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SEASONAL FLU

Ministry starts flu vaccination drive

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Health announced the start of seasonal flu vaccinations for target segments.

The target segments include people over the age of 50, people with chronic diseases such as respiratory, heart, renal, liver, neurological, blood, and metabolic disorders, including uncontrolled diabetes and obesity among adults and children, as well as pilgrims, workers in the health sector and pregnant women.

The Ministry of Health calls on the target segments to head to the nearest health institution to receive the seasonal flu vaccine to



avoid influenza infection, which affects the respiratory system and may lead to serious complications.

The Ministry pointed out that the vaccine is also available in the private health sector for non-targeted citizens and residents. — **ONA**



JORDAN KING'S VISIT TO OPEN NEW VISTAS OF DEVELOPMENT

THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE RECEIVED DUE ATTENTION AND CARE FROM HIS MAJESTY SULTAN HAITHAM BIN TARIK AND JORDAN'S KING ABDULLAH II

QAIS BIN MOHAMMED AL YOUSEF,
Minister of Commerce and Industry

The two-day visit will boost trade and investments between the two countries

Times News Service

MUSCAT/ AMMAN: The visit of Jordan King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein to the Sultanate of Oman, beginning on Tuesday, will open new vistas for development in various economic fields for both the countries.

The two-day visit by King Abdullah aims to boost the possibility of having strong and vibrant commercial partnerships and investments between the two countries that would contribute to the increase of the volume in trade.

Welcoming the visit of King Abdullah II of Jordan, Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion (MO-CIIP), said it would boost trade, investment and cooperation in various spheres between the

two countries. He said the relations between the two countries have received due attention and care from His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik and Jordan's King Abdullah II, as a result of which the ties between Oman and Jordan have witnessed continuous and sustainable development over the years.

Upbeat on the visit of King Abdullah II of Jordan, Eng. Reda bin Juma Al Saleh, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said the establishment of new joint projects would help build relations between the businessmen of the two countries.

In a statement to the Oman News Agency, Eng. Reda said: "The Omani-Jordanian relations are strong and historical even as the two brotherly countries have



Warm welcome awaits Jordan King in Oman **>A4**

Parking restrictions on Sultan Qaboos Street today **>A4**

Schools in Muscat governorate to close early on Tuesday **>A4**

many possibilities and advantages of partnership and investment, noting that statistics indicate that the value of trade between the Sultanate of Oman and Jordan amounted to nearly \$160.6 million in 2021.

Omani and Jordanian officials and businessmen have also affirmed that King Abdullah's visit would open new vistas of cooperation and growth in the private sector of the two countries.

The visit, they said, would boost the possibility of striking commercial partnerships and investment agreements which would contribute to raising the volume of trade exchange between the two countries.

Jordan businessmen told Oman News Agency (ONA) that trade and investment relations between the two countries are witnessing remarkable growth.

A spokesperson for the Jordanian Ministry of Industry and Trade said the value of Jordan's exports to the Sultanate of Oman till July 2022 reached \$30 million, while total imports from the Sultanate amounted to \$39 million.

A top official of the Omani-Jordanian Parliamentary Friendship Group said that meetings of the Omani-Jordanian Friendship Group are ongoing for enhancing the exchange of information and expertise in areas related to education, health and food security.

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The National Bank of Oman's Board of Directors,
Management and Employees extend their sincere
condolences to

Mr. Abdullah Zahran Abdullah Al Hinai

Chief Executive Officer, NBO
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Zahran Abdullah Al Hinai

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Maghrib.....	5:57pm
Isha.....	7:07pm
Fajr (Tomorrow).....	4:45am

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

RAFO transports goods for citizens

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) transported consumables for the citizens of a remote village situated in the Wilayat of Rustaq in the Governorate of South Al Batinah as it was difficult to deliver goods by road.

The Ministry of Defence said: "Royal Air Force of Oman, with the support of the Royal Army of Oman, flew one of its helicopters for the people of town of Yaqa in the Wilayat of Rustaq in the Governorate of South Al Batinah Governorate, to transport consumables to the people of those



areas and to facilitate the task of delivering supplies to the citizens through these roads due to the inaccessibility of these roads."

The Ministry of Defence added: "This comes within the framework of national efforts and development services provided by the Oman's Armed Forces to citizens."



Mahatma Gandhi statue unveiled at Indian embassy

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A life-size statue of modern-day great Mahatma Gandhi was unveiled at the Indian Embassy in Oman on Monday.

The visiting India's Minister of State for External Affairs, V Muraleedharan unveiled the statue in the presence of Indian Ambassador to Oman Amit Narang and other leading personalities of the Indian diaspora.

Commissioned by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR), the life-size bronze statue of Mahatma Gandhi is the first in Oman and underlines the historical relations between Oman and India. The statue is sculpted by renowned Indian artist Nareesh Kumawat.

A painting exhibition 'India and Oman, a political journey' by Indian artist Sedunath Prabhakaran, was also inaugurated as the newly-designed Indian library at the embassy.

ONA signs deal with ANI

The Ministry of Information, represented by Oman News Agency (ONA) today signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Asian News International (ANI) in the field of exchanging news and information.



The MoU was signed at the premises of the Indian embassy here by Ibrahim Saif Al Azri, Director General and Editor-in-Chief of ONA, and Amit Narang, Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Sultanate of Oman. The ceremony was attended by V. Muraleedharan, Indian Minister of State for External Affairs.

Ibrahim bin Saif al Azri, director-general and editor-in-chief of ONA and Amit Narang, the Indian envoy inked the deal in the presence of V Muraleedharan.

Muraleedharan welcomed the MoU which, he said, would boost news content and enable the two sides to exchange expertise and tap each other's resources to help keep pace with modern technology applied in the field—with digital media gaining grounds every day and allowing more transparency.

Muraleedharan also lauded the advanced level of relations between Oman and India.

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Economic ties on continuous growth path, say Jordanian businessmen

The visit of King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein would contribute to forming cooperation in various fields, especially in the private sector

AMMAN: Several Jordanian officials and businesspersons expressed their optimism about the upcoming official visit of King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein of the

Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Sultanate of Oman and his meeting with His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik. They said the visit would contribute to forming cooperation in various fields, especially in the private sector. They told Oman News Agency (ONA) that trade and investment relations between the two countries is witnessing remarkable growth. Yanal Al Barmawi, spokesperson for the Jordanian Ministry of Industry and Trade said that the two countries' leaderships bolstered the relations between both countries. He underscored the importance of holding the meetings of the Omani-Jordanian Joint Committee to sign new agreements that would augment the economic relations between the two sides. Al Barmawi pointed out that the value of Jordan's exports to the Sultanate of Oman



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On his turn, Na'el Al Kabariti, Chairman of Jordan Chamber of Commerce, described the trade and economic relations between

Oman and Jordan as distinguished and that those relations are based on the interests of the two countries within the frame-

work of joint Arab action. Al Kabariti stressed the importance of boosting cooperation relations between the two countries, especially in the private sector, through coordination between chambers of commerce to organise visits of economic and commercial delegations from Oman to Jordan. For his part, Eng. Haitham Al Rawajba, Jordanian businessman, said that the Omani market is an attractive one for foreign investment. He pointed out that investors need a business milieu which encourages success, such as the one in Oman. Al Rawajba said that Oman enjoys a strategic location, political and economic stability, diversification of income sources, infrastructure, logistics, customs exemptions, international agreements, freedom of capital and ownership ratio, taxes and more, which make it suitable for investment. -ONA

OMAN VISION 2040 IMPLEMENTATION FOLLOW-UP UNIT

Carbon Management Lab holds knowledge transfer sessions

MUSCAT: The Carbon Management Laboratory (CML) held a set of knowledge transfer sessions benefiting the departments concerned. A number of government institutions and private sector enterprises presented working papers on the management of carbon emissions, energy transformation and transfer of their experiences in the field. The sessions are organised by Oman Vision 2040 Implementation Follow-up Unit, under the supervision of the Ministry of Energy and Minerals—in cooperation with the Environment Authority and Civil Aviation Authority. The CML aims to find a com-

prehensive national strategy and a uniform operational plan for net zero emissions, in line with development objectives in various sectors. It supports the strategic approach lending priority to the environment and natural resources within the context of Oman Vision 2040. The CML also seeks to establish effective, balanced and resilient ecosystems to protect the environment and the sustainability of its natural resources as a measure to consolidate pillars of the national economy. The participants took up major issues shorted-listed in the lab's working papers, with a view to ad-

ressing common challenges faced by the four main sectors cited in the CML. The four sectors are named as follows: the "energy" sector (electricity, oil and gas), the "industry" sector, the "transport" sector and the "cities and buildings" sector. The parties concerned will modernise their plans, strategies and policies and determine frameworks regulating the introduction of initiatives and projects serving the overall goal of the CML. They will set targets and follow-up methods for initiatives and projects scheduled to realise net zero emissions in a manner that responds to needs of growth in different vital sectors in Oman. -ONA

GROWTH THROUGH TOURISM

TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT

Oman Tourism Development Company (OMRAN Group) would like to invite competent and experienced companies to participate in the following Tender:

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Tender Submission Date	31.10.2022
Tender Process Details	Please visit: www.omran.om/tenders/



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Announcement



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Warm welcome awaits Jordan King in Oman

Oman and Jordan flags have been hoisted along the Muttrah Corniche leading up to the Al Alam Palace

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A warm welcome awaits King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein of Jordan when he arrives in Muscat on Tuesday on a two-day official visit to the Sultanate of Oman.

Oman and Jordan flags have been put up along the Muttrah Corniche leading to the Al Alam Palace while the regular venue at Qurum also has the flags of the two countries fluttering.

The visit of the Jordan King comes within the framework of cooperation and coordination between the two leaderships to achieve further progress and growth that serve the two countries' peoples and meet their aspirations.

ONA reported that "talks between the two leaders are of great importance as these will strengthen cooperation in various fields."

Since the beginning of diplomatic exchange in the 1970s, the two countries' stands have been identical towards regional and



international issues. Both the nations have endorsed dialogue as an effective means of ensuring international peace and security.

The two countries have held consultations in various fields through mutual visits, including a meeting session held in Amman in July where they affirmed their resolve to strengthen bilateral cooperation, as well as ways to enhance joint Arab action to address challenges.

On the economic side, statis-

tics issued by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI) indicate that the volume of trade between Oman and Jordan increased by 33.8 per cent to OMR61.85mn in 2021, compared to OMR46.23mn in 2020.

Oman's imports from Jordan amounted to OMR35.40 million in 2021, compared to OMR24.62 million in 2020, an increase of 43.8 per cent, while Oman's total imports from Jordan during

the first six months of 2022 was OMR6.74 million.

The volume of Oman's exports to Jordan in 2021 was OMR26.44 million, compared to OMR21.61 million in 2020, an increase of 22.4 per cent. Exports in the first six months of 2022 has reached OMR15.58 million. NCSI statistics show that the volume of Jordanian investments in Oman was OMR230.4mn by the end of 2021.

BILATERAL TIES 'Jordan King's visit to boost investments'



MUSCAT: Qais Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, expressed his hope that the forthcoming visit of King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, to the Sultanate of Oman, starting on Tuesday will contribute to commercial exchange, investment and cooperation in different fields.

In a statement to Oman News Agency, Al Yousef said that Oman-Jordan relations are accorded special attention by His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik and King Abdullah. These relations, he explained, are un-

dergoing constant growth in all areas. The minister added that Oman-Jordan Joint Committee is discussing mechanisms for upgrading cooperation in economic, commercial and investment fields to meet the aspirations of their peoples.

Al Yousef pointed out that the volume of commercial exchange between Oman and Jordan grew by 33.8% to OMR61.855 million in 2021, compared to OMR46.236 million in 2020.

In Oman, the number of Jordanian business reached a total of 621 firms operating in the sectors of trade, services, industry and constructions. -ONA

CIRCULAR ISSUED

Schools to close early, parking curbs due to Jordan King's visit

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Schools in Muscat will be closed early on Tuesday due to the visit of the King Abdullah II of Jordan.

According to a circular issued by the Ministry of Education, "Schools in the Wilayats of Seeb, Bausher, Muttrah, Muscat and Amerat will close by 11.30 am on Tuesday."

The Ministry of Education also decided that there will be no evening classes at Seeb and Amerat on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the Royal Oman Police (ROP) has issued a circular banning parking of vehicles on both sides of Sultan Qaboos

Street on Tuesday and Wednesday. The statement issued by ROP said: "Royal Oman Police has announced that it will prevent parking of vehicles on both sides of the lane on Sultan Qaboos Street from Burj Al-Sahwa roundabout to the Wilayat of Muscat, on Tuesday and Wednesday (4-5 October 2022)."

This coincides with an announcement of Diwan of the Royal Court that King Abdullah II of the Kingdom of Jordan will pay an official visit to the Sultanate of Oman on Tuesday.

ROP calls on motorists to abide by the above and cooperate with policemen to serve the public interest.

JOINT PROJECTS

Omani-Jordanian relations are deep-rooted: OCCI Chairman

MUSCAT: Reda bin Juma Al Saleh, Chairman of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) said that the official visit of King Abdullah of Jordan to the Sultanate of Oman would enhance establishment of joint projects and establishment of relations between businessmen in both the countries.

It would activate the memorandum of understanding and agreements between them, he added.

He said that the Omani-Jordanian relations are deep-rooted and that the two countries enjoy partnership and investment potentials.

He said that statistics showed

that the exchange of trade between the Sultanate of Oman and Jordan amounted to \$160.6 million approximately in 2021 compared to \$120.1 million in 2020.

The number of Jordanian companies registered with the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion amounted to some 465 companies in which Jordan's contribution amounted to over \$1 billion in the various fields including trade, construction transport, services and industry among other sectors.

Speaking about the economic field, he said that there are ample potential of cooperation between the two countries which could

be achieved through intensifying exchange of visits of businessmen between the two countries, organising more joint exhibitions and availing from the Jordanian side's expertise in the private health sector and activation of co-operation in tourism field.

He called for organising promotional seminars on investment environment, incentives and available investment opportunities besides establishment of joint tourism projects - mainly in medical tourism and archaeological sites and signing more economic agreements supportive to investment cooperation between the two countries. -ONA

COMMERCIAL PARTNERSHIPS

Jordan King's visit opens new opportunities for private sector

MUSCAT: Several Omani officials and business people confirmed that the official visit of King Abdullah II of Jordan, to the Sultanate of Oman today will open vistas of development for the private sector in the two countries in many economic fields.

The visit, they affirmed, boosts the possibility of striking commercial partnerships and investments, which contribute to raising the volume of trade exchange.

Sheikh Mansour Harith Al Amri, Head of the Omani-Jordanian Parliamentary Friendship Group said that the visit will enhance prospects of cooperation in various fields.

He added that meetings of the

Omani-Jordanian Friendship Group are ongoing with the aim of enhancing the exchange of information and expertise in areas related to education, health and food security.

In his turn, Sheikh Ahmed Khalfan Al Ghufaili, Omani businessman underscored the importance of taking advantage of investment opportunities available in Oman and Jordan, especially in the tourism sector.

He also said that there is an opportunity for establishing a maritime link from the port of Aqaba in Jordan to various ports in Oman for tourism or commercial purposes.

For his part, Eng. Mohammed

Ibrahim Al Ajmi, Omani businessman, said that Oman and Jordan are connected with deep-rooted economic and trade relations.

He also stressed the importance of augmenting the volume of trade exchange between the two countries.

In her turn, Heba Said Al Kiyumi, Omani businesswoman, affirmed that the economic relations between the two countries are growing. She further said that trade movement between Oman and Jordan is witnessing a remarkable development through the export and import operations of various products, goods and services. -ONA

GLOBAL COLLEGE BOOSTS THE MARKET WITH OVER 450 SKILLED GRADUATES



The Global College of Engineering and Technology (GCET), Muscat, Oman held its second graduation ceremony on the 28th of September 2022 at Madinat Al Irfan Theatre, Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre. The ceremony was officiated by Professor Steve West, Vice-Chancellor of the University of the West of England (UWE), Bristol, United Kingdom and attended by H. E. Dr. Abdullah Abbas, Chairman of Board of trustees of GCET, Professor Geoffrey Elliott, Dean of GCET, members of board of trustees and board of directors of GCET, representatives from Government and private sector, and Embassies.

Professor Steve West, Vice-Chancellor of the University of the West of England (UWE), expressed his pride in this graduation as he said: "I am particularly proud to be here in Oman for the Graduation Ceremony, the initial UWE visit to approve the commencement of this partnership was in 2016, - we knew at the time that the values and drive at GCET matched those

at UWE - and I am so delighted that today we see those ambitions realized. It is really wonderful! We are continuing to enhance our partnership with GCET the UWE-GCET partnership extends beyond teaching, learning and research. UWE supports GCET in achieving its strategic goals which are aligned with the National Strategy for Education 2040 and Oman Vision 2040"

"GCET has graduated over 700 students since the start of the global pandemic in early 2020 and 450 attended the 2nd graduation ceremony. Learning does not end by graduation, it is a continuous life-long process. We at GCET hope that graduates have developed their skills and gained knowledge and have made life-long friendships. We at GCET, in partnership with the University of the West of England, continue to be committed to providing a caring, modern, and quality-driven, higher education experience in the Sultanate of Oman" Professor Geoffrey Elliott, Dean of GCET said.

Graduate, Eng. Salim Al Nabhani, BEng (Hons) Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering said: "I am very proud to be part of this prestigious ceremony where I celebrate my graduation as part of the second batch of GCET. This day is a day to remember and the harvest of all the efforts, long nights, hard work, and continuous quest to achieve big dreams and ambitions. We are moving today towards achieving higher and bigger goals, to be a part of this wonderful country and work together to achieve the best and the good of Oman and the world utilizing our education, talents, skills, and capabilities we developed during our study time". It is worth mentioning that 450 graduates of which 430 graduates were awarded Bachelor's degrees and 20 graduates with Master's degrees. Furthermore, GCET offers diverse and unique academic programmes and study options in the fields of Engineering and Technology. The College will soon also mark its 10th anniversary of being part of the higher education sector in the Sultanate.



MUSCAT: Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) succeeded in farming and producing Asian seabass (barramundi) and cherry tomatoes through an aquaponics system.

Dr. Wenresti Gallardo, Associate Professor at the Department of Marine Sciences and Fisheries in the College of Agricultural and Marine Sciences tested more



expensive fish and plants in the aquaponics system in a greenhouse at the Agricultural Experiment Station (AES)

The tests aimed to identify suitable fish and plant species that can grow in an aquaponics system in Oman's climatic conditions.

Aquaponics is an environment-friendly way of growing both fish

and plants in one system because water is recirculated and wastewater is not discharged to the environment.

The wastewater is utilized for the growth of plants after the naturally occurring nitrifying bacteria have converted the ammonia to nitrite then to nitrate which serves as fertilizer for the plants. -ONA

MUSCAT: The Omani-Iranian Military Friendship Joint Committee held its 17th annual meeting here on Monday.

During the three-day meeting, the Omani side is headed by Brigadier Abdulaziz Abdullah Al Manthari, Assistant Chief of Staff of the Sultan's Armed Forces (SAF) for Operations and

Planning, Head of the Omani side in the joint committee, while the Iranian side was headed by Brigadier Mohammed Ahadi, Head of the Iranian delegation.

The meeting touched on several matters on the agenda which aim to enhance cooperation in military fields and boost the committee's activities. -ONA

FLAMENCO MEETS TANGO. FROM BUENOS AIRES TO SEVILLE

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Royal Opera House Muscat is delighted to present the World Premiere of Flamenco Meets Tango, From Buenos Aires to Seville.

The Compañía Flamenca Antonio Andrade has joined forces with Tango Legends to deliver a vibrant show exploring two of the world's most loved dance and music genres.

Each genre has been awarded the title of 'Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity' by UNESCO, shown to embody the identity and passion of two great countries.

The programme is designed to showcase the best of both genres, moving seamlessly from Flamenco to Tango and back before culminating in a grand finale which merges the two forms and redefines a cultural relationship.

The concept is a Royal Opera House Muscat commission, designed by Javier Andrade of the Compañía Flamenca Antonio Andrade and produced by Con Arte Music and Management for Teatro Flamenco Sevilla.

Flamenco is brought to you by the musical genius of guitarist and artistic director, Anto-



nio Andrade and his Flamenco dance company, while the Tango is presented by the Cinco Esquinas Quintet, the singer Solange Freyre and the dance partners of Guillermo León and Rebecca Nuñez, Mariano Otero and Alejandra Heredia and Gonzalo Capitani and Carolina González.

The show will be a stunning visual journey into a dramatic

world of music and dance. Be inspired by the cultural experience and the originality of this World Premiere.

The performance will take place at the Royal Opera House Muscat over two nights on October 6 & 7, at 7pm.

For more details or to book tickets please visit the ROHM box office, website or app.



Tender Announcement

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Muscat Electricity Distribution Company S.A.O.C invites interested companies to participate in the following tenders

Tender No.	Description	Last Date of Buying	Date of Submission	Grade	Site Visit	Tender Price (OMR)
MEDC/2022-73	Supply & Installation of: • Fault Passage Indicators for Under Ground Cables/Overhead Line Conductors networks with connection of SCADA system • Motorized Actuators for the RMU with connection of SCADA system	12/10/2022	1/11/2022	B and above	16/10/2022 on at 9:00 AM in MEDC Head Office (with Full PPE)	105
MEDC/2022-75	Maintenance MR On Load Tap Changer (OLTC) for 78 Transformers	12/10/2022	1/11/2022	Specialist	Not Required	52.5

The table below shows the instructions for participation: -

Participation	- Companies registered with Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion and in I Supplier with Nama Groupe may obtain Tender document. - The amount specified above is including 5% VAT. - For companies holding valid Riyada card, the tender fees will be 25% only from the tender price. - The amount specified above is Non-Refundable payment (Terms and Condition apply) - to obtain the tender document and payment procedure , please visit MEDC Website/Vendor/E-Tendering, www.medcoman.com or call 24588600 – Ext: 8577 – 8726
Enquiries	- Any inquiry can be sent to MEDC Website/Vendor/E-Tendering, www.medcoman.com , one week before bid submission date - Any request for clarification received after the above-mentioned period will not be considered.
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DEVASTATING FLOODS

Around 1,700 died, over 12,800 injured in Pakistan's flood

ISLAMABAD: At least 1,695 people were killed while 12,865 were injured so far (October 2) since mid-June due to the devastating floods and rains in Pakistan, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) said on Sunday.

Pakistan has endured severe monsoon weather since mid-June 2022, causing widespread flooding and landslides with severe reper-

cussions on human lives, property, agriculture, and infrastructure. To date, 81 districts across five of Pakistan's six provinces have been declared 'calamity hit' by the Government of Pakistan -- with Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh provinces being the worst hit.

As of mid-September, 33 million people had been affected, at least 1,481 persons have died,

over 12,720 people have been injured and an estimated 7.6 million persons may be temporarily displaced.

The floods have also caused the damage and destruction of 1.8 million houses, with 1.5 million houses in Sindh province alone.

Meanwhile, the United Nations is set to launch another appeal this week for an additional USD 600 million to Pakistan to help the

country recover from the impact of the record-breaking floods.

"2nd Follow-up meeting of Steering Committee for Coordination Regarding International Assistance for Flood Relief Activities, chaired by Mr Humair Karim, Acting Secretary EAD to discuss mapping of humanitarian assistance and relief efforts," Pakistan's Economic Affairs Division (EAD) said in a tweet. **ANI**



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Jair Bolsonaro to face Lula in run off to Brazil President poll

Lula and Bolsonaro will face each other again on October 30 for a run-off vote



BRASILIA: Brazil's incumbent President Jair Bolsonaro will face former President Luiz Inacio 'Lula' da Silva in the deciding second round of Brazil's presidential election later this month.

Neither candidate was able to hit the 5 per cent mark needed to win in the first round, reported CNN. With more than 97 per cent of the vote counted on Sunday evening, results released by Brazil's Electoral Superior Court (TSE) showed left-wing candidate and former president Luiz Silva held a slight lead over incumbent Presi-

dent Bolsonaro - but not enough to cross the threshold to victory.

Lula and Bolsonaro will face each other again on October 30 for a run-off vote, reported CNN.

The vote on Sunday followed a bruising campaign season marked by bitter verbal attacks and a series of violent incidents between supporters of Bolsonaro and Lula.

Several other presidential candidates were in the running but trailed far behind the two front-runners. Voters also cast ballots for new state governors, senators, federal and state deputies for the country's 26 states and the federal district, reported CNN.

While there were nearly a dozen candidates on the ballot, the race

was dominated from the outset by Lula and Bolsonaro, two titans of Brazilian politics.

Bolsonaro, 67, ran for re-election under the conservative Liberal Party. He has campaigned to increase mining, privatize public companies, and generate more sustainable energy to bring down energy prices.

He has vowed to continue paying a Brazilian real 600 (about USD 110) monthly benefit known as Auxilio Brasil.

Often referred to as the "Trump of the Tropics," Bolsonaro, who is supported by key evangelical leaders, is a highly polarizing figure. His government is known for its support for ruthless exploitation of land in the Amazon, leading to record deforestation figures.

Environmentalists are warning that the future of the rainforest could be at stake in this election.

Bolsonaro has also been widely criticized for his handling of the Covid-19 pandemic. More than 686,000 people in Brazil have died from the virus, reported CNN.

Lula, 76, focused his campaign on getting Bolsonaro out of the office and highlighted his past achievements throughout his campaign.

His campaign promised a new tax regime that will allow for higher public spending.

He has vowed to end hunger in the country, which has returned during

the Bolsonaro government. Lula also promises to work to reduce carbon emissions and deforestation in the Amazon, reported CNN.

Lula, however, is also no stranger to controversy. He was convicted for corruption and money laundering in 2017, on charges stemming from the wide-ranging "Operation Car Wash" investigation into the state-run oil company Petrobras. But after serving less than two years, a Supreme Court Justice annulled Lula's conviction in March 2021, clearing the way for him to run for president for the sixth time.

Meanwhile, Bolsonaro sowed doubts about the voting system without evidence, raising questions about whether he would accept defeat. Lula is making a bid to return to the top of Brazilian politics 20 years after he first stormed to the presidency.

The 76-year-old former metal worker and union leader lifted millions out of poverty as president but has since been tainted by corruption scandals. **ANI**

STAMPEDE

Indonesia launches investigation into deadly football match stampede

JAKARTA: A partially independent team will investigate the failings that led to the deaths of 125 people, including 32 children, at a soccer match in Indonesia over the weekend, a government minister said on Monday.

The fact-finding team will be made up of government officials, football association officials, experts, academics and journalists.

"The team is expected to finish its work in two or three weeks," senior security minister Mohammad Mahfud said.

Police will also conduct a separate investigation looking into the people believed to be responsible for the tragedy.

What we know about the Indonesian soccer tragedy

The events unfolded on Saturday night at the Kanjuruhan stadium in East Java. Angry fans of the home team Arema FC stormed the pitch after losing 3-2 to their local rivals Persebaya Surabaya.

In response, police fired tear gas into the stands. The resulting panic saw spectators rush to the exits where many people suffocated or were crushed. Two police



officers were also killed.

Following the disaster — one of the worst in recent sports history — President Joko Widodo suspended all games in the top Liga 1 competition.

Accusations have been leveled at security forces as well as stadium officials with questions be-

ing raised about the use of tear gas in crowded areas, as well as the excessive number of tickets being sold leading to overcapacity in the stadium.

Activists call for accountability
Human Rights Watch (HRW)

called for police to be held accountable in light of their decision to fire "significant and excessive amounts of teargas, which apparently caused suffocation, and stamped the crowd towards exits where many were trampled to death," HRW deputy Asia director Phil Robertson said.

Security minister Mahfud said the government had asked the police to "find the perpetrators who have committed crimes in the next few days."

"We asked them to unveil who has perpetrated the crimes and that action must be taken against them and we also hope the National Police will evaluate their security procedures," he added.

Police chief sacked, 9 officers suspended

A local police chief has been sacked and nine officers suspended after the incident, national police spokesperson Dedi Prasetyo said.

At least 28 officers were also investigated for suspected ethical violations, he added.

"We are working fast, but with prudence," Prasetyo said. **DW**

SUICIDE BOMBING

46 girls, women among 53 killed in Kabul education centre bombing: UN

KABUL: At least 46 girls and young women were among the 53 people killed in Friday's blast at the education centre in Afghanistan's capital Kabul, the United Nations said on Monday.

"Further rise in casualties from Friday's classroom bombing in Hazara quarter of Kabul: 53 killed, at least 46 girls & young women 110 injured. Our human rights team continues documenting the crime: verifying facts & establishing reliable data to counter denial and revisionism," the UN mission tweeted.

This surge in the Kabul blast toll comes on the same day as another explosion occurred on Monday in the western part of the Afghan capital that targeted the Hazara-populated area.

The explosion occurred near the Pul-e-Sukhta area near the Shahid Mazari Road, The Khaama Press news agency reported.

So far, there are no additional details on the explosion and the casualties. The Taliban officials have yet to issue a statement on the explosion.

There are multiple media reports claiming that about 100 stu-

dents of the institute have been killed in the attack, however, the UN mission in Afghanistan said that its human rights teams in Kabul are helping to establish an accurate record of the college attack in the Hazara neighbourhood.

On Saturday, dozens of women from the minority Hazara community protested in Kabul against the terror attack at the Kaaj Educational Centre.

The women protestors dressed in black chanted slogans against the genocide of minorities and demanded their rights, Pajhwok Afghan News reported.

This explosion comes a few days after a blast was reported near the Wazir Akbar Khan area of Kabul that sparked a global outcry.

The recent blast outside the Russian Embassy in Kabul was also condemned in the strongest terms.

This series of blasts comes as the Taliban completed one year of its rule in Afghanistan following the ouster of the US-backed civilian government last year. Rights groups said the Taliban had broken multiple pledges to respect human and women's rights. **ANI**

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Oman Science Festival 2022 aims to stimulate creative thinking

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Education organised a press conference on Monday on the upcoming 3rd edition of Oman Science Festival 2022. The festival will run from 10 to 15 October 2022, under the themed "With Science we meet again".

The press conference was attended by Dr. Abdullah Khamis Ambusaidi, Education Undersecretary, Chairman of the Main Committee of the Oman Science Festival.

The Education Undersecretary said: "Oman Science Festival is a forum for science and scholars, which will be held at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Center (OCEC), with more than 70 scientific corners with 452 activities that cover several fields."

Those fields, Dr. Abdullah added, include health, energy, programming, and others, presented by a large number of governmental, pri-



vate, military and security institutions and a number of international organisations such as the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Food Organization (FAO), UNESCO, ISESCO, the University of Glasgow and the Calcio Institute of Technology in Germany, which presents a number of scientific concepts, scientific competitions and workshops, and technological devices and applications in an attractive and enjoyable way for students,

teachers and members of society.

He further said: "The festival aims mainly to communicate science to students and members of society in an easy and interactive way that stimulates creative thinking, and to create a positive trend towards science, innovation and scientific research."

"The festival also aims to keep pace with global trends based on the dissemination of science and technology and the expected fu-

ture changes and developments. This festival will host four scientific discussion sessions that address contemporary global issues over two consecutive days, bringing together a group of professors and academics from international organizations and government institutions from inside and outside the Sultanate of Oman."

Dr. Maya Al Azari, Head of the Scientific Committee of the Festival in its third edition, gave a presentation on the vision, goals, activities, and pillars of the festival.

Dr. Maya said that the festival's activities will be held at OCEC, including corners, scientific workshops, and the theater that will host the discussion sessions, is estimated at (12,000) square meters. She added that the objectives of the festival is to spread scientific culture among various segments of society, whether they are school students, students of higher education institutions and others interested in science.

The festival, Dr. Maya said, represents a link between students and sectors concerned with science and innovation, and the dissemination of scientific culture among members of society and its output in an easy and attractive way that encourages students to realize the importance of science in life, urging them to innovate and to continue learning in scientific disciplines.

Each of the festival's corners will also host a number of diverse activities, as well as an exhibition of scientific innovations, which will include more than (75) scientific innovations, innovators' workshops and various scientific competitions that continue throughout the festival days such as a drone competition, Stimazone, and other scientific competitions.

The festival also includes two scientific theatres: Ahmed bin Majid Theater, which will host more than (300) visitors, and Ibn Al Haytham Theatre which will host more than (20) visitors. As for the discussion sessions, there are four discussion sessions, covering four themes, food security, cybersecurity, climate change and its impacts, and astronomy and space sciences. **-ONA**



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MUTINY

Burkina Faso junta leader agrees to quit after mutiny

OUAGADOUGOU: Burkina Faso's junta leader Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba has agreed to step down, religious leaders said on Sunday, after a mutiny within the military left the West African nation in chaos.

On Friday, several officers went on state television to announce they had ousted Damiba, who himself had led a putsch in January that overthrew the country's democratically elected president.

The soldiers accused him of failing to crack down on attacks that left more than 40% of the country under the control of Islamic extremist groups.

What's the latest?
Damiba's resignation was later



confirmed by state television, which said that Captain Ibrahim Traore had been officially named head of state.

Religious leaders who helped negotiate a solution said the junta leader had given seven conditions. These included a guarantee of security for his allies in the military and "a guarantee of his security and rights."

He also demanded that those

taking power respect the pledge he had given to West Africa's regional bloc for a return to civilian rule within two years.

Just a day earlier, Damiba said he had no intention of giving up power and urged the mutinous leaders to "come to their senses" to avoid violence.

Damiba could not be reached for comment. A close family member told Reuters he left the country on Sunday. Ouagadougou was mostly calm on Sunday after sporadic gunfire across the capital throughout Saturday between opposing army factions.

Tear gas fired from French Embassy
On Saturday, amid unconfirmed

reports that Damiba was staging a counteroffensive from a French base, hundreds of Trarore's supporters protested in front of the French Embassy.

Security forces at the embassy fired tear gas at dozens of protesters on Sunday, the AFP news agency reported from Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso's capital.

France was the colonial power in Burkina Faso.

The French Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the base had never hosted Damiba and denounced the violence against its embassy.

Damiba also denied he was at the base in his remarks on the presidency's official Facebook page, calling the claim an attempt

U-TURN

UK govt makes U-turn on tax cut for top earners

LONDON: A government plan to cut a tax for top earners which sent markets into turmoil and risked a rebellion in Parliament has been axed, UK Finance Minister Kwasi Kwarteng said on Monday.

Prime Minister Liz Truss came into power less than one month ago, but her government has come under heavy fire for a plan to reduce taxes for the most wealthy in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis.

Following warnings from top lawmakers in her Conservative Party that the proposed "mini-budget" would not make it through Parliament, Truss and her finance minister backed down.

"We get it, and we have listened," Kwarteng said on the second day of the annual Conservative conference.

In light of the government U-turn, the pound returned to its pre-announcement value of



around \$1.12.

Dashed hopes for 'Trussonomics'
Truss's government had hoped for a running start with a series of budget policies that they believed would boost growth. This had included a plan to

do away with a 45% income tax on any earnings above £150,000 (\$167,000) a year, announced on September 23.

The £45 billion tax-cut stimulus package would have been funded by government borrowing.

The resulting plunge of the pound led the independent Bank of England to intervene to prop up the flailing bond market. Fears over further interest rate hikes also caused turmoil in the housing market.

The announced budget had sparked widespread anger, including from Conservative lawmakers who feared the unpopular tax cut could see them lose their seats in Parliament.

Truss and Kwarteng had argued that the tax cut would trigger investment and growth which would eventually result in even great tax revenues, but also admitted that social spending would have to be cut. **bw**



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Seeb to face Bahrain's Al Riffa in AFC Cup West Zone final today

A win for Seeb will create a history as they will become the first team from the Sultanate to reach the AFC Cup final

Times News Service

MUSCAT: History beckons Oman's Al Seeb Club when they lock horns with Bahrain's Al Riffa in the 2022 AFC Cup West Zone final at the Seeb Sports Stadium in Muscat on Tuesday. The match kicks off at 7pm.

A win for Seeb, the reigning domestic league and His Majesty's Cup champions, will create a history as they will become the first team from the Sultanate to reach the AFC Cup final in the current format.

Al Riffa are also in the same situation and are also one match away from reaching their first-ever AFC Cup final. Seeb will hope to exploit the home conditions and backed by a large number of fans, they are hoping to write a new chapter in club football history of Oman. Riffa will bid to keep the West Zone title in Bahrain after Bahrain's Muharraq Club won the 2021 edition.

It has been a dream journey for the hosts on their continental debut, delayed by one year from its original date, having been forced to withdraw from the 2021 edition due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions in Oman at the time.

Seeb defeated Syria's Jableh SC 1-0 in the opening match. They re-



covered from the setback of losing 1-2 to three-time AFC Cup champions Kuwait SC in style with a 4-0 defeat of Lebanon's Al Ansar to seal the top spot in Group A. The win guaranteed them a place in the West Zonal semifinal where they emerged 2-1 winners against Kuwait's Al Arabi after 120 minutes.

Just like their upcoming opponents, Al Riffa had to bounce back from losing to Kuwaiti opposition in the group stage; their opening game ended with a 3-2 comeback for Al Arabia.

But two wins on the trot, 3-2 against Dhofar and 3-1 against Shabab Al Khalil, were enough for them to book the best runners-up ticket to the second West Zone semifinal. In the semis, they needed penalty shootouts to defeat domestic rivals East Riffa.

Seeb and Al Riffa have never met in the AFC Cup.

For Seeb, this will be their first encounter against a Bahraini side in their inaugural participation in the continental competition.

Clubs from Oman and Bahrain have met twice in the AFC Cup knockout stage; in the 2006 quarterfinals, Muharraq Club beat Al Nasr 3-2 in Oman then lost 0-1 at home but advanced to the semifinals on away goals, going on to reach the final which they lost to Jordan's Al Faisaly.

Two years later, Muharraq locked horns with Oman's Al Nahda, and again progressed on away goals after losing 0-1 at home and winning 2-1 in Oman, reaching the final and winning their first AFC Cup title. No Omani club has ever won the AFC Cup.

Seeb's heroics this year already match the best-ever result in the competition, achieved by Al Nahda in 2008, while no team from Oman has reached the knockout stage

since the introduction of the zonal system in 2017.

Bahraini clubs have historically fared relatively better than their Omani peers in the competition, although only Muharraq were more often than not the nation's most successful representative, winning two titles and finishing second once.

Skipper Al Aswad is Al Riffa's top scorer in the competition so far with three goals.

Two players share the top spot among Seeb scorers with two goals; central midfielder and captain Eid Al Farsi opened Seeb's AFC Cup account before adding his second in the 4-0 demolition of Al Ansar. The other is striker Muhsen al Ghassani who scored a consolation goal in the 2-1 defeat to Kuwait SC before getting his side's first in the 2-1 extra-time win in the West Zone semifinal against Al Arabi.



Oman down Bahrain to top group in ICC U19 Asia qualifiers

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Hosts Oman defeated Bahrain by a margin of 86 runs to emerge as Group A topper in the ongoing ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup Division -2 Asia Qualifier at the Oman Cricket Academy (OCA) grounds on Monday.

The win meant Oman will take on the loser of the Group B match between Singapore and Hong Kong in the semifinals, scheduled on Thursday.

The Group B topper [winner of Singapore vs Hong Kong] will be decided on Tuesday.

Bahrain will take on the Group B winner in the other semifinal.

It was a clinical all-round performance by the hosts despite the team failing to capitalise on the strong start as they were bowled out for 178 in 48.5 overs.

Openers Lakshmi Satish and Devansh Loya gelled well for the first time in the tournament as they shared a 61-run stand after Oman skipper Arjun Dhiman won the toss and elected to bat first at OCA 2 ground.

Loya was first to depart for 29 and Satish (31) was next as Oman reached 84/2 in 25.3 overs. However, a double-strike by Bahrain's Nadith Tennakoon put the hosts on the back foot in the 26th over

as he prized the wicket of in-form Dhiman off the last ball of the over.

Aryan Bisht, who had already scored a half-century (60) in the opening group game against Bhutan, then played another solid knock as he remained unbeaten on 48 off 55 balls.

Bisht was resolute but found little support at the other end as Oman was restricted to 178. Tennakoon and Muhammad Adil Khan were the most successful bowlers with four wickets each.

Bahrain had a disappointing start as medium pacer Mohammed Arafat Islam struck a double blow as he dismissed skipper Aryan Ashwin and Ananth Krishnan Natesan off successive deliveries. Both the batters were snared behind by Rahil Habibulla, who had a good day behind as he later had one stumping to his name.

The early setback pushed Bahrain in a shell and the middle order caved in as they were left tottering at 28/5 in 15th over. Muhammad Adil Khan and Aryan Pande tried to fight back with a sixth-wicket stand of 34 but once Adil Khan departed, bowled by Satish for 22, the writing was on the wall. The tail failed to wag as Bahrain was bowled out for 92 in 34.3 overs.

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Hat-tricks from Haaland, Foden help City sink United 6-3

MANCHESTER : Twin hat-tricks from Erling Haaland and Phil Foden helped Manchester City thrash rivals Manchester United 6-3 at Etihad Stadium in their Premier League tie on Sunday.

The City was dominant in the match from the get-go. Scott McTominay and David de Gea were able to keep Bernardo Silva and De Bruyne away in early few occasions.

But minutes later, Foden capitalised on some loose marking from Christian Eriksen and gave the hosts an early advantage. Foden's English colleague Jack Grealish kept terrifying United's defence. Haaland tripled City's lead with two quick goals in 34th and 37th minute, sending United fans into shock. Both of these two goals came after some brilliant play between the striker and Kevin De Bruyne.

Foden's second strike came just a minute before half-time and Manchester United left the stadium with an awful first half, with very little hope for a comeback.

Antony opened United's goal tally with a brilliant goal in the 56th minute, scoring one from 25 yards. It seemed that there was still some hope for his team. But Foden and Haaland soon crashed



the party, with Haaland scoring in the 64th minute and Foden scoring in the 72nd minute to complete their respective hat-tricks.

Down by 5-1 in the 72nd minute, United was completely down and out. Anthony Martial provided two late consolation goals in the 84th minute and one minute past the full time. It included a goal from a penalty after being tripped by Joao Cancelo, but they did nothing other than cutting the distance between two-arch rivals.

The day would be extremely memorable for Foden as he scored against United for the very first time and goals came in three, taking his goal tally for the club to 51. Haaland also hit yet another hat-trick in the season.

Manchester United fans crashed down the earth after their side's four-match winning run.

OMAN CRUDE PRICE RISES

The price of Oman oil has increased, with prices for delivery by November 2022 reaching \$88.21, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil rose by 90 cents. - **ONA**

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MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

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Integrated power, water plant commences operation in Sezad

The potential capacity of the integrated power and water plant is 326 megawatts of electricity and 36,000 cubic metres of water per day

Times News Service



MUSCAT: The Centralised Utilities Company (Marafiq) announced the partial commissioning of the integrated power and water plant in the Special Economic Zone at Duqm (Sezad) to provide electricity and desalinated water for Duqm Refinery (OQ 8) and Oman

Tank Terminal Company.

This outstanding achievement comes in line with the company's efforts to develop the utility sector in Duqm under the Central Utilities Services Agreement with the Special Economic Zone at Duqm. Accordingly, Marafiq established the

subsidiary company, Duqm Power Company, to develop Duqm Integrated Power and Water Project and a 132-kV-high voltage line project to transmit electricity from the plant to the Ras Markaz oil tanks project, located around 80km away. In this regard, Eng. Abdullah bin

Mohammed Al Hashmi, Executive Director of Marafiq Company, pointed out, "The potential capacity of the integrated power and water plant is 326 megawatts of electricity and 36,000 cubic metres of water per day. The plant includes a seawater intake facility with a sup-

ply capacity of 1.5 million cubic metres per day, in addition to a water outtake line with a capacity of up to 1 million cubic metres per day."

"This project boosted the company's contribution to the local In-Country Value (ICV) with over \$56 million invested in local prod-

ucts and services. Furthermore, nearly 60 training opportunities were provided for Omanis and 5 other training-for-employment opportunities were offered for Duqm's community. Therefore, the number of overall job opportunities provided by the Company to Omanis reached 34 direct jobs with more than 360 other indirect jobs, marking Omanisation at 71 per cent," he clarified.

Eng. Abdullah Al Hashmi stressed that the Integrated Power and Water Plant marks one of the significant investments for OQ Group and Oman Investment Authority (OIA) in the Special Economic Zone at Duqm. It comes among several other investments aimed at thriving the investment environment in the zone. It is worth noting that the plant completed this year's major commissioning tests and started supplying electricity and water to Duqm Refinery.

Marafiq is a joint venture - owned by OQ, a subsidiary of the Oman Investment Authority and Gulf Energy Development Corporation of Thailand.

SUR INDUSTRIAL CITY

13 contracts worth OMR2 million signed between large enterprises and SMEs

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Sur Industrial City, affiliated with the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates (Madayn), organised a signing ceremony on Monday for handling contracts between large enterprises and SMEs.

A memorandum of cooperation was also signed to implement Air Quality Monitoring Station Network (AQMSN) in the wilayat of Sur as part of the national programme for environmental monitoring and detection of surrounding air quality.

The event was held at the University of Technology and Applied Sciences in Sur under the auspices of Dr Abdullah bin Ali Al Amri, Chairman of the Environment Authority.

Speaking at the event, Eng. Abdulqadir bin Salim Al Balushi, Director General of Sur Industrial City, pointed out that a total of 13 handling contracts worth nearly OMR2 million got signed at the event between Oman India Fertiliser Company (Omifco), Oman LNG, Phoenix Power Company, with a group of SMEs.

"The contracts involve various logistics and support services, and we hope to maximize these services in the coming years through continuous cooperation and sup-



port received from the major companies in Sur Industrial City," Al Balushi said.

Al Balushi added that as a result of constant coordination between Madayn and the Environment Authority, Madayn has signed an MoU with Omifco, Oman LNG, and Phoenix Power Company to implement air quality monitoring stations in several locations in South Al Sharqiyah governorate.

"Madayn pays significant attention to the environmental aspects being one of the national priorities

of Oman Vision 2040," Al Balushi said, adding, "In this regard, Sur Industrial City has recently completed the engineering designs to implement phase 1 of 'green buffer zone' on 100,000 sqm in Sur Industrial City with the support from Omifco.

"Work on this project will commence during Q4 of the current year and the implementation shall take 7 months. This project, which will include planting 1,000 trees, walkway and seating areas, shall generate small investment oppor-

tunities for the entrepreneurs to provide support services and consequently ensure the sustainability of the project."

Within its annual agenda, Sur Industrial City is undertaking efforts to plant 500 trees to increase the green area and contribute to the national initiative implemented by the Environment Authority to plant 10 million trees in Oman.

On his part, Eng. Ahmed bin Khamis Al Kasbi, Director of Operations at Sur Industrial City, commented that the industrial city is strategically located on a total area of 34 million sqm and offers 23 million sqm of investable areas. Sur Industrial City is home to 130 projects with a total investment value exceeding OMR2.3 billion. In addition to the presence of several major projects and SMEs representing various industries, Sur Industrial City also enjoys the presence of service projects such as Sur Gate, Hay Al Sharooq Residential Complex, and Hay Al Sharooq International School.

It should be noted that the national programme for monitoring the environment and the detection of surrounding air quality comes within the framework of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and supports the priorities in Oman Vision 2040.

11TH MEETING



CBO participates in Gulf Payments Company board meeting in Saudi

RIYADH: The Gulf Payments Company (GPC) Board of Directors held its 11th meeting yesterday in Riyadh, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).

The meeting was attended by Tahir Salim Al Amri, the Executive President of the Central Bank of Oman (CBO) and Gulf Payments Company Deputy Director.

The meeting discussed the agenda items, the decision-implementation follow-up report, an update of the articles of association of the Gulf Payments

Company and the activities of the Auditing and Review Committee.

The meeting also reviewed AFAQ payment system, which aims at providing RTGS between GCC central banks, supporting transactions using GCC local currencies, facilitating clearing and financial settlement processes, enhancing merging requirements between financial markets and ensuring speedy, unified and robust monetary transfers to strengthen financial stability in the GCC states. -**ONA**

LONG-TERM SERVICE CONTRACT

OQ's Gas Network inks maintenance and engineering service contract



MUSCAT: OQ's Gas Network (OQGN), one of OQ's assets, signed an agreement with Gulf Petrochemicals Services (GPS) for a maintenance and engineering service contract.

As part of this agreement, GPS will provide the entire gamut of day-to-day maintenance portfolio related to OQ's Gas Network assets across Oman.

Speaking on the occasion, Mansoor Al Abdali, Managing Director of OQ Gas Network said, "This long-term service contract is vital to our business as it contributes to our

goals towards reliability and availability and serves as an effective platform to bring innovation and efficiency in serving our customers.

Significant

The scope and scale of this contract are significant and we are happy to partner with GPS as this reinforces our commitment to nurture and mature domestic organisations having capabilities of competing locally and internationally and supporting the country's economic growth.

OQGN is delighted to support

such organisations to deliver sustainable outcomes in our facilities- safely and proficiently. We strongly believe that this contract will immensely contribute to our drive to create value through localisation and enhancing in-country value. With long-standing business relationship, we believe GPS is well aligned with OQ expectations and priorities."

Business partnership

Naveen Chana, General Manager of Gulf Petrochemicals Services said, "We are honoured that OQ

Gas Network has selected us again to provide them with ongoing maintenance services. We will continue to provide top-notch service as we continue to renew this new business partnership."

The contract scope comprises preventive, corrective and predictive maintenance, call-off services and third-party services and also incorporates management and execution of minor scale EPC Projects (new pipeline connection) which facilitates quicker project initiation/ kick-off and rapid mobilisation.



MARKET



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MSX index ends higher

The trading value stood at OMR2,381,291, comprising a drop of 26.3 per cent, compared to the last session



MUSCAT: Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) general index (30) gained (15.7) points, comprising a rise of 0.34 per cent to close at 4588.55 points, compared to the last session, which stood at 4572.82 points.

The trading value stood at OMR2,381,291, comprising a drop of 26.3 per cent, compared to the last session, which stood at OMR3,230,516.

The report released by MSX

pointed out that the market value went up by 0.033 per cent to reach about OMR23.22 billion.

The report added that the value of shares bought by non-Omani investors reached OMR280,000, comprising 11.77 per cent. The value of shares sold by non-Omani investors reached OMR852,000, comprising 35.78 per cent. The net non-Omani investment decreased by 24.01 per cent to OMR572,000. -**ONA**

MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

OMAN STOCKS

INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	4,591.08	4,572.82	4,588.55	4,572.82	15.74	0.34
FINANCIAL INDEX	7,302.06	7,262.09	7,298.36	7,262.09	36.26	0.50
Industry Index	6,258.96	6,236.11	6,242.41	6,236.11	6.30	0.10
Services Index	1,631.95	1,625.30	1,625.30	1,628.48	-3.19	-0.20
MSX Shariah Index	485.61	483.69	484.93	484.10	0.83	0.17
MSX TR INDEX	5,790.42	5,767.39	5,787.24	5,767.39	19.85	0.34
FINANCIAL TR IDX	7,640.79	7,598.97	7,636.91	7,598.97	37.94	0.50
SERVICES TR IDX	1,694.63	1,687.72	1,687.72	1,691.03	-3.31	-0.20
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	6,495.75	6,472.04	6,478.57	6,472.04	6.54	0.10

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
7,275,576	2,381,291	355	23,224,524,725	13	9	22	44

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST RD	LAST OFFER	PUR VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET															
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	106,626	14,181	5	0.133	0.133	0.133	0.133	0.130	0.003	2.308	0.133	0.134	0.133	0.100_259,304,443
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	7,512	3,382	7	0.446	0.448	0.446	0.448	0.440	0.008	1.818	0.448	0.448	0.460	0.100_24,640,000
OM0000001525	OMAN INVST&FIN	170,863	22,192	18	0.129	0.130	0.129	0.130	0.129	0.001	0.775	0.130	0.130	0.135	0.100_30,810,000
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	5,000	1,510	1	0.302	0.302	0.302	0.302	0.300	0.002	0.667	0.302	0.300	0.000	0.100_99,923,558
OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	160	88	1	0.552	0.552	0.552	0.550	0.002	0.364	0.552	0.000	0.100_86,940,000		
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT. ENG.	130,000	14,400	8	0.110	0.111	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.000	0.000	0.110	0.110	0.120	0.100_15,490,000
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	115,000	30,820	4	0.268	0.268	0.268	0.268	0.268	0.000	0.000	0.268	0.252	0.266	0.100_43,575,623
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	193,910	64,378	3	0.332	0.332	0.332	0.332	0.332	0.000	0.000	0.332	0.332	0.346	0.100_221,897,321
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDSTR	15,000	22,200	8	1.480	1.480	1.480	1.480	1.480	0.000	0.000	1.480	1.335	1.500	0.100_132,756,000
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	113,847	45,539	9	0.400	0.400	0.400	0.400	0.400	0.000	0.000	0.400	0.390	0.400	0.100_88,000,000
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	3,000	750	1	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.000	0.000	0.250	0.248	0.250	0.100_31,224,490
OM0000002440	AL SHARGIA INV.	50,000	3,950	5	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.000	0.000	0.079	0.078	0.079	0.100_7,110,000
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	1,220,495	724,479	54	0.592	0.600	0.586	0.590	0.590	0.000	0.580	0.588	0.600	0.100_214,387,133	
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	570,816	513,897	23	0.908	0.908	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.000	0.000	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.100_675,000,000
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV.H.	333,721	18,720	10	0.056	0.057	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.000	0.000	0.056	0.056	0.058	0.100_11,200,000
OM0000003398	SOHAR INTL BANK	237,000	24,379	5	0.102	0.103	0.102	0.103	0.102	0.000	0.000	0.103	0.102	0.103	0.100_472,776,416
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	695,350	291,210	24	0.418	0.420	0.416	0.418	0.418	0.000	0.000	0.418	0.418	0.418	0.100_272,094,688
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SER.	41,730	19,981	9	0.480	0.480	0.472	0.472	0.480	-0.008	-1.667	0.472	0.472	0.500	0.100_111,585,520
Total	18	4,010,030	1,816,037	193											

Parallel Market

OM0000001368	CONSTRUCTION M	170	14	1	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.073	0.007	9.589	0.080	0.071	0.080	0.100	5,000,000
OM0000001566	OMAN FISHERIES	176,790	19,650	20	0.110	0.113	0.110	0.111	0.109	0.002	1.835	0.111	0.111	0.111	0.100	20,210,702
OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAR	300,000	44,688	5	0.148	0.150	0.148	0.150	0.148	0.002	1.351	0.150	0.148	0.160	0.100	449,432,715
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	1,309	102	2	0.077	0.086	0.077	0.086	0.085	0.001	1.178	0.086	0.086	0.086	0.100	10,481,250
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	890	86	1	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.096	0.001	1.042	0.097	0.095	0.097	0.100	216,984,444
OM0000002648	NATIONAL FINANCE	5,000	590	1	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.117	0.001	0.855	0.118	0.000	0.128	0.100	63,865,194
OM0000001897	MAJAN COLLEGE	3,000	438	1	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.145	0.001	0.690	0.146	0.142	0.146	0.100	13,140,000
OM0000001517	HISBANK OMAN	782,443	122,755	19	0.156	0.158	0.156	0.157	0.156	0.001	0.641	0.157	0.150	0.157	0.100	314,049,108
OM0000001418	RAYSUNT CEMENT	30,500	5,795	5	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.000	0.000	0.190	0.185	0.190	0.100	38,000,000
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	71,900	4,530	5	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.000	0.000	0.063	0.063	0.064	0.100	19,350,218
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	210,000	17,050	12	0.082	0.082	0.081	0.081	0.081	0.000	0.000	0.081	0.081	0.082	0.100	16,200,000
OM0000002287	GULF MUSHROOM P	19,683	5,118	1	0.260	0.260	0.260	0.260	0.260	0.000	0.000	0.260	0.260	0.266	0.100	10,817,370
OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	156,088	5,619	15	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.000	0.000	0.036	0.036	0.038	0.100	21,295,947
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	1,348	61	2	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.000	0.000	0.045	0.042	0.045	0.100	65,817,066
OM0000007043	NATIONAL LIFE INS.	8,000	2,720	1	0.340	0.340	0.340	0.340	0.340	0.000	0.000	0.340	0.000	0.340	0.100	135,447,276
OM0000007084	MCT DESALINATE	212	25	1	0.116	0.116	0.116	0.116	0.116	0.000	0.000	0.116	0.110	0.116	0.100	18,043,846
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	691,596	148,877	22	0.167	0.167	0.165	0.165	0.168	-0.001	-0.602	0.165	0.150	0.168	0.100	314,049,108
OM0000004788	MADINA TAKAFUL	41,000	3,485	3	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.086	-0.001	-1.183	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.100	14,870,000
OM0000004776	TAKAFUL OMAN	1,120	47	1	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.043	-0.001	-2.326	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.100	10,500,000
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	50,000	2,000	1	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.041	-0.001	-2.439	0.040	0.038	0.040	0.100	28,576,254
OM0000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	30,200	2,377	3	0.083	0.083	0.078	0.078	0.080	-0.002	-2.500	0.078	0.078	0.080	0.100	2,818,373
OM0000005280	OMAN ARAB BANK	100	12	1	0.121	0.121	0.121	0.121	0.125	-0.004	-3.200	0.121	0.121	0.000	0.100	201,998,610
OM0000002804	ASAFA FOODS	101,837	30,661	33	0.306	0.310	0.294	0.295	0.306	-0.011	-3.595	0.295	0.295	0.295	0.100	35,400,000
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	20,000	2,004	2	0.101	0.101	0.100	0.100	0.104	-0.004	-3.846	0.100	0.100	0.104	0.100	8,140,275
Total	24	2,903,546	418,503	158												

NEW-ENERGY VEHICLE

Policy incentives set to sustain China's NEV boom

BEIJING: China has renewed its policy support for the new-energy vehicle (NEV) sector, a move that experts believe will further fuel an industry that is already in the fast lane.

Days ahead of the National Day holiday, usually seen as a peak shopping season, China announced that the purchase tax exemption for NEVs will be extended to the end of 2023. This marks the third extension since the country first implemented the policy in 2014. Based on the selling prices of mainstream new-energy vehicles in the market, experts estimate that the policy will help car buyers save about 10,000 yuan (about \$1,408), while policymakers expect it to result in 100 billion yuan of taxes waived nationwide.

Tax exemption has been proven an effective tool in spurring consumption. In the first seven months of the year, the policy has cut around 40.68 billion yuan in taxes, up 108.5 per cent from the

previous year, according to the State Administration of Taxation.

Experts believe that such a favourable policy will further unleash market demand for NEVs, a sector that has registered rapid expansion in recent years.

In the first eight months of this year, a total of 3.86 million NEVs were sold in China, surging about 110 per cent year on year, according to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers.

Globally, China has ranked first in terms of production and sales for seven straight years since 2015, said Xin Guobin, vice minister of industry and information technology. The boom in China's NEV sector came as the world's second-largest economy rolled out a raft of policy incentives to spur the development of NEVs. Data shows that sales of NEVs in the country topped 11.08 million units as of the end of May, compared with only 20,000 units at the end of 2012. -**Xinhua**

OIL PRICE

TOKYO: Oil jumped on Monday as Opec+ considers a cut to output this week, while Asia shares were mixed with holidays in the Asia-Pacific region likely to result in thin trading.

US crude rose 3.01 per cent to \$81.88 a barrel after Opec+ sources told Reuters oil production could be cut by between 500,000 and one million barrels a day. Brent crude rose 2.95 per cent to \$87.65 per barrel, Reuters reports.

On the first trading day of the quarter, MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan was down 0.43 per cent, on course to decline for a fourth straight session.

In Australia, where some states are observing a public holiday, the S&P/ASX 200 index fell 0.15 per cent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index dropped 0.64 per cent.

Japan's Nikkei 225 index, however, was up 0.72 per cent after upbeat quarterly earnings from Mimasu Semiconductor boosted chip shares.



South Korea has a national holiday on Monday, while China has just entered Golden Week and Hong Kong has a holiday on Tuesday.

"Given the holidays, trading is likely to be thin," ING's regional head of research Robert Carnell said in a note.

The dollar traded flat against the yen at 144.75 after hitting a high of 144.89 overnight. Japan's finance minister Shunichi Suzuki said this morning the government would

take "decisive steps" to prevent sharp currency moves.

Attention later in the day will be on September data for the US ISM manufacturing index.

"ISM manufacturing is unlikely to dent the optimism around the US economy that has been building up further with positive economic indicators released over the last few weeks," Saxo Bank market strategist Redmond Wong wrote in a research note. -**BNA**

FINANCIAL MARKET

Abu Dhabi Finance Week 2022 to be held in November

ABU DHABI: Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) in association with the Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development unveiled the 'Abu Dhabi Finance Week (ADFW)', which is set to run between November 14 and 18. Following the global success of ADGM's popular Fintech Abu Dhabi festival, ADFW will further build on the emirate's position as a world-class financial hub.

The week-long event will be staged across 12 events, congregating global financial market leaders from a wide array of backgrounds and expertise such as financial technology & innovation, start-ups & enterprises, venture funding & investments, asset management & capital markets, planet & society, and related economic policies and regulations that are being introduced globally. -**WAM**

ZUBAIR ENTERPRISES DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Event sheds light on SME development

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Zubair Enterprises Development Centre (Zubair EDC) recently hosted a new edition of its 'Tajribati' session at Bait Al Zubair.

The event aimed to shed light on ways to invest available resources to foster further enterprise development. Ishaq Hilal Al Shariyani, CEO of the Eghna Academy for Economic Consulting and Training, was the guest speaker at the event, which several entrepreneurs attended.

Many topics were discussed during the session, which was moderated by Ali Shaker, Head of Business Development and Partnerships at Zubair EDC. These included a detailed overview of the products and services offered by Zubair EDC, together with advice on how to invest resources into the technical, marketing, administrative, financial, and legal aspects of a business, as well as on how to invest into social resources to boost consumer confidence.

The 'Tajribati' session highlights topics that contribute to the growth and development of an entrepreneur's business. To achieve this, the forum examines several successful project management outcomes and models to provide SME owners with helpful knowledge and information for the optimal management of their enterprises and commercial projects.

Ali Shaker said, "We are grateful for Ishaq Al Shariyani's participation in the Tajribati ses-



sion. His experience and expertise have been invaluable in helping us achieve our goals for this session, which shed light on the most effective ways to manage available resources within a business. Several other entrepreneurs also shared their experiences developing their businesses and using available resources to maximise profits



CLIMATE AND PESTS CAN HAVE AN IMPACT ON A TREE'S VOLUME; THE STUDY DISCOVERED THAT INCREASED CARBON LEVELS CONSISTENTLY RESULTED IN AN INCREASE IN WOOD VOLUME IN 10 DIFFERENT TEMPERATE FOREST GROUPS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

CLIMATE CHANGE CAUSING TREES TO BECOME GLUTTONS

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Trees protect humans from the harshest effects of climate change by removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere; but, new research indicates just how much carbon the woods have been stockpiling.

The study, published recently in the journal *Nature Communications*, discovers that higher carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere have boosted the wood volume - or biomass - of forests in the United States. Although other factors such as climate and pests can have an impact on a tree’s volume, the study discovered that increased carbon levels consistently resulted in an increase in wood volume in 10 different temperate forest groups across the country. This shows that trees’ rapid growth is helping to protect the Earth’s ecology from the effects of global warming.

“Forests remove carbon from the atmosphere at a rate that is roughly 13% of our total emissions,” said Brent Sohngen, co-author of the study and professor of environmental and resource economics at The Ohio State University. “While we emit billions of tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, we remove a large portion of it simply by allowing our woods to thrive.”

This is known as carbon fertilisation: an increase in the rate of photosynthesis, which combines energy from the sun, water, and nutrients from the ground and air to make fuel for life and stimulate plant development.

“It’s well known that when you put a ton of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, it doesn’t stay up there forever,” Sohngen said. “A massive amount of it falls into the oceans, while the rest of it is taken up by trees and wetlands and those kinds of areas.”

Over the previous two decades, forests in the United States have absorbed approximately 700-800 million tonnes of carbon dioxide every year, accounting for roughly 10% to 11% of the country’s total carbon dioxide emissions, according to the study. While high amounts of carbon dioxide can harm natural systems and infrastructure, trees have no problem gorging themselves on Earth’s extra supply of greenhouse gas.

To put it another way, if you envision a tree as a big cylinder, the extra volume discovered by the study equals one extra tree ring, Sohngen explained. Although such growth may not be visible to the average person, compared to trees 30 years ago, present vegetation is around 20% to 30% larger than it used to be. When applied to the Coast Redwood

forests, which are home to some of the world’s largest trees, even a small percentage increase equals a significant boost in forest carbon storage. Due to high carbon dioxide levels, researchers discovered that even elderly giant trees continue to add biomass as they mature.

Unlike the impacts of climate change, which vary by location and time, the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere mixes relatively uniformly, so every region on Earth has approximately the same amount, according to Sohngen.

Sohngen’s team used historical data from the US Forest Service Forest Inventory and Analysis Program (USFS-FIA) to analyse how the wood volume of various forest groups has evolved over the last few decades to assess whether the chemical compound was responsible for beefing up our biome. According to the study, there was a considerable increase in tree wood volume between 1970 and 2015, which correlates with a significant increase in carbon emissions.

Researchers were also able to use this procedure to see if there were any changes between naturally occurring and cultivated trees. Sohngen predicted that planted trees would have a greater fertilising effect since planters generally select the best seeds to put in just the best areas. He was shocked, on the contrary, to discover that planted trees respond to carbon dioxide levels in the same way that natural trees do.

Overall, Sohngen claims that this research demonstrates that the wood volume response to carbon dioxide in our ecosystem is significantly more than his colleagues predicted using experimental experiments.

The findings should demonstrate to policymakers and others the importance of trees in climate change mitigation. Sohngen believes that carbon fertiliser could one day improve the efficiency of tree-growing operations. For example, if it costs \$50 to plant one acre of trees now, carbon fertilisation might potentially reduce that cost to \$40. Given that climate change costs the United States roughly \$2 trillion per year, Sohngen believes that the cost of mitigating climate change could be reduced.

“Carbon fertilization certainly makes it cheaper to plant trees, avoid deforestation, or do other activities related to trying to enhance the carbon sink in forests,” Sohngen said. “We should be planting more trees and preserving older ones because at the end of the day they’re probably our best bet for mitigating climate change.” -ANI



OMAN SAILING FESTIVAL 2022

KICKS OFF THIS WEEK, SAILING ACTIVITIES TO COVER THE COUNTRY'S COASTLINE

MUSCAT: The Oman Sailing Festival kicks off this week as Oman Sail brings sailing activities to communities along the whole length of the nation's coastline. Starting in Sohar from 6-8 October, visitors will be able to enjoy free Try Sailing, Windsurfing and Kitesurfing sessions under the supervision of professional instructors from Oman Sail.

The next stop will be Mussanah from 12-14 October as part of the Arab Sailing Championships taking place at the same time at the Barceló Mussanah Resort with sessions in the RS Venture adaptable dinghy on offer. From there, the festival moves to Sur Al Hadeed in Seeb from 20-22 October.

Duqm hosts the next leg of the Oman Sailing Festival from 2-5 November and Salalah from 8-12 November before the festival heads to Mussanah from 24-26 November, during the RS Venture Connect World Championships, the first exclusively Para Sailing championship to be staged in Oman, where visitors can experience the RS Venture for themselves.

The festival then moves on to Sur from 28 November to 3 December, taking place alongside the Oman Maritime Heritage Festival, where there will also be the latest Ranking Race where sailors will compete for a place in the Oman national sailing squads and representatives from SeaOman will be available to share the variety of charter excursions on offer. The penultimate event will be held at Al Mouj Muscat from 7-11 December while nine teams from across Europe compete for the RC44 Cup at the final event of the season, before concluding in Musandam from 20-24 December 2022.

There will also be beach clean-up events to help conserve the local environment and keep the seas clear of litter and a special exhibition of local SMEs in each location.

Musab Al Balushi, Oman Sailing Festival Project Manager, said, "Oman is blessed with a wonderful coastline, and as Omanis we have a rich heritage of sailing and mari-

The Oman Sailing Festival is also raising awareness of environmental issues and reminding communities that it is all of our responsibilities to keep our beautiful beaches and oceans clean for the marinelife and the future generations to enjoy as we do

time activities. Our aim at Oman Sail is to reintroduce the community to sailing, windsurfing and kite surfing while also providing opportunities for people with disabilities to discover a new hobby that could become a lifelong passion."

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In Sohar from 6-8 October, visitors to the Oman Sailing Festival can try sailing using a versatile Bahia dinghy, ideal for beginners, as well as trying windsurfing and kite surfing. There will also be an SME activation featuring local businesses and craftspeople. The beach clean-up will take place every day of the event and from 4pm to 5pm.

The festival will be supported by Oman Air, National Mineral Water Company (Tanuf), Environment society of Oman (ESO) National University Science and Technology (International Maritime College).





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FEATURE



NO HUMAN COULD DO THAT: IS AI BECOMING TOO ALIEN?

Computers are solving problems no human could ever decode — and in ways that feel distinctly nonhuman to us. Should we embrace or rethink the strange intelligence of machines?

IN 2019, five of the top poker players in the world sat down in a casino to play poker against a computer. Over the course of the game they lost big — some \$1.7 million (€1.77 million) — to a poker bot called Pluribus.

It was the first time an artificial-intelligence (AI) program beat elite human players at a game of more than two players.

In a post-game interview, the players were asked how they felt about losing to a computer. Pluribus, they said, “bluffed really well. No human would ever bet like that.”

One player said the bot played like ‘an alien’, betting hundreds of times more than human players did, even when it was bluffing.

How a bot learned to play poker

“Why was it so alien? It’s because Pluribus learned how to play poker completely differently to how humans do,” Eng Lim Goh, Chief Technology Officer at Hewlett Packard Enterprise, told DW.

When a human learns to play poker, Goh explained, they learn two main skills: How to make superior mathematical decisions, and how to read their opponents.

But Pluribus didn’t learn this way. Instead, it got incredibly good at one aspect of poker — bluffing — through trillions of games of trial and error.

“They trained the machines how to bluff by pitching two machines against each other over trillions of games,” said Goh. “At the end of the training, a bot emerged that was an expert at bluffing.”

This method of learning is called reinforcement learning. It’s a unique way to learn one task by repeating the task over and over again until it finds the best methods.

“It explored more spaces of probability than humans ever have since the game was invented. It found different ways of playing,” said Goh.

AI doesn’t ‘think’ like we do

Pluribus’ reinforcement learning requires ways of storing information that humans simply don’t have the capacity for.

“We grow AI systems,” explained Goh. “A machine accumulates and accumulates information over time.”

But the brain doesn’t do this. We don’t have the time on Earth to train ourselves trillions of times in poker, so instead we make predictions based on past and similar experiences and pick the best solution accordingly.

In the brain, this learning requires the construction of new neural connections. But we also subtract information, pruning the connections we don’t use.

“We both accumulate new memories and forget things all the time. Somehow, we make assessments of what is worth storing and forgetting,” said Upinder Bhalla, professor of computational neuroscience at the National Centre for Biological Sciences, India.

Bhalla explained that the efficiency of human computation comes from this subtractive nature of the brain, which allows us to focus on the meaningful information at hand and attend to the things most important for our survival.

But an AI system can only accumulate data, mindlessly exploring all the realms of possibility in a defined set until it finds the best answer.

For Bhalla, AI systems are way out there in their own tree of evolution, separate from anything remotely lifelike.

“Artificial intelligence is vastly different to human intelligence because a computer’s architecture is completely different from the brain,” he said.

AI is not capable of emotions

One of the reasons why humans find it hard to bluff is due to a phenomenon called loss aversion. Essentially, a potential loss is perceived as emotionally more severe than an equivalent gain. Betting money on a bad hand requires you to overcome this fear. Pluribus doesn’t experience loss aversion. It bluffed like no human would, betting hundreds of times the value of the pot because it had no fear. Playing poker against an emotionless AI meant all the rules of human emotion went out the window.

In fact, no AI systems with feelings currently exist. Specially trained AI systems have poor performance in recognizing human emotion, let alone being able to mimic them. It will be a long time until computers can truly bluff in the emotional ways humans do.

“It’s hardly surprising that AI’s seem alien to us,” Bhalla told DW. “The way it achieves its amazing capabilities is very unhuman, very unbiological.”

AI ‘alienness’ could help science

Irina Higgins, a research scientist at Google subsidiary DeepMind, warns that developing AIs that become too alien might be problematic.

“As we develop AI systems, the danger is we invent a brain v2.0 which we also will not fully understand. We need to align AI with humans, making it less alien so we can understand and control it,” Higgins told DW.

But AI being alien might also be a good thing, she said.

“In science, AI systems that have ‘alien’ ways of analysing data can help us discover things humans haven’t thought of,” she said.

Higgins pointed to AlphaFold, the AI system from Deepmind that has predicted the 3D structure of over 100,000 proteins from their amino acid sequences.

“Resolving protein structures is one of the most fundamental questions in biology. AlphaFold helps us know how proteins and drugs interact, advancing biological research,” said Higgins.

For Higgins, this is the best example of how the alienness of AI can be used to help humans answer big questions, rather than replace human intelligence entirely.

AI development is still in its infancy. Where we go from here, explained Bhalla, depends on how we approach the development of AI.

“AI and computers will be different, but not monstrous. It’s incumbent on us make sure we train AI systems to become decent, much like we do with our children,” said Bhalla. -DW



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Sohar International’s Ahmed Al Musalmi named ‘CEO of the Year’

This award comes as a true testament to the resilient growth strategy that has been set in full gear with an exemplary leadership style enabling the bank to reach new heights and continue to redefine banking

MUSCAT: Continuing to drive change and innovation for growth and set new benchmarks in banking and finance excellence, Ahmed Al Musalmi, Chief Executive Officer of Sohar International, was conferred the ‘CEO of the Year’ title at the 2022 edition of the Alam Al-Iktisaad Awards.

This award comes as a true testament to the resilient growth strategy that has been set in full gear with an exemplary leadership style enabling the bank to reach new heights and continue to redefine banking. The event also witnessed Sohar International claim the title of ‘Best Performing Company in the Large Cap’ as well as ‘Leadership in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)’.

Extending his compliments to Ahmed Al Musalmi, Mohamed Mahfoodh Al Ardhi, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Sohar International said, “Sohar International’s keen focus on excellence is based on key pillars that are geared at achieving a qualitative leap while delivering meaningful impact for customers, employees, and the society at large. In this regard, the bank has not only achieved commendable milestones under the exemplary leadership of its CEO, Ahmed Al Musalmi, but his influential style of management has also inspired the team to consistently attain remarkable results.



At Sohar International, we believe that strategic transformation requires an increased understanding of customer demands, a conducive culture that encourages innovation, and the innate zeal to thrive on change. As the bank continues to chart the road to progress, these awards will act as a catalyst for the bank to further its winning journey.

The award ceremony which was held on September 28 at the Crystal Ballroom in Hotel Grand Millennium, Muscat, welcomed as its chief guest Salim bin Mohammed Al Mahroqi, Minister of Heritage and Tourism.

The awards felicitated top-performing companies in Oman during the last financial year and witnessed in attendance market experts, CEOs, senior government officials, and key decision makers from a cross-section of the industry.

Speaking about the awards, Ahmed Al Musalmi said, “We are indeed delighted to have been honoured with such prestigious accolades. It was a culmination of the efforts of the entire team, their unwavering dedication to the bank’s broader goals, and the inherent commitment that is embedded in each one of us that drives us to add value to society.

Testament

“While the ‘Best Performing Company in the Large Cap’ award pays tribute to the bank’s stellar progress, the ‘Leadership in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)’ award is a testament to the bank’s emphasis on serving the community in which it operates. The two awards, together, demonstrate how Sohar International achieves sustainable growth, remains dutiful to its social welfare agenda, and acts as a trailblazer in the industry.”

He further stated, “Meanwhile, winning the title of the ‘CEO of the Year’ is truly humbling and I believe it comes from being anchored and aligned with the organisation’s strategic direction that nurtures people-centricity, continuous innovation, and superiority in operation, and outlook. At, Sohar International, we will continue to intensify our efforts to lead transformation in the banking industry.”

Combining corporate vision and people skills, Ahmed Al Musalmi has played a pivotal role in driving performance in all areas of management. Sohar International, therefore, achieved a growth of over 40 per cent in total assets and

recorded a rise of 130 per cent in the bank’s share capital in a short span of time.

Positioning Sohar International as a people-oriented bank, Ahmed Al Musalmi also took various efforts to inculcate a culture of continuous learning and development in the organisation while taking a holistic approach to enhancing the well-being of the local community.

Guided by the sharp vision of its CEO, Sohar International has won more than 10 local, regional, and international awards in 2022 and has cemented its position as a world-leading Omani service company that helps customers, communities, and people to prosper and grow.

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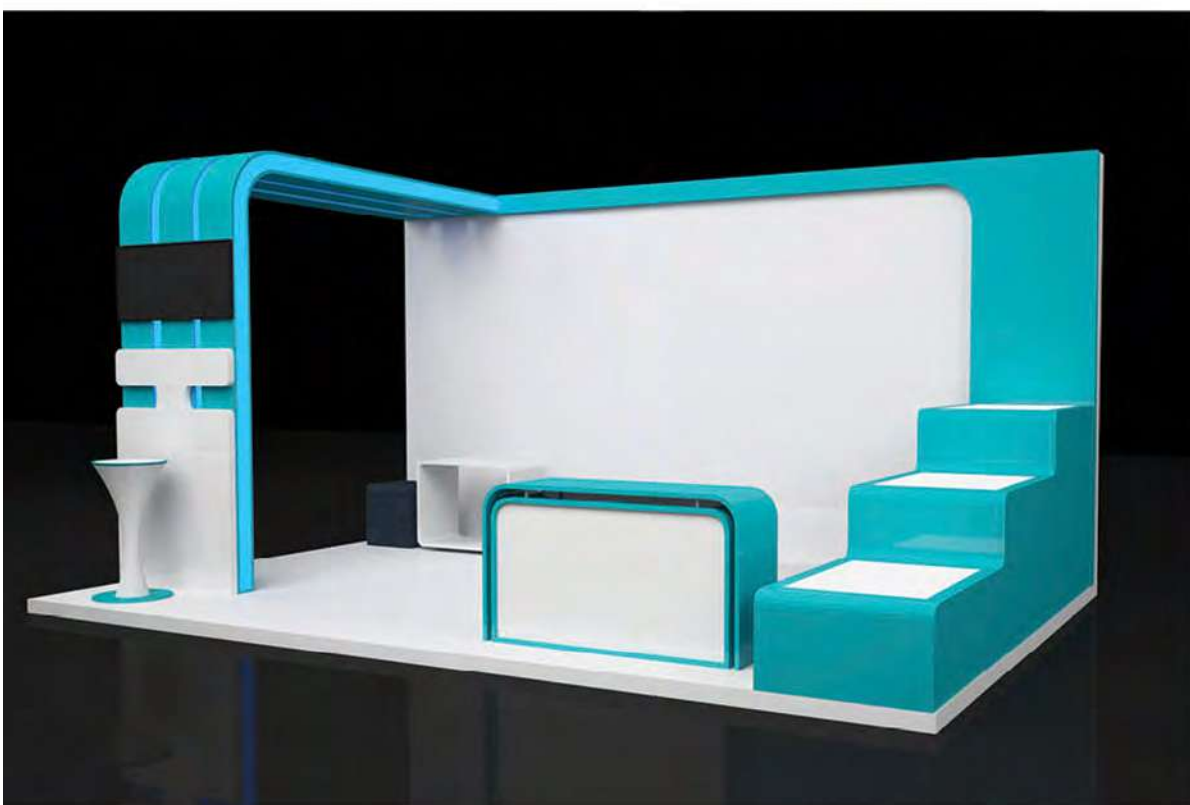
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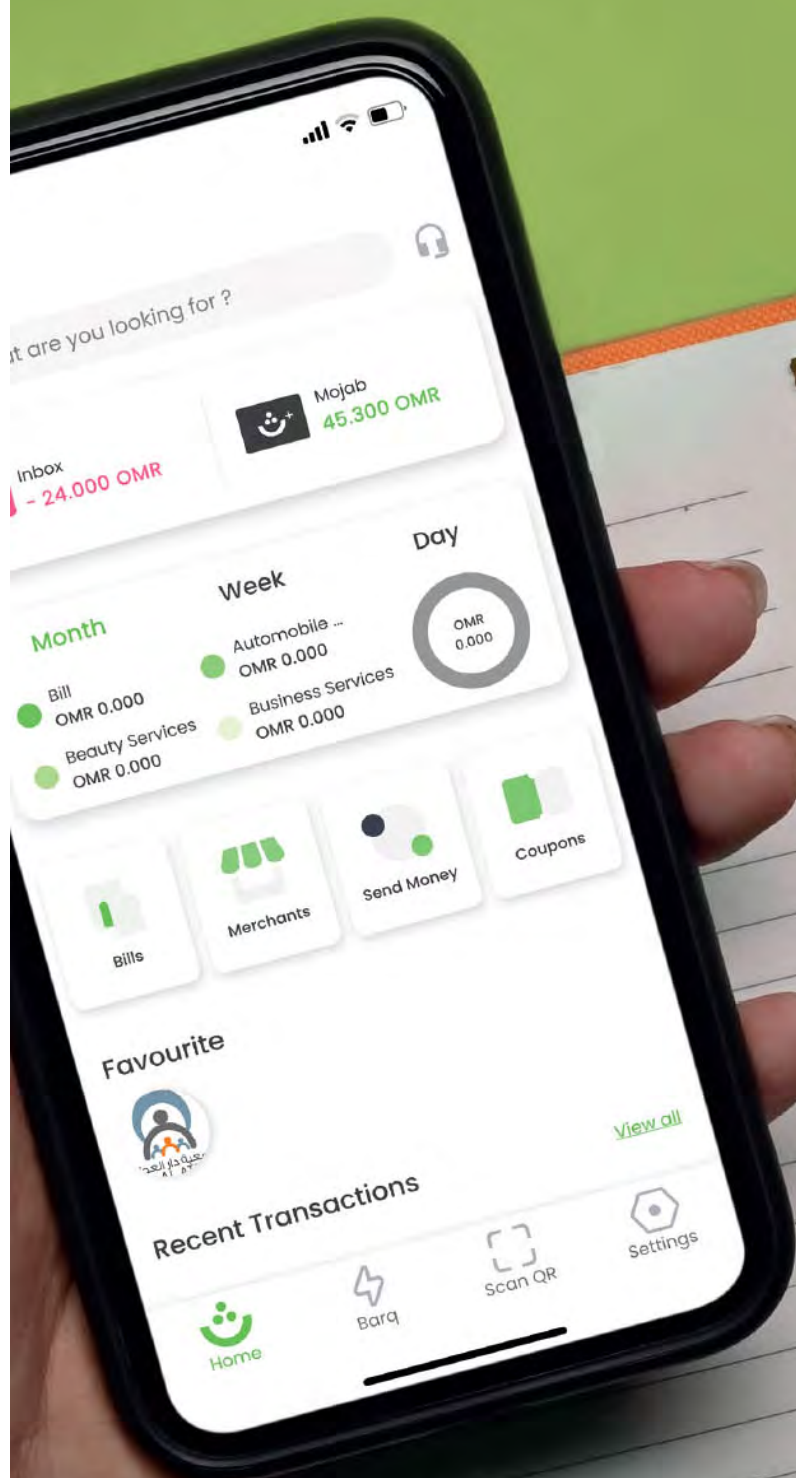
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