhere to physical distancing rules.

These restrictions, coupled with global supply chain snarls like the shortage of chips, have hurt economic activity.

Japan reported that its economy contracted 0.8 per cent in the July-September quarter from the previous quarter.

In annual terms, the economy shrank at a 0.3 per cent rate.

When Kishida took over as prime minister in October after his predecessor Yoshihide Suga stepped down, he promised "a new capitalism" for Japan.

The size of the package was much bigger than that expected by the markets.

Critics point out that it will push Japan's debt even higher since it will be financed by issuing bonds.

Japan's three massive spending packages to counter the pandemic so far have left it with outstanding long-term debt roughly double the size of its \$5 trillion economy.

"Inflating the size may have become the purpose with little discretion made on whether the spending would be effective," Takumi Tsunoda, senior economist at Shinkin Central Bank Research Institute, told Reuters news agency. "It's a lot of wasteful spending."

Nevertheless, investors largely welcomed the fresh stimulus, with Tokyo stocks closing higher on Friday. — DW

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WASHINGTON: Available across iOS, Android, desktop, games consoles, and TVs, Spotify has finally rolled out its real-time lyrics feature globally, after previously only offering it in a limited selection of countries.

As per The Verge, the lyrics are provided by Musixmatch, which claims to offer lyrics for "over 8 million" titles and will be accessible on basically every platform where Spotify has an app. These platforms include iOS, Android, desktop computers, gaming consoles, and smart TVs. The company has made this feature available to both free and premium listeners. There is also a social element provided by Spotify, which allows a user to share lyrics on social media.

As per The Verge, the company says the feature will be available across the "majority" of its music library. With the introduction of the new lyrics feature, Spotify said that it's discontinuing its 'Behind the Lyrics' feature.

For the uninformed, Spotify earlier worked with Musixmatch to display song lyrics until parting ways with the company in 2016. Since then, it's offered a 'Behind the Lyrics' feature following its partnership with Genius. — ANI

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NEW DELHI: With a major focus on development projects and to work for innovation and sustainability, Italy-based IQT Consulting has registered in India. The renowned global brand has a business presence and interest in areas in design engineering, project management, and asset management and shall be endeavoring to work in large developmental & national mission projects in municipal infrastructure, water resources, telecom infra and smart buildings sector, spearheaded by seasoned infrastructure industry professional Sachin Pant as its CEO & Director.

Speaking about IQT India's plans and vision, Sachin Pant, CEO & Director, IQT IN said, "India is accelerating its progress to emerge as the world's strongest economy by bolstering its infrastructure and fostering an ecosystem of innovation, sustainability, and development. We believe this is the right time to expand our vision and plans in the country and we are looking forward to being a part of this transformational journey. IQT in this mission shall also aspire to add and contribute to it by putting best of the industry practices and engineering excellence in government's major programs like JJM, Smart City Mission, AM-RUT, Digital India & Disaster Management." — ANI

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Interior designer with 13 yrs experience in position of project manager, coordination,quantity surveyor,quality control, looking suitable job. Contact 96146432. Email samsuint@gmail.com

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Diploma Mechanical Engineer & CNC VMC operator exp 3 yrs currently in Oman. NOC available. Contact 94227542. Email dinithdas@gmail.com

MEDICAL

Sudanese medical representative 3 yrs exp in Oman Market. # 93513927

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Inventory Coordinator

Indian male 31: Having 8 years experience handling Retail F&B Operations, inventory, purchase, Sales & Accounting with various other skills, NOC available.
Contact: 96219904
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Chemical Engineer (Omani)
Fresh graduate, bachelor degree from The University of New Mexico (USA)
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Email: msr15@live.com

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Indian Female(MBA Finance) having more than 15 years of experience in Oman in Finance and Accounts seeks suitable senior positions. NOC Available.
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GSM: 92334161

FINANCE
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Contact: 78370670
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Contact 93270023 rajugetme10@yahoo.com

ENGINEER (IT)
Indian, Female, B.Tech, with 2+ years of experience in Oman as Coordinator and Marketing with valid Omani D/L. Looking for a job, Currently in Oman.
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JOB WANTED

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Indian Male having 20+ years' experience in UAE seek suitable jobs in Sales & Management preferably in pharmaceutical industries. GCC Driving Licence available.
Contact 94289301, 95217432

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Indian holding MBA with 7 years of experience in Sales and Marketing in Oman with valid D/L. Looking for suitable job opportunity. Contact +968 7902 4220
Indian male, BBA, 26 years, having 3 and half year experience in Sales and Marketing, D/L, looking for suitable placement. Contact 96550844 Email: arshaqrajan000@gmail.com

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

Fresh Indian NIT Chemical Engineer on resident visa with Oman D/L seeks placement in reputed companies: 96087321/93972362

Indian Male, MBA, BCOM having 7 yr Oman & 4 yr India experience in HR / Administration & Purchaser looking for suitable placement. Contact 97914340. Email: sampathrajkv@gmail.com

Marketing & Business development Manager 32 yrs with good market knowledge & experience of 12 yrs.Gcc D/L, Can Join immediately., Fluency in English, Hindi, Malayalam & basic Arabic. Contact +968 79975463 nadeemshaikh198925@gmail.com



Tips to maintain your car and extend its shelf life

With car production hitting the brakes due to a global shortage of micro-chips, new car prices have hit record highs and people are holding onto their cars for longer. As a result, you may be looking for ways to keep your current ride in tip-top condition.

Here are three effective ways to extend the life of your car and experience smoother, safer driving:

Pay attention

Don't ignore warning signs that something is wrong with your car. Addressing issues as they arise can keep your car in good shape and help you avoid a dangerous situation. If your car is leaking, its engine or brakes don't sound right, it's vibrating or emitting an odd odour, have it looked at. You should also be sure to take note of



the symbols on your car's dashboard display. Some of these warnings indicate issues that are easy to address on your own – for example, refilling your washer fluid or adjusting tyre pressure. Others, however, may require a mechanic's immediate intervention, such as faulty brakes or an issue with the car's transmission.

Replace your tyres

Changing your tyres at the right time can do wonders for your car's overall longevity. You should replace your tyres per the manufacturer's recommendations, or sooner if the tread is less than 2/32nds of an inch or if there are visible signs of damage, such as cuts, cracks, splits, punctures or bulges.

However, any old replacement tyre may not do the trick. In addition to choosing tyres that fit your vehicle, you should choose tyres that provide superior handling and grip in diverse weather and road conditions.

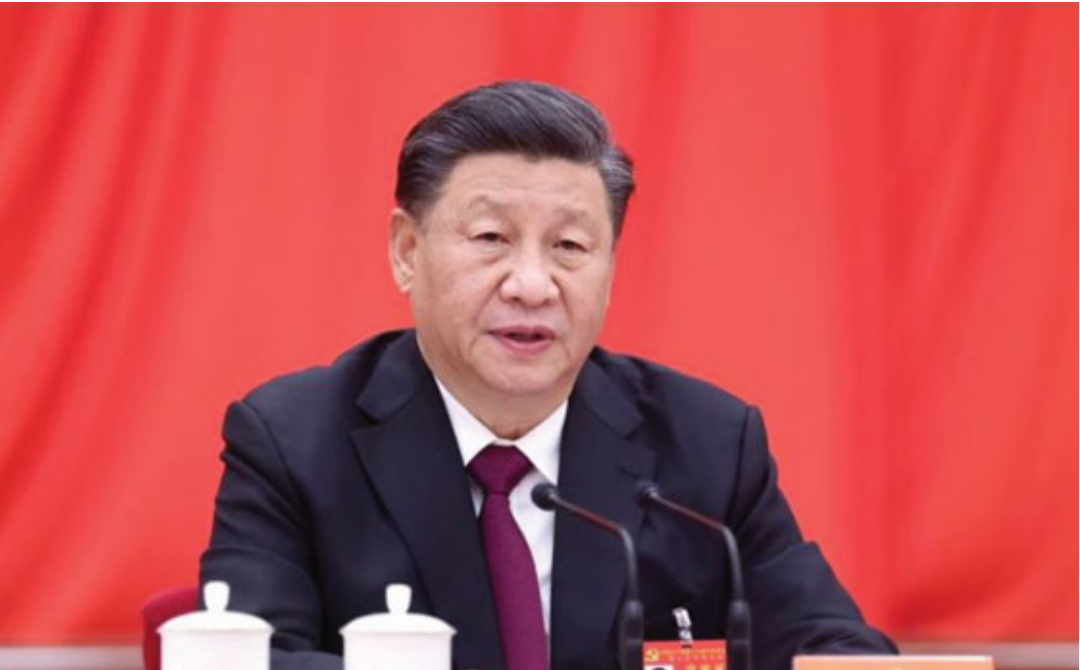
Keep it clean

Keeping the exterior of your car clean is not just a matter of appearances. It can actually protect the paint job and prevent rusting. Don't forget the car's interior though. Regular detailing will keep seats and upholstery in good condition and make for more pleasant, better-smelling and healthier driving experiences. Vacuum out your car, wipe down frequently-touched surfaces and clean HVAC vents thoroughly.

With regular care and maintenance, you can extend the life of your car, make it safer and more reliable, and improve the driving experience. - **Statepoint**



The sixth plenary session of the 19th Communist Party of China Central Committee was held in Beijing, capital of China, from November 8 to 11, 2021. — Xinhua/Zhai Jianlan



Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee, made an important speech at the sixth plenary session of the 19th CPC Central Committee in Beijing, capital of China. — Xinhua/Ju Peng

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CPC’s third resolution on history and its future-looking plenum

It was a meeting much about the past as it was about the future. From Nov. 8 to 11, political heavyweights of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the world’s largest ruling party, convened a high-profile meeting in Beijing — the sixth plenary session of the 19th CPC Central Committee — at which a resolution on historical issues was adopted. The 30,000-plus-character Resolution on the Major Achievements and Historical Experience of the Party over the Past Century, is only the third of its kind in the Party’s 100-year history: the first in 1945 before the victory in the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression, and the second in 1981 with the advent of the reform and opening-up drive. The timing of the third resolution has its own historical significance. In 2021, the CPC celebrated its centenary, announced the completion of building a moderately prosperous society in all respects — known in China as the First Centenary Goal — and is leading the nation toward building a great modern socialist country — the Second Centenary Goal — by the mid-21st century.

Past, present and future
On Nov. 8, Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, opened the plenum by

delivering a work report on behalf of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee. Sitting in the audience were Party cadres and officials, including more than 300 members and alternate members of the CPC Central Committee, as well as some grassroots delegates to the 19th CPC National Congress and experts and scholars. Xi said the Political Bureau, while advancing work in all areas, focused on three major things over the past year: the CPC centenary celebration, Party history learning and education campaign, and the preparation for the sixth plenary session of the 19th CPC Central Committee. All these three activities centered on a single topic — history. As an ancient Chinese saying goes: with history as a mirror, one can understand the rise and fall of a state. Xi told the plenum that summarizing the Party’s major achievements and historical experience over the past century was of great significance to further unifying the thinking, will and action of the whole Party. This, Xi said, will help the Party unite and lead the nation to secure the great success of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era. “Standing at a new historical starting point, we review the

past and look to the future,” Xi said when he explained the Party leadership’s considerations on the theme of the plenum. “Everyone at the plenum shared the sentiment that a great historical responsibility has fallen upon our shoulders,” said a CPC Central Committee member. “We feel that the resolution is bound to have a profound influence on the future of the Party’s and nation’s causes.” “It is a resolution that connects the past, present and future,” said a plenum attendee.

Xi’s core position
During the plenum, attendees were divided into 10 groups for deliberation on the draft documents. There were often heated discussions. But all agreed that the historic achievements since the 18th Party Congress, as summarized in the resolution in 13 aspects, have provided robust institutional conditions, strong material foundations and a source of inspiration for advancing the cause of national rejuvenation. They all felt very strongly about one particular statement in the resolution: -- Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era is the Marxism of contemporary China and of the 21st century. It embodies the best of the Chinese culture and ethos

in our times and represents a new breakthrough in adapting Marxism to the Chinese context. -- The Party has established Comrade Xi Jinping’s core position on the Party Central Committee and in the Party as a whole and defined the guiding role of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era. This reflects the common will of the Party, the armed forces and the Chinese people of all ethnic groups, and is of decisive significance for advancing the cause of the Party and the country in the new era and for driving forward the historic process of national rejuvenation. The attendees said this is an answer to the call of the times, and a significant political judgment made in response to not only the Party’s common will but also the people’s common aspirations. Also included in the resolution were five aspects of the historical significance of the Party’s endeavors over the past century, and 10 pieces of historical experience. This content reflects the secret behind the Party’s success. For instance, the principles of staying independent, breaking new ground and standing up for ourselves, all are deeply rooted in the Party’s history and still bear great immediate significance.

Unanimously adopted
On the last day of the session, Xi presided over a plenary meeting of the session at which the resolution was unanimously endorsed by every CPC Central Committee member in attendance. Thunderous applause broke out and resonated inside the Great Hall of the People. The meeting then passed a resolution on convening the 20th National Congress of the CPC in the second half of 2022 in Beijing. The communique of the plenum was also adopted. After that, Xi delivered an important speech on behalf of the Political Bureau on studying and implementing the spirit of the plenum. “The Party was chosen by history and the people, and it has lived up to their choice,” Xi said, adding that there would be no national rejuvenation without the CPC. The resolution particularly emphasized the importance of strengthening the Party’s centralized, unified leadership, Xi said, explaining that the aim is to demand everyone in the CPC to align with its central committee, unify the Party as “a solid piece of iron” and march forward in unison. Xi also stressed the need for “great struggle” and “even more arduous and strenuous efforts” and asked Party members to pay close

attention to all sorts of “major risks” and take effective measures to fend off and resolve them. “With all the great achievements over the past century, our Party has won much praise from both inside and outside the Party, from home and abroad,” Xi said. “It is particularly in these circumstances that we must promote the spirit of self-reform even more. We can never allow ourselves to get carried away by the applause,” he added. In 1945, when the Party’s first resolution on history was passed, Mao Zedong issued the call for Party-wide unity like members of a family. In 1981, when the second such resolution was passed, Deng Xiaoping emphasized its importance in unifying the thoughts in the Party. In 2021, upon the passing of the third resolution, Xi urged all Party members to maintain strategic resolve, focus on strategic targets and bear in mind the country’s most fundamental interests. “Today, we are closer, more confident, and more capable than ever before of making the goal of national rejuvenation a reality,” Xi said. “We must fulfill the duties of our generation in the relay for attaining national rejuvenation.” — Xinhua



Xi Jinping, Li Keqiang, Li Zhanshu, Wang Yang, Wang Huning, Zhao Leji and Han Zheng attend the sixth plenary session of the 19th CPC Central Committee in Beijing, capital of China. — Xinhua/Xie Huanchi



During the plenum, attendees were divided into 10 groups for deliberation on the draft documents. . — Xinhua/Yan Yan

ROUND-UP

Omani biodiesel fuels construction of first-ever gas wellpad for PDO

This accomplishment was attained in collaboration with Sarooj Construction Company (Sarooj) and Synergy Biodiesel

MUSCAT: Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) completed the construction of the first ever wellpad where all construction equipment utilised were fuelled by biodiesel. This accomplishment was attained in collaboration with Sarooj Construction Company (Sarooj) and Synergy Biodiesel.

The constructed PDO gas wellpad is in the Saih Rawl region and was constructed by Sarooj. The biodiesel used by the construction equipment was produced by Synergy Biofuels in the first commissioned biodiesel plant in Oman. Using biodiesel in the construction of the wellpad lead to a reduction of -11 tonnes of CO2 emissions.

“We are very proud of this achievement which was the result of innovative and collaborative work with Sarooj and Synergy BioFuels. We hope that it will pave the way for similar initiatives and projects as we continue to explore and develop new solutions to decarbonise our business,” said Abdullah Al Jabri, Chief Commercial Projects Officer in PDO.

“We are very proud to be part of this collaboration with PDO and Synergy Biofuels to deliver this project while reducing CO2 emissions. Sarooj has been committed to invest in transformative solutions to reduce emissions and greenhouse gases, and this project is one step in that direction”, indicated Simon Karam, Chairman of Sarooj Construction Company.

Sarooj is the first construction company in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region to utilise the first Omani-produced Biodiesel to construct an Oil & Gas wellpad.

“We thank PDO and Sarooj for collaborating with Synergy to utilise its first batch of Omani-produced biodiesel in the Oil & Gas and construction sectors,” indicated Anthony Helou, CEO of Synergy. Synergy had commissioned the first biodiesel plant in Oman earlier in July/2021 in Samail industrial estate.



THE NEW MODEL

Maserati Grecale: The Trident takes over the world



MODENA: The energy of Grecale does not stop, it starts from the home of Maserati, runs through streets of the city of Milan and then conquers the world.

The Grecale prototypes have formed a huge Trident, which took shape in a record-breaking shot. The outline was over 100 metres long and was made up of 80 cars.

There are currently over 250 development models distributed across Japan and the United States, the United Arab Emirates and China, Finland and Italy.

There's no stopping the energy of Maserati Grecale.

The new model will be unveiled to the world in 2022, when Maserati will be in the spotlight on the stage of the mobility of the future, in an event to take place in Milan, with the whole world involved.

Maserati produces a complete range of unique cars with an amazing personality, immediately recognisable anywhere. With their style, technology and innately exclusive character, they delight the most discerning, demanding tastes and have always been a global automotive industry benchmark. A tradition of successful cars, each of them redefining what makes an Italian sports car in terms of design, performance, comfort, elegance and safety, currently available on

more than seventy markets internationally.

Ambassadors of this heritage are the Quattroporte flagship, the Ghibli sports sedan, and the Levante, the first made by Maserati SUV, all models denoted by use of the choicest materials and technical solutions of the utmost excellence. Ghibli and Levante are now also available in hybrid version and are the Trident Brand's first electrified cars. A complete range, including V6 and V8 petrol and 4 cylinder hybrid powerplants, with rear-wheel and four-wheel drive. The Trofeo Collection, comprising Ghibli, Quattroporte and Levante, equipped with the powerful 580 hp V8 engine, is the supreme expression of the Trident Brand's high-performing DNA. The top-of-the-range is the MC20 supercar, powered by the groundbreaking Nettuno V6 engine, incorporating F1-derived technologies now made available in the power unit of a standard production car for the first time. Today, the Maserati range is produced at three plants: Ghibli and Quattroporte are built at Grugliasco (Turin) at the Avvocato Giovanni Agnelli Plant (AGAP), and Levante at the Mirafiori Plant in Turin.

MC20 is produced in Modena, at the historic Viale Ciro Menotti plant.





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ROUND-UP

Bank Muscat celebrates the Glorious 51st National Day

The special Al Mazyona draw gave away a total of OMR102,000 to 51 lucky winners, with each winner walking away with OMR2,000 each



MUSCAT: Bank Muscat conducted a special draw coinciding with the Sultanate's 51st National Day celebrations on 18 November 2021 at its Head Office, which was attended by Abdullah Tamman Al Maashani, Deputy General Manager - Institutional Sales and Product Development and Saleh Mohammed Al Maini, Assistant General Manager - Capital Regions, Bank Muscat. The special Al Mazyona draw gave away a total of OMR102,000 to 51 lucky

winners, with each winner walking away with OMR2,000 each. All customers maintaining a minimum balance of OMR1,000 in their Al Mazyona account were eligible for the special draw by the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate.

Speaking on the occasion, Abdullah Tamman Al Maashani, Deputy General Manager - Institutional Sales and Product Development, Bank Muscat, said: "Bank Muscat is honoured to extend our warmest greetings and congratulations to His Majesty

Sultan Haitham bin Tarik and the people of Oman on the occasion of the Glorious 51st National Day. To celebrate this special and grand occasion, the bank will reward 51 customers with special prizes. Bank Muscat always participates in national events in order to bring joy and happiness to its customers and will continue to hold special prize draws." He called upon all customers to continue saving more in their accounts to get more opportunities to win exciting financial prizes. Al Mazyona has succeeded in inculcating a strong

savings culture in Oman. For nearly three decades, Al Mazyona has rewarded numerous customers and enriched their lives. Bank Muscat encourages everyone to save for the future with the objective of creating a life-changing experience for winners and improving the well-being of their families. Oman's flagship savings scheme continues to reward a prudent and financially responsible savings habit among millions of customers with a massive RO 11 million to be won by 7,470 winners over the course of the year. Al

INDIA@75 CELEBRATIONS

Blood donation camp at Indian School Al Maabela

MUSCAT: The Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman and the Embassy of India, Muscat are organizing a blood donation camp at Indian School Al Maabela on Sunday, 21st November 2021 from 9:00am to 1:30pm as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - India@75 Celebrations.

Extensive arrangements are being done by the School Management to attract maximum number of donors for this noble cause. Members of the faculty, Embassy and School officials and parents have registered to donate blood and the organizing committee is campaigning to create awareness among the public on the need to donate blood as the many places were unable to host blood donation drives due to the safety protocols of the COVID pandemic.

"It is imperative to replenish depleting blood banks with more units of blood," said Dr. Sivakumar Manickam, Chairman, Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman, "and the organizing School is doing everything possible to ensure that all Covid protocols are adhered to during the process." All Indian Schools across Oman will be organizing blood donation camps during this academic year to mark the 51st National Day of Oman.

TO DELIVER CUTTING EDGE CANCER CARE

Al Hayat International Hospital announces collaboration with HealthCare Global Enterprises

MUSCAT: Al Hayat International Hospital, Oman, joins hands with HealthCare Global Enterprises Limited (HCG Hospitals) - The Specialist in Cancer Care, India, to offer comprehensive cancer care in Oman. This collaboration will enable Al Hayat International Hospital and HCG Chain of Hospitals to leverage their respective healthcare competencies and insights to serve the larger cause of patients through comprehensive treatment and quality care programs. This tie-up will also help address the growing need for cutting-edge cancer care in the region through enhanced accessibility and actionable insights.

According to the Ministry of Health, Oman, and statistics of cancer incidence recorded from 1996 to 2015 in the Sultanate - the cancer cases detected among Omanis had reached 21,002 cases, including 10,723 (51.1 per cent) among males and 10,279 (48.9 per cent) among females. It is worth mentioning that tobacco use,



physical inactivity, and unhealthy food habits etc are the main risk factors for cancer.

Dr. K P Raman, MD & Chief Cardiologist, Al Hayat International Hospital, said, "The idea to associate with HCG Cancer hospital is to deliver holistic care to the people of Oman. And address the growing need for expertise and quality medical services in the country. Together, we will be offering cancer care with a multidisciplinary approach through specialist doctors in Medical,

Surgical, and Radiation Oncology along with a team of experienced clinicians."

Dr. B.S Ajaikumar, Executive Chairman, HealthCare Global Enterprises Ltd, said, "As specialists in value-based cancer care, HCG has been at the forefront of the fight against cancer. Our partnership with Al Hayat International Hospital is a key step forward in our mission to make high-quality cancer care accessible to all, irrespective of geographic barriers. By virtue of this

collaboration, we are keen to extend our innovative treatments, methods, and technologies to improve patient outcomes and supportive care in the region."

"Al Hayat has been rendering its medical services to thousands of peoples from different nationalities since 1995 onwards". To increase our service coverage further and to provide effective contribution to our society, we are inducting Oncology segment in Collaboration with "HCG Group of Hospitals India Ltd" on order to widening our scope of services, Suresh Kumar CEO of Al Hayat International Hospital & Polyclinics added.

Today, HCG is redefining the cancer treatment paradigm in India by focusing on the science of Precision Medicine. Being at the forefront of the fight against cancer requires pioneering innovative treatments, methods, and the introduction of technologies that transform the industry, which has benefitted not only the patients but also medical experts.

AT RADISSON BLU HOTEL, MUSCAT



New Italian restaurant La Padella - opens

MUSCAT: La Padella at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Muscat has opened its doors to foodies all over the capital, boasting an array of immaculate Italian fare on the menu; and graceful archways, marble flooring and soft chandelier lighting bringing classic Italian sophistication to its ambience.

Owing to the vast experience of the chef who specializes in Italian cuisine, guests can choose from a selection of exquisite classic Italian dishes which can be paired with premium drinks.

"La Padella is set to be the cosmopolitan destination restaurant

to serve authentic Italian dishes from starter to the main course in a casual dining setting, catering to millennials, corporate, groups and individual guests," confirms Petr Dubsky, General Manager, Radisson Blu Hotel, Muscat.

The restaurant is open from Tuesday to Saturday from 6pm to 11pm.

The perfect place to celebrate a special occasion or enjoy a meal with your significant other awaits at La Padella!

For inquiries and reservations, guest can contact +968 2448 7777 or WhatsApp +968 9723 5800.

VALID UNTIL 30TH DECEMBER, 2021

Ford Explorer with exciting year end benefits

MUSCAT: Ford Explorer is one of the most popular SUVs in the Ford range. Customers looking to own the Explorer can benefit with Service 3 Years / 60,000 kms and 1 Year Registration. (Conditions apply. For details visit a Ford showroom.) The offer is valid until 30th December, 2021.

The Explorer is equipped with a revised 2.3-litre turbocharged EcoBoost® engine that produces 300 horsepower and 420Nm of torque. The engine is matched to an all-new 10-speed transmission and Intelligent All-Wheel-Drive system.

The Ford Explorer with its impressive power and capability, gives you the confidence to go the distance and make the most of each moment. The Explorer's impres-

sive style and an array of advanced technology and safety features makes it a perfect choice for many.

The Explorer has more power and space than ever and smart new technologies to help tackle life's adventures. Improved off-road capability comes courtesy of intelligent four-wheel drive and an available new Terrain Management System™ that features seven easy-to-engage drive modes. Standard features include a power liftgate, 8-inch digital touch screen with SYNC® 3, and a comprehensive package of driver assist and safety technologies.

Building upon Ford's push to bring more driver-assist technology to market, the all-new Explorer is packed with the very latest inno-



ventions from Ford. Every Explorer comes standard with Ford Co-Pilot360™, a suite of driver-assist technologies including Pre-Collision Assist with Automatic Emergency Braking, which includes Pedestrian Detection, Forward Collision Warning and Dynamic Brake Support; Blind Spot Information System with Cross-Traffic

Alert; Lane-Keeping System; Rearview camera with built-in lens cleaner and Auto headlamps with auto high-beams.

Other available Ford Co-Pilot360 Assist+ technologies include Evasive Steering Assist, which provides steering support to help avoid a collision; and Post-Impact Braking provides braking

after a collision to lessen injury and damage caused by a secondary crash event. Explorer also is available with Ford's all-new Intelligent Adaptive Cruise Control which automatically slows the vehicle down when traffic ahead slows. It also helps keep the vehicle centered in its lane.

The Explorer's 8-inch touch screen mounted in the centre of the dash with navigation maps fills the entire screen for easy viewing, or split the space with audio information. The screen provides a quicker, more responsive interaction with the updated SYNC 3 system. Standard SYNC 3's more intuitive layout gives drivers compatibility with available Apple CarPlay® feature.

A wireless charging pad is available that allows customers to recharge compatible mobile devices, and up to four USB ports, including new type-C outlets, charge next-generation mobile devices. Up to five 12-volt outlets and a 230-volt outlet are also available. For music lovers, Explorer offers an available 980-watt, 12-speaker B&O premium audio system.

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