

OMAN-BRITAIN MILITARY DRILL CONTINUES

The Oman-Britain military exercise, codenamed "Musandam Fort 2021", continues according to the drill plans in the Musandam Governorate. **>A5**



HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN GREET PRESIDENT OF ANGOLA

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Joao Manuel Lorenzo of the Republic of Angola on his country's national day. In the cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere sentiments and best wishes to President Lorenzo and the friendly people of Angola. **-ONA**



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SAYYID SHIHAB ATTENDS SYMPOSIUM ON GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY

A national symposium on governance and its role in improving performance, enhancing transparency and improving financial and administrative auditing, was organised by the Command of the Sultan's Armed Forces (COSAF) under the auspices of His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tariq Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs. **>A5**

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

His Majesty the Sultan issues Royal Decree

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has issued Royal Decree No. 65/2021 on issuance of a licence of first category for Oman Future Telecommunications Company for establishment and operation of a system for provision of international general telecommunications services in accordance with the licence annexed to the decree.

category for Oman Future Telecommunications Company for establishment and operation of a system for provision of international general telecommunications services in accordance with the licence annexed to the decree.

Article (2) says that this decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and takes effect from its date of issue.

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TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN Kuala Lumpur, Zurich, Munich flights soon

1 Oman Air has updated its winter schedule reflecting frequency increases and flight resumption. Among reinstated destinations are Munich, Zurich and Kuala Lumpur. Oman Air will maintain its safety programme throughout all elements. **>A2**

WORLD Poland-Belarus standoff

2 In a telephone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday, German Chancellor Angela Merkel has decried the "instrumentalisation of migrants" by Belarus and asserted that it was "inhumane and unacceptable." **>A6**

MARKET Oman crude remains favourite for refiners

3 Inflows of the Oman grade surged 136.5 per cent year on year to 2.19 million mt and were up 203.2 per cent from September, according to a new report. Total imports from Oman at 2.287 million mt doubled year on year and were up 200 per cent from September. **>B1**

REDUCED SERVICE FEES TO STIMULATE NATIONAL ECONOMY



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CHARGES REDUCED FROM OMR4,000/5,000 TO OMR3,200 FOR 4 AND 5-STAR HOTELS

The unified guide for the pricing of government services covers three sectors and will be implemented from January 1

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Reduced government fees for a number of commercial activities will help provide a boost to the Sultanate of Oman's economy, and encourage more investment in the country, a top Oman Chamber of Commerce and

Industry (OCCI) official has said. Fees have been cut for activities such as setting up and renewing company licences; organising tourist camps; and the issuing or renewal of permits for organisations that provide essential services such as air conditioning repair, vehicle maintenance, and sanitation.

Redha bin Juma Al Saleh, the chairman of the Board of Directors of the OCCI, said that these financial measures will help progress towards Vision 2040, which aims to diversify the economy and provide good employment opportunities for people in the country. Al Saleh's comments to ONA came after the Ministry of Finance prepared a unified guide for the pricing of government services, under the Royal directives of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik. The ministry also clarified that measures would be taken to achieve a comprehensive vision covering the financial, social, and economic impact of government fees on people.

"The reduction of service fees enhances the incentives and facilities provided by the government to the business sector, across 548 services, with reductions ranging from 17 to 96 per cent," said the OCCI chairman. "This represents a qualitative leap to stimulate the national economy, and is an important addition to the elements of investment attraction in Oman. "I call on private sector companies and business owners to take advantage of this incentive," he added. "I also ask them to take the initiative to contribute to strengthening the national economy by focusing on the promising sectors covered under these initiatives."

The unified guide covers three government sectors: the first is the Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Investment Promotion, the second is the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism, and the third affects various municipalities. In some cases, the fees required have been completely cancelled to benefit those who apply for the corresponding services. The new fee structure will be implemented from 1 January, 2022. Details of the fees will be made available on the website of the ministry. The initiative to revise fees was also welcomed by Issam Abousleiman, the World Bank's country director of the GCC countries, Middle East and North Africa. **>A2**

CONDOLENCES

Tributes pour in after former Oman hockey coach Naqvi passes away

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Tributes have poured in for former Oman hockey coach Saiyed Ali Sibtain Naqvi, after his passing was announced on Wednesday. Naqvi, a former player who also coached both the India men's and women's hockey teams, breathed his last at the age of 90. The Embassy of India in Muscat was among the people and organisations that offered condolences in the wake of his demise. "The embassy conveys its condolences on the passing away of noted Indian sports figure, Mr. Saiyed Ali Sibtain Naqvi," they said in a statement. "He was a well-loved & respected figure in the sports field and was the coach of the Indian hockey team (men and women) as well as of the Oman hockey team. "He was instrumental in the establishment of the Oman Olympic Committee and served there for



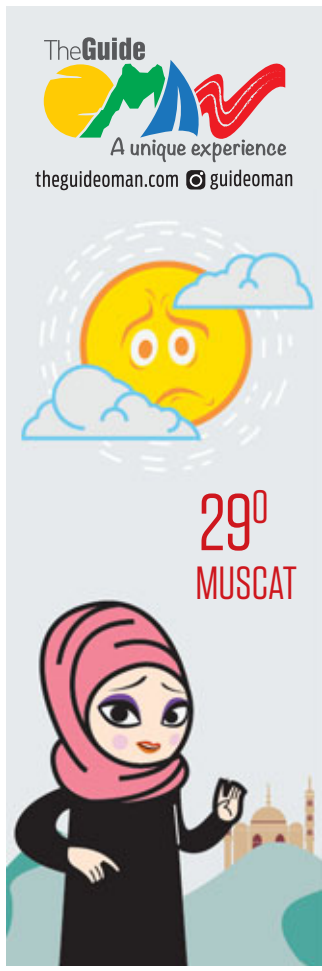
nearly two decades," added the embassy. "He worked tirelessly for the promotion of India-Oman relations in the field of sports and was a true cultural ambassador of India. "He received several awards in recognition of his efforts, including the Indo-Oman Sports Friendship Award in 2010 given by the Minister of Sports of Oman and

the ambassador of India," added the statement. The United Thalassery Sports Club, which also worked closely with Naqvi, also mourned his death. "Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family," said the club in a statement. "It was a joy to accept your advice and work with you. We will never forget the warmth your smile brought to our family." Among those who paid tribute to Naqvi's life was Mukul Pandey, who worked under him. "My coach and mentor Mr SAS Naqvi breathed his last in Muscat, Oman this morning," he said. "May his soul rest in peace." In a message directed at Naqvi, Kaka Billa said, "I am really saddened to learn about your demise. Rest in peace, Naqvi Sahib, you were a great soul in human form. He was a hockey wizard, an Olympian, and a legend, who cherished life for about 90 years." **>A2**



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Maghrib Minute video

The Maghrib Minute video had 5,500 views and reached 20,700 people on Facebook.

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449 VIEWS

US Capitol riot panel addresses ex-Trump allies

Morning Minute video on the US Capitol riot panel

The Morning Minute video on the US Capitol riot panel had 449 views and 29 likes on Instagram.

Oman Air resumes winter flights to Munich, Zurich and Kuala Lumpur

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Air, the national carrier of the Sultanate of Oman, has updated its winter schedule reflecting frequency increases and flight resumptions. Among rein-stated destinations are Munich, Zurich and Kuala Lumpur.

Oman Air will maintain its comprehensive safety programme throughout all elements of the travel journey to ensure that guests fly confidently.

Masks are required when guests are on board the aircraft and in Oman's airports. Distancing is maintained while guests board and exit the aircraft, which are carefully cleaned after each flight and at the end of every day.

Meal service has been modified to further ensure safety, and a number of other measures have been implemented to ensure that the airline's guests and crew are safe at all times.

Guests who are planning to travel to Muscat should visit the Civil Aviation Authority website,



MUSCAT CALLING: Guests planning to travel to Muscat should visit the Civil Aviation Authority website, caa.gov.om, to ensure they are prepared to comply with requirements to enter the Sultanate.

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Guests travelling to Germany, Switzerland and Malaysia, as

well as all other destinations on Oman Air's network, should ensure they are aware of official requirements to enter or transit through their destination.

Meal service has been modified to further ensure safety, and a number of other measures have been implemented to ensure that the airline's guests and crew are safe at all times

Guests departing from Oman should also ensure that they are aware of all pre-departure requirements and requirements during their flights, which are provided at omanair.com.

SPORTS

<FROM A1 'Naqvi played a key role in the growth of the Sultanate's Olympic movement'

"Our dear colleague from Oman has breathed his last," said Arvin-dra Lodhi.

A star player for a top Indian side (Western Railways) in the 60s, Naqvi was a member of the national championship Railways squad. He rubbed shoulders with some of the greatest Indian players and was close to hockey legend Dhyan Chand.

Player and coach

After his playing career was over, he took up coaching in Mumbai, forming the Bombay Customs side, a team full of talented youngsters with five of them going on to represent India at Olympic Games. He was part of the Indian coach-

ing staff in 1975 and took over as India women's team coach for the 1978 World Cup. He arrived in the Sultanate of Oman in 1982 ahead of the Sultanate's participation at the Asian Games in New Delhi. He coached Oman at the Asiad and soon after was drafted by the Oman Olympic Committee in late 1983, as a technical advisor.

He, along with the OOC president Dr. Hammad Al Ghafri set up the OOC and for the next 18 years, Naqvi played a key role in the growth of the Olympic movement in Oman. The late Naqvi represented Oman at five Olympic Games and five Asian Games before retiring in 2002. His passion for collecting memorabilia and

archiving history was amazing and that led him to set up a sports treasure house in Ruwi.

With newspaper cuttings from the early 50s to documents and awards, the personal collection has been admired by one and all. Playing a leading role in strengthening the India-Oman sporting relations, he not only facilitated top players to come and play in local competitions but also arranged visits of top teams and also got coaches to Oman.

Loved by thousands, Naqvi was quite active on social media during the past few years and was unwell for the past few weeks. He passed away at Royal Hospital on Wednesday.

GOVERNANCE

<FROM A1 Reforms

"There will be lots of voices pushing back on the reform programme and some even arguing for an abandonment," he said. "It is precisely in these times that the government should double down on its commitment to reforms and explain clearly to the people the long-term rationale and benefits for these moves. During the pandemic, people in Oman continued to enjoy a high standard of living without being," he added. "It would be a mistake to believe that the experience of the pandemic implies that countries must become self-reliant alone. Instead, countries should also work together to strengthen and diversify trade links and invest in the global public good, and institutions."

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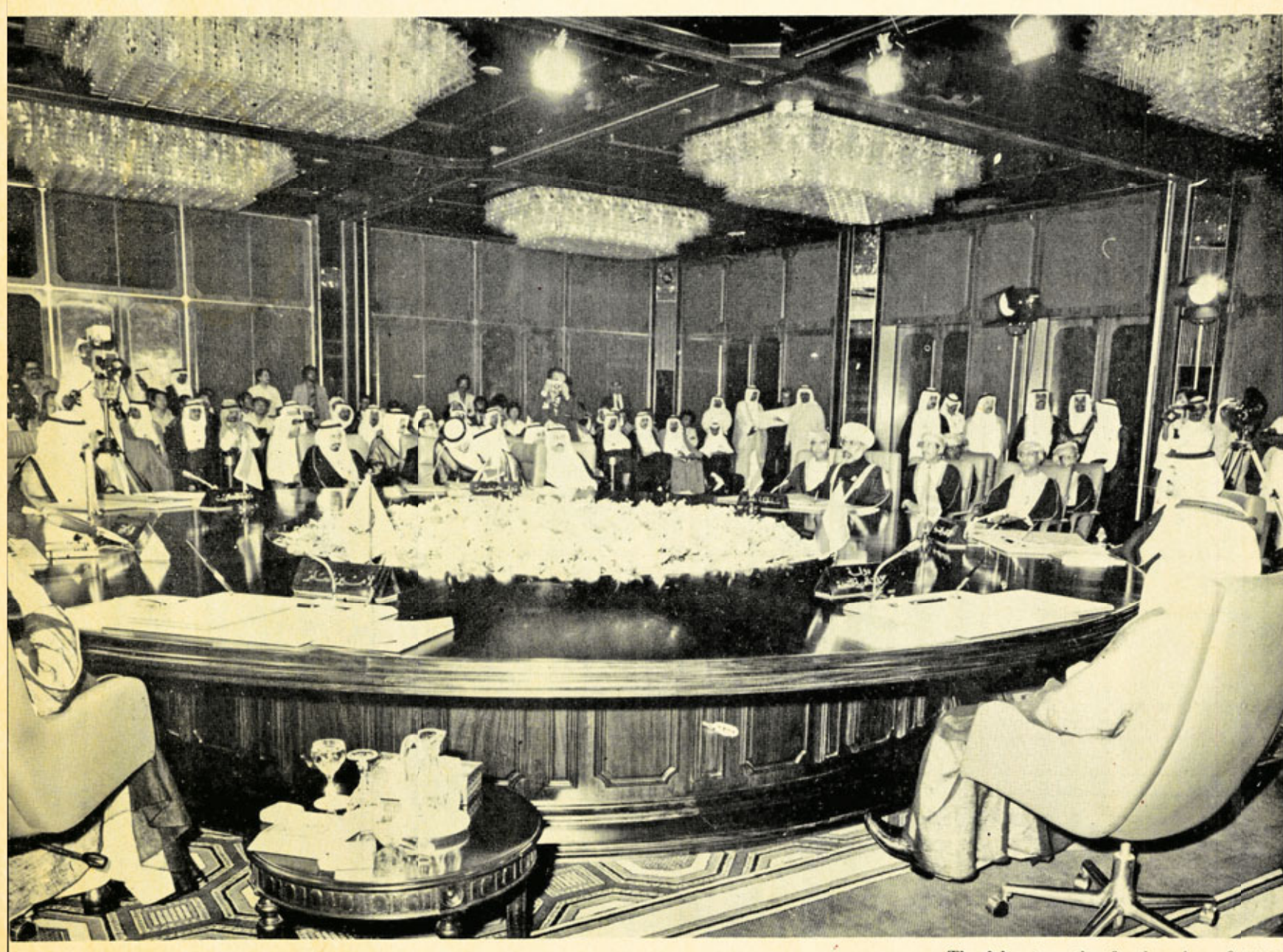
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The final session of the third Arab Gulf Co-operation Council summit is due to end on Thursday to be followed by a Press conference at which the resolutions and recommendations will be revealed.

The historic conference has been marked by colourful ceremony and an air of optimism.

From Times of Oman Special Correspondent, Bahrain.
Wednesday

The agenda for the meeting was completed by GCC Foreign Ministers who met in Manama last week.

Their recommendations to their leaders covered a wide range of subjects — political, security, economic, legal and administrative issues.

The Iran-Iraq war and the Lebanon developments were believed to be the highlights of these talks. After the meeting Bahrain's Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamed bin Mubarak said the GCC nations would take 'crucial steps' over internal security and defence.

The three days' events began with ceremonies at

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MEETING: The symposium was held under the auspices of His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs. -ONA

Sayyid Shihab attends symposium on governance and transparency

MUSCAT: The Command of the Sultan's Armed Forces (COSAF) organised a national symposium on governance and its role in improving performance, enhancing transparency and improving financial and administrative auditing, under the auspices of His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs.

The symposium aimed to introduce governance and its importance and components as a development tool which supports all sectors in Oman. It also reviewed the regional and international directions in governance, the mechanisms of implementing it in the administrative apparatus, as well as theories and studies of utilising governance in developing the performance of military and security departments from an international perspective.

The event saw the participation of officials from the Ministry of Defence, the Sultan's Armed

Forces (SAF), the Ministry of Economy, the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology, the Capital Market Authority (CMA), the State Audit Institution (SAI), Oman Centre for Governance and Sustainability, Oman Vision 2040 Implementation Follow-up Unit, Oman Investment Authority (OIA), Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) and Injaz Development.

Furthermore, the three sessions of the symposium included several presentations and working papers covering various topics related to governance, namely governance as a development tool, governance in Oman's legislation and Oman Vision 2040, governance in Oman between the challenges of the present and the aspirations of the future and governance as a pillar of Oman Vision 2040, among other papers.

The symposium came up with a number of recommendations,

such as the initiation of a governance award named "The Sultan Haitham Award for Governance", activating and speeding the implementation of Oman Vision 2040 enablers, rapidly approving and implementing the national plan of enhancing integrity and improving financial and administrative auditing.

Moreover, the symposium also recommended granting Oman Centre for Governance and Sustainability the power to apply governance in the public sector. It also proposed publishing an annual summary of the major works of SAI, among other recommendations.

The symposium was attended by members from the royal family and some ministers, Chairmen of the State Council and the Shura Council, SAF Chief of Staff, commanders of other military and security departments, a number of undersecretaries, senior SAF officers, academics and other military and civil guests. -ONA

MUSANDAM FORT 2021

Oman-Britain military drill continues

KHASAB: The Oman-Britain military exercise, codenamed "Musandam Fort 2021", continues according to the drill plans in the Musandam Governorate.

The exercise, which runs till Thursday, comes in accordance

with RAO Command's training programme. It also comes within the framework of exchanging expertise and military skills to achieve the desired training objectives.



-ONA

NCSI

Consumer confidence survey

MUSCAT: The National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI) began conducting the 32nd cycle of the Consumer Confidence Survey for the fourth quarter of 2021.

Future expectations

The survey, which runs till 24 November, aims to identify future expectations of the Omani economy,

the economic situation of families and their purchasing power.

The Consumer Confidence Survey is considered an important indicator of expenditure, specifying the volume and direction of markets and their popularity and identifying the effects of the measures taken due to the COVID-19 pandemic on economic and social indicators. It also provides a future

vision for the trends of economic growth.

The survey includes 1,500 samples, covering Omani nationals aged 18 or above, distributed across the governorates of the Sultanate of Oman.

The samples take into account the representation of males and females. Data collection will be done over mobile phones. -ONA



NOTICE FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The Board of Directors of Dhofar University (S.O.A.C) is pleased to invite the shareholders of the company to attend the seventeenth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the company (AGM) to be held on Sunday, 28 November 2021 at 1:00 PM via the electronic platform for holding AGM's, which can be accessed from the website of Muscat Clearing and Depository Co. (www.mcd.gov.om). If the quorum is not present to convene the AGM, a second meeting will be held on Monday, 29 November 2021 at 01:00 pm. Agenda of the valid meeting will be as follow:

AGM Agenda

- To consider and approve the board of directors' report on the activities of the company and its financial status during financial year ended on 31 August 2021.
- To consider and approve the board of director's report on the organization and management of the company, during the financial year ended on 31 August 2021.
- To consider and approve the auditor's report on the financial statements of the company for the financial year ended on 31 August 2021.
- To consider the transactions entered into by the Company with related parties during the financial year ended on 31 August 2021.
- To appoint the Auditor for the new financial year ended 31st August 2022, and determining his fees.

As per the Articles of Association of the company and the MOCI's guidelines of holding AGM's for SAOC companies via electronic means defined by ministerial decree number 65/2020, please be advised of the following

- A legal person only has the right to appoint a natural person to attend the AGM and vote on decisions taken on his behalf via electronic means. This natural person must have an ID issued by Muscat Clearing and Depository Company SAOC.
- Shareholders have the right to vote on any of the items of the agenda starts no earlier than 3 days from the date of holding the AGM. In case the shares owned by a shareholder changed (increased/decreased), the vote shall be void and a new vote needs to be made on the day of the AGM.

In case of any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Legal Advisor Mr. Mohammed Abbas, Tel. No.: 23237108, GSM: 94043168

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Merkel asks Putin to act on Poland-Belarus standoff

Putin suggested discussing the issues through “direct contact between EU member states and Minsk



DISCUSSION: The call comes as the latest standoff between Poland and Belarus enters its third day.

BERLIN: In a telephone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday, German Chancellor Angela Merkel decried the “instrumentalisation of migrants” by Belarus as “inhumane and unacceptable.”

She also asked the Russian leader to act on the matter, according to her spokesman, Steffen Seibert.

According to a statement from the Kremlin, Putin suggested discussing the issues through “direct contact between EU member states and Minsk.”

Separately, Russia’s Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said that dialogue was the only option to settle the crisis.

“Belarus has already repeatedly suggested doing consultations at the border, to talk, to settle these issues based on international law,” he told reporters.

And the Belarusian top diplomat, Vladimir Makei, said “Belarus is not the problem.”

“The problem is the EU, because we see — and are convinced — that the EU has no strategy in relation to Belarus,” he told reporters. “There should always exist the courage to talk, even in complex situations.”

Warsaw, Minsk, Moscow trade blame

The call comes as the latest standoff between Poland and Belarus enters its third day, with large groups of migrants stuck on the border in dropping temperatures.

EU officials see it as a coordinated “hybrid attack” on the bloc organized by Belarus strongman Alexander Lukashenko and his regime in retaliation against

sanctions. They say Belarus is flying migrants to the capital from abroad on special visas and taking them to the EU’s doorstep.

On Tuesday night, Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki accused Putin of being the real “mastermind” behind the crisis.

The Kremlin said the accusations were “absolutely irresponsible and unacceptable.”

Both Russia and Belarus have denied any wrongdoing. Instead, they claim Poland and the EU are causing the crisis by refusing the help potential asylum seekers.

What is happening?

On Wednesday, Poland reported a surge in the attempts to breach the border, with its security forces

pushing hundreds of migrants back to Belarus. At the same time, they said that some migrants managed to enter Polish territory.

Between 2,000 and 4,000 migrants, reported to be mostly Kurds, have set up a camp near the barrier after failing to break through the fence on Monday.

“The situation is not calm,” Defense Minister Mariusz Blaszczak told Polish radio on Wednesday. “Now we are dealing with smaller groups, although numerous, which are simultaneously attacking the Polish border in several places,” he said.

On Twitter, Blaszczak said there were now 15,000 soldiers deployed at the border, up from 10,000 from before the standoff. **ow**



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MOON LANDING

NASA postpones astronaut moon mission until 2025

WASHINGTON: NASA on Tuesday announced it was delaying a plan to put astronauts back on the moon until at least 2025.

The US space agency had previously aimed to land astronauts on the moon by 2024, a target set by the Trump administration.

“Returning to the moon as quickly and safely as possible is an agency priority,” NASA Administrator Bill Nelson said.

NASA’s Artemis mission plans to bring four astronauts into lunar orbit in the Orion spacecraft, where two of them will transfer to a SpaceX landing vehicle for the final approach to the moon.

“The human landing system is a crucial part of our work to get the first woman and the first person of color to the lunar surface, and we are getting geared up to go,” Nelson told reporters.

Announcing the delay, Nelson

said Congress did not provide enough money to develop a landing system for its moon program.

He added that a bigger budget was needed for its Orion capsule, up from \$6.7 billion to \$9.3 billion (€5.8 billion to €8 billion).

The moon mission has already significantly exceeded its budget and observers have long doubted that the agency will adhere to its schedule. Delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic also played a role.

The mission was further stalled due to a legal challenge by Jeff Bezos’ rocket company, Blue Origin. Elon Musk’s SpaceX received an order from NASA to develop the first commercial lunar landing device in April. Bezos’ Blue Origin filed a lawsuit challenging NASA’s decision.

Finally, a federal court ruled in favor of NASA on Friday, and the space agency said it would continue working with SpaceX. **ow**

RE-ELECTED

Fumio Kishida re-elected as Japan’s Prime Minister in parliamentary vote

TOKYO: Party President of Japan’s Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), Fumio Kishida has been re-elected as Japan’s Prime Minister on Wednesday in a parliamentary vote.

According to Japan’s Kyodo News, Fumio Kishida has been re-elected as the Prime Minister after his Liberal Democratic Party secured a majority in a special parliament session, during the elections held on October 31, 2021, in the House of Representatives. As necessitated by the Constitution of Japan, Kishida’s whole cabinet resigned three days before the Parliament session through Friday. He was elected as the Prime Minister of Japan on October 4, 2021, and served the country for a month. Kishida will commence the second cabinet of Japan.

“In a short period of time, the government has pushed forward policies with speed,” Kyodo news quoted Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno as saying.

Kyodo News reported that, at a press conference, Matsuno talked about the re-elected PM and mentioned that the government had established a number of committees to understand Kishida’s vision of a “new capitalism”,



economic growth and wealth redistribution.

The re-elected Prime Minister had also contacted world leaders including U.S. President Joe Biden to apprehend and analyse a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

“The Kishida government’s basic stance is to listen carefully to the voices of the people and speedily carry out policies to address their worries about the coronavirus, hopes for economic recovery and sense of crisis about the increasingly severe international situation,” the news agency quoted Matsuno as saying.

Shinzo Abe, Former Prime Minister had left the position of LDP’s chair back in 2012. He will be replacing Hosoda and head LDP’s largest faction.

Replacing Toshimitsu Motegi, Kishida most likely will announce Yoshimasa Hayashi, a former education minister as the new Foreign Minister. He will preserve most of the members of the current cabinet which was initially launched last month. Hayashi leads an unbiased lawmakers’ group that strengthens and promotes friendly relations between Japan and China. **ANI**

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**CRICKET
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New Zealand defeat England, storm into T20 World Cup final

New Zealand will now face the winner of the second semi-final between Pakistan and Australia in the summit clash on Sunday at the Dubai International Stadium

ABU DHABI: Daryl Mitchell's unbeaten 72-run knock aided by James Neesham's quickfire cameo of 27 runs off just 11 balls helped New Zealand defeat England by five wickets to enter the final of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup here at the Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium on Wednesday.

New Zealand will now face the winner of the second semi-final between Pakistan and Australia in the summit clash on Sunday at the Dubai International Stadium.

Chasing, New Zealand got off to the worst start possible as the side lost opening batter Martin Guptill (4) in the very first over bowled by



CELEBRATION: Mitchell, Neesham help New Zealand stun England to enter final.

Chris Woakes.

The Kiwis were given a body blow in the third over as Woakes sent skipper Kane Williamson (5) back in the hut. After the end of the powerplay, New Zealand's score read 36/2.

Devon Conway and Daryl Mitchell found run-scoring difficult and at the halfway mark, New Zealand's score read 58/2 with

the side needing 109 runs to win from 60 balls.

The 82-run stand for the third wicket was finally broken by Liam Livingstone as he had Conway (46) stumped at the hands of Buttler with New Zealand still needing 72 runs to win from 38 balls. Glenn Phillips (2) was the second wicket for Livingstone and England was in firm control with New Zealand

at 107/4 in the 16th over.

In the 17th over bowled by Chris Jordan, James Neesham and Mitchell managed to score 23 runs, and the match swayed in favour of the Kiwis, with Williamson and team needing 34 to win from 18 balls.

However, another twist came in the game as Adil Rashid sent Neesham (27) back to the pavilion, and New Zealand required 20

to win from 12 balls. In the end, Mitchell guided New Zealand to a five-wicket victory with six balls to spare.

Earlier, Moeen Ali and Dawid Malan played knocks of 51 and 42 respectively as England scored 166/4 against New Zealand. Asked to bat first, England got off to a steady start as openers Jos Buttler

and Jonny Bairstow put on 37 runs inside the five overs. However, the introduction of Adam Milne into the attack paid off straight away as he dismissed Bairstow (13) on the first ball of the sixth over, ending the first-wicket partnership.

While trying to play a reverse sweep, Buttler (29) ended up missing a straight delivery bowled by Ish Sodhi, and he was caught right plumb in front, and as a result, England was reduced to 53/2 in the 9th over. At the halfway mark, England's score read 67/2 with Dawid Malan and Moeen Ali at the crease.

Malan and Ali kept on scoring runs at a brisk pace and the duo managed to add 43 more runs in the next five overs, taking the score to 110/2 at the 15 overs mark, setting a perfect launchpad for the rest of the batting lineup. The 63-run stand for the third wicket finally came to an end in the 16th over as Tim Southee got the better of Malan (42).

In the final three overs, England managed to add 36 more runs, taking their total past the 160-run mark. Liam Livingstone also played a crucial cameo of 17 runs off just 10 balls helping Eoin Morgan's side post a competitive total on the board.

Brief Scores: England 166/4 (Moeen Ali 51*, Dawid Malan 42; Adam Milne 1-31) vs New Zealand 167/5 (Daryl Mitchell 72*, Devon Conway 46; Liam Livingstone 2-22). -ANI

ICC RANKINGS

KL Rahul moves to fifth spot, Kohli drops to eighth in ICC Men's T20I rankings

DUBAI: On the back of the sensational performances for South Africa, Aiden Markram has made significant gains in the latest ICC Men's T20I rankings.

Markram's unbeaten knock of 52 in just 25 balls in South Africa's victory over Group 1 table-toppers England sees him climb to the number three spot in the latest T20I rankings for batters. Markram's heroics with the bat has also helped him break into the top 10 all-rounders, rising seven places to No. 7.

South African teammate Rassie van der Dussen too broke into the top 10 rankings for batters, climbing six spots to occupy the 10th spot in the latest update. Van der Dussen scored a Player of the Match-winning knock of 94* against England, helping the Proteas post a daunting total of 189.

Unfortunately for South Africa, their win against England was not enough as they crashed out of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup on net run rate, despite winning four games out of five.

With three fifties in India's last three matches, KL Rahul moved to No.5. After returning low scores against Pakistan and New Zealand, Rahul was brilliant against Afghanistan, Scotland, and Namibia but the knocks came in too late for India as they exited the tournament in the Super 12 stage.

In the rankings for bowlers, the Australian duo of Adam Zampa and Josh Hazlewood climbed the charts. Both bowlers have been in great form of late and were instrumental in Australia qualifying for the semi-finals of the World Cup.

Zampa's five-for against Bangladesh takes him to the No.5 spot, while Hazlewood went up 11 places to No.8, thanks to his four-wicket haul against West Indies.



The other major movement in the top 10 saw Tim Southee, who has picked up five wickets since the last update, move three places up to No.9 in the bowling rankings.

The Australian domination in the latest update continued with Glenn Maxwell and Mitchell Marsh moving up in the all-rounders' rankings. Maxwell went up three places to become the new No.4 ranked all-rounder while Marsh ascended five spots to No.9.

Sri Lankan sensation Wanindu Hasaranga achieved a career-high rating (173) for all-rounders, thus going up one spot to No.3. -ANI

PAKISTAN TOUR

Tour to Pakistan is really a significant moment for Australian cricket: Hayden

DUBAI: Pakistan batting consultant Matthew Hayden on Wednesday said that Australia deciding to tour Pakistan for three Tests, three ODIs and one T20I is really a significant moment for the sport in both countries.

It will be the first time in 24 years that Australia will be visiting Pakistan for a cricket series. "A wonderful announcement also in the last few days about Australia touring Pakistan in February, something as I just mentioned before that has not been done for I think 24 years now, and I think from an Australian cricket point of view, that is also a really significant moment, not only for Australian cricket but also for Pakistan Cricket," said Hayden during a virtual press conference.

When asked for his advice for the Australian side visiting Pakistan, Hayden said: "I think my advice is that especially from a batting point of view is that surely our batsmen will be queueing up to get on the Pakistan wickets. I was always dreadfully disappointed that I didn't get a chance for my career to play on nice strong flat wickets." "I feel that it's incredibly important that the



country now embraces Pakistan as a full membership nation, that it allows and supports its incredible fan base, really like no other apart from India, similar sort of passion and commitment to the great game of cricket, that it allows itself the Australian unit to come and enjoy the hospitality of Pakistan, to enjoy the overall sense of cricket and the experience of Pakistan, because it's certainly the one regret that I have in my career is not being able to travel to Pakistan as an international cricketer, in spite of having such great and unique challenges."

Pakistan and Australia will be locking horns against each other in the second semi-final of the on-

going ICC Men's T20 World Cup on Thursday in Dubai.

"Yes, it is obvious that I have been with the team a very short time, which has meant it's been very important to have a heart connect with the players, the administrators and also the management team here. I felt that that has been achieved, and in many ways that was my individual and personal aim throughout this tournament, to get a sense of the commitment of all the layers within the game in Pakistan and to understand one of the most beautiful things, and that is that raw talent and talent is there in abundance for Pakistan cricket," said Hayden. -ANI



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KC Ganapathy, Varun Thakkar win gold in Asian Sailing Championships

After four days of competition, the Indian crew took the 49er gold ahead of Musab Al Hadi and Walid Al Kindi who came second

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The 2021 Asian 49er and 49er FX Championships concluded in dramatic fashion at Al-Mussanah with the podium positions decided in the very last race of the day.

After four days of competition, the Indian crew of KC Ganapathy and Varun Thakkar took the 49er gold ahead of Musab Al Hadi and Walid Al Kindi who came second and Ahmed Al Hasani and Abdulrahman Al



ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Many of the sailors will now remain in Mussanah ahead of the 49er and 49er-FXWorld Championships taking place from 16-21st November.

Mashari of Oman in third.

Akira Sakai and Russell Aylworth of Hong Kong, second place for most of the week, struggled in the final round of races and

dropped from second to fourth.

In the overall front, Hernan Umpierre and Fernando Diz of Uruguay overhauled a large point gap with a display of near-perfect

sailing to finish first, ahead of Andrew Mollerus and Ian Macdiarmid from the USA in second. Leaders going into the day, Danish duo Fredrik Rask and Jacob Pre-

cht, also found today difficult and dropped to third overall.

In the 49er FX class, Molly Highfield and Sandi Choi from Hong Kong won two of the three races on the final day to take the gold and finish second overall. Harshita Tomar and Sweta Shervegar of India claimed silver and the Omani team of Ibtisam Al Salmi and Marwa Al Khaifi took the bronze.

In the overall rankings, Odile Van Aanholt and Elise de Eutter of the Netherlands ended the tournament in top spot after leading all week, while Lara Granier and Amelie Riou of France finished narrowly missed out on second to Molly Highfield and Sandi Choi and had to settle for third place.

Rashid Al Kindi, Director of Sailing at Oman Sail, said, "This has been a great advertisement for Asian sailing and for Oman Sail's programme. The entire fleet shone in the Mussanah sunshine this week. We're delighted to welcome so many sailors to Oman for the championships, which provide vital time on the water for everyone, whether competing for the title, enjoying some winter training or preparing for the upcoming World

Championships later this month, also held in Mussanah. The future of sailing in Asia is very promising in these three classes. We thank the competitors for making the journey to Oman and look forward to welcoming them all back here again in the future."

The event was supported by national carrier Oman Air, OQ and the Barceló Mussanah Resort as official partners, and be'ah as environmental supporter. The National Mineral Water Company Salsabeel Water provided all essential water supplies for the event while the Royal Navy of Oman provided medical support throughout.

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Mussanah is also preparing to host the opening ceremony and first leg of the 11th edition of Sailing Arabia - The Tour on 24th November 2021 and the 50th Youth Sailing World Championships, the first time one of the most significant competitions in the sailing calendar has been held in the Asian federation, starting on 11th December 2021.

FOOTBALL

Footballers showcase skills in Red Bull Neymar Jr event



Times News Service

MUSCAT: After a two-year COVID pause, the Red Bull Neymar Jr's Five 5vs5 tournament returns to give fans of football—the most popular sport in Oman—the chance to showcase their skills in a lively, competitive setting. The winning team has the opportunity to face Neymar Jr himself if they triumph over all other qualified teams from around the world at the anticipated World Final in Qatar early next year.

Red Bull Neymar Jr's Five is the largest international tournament for five-a-side football teams. The Omani qualifiers, held in partner-

ship with Red Bull MOBILE and talabat Oman, launched in Muscat on October 29 and 30, with more than 100 participants competing in two phases at Al Mouj GCM Lawn, and 16 teams qualifying from each stage.

The third and fourth phases took place at the Al Hilal Club in Sohar on November 5 and 6, totaling an impressive 448 competing participants overall.

The local finals see 16 teams participating on November 12 in Yankit, a breathtaking location near a fisherman's cove. The face-offs will crown the team representing Oman in the World Finals in Qatar. The tournament is fast-

paced, tactical, and fun. Each team consists of five players and two reserves.

During a 10-minute match, two five-a-side teams compete without a goalkeeper. When one team scores a goal, the other loses a player, and the match ends when one team loses all players or depending on the results at the buzzer.

Players have a unique chance to get Oman's football hero Captain Ali Al Habsi's support. A national hero and goalkeeper to major European clubs, Al Habsi will offer invaluable advice to participants who want to "outplay them all" when facing Neymar Jr in a group of five of his fellow stars.

STANDING ALLOWED

Supporters to be allowed to stand during English Premier League matches for 1st time in 30 years

LONDON: Standing at Premier League matches in England, banned following the country's worst-ever tragedy, is to be allowed for the first time in nearly 30 years, it was announced on Monday. The match between Chelsea and Liverpool on January 2 will be the first to allow fans to stand during the match.

Standing on the main terraces of matches in Britain was a key feature of the games until 97 Liverpool fans were crushed to death at the Hillsborough Stadium in 1989. Since then, top-flight clubs have been ordered to introduce all-seater stadiums.

Manchester United, Manchester City, Tottenham and Chelsea and Championship side Cardiff have, like Chelsea, also had their applications to be part of a safe standing trial approved.

In a statement Monday night, Chelsea FC said its application to be an early adopter of licensed safe standing from January 1, 2022 has been approved by the Sports Grounds Safety Authority (SGSA) and the Government Sports Minister.

"This is a historic change of

Manchester United, Manchester City, Tottenham and Chelsea and Championship side Cardiff have also had their applications to be part of a safe standing trial approved

policy to allow standing in top-flight football grounds in England and Wales for the first time in nearly 30 years," read a statement released by the club.

"The introduction of licensed standing areas is based on evidence of a safety risk for fans who persistently stand in seated areas. In addition, many fans want the choice to stand and, with the advent of new engineering solutions, research has shown this can be managed safely."

Chelsea FC has already installed rail seating to areas at Stamford Bridge to facilitate safe standing. "We are very pleased that we have been approved to operate licensed safe standing areas and that our club will be an early adopter of this historic change in policy," said Chelsea CEO Guy Laurence. "The research and evidence shows that standing can be managed safely, and we look forward to our supporters enjoying this enhanced experience at the earliest opportunity in the new year." Sports Minister Nigel Huddleston said fans deserve different options on how they can enjoy a live match and "I will be watching the progress of these trials with interest."

Early adopters of standing will be evaluated from January through independent research. The findings, anticipated in the second half of the 2021-22 season, will inform subsequent SGSA advice to the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) about the potential wider rollout of licensed standing from the start of the 2022-23 season. **Xinhua**

CRICKET ROUND-UP

Mehmood's all-round show helps Douglas OHI score big win over Maniz Azad, Khalsa United CT brush aside Al Waad

Times News Service

MUSCAT: An all-round performance by Shahid Mehmood Walayat helped steer Douglas OHI to a massive win over Maniz Azad International in the B Division match of the Oman Cricket League.

Shahid Mehmood played a swashbuckling innings to score 79 runs in 44 balls, studded with three sixes and seven boundaries, and later scalped three wickets to script the big win for his team.

Put into bat after losing the toss, Douglas OHI scored 217 for the loss of nine wickets in 29 overs. Shahid was the mainstay of the innings and was ably supported by Chintan Kamlesh Gohel who scored 68 off 60 deliveries. Tahir Ali and Shoaib Mohammed took three wickets apiece for Maniz Azad. In reply, Maniz Azad were bundled out for 168 in 26.2 overs, with Shuaib Ismail Al Balushi top scoring with 38 runs. Murtaza Shah, Shahid Mehmood and Shamsudheen Shareef picked up three wickets each.

Brief Scores: Douglas OHI 217/9 in 29 Overs (Shahid Mehmood Walayat 79(44) - 7x4, 3x6, Chintan Kamlesh Gohel 68(60) 7x4 ; Tahir Ali 46/3, Shoaib Mohammed 12/3) won against Maniz Azad International 168/10 in 26.2



MASSIVE WIN: Umar Muhammad and Sajid Ali of Khalsa United.

Overs (Shuaib Ismail Al Balushi 38(35) - 6x4 ; 5 Murtaza Shah 29/3, Shahid Mehmood Walayat 27/3, Shamsudheen Shareef 24/3) by 49 runs.

In another Division C match, Khalsa United CT brushed aside Al Waad Trad & Contracting Enterprises by six wickets.

Batting first Al Waad scored 165 for the loss of five wickets in their 20 overs, with Sidhi Suman top scoring with 48 off 25 balls.

In reply, Khalsa United knocked off the target in 16.4 overs, with Sajid Ali leading the chase, scoring 58 off 35 balls, and ably supported by Umar Muhammad scoring 53 off 35 deliveries.

Brief Scores - Al Waad Trad & Contracting Enterprises 165/5 in 20 overs (Sidhi Suman 48 (25) 5x4, 2x6; Sajid Ali 26/1) lost against Khalsa United CT 168/4 in 16.4 Overs (Sajid Ali 58(35) 9x4, Umar Muhammad 53(35) 6x4 ; Mhd Ehtisham Kamran - 19/2) by 6 wickets. In another low-scoring match of D Division, Mazoon UP got the better of Oct Al Mabela by five wickets. Batting first Oct Al Mabela scored an under-par 97 all-out in 20 overs with Nadeer Kunninu being the wrecker-in-chief with two wickets for 15 runs.

In reply, Mazoon breezed to the target in 14.2 oves, with Nadeer

Kunninu shining with the willow, scoring 31 runs.

Brief Scores -Oct Al Mabela 97/10 in 20 overs (Shabir Ahmed Al Balushi 29(32) 3x4; Nadeer Kunninu 31/29) 6x4, Shareef Al Balushi - 23/3) by 5 wickets.

14-run win

In a D Division match, Global Corp Logistics had a closely-fought 14-run win against Danmark CC. Batting first Global Corp Logistics scored 155 for the loss of eight wickets in their 20 overs. Giridharan Vyrawamoorthy high scored with 35, while Sankarlal Sasidharan shined with the ball, scalping four wickets.

In reply, Danmark CC came close, but fell short of the target by 14 runs with five balls to spare. Mohammed Aadil was the top scorer with 29 runs, while Ummer Mahmood took three wickets for Global Corp.

Brief Scores - Global Corp Logistics 155/8 in 20 overs (Giridharan Vyrawamoorthy 35(29) 3x4; Sankarlal Sasidharan - 31/4) won against Danmark CC 141/10 in 19.1 Overs (Mohammed Aadil 29(42) 6x4, Ummer Mahmood - 35/3) by 14 runs.

OMAN CRUDE PRICE RISES
The price of Oman oil has increased, with prices for delivery by January 2022 reaching \$84.04, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil rose by \$1.63 from the price of Tuesday, which was \$82.41. - **ONA**

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MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER
The MSX index closed at 4,036.92 points, up 0.08 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.15 per cent at 549.56 points. National Aluminum Product was the top gainer, up by 3.47 per cent, while National Finance, down 6.25 per cent, was the top loser.

Oman crude remains favourite for independent refiners: Report

Total imports from Oman at 2.287 million mt doubled year on year and were up 200 per cent from September

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Inflows of the Oman grade surged 136.5 per cent year on year to 2.19 million mt and were up 203.2 per cent from September, according to a new report.
“Total imports from Oman at 2.287 million mt doubled year on year and were up 200 per cent from September. Around nine cargoes comprising 1.22 million mt of the total were reportedly Iranian rather than Omani crudes, according to some port sources,” S&P Global Platts said in its report on Tuesday.
On the Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME) Oman, the oil

price (January Delivery 2022) on Wednesday reached \$84.04, an increase by \$1.63 from the price of Tuesday, which was at \$82.41.
The average price of Oman oil (November Delivery 2021) on DME has stabilised at \$72.78, thus \$3.40 per barrel higher than October Delivery 2021.
S&P Global Platts said in its report that while East Siberia-Pacific Ocean (ESPO) crude imports rose 10 per cent month on month to 2.4 million mt in October, buying interest in early November has been thin, with few deals heard. Offers for ESPO were heard to be around \$4-\$4.20/b on a DES

Shandong basis against ICE Brent futures, according to trade and refinery sources.
“There are still a few December cargoes unsold in the market,” a refinery source said. Most independent refineries have yet to start procurement for January.
Despite the month-on-month increase in October, total imports from Russia over January-October were down 13.8 per cent year on year at 22.66 million mt,” S&P Global Platts said in its report.
Imports from Brazil almost halved to 11.35 million mt over January-October from 21.8 million mt a year earlier, despite an 87.2 per cent month-on-month surge to 322,000 mt in October, although that figure was down 89 per cent year on year.
Brazil was previously a top crude supplier to China’s independent refineries behind Russia and Saudi Arabia, but quality issues with some cargoes have prompted some of the refiners to look for alternatives, according to market sources.



OMAN HYDROGEN CENTRE

Pact signed for hydrogen energy projects in Oman

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Hydrogen Centre (OHC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Siemens Energy Oman to collaborate on hydrogen energy projects and initiatives in the Sultanate of Oman. Oman Hydrogen Centre is hosted by the German University of Technology (GUTech).
The German University of Technology (owned by Oman Educational Services) has always been fully committed to the development and enhancement of Omani resources especially of the youth in the fields of education, innovation, technology, and economy.
Since its creation, the focus of the Oman Hydrogen Center has been to provide research and development, networking communication, education and economic guidance to provide support in all hydrogen initiatives in Oman. It has been successful in creating awareness about hydrogen energy in Oman, engaging with stakeholders and creating a dialogue on hydrogen energy and green hydrogen. In August this year, GUTech along with other major stakeholders signed and formed the National Hydrogen Alliance.
The collaboration between Oman Hydrogen Center and Siemens Energy Oman further assists and enables the development of the hydrogen industry in the sul-



tanate. The areas of collaboration include identifying feasible green hydrogen applications; proposing storage solutions; production; transportation; hydrogen society plan and energy policy.
Dr Hussain Bin Sulaiman Al Salmi CEO of Oman Educational Services and the Acting Rector of GUTech said, “The Oman Hydrogen Centre is focused on Oman specific topics of the hydrogen-based energy transition and is developing a roadmap for related research and development work to support recommendations for an implementation roadmap for Oman. The Centre contributes with its research activities in close cooperation with academic and industrial partners. I would call today’s event another milestone for OHC, to have this strategic partnership with Siemens Energy Oman that we are proud to be joining hands with. They are globally active and bring great value

to our collaboration.”
Khalid Bin Hadi, Managing Director of Siemens Energy Oman said, “Green hydrogen has the potential to become a core part of the future clean economy in Oman and play an important role to unlock a more sustainable and decarbonised future for all. As we work to advance the development of this new industry it will be the strong, dedicated partnerships like ours that will ensure success. As a leading pioneer in the green hydrogen industry, we are proud to collaborate with the Oman Hydrogen Centre to enable Oman’s clean energy and hydrogen ambitions.”
The purpose of this collaboration is to identify and support local applications for green hydrogen, providing technical expertise in relation to developing green hydrogen solutions and offering support in gaining access to relative local industries.

GAMING SERVICE

Netflix Games now available on iOS

WASHINGTON: Popular streaming giant Netflix has officially brought its new gaming service to all iOS users.
As per The Verge, the gaming service uses Apple’s in-app payment system, even though the main Netflix app does not. The gaming service was brought to all the subscribers on Android recently, but earlier due to some clashes with Apple, it was not made available to the iOS users.
But now an official tweet by Netflix itself announced the news, also informing that the service gives users access to a limited selection of mobile games without ads or in-app purchases.
The Verge confirmed that the five launch games are already available as individual downloads from the App Store.
These launch games include ‘Stranger Things: 1984’, ‘Stranger



Things 3: The Game’, ‘Shooting Hoops’, ‘Teeter (Up)’, and ‘Card Blast’.
The recently announced game titled ‘Hextech Mayhem: A League of Legends Story’ that will cost USD 10 on Switch and PC, will be available for free to Netflix subscribers.
According to The Verge, other cloud gaming platforms, like Microsoft xCloud, Nvidia GeForce Now, Google Stadia, and Facebook Gaming, have struggled to find footing on iOS due to Apple’s

demanding App Store restrictions.
However, Netflix was given the chance unlike other platforms that have attempted to sidestep Apple’s policies by launching as web apps, but this obviously doesn’t provide the best gaming experience.
The users who will launch the Netflix Games apps individually without an account are prompted to sign up for Netflix using Apple’s in-app system, as per The Verge.
After the user does that, then Apple receives a 30 per cent cut of their payments for the first year, then 15 per cent of each payment after that.
Netflix has still not enabled the option to send new customers through Apple’s payment system in its main app, but this odd arrangement sounds enough to get Netflix Games on iOS. - **ANI**

STATISTICS

China’s factory inflation hits 26-year high as power crunch bites

BEIJING: China’s factory-gate inflation hit a 26-year high in October as coal prices soared amid a power crunch in the country’s industrial heartland, further squeezing profit margins for producers and heightening stagflation concerns.
The producer price index climbed 13.5 per cent from a year earlier, faster than the 10.7 per cent rise in September, the National Bureau of Statistics said in a statement, Reuters reported.
Consumer price rises also quickened, although at a slower pace than factory gate prices. The consumer price index rose 1.5 per cent in October year-on-year, compared with September’s 0.7 per cent rise.
The mounting price pressures complicate deliberations for the People’s Bank of China.

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MSX index ends higher

National Aluminum Product was the top gainer, up by 3.47 per cent, while National Finance, down 6.25 per cent, was the top loser

MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 4,036.92 points, up 0.08 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.15 per cent at 549.56 points. National Aluminum Product was the top gainer, up by 3.47 per cent, while National Finance, down 6.25 per cent, was the top loser. Shares of Sohar International Bank were the most active in terms of turnover. A total number of 347 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR2.5 million, with more than 14.6 million shares changing hands. Out of 39 traded securities, 12 advanced, 11 declined and 15 remained unchanged. At the session close, local investors were

net sellers for OMR41,000 while GCC and Arab investors were net buyers for OMR35,000 followed by foreign investors for OMR6,000 worth of shares. Financial Index closed at 6,374 points, up 0.58 per cent. Prices of Al Anwar Investment, Madina Takaful, Ominvest, National Bank Oman and Sohar International Bank were up 3.09 per cent, 2.11 per cent, 1.95 per cent, 1.08 per cent and 0.95 per cent respectively. National Finance, HSBC Bank Oman, Muscat Finance and Bank Nizwa were up 6.25 per cent, 2.15 per cent, 1.69 per cent and 1.05 per cent respectively. Industrial Index closed at 6,177.53 points, up 0.13 per cent. Services Index down by 0.08 per cent before closing at 1,650.89 points. — United Securities

MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	4,049.16	4,033.72	4,036.92	4,033.72	3.20	0.08
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,395.11	6,363.05	6,374.58	6,360.21	14.38	0.23
Industry Index	6,189.03	6,169.75	6,177.53	6,169.66	7.87	0.13
Services Index	1,656.78	1,650.89	1,650.89	1,652.24	-1.34	-0.08
MSX Shariah Index	551.50	549.57	549.57	550.38	-0.81	-0.15
MSX TR INDEX	4,869.18	4,850.61	4,854.46	4,850.61	3.85	0.08

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap.	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
14,607,423	2,496,619	347	22,031,701,214	13	11	15	39

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PD	LAST MD	LAST OFFER	P/B VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET															
OM0000001772 ALANWAR INVESTMENT	206,000	20,700	8	0.100	0.101	0.100	0.100	0.097	0.003	3.093	0.100	0.089	0.100	0.100	20,000,000
OM0000001707 OMAN CABLES INDSTR	60,900	63,330	14	1.020	1.050	1.020	1.040	1.010	0.030	2.970	1.050	1.000	1.050	0.100	93,288,000
OM0000001533 OMINVEST	42,000	13,168	8	0.314	0.318	0.310	0.314	0.306	0.006	1.948	0.314	0.314	0.318	0.100	253,640,511
OM0000003398 SOHAR INT. BANK	3,871,067	384,452	26	0.104	0.105	0.104	0.105	0.104	0.001	0.962	0.104	0.104	0.105	0.100	313,956,540
OM0000001749 OMAN CEMENT	6,000	1,422	1	0.237	0.237	0.237	0.237	0.235	0.002	0.851	0.237	0.230	0.240	0.100	78,416,832
OM0000001525 OMAN INVST & FIN.	3,087,000	437,525	54	0.140	0.143	0.140	0.141	0.140	0.001	0.714	0.141	0.141	0.141	0.100	33,417,000
OM0000002796 BANK MUSCAT	842,884	412,896	33	0.492	0.492	0.484	0.490	0.488	0.002	0.410	0.484	0.484	0.488	0.100	1,751,492,648
OM0000001400 OMAN FLOUR MILLS	250	197	1	0.788	0.788	0.788	0.792	0.792	0.000	0.000	0.788	0.000	0.800	0.100	124,740,000
OM0000002176 JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	1,000	366	1	0.366	0.366	0.366	0.372	0.372	0.000	0.000	0.366	0.366	0.382	0.100	46,462,041
OM0000002200 AHLI BANK	500	56	1	0.111	0.111	0.111	0.111	0.111	0.000	0.000	0.111	0.109	0.111	0.100	216,411,979
OM0000000440 AL SHARQIA INV	2,000	182	1	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.000	0.000	0.091	0.087	0.091	0.100	8,190,000
OM0000003026 OMAN TELECOM	136,000	100,101	15	0.740	0.740	0.736	0.736	0.736	0.000	0.000	0.736	0.736	0.740	0.100	552,000,000
OM0000006920 VISION INSURANCE	84,969	6,897	4	0.084	0.084	0.081	0.081	0.081	0.000	0.000	0.081	0.075	0.081	0.100	8,100,000
OM0000001160 NATIONAL GAS	33,100	4,435	9	0.130	0.136	0.130	0.134	0.135	-0.001	-0.741	0.134	0.132	0.134	0.100	11,390,000
OM0000003868 OOREDOO	78,500	28,791	5	0.368	0.368	0.366	0.366	0.370	-0.004	-1.081	0.366	0.362	0.366	0.100	238,245,588
OM0000003000 AL MAHA MARKETING	8,777	5,968	5	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.688	-0.008	-1.163	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.100	46,920,000
OM0000005005 ALMAHA CERAMICS	75,000	38,310	5	0.516	0.516	0.510	0.510	0.516	-0.006	-1.163	0.510	0.510	0.520	0.100	28,050,000
OM0000001590 MUSCAT FINANCE	202,600	11,753	13	0.058	0.059	0.058	0.058	0.059	-0.001	-1.695	0.058	0.058	0.059	0.100	17,814,487
OM0000002168 AL ANWAR CERAMIC	121,000	51,366	8	0.430	0.430	0.420	0.424	0.434	-0.010	-2.304	0.420	0.428	0.428	0.100	93,280,000
Total	8,669,347	1,381,915	210												

Parallel Market

OM0000001319 ALUMINIUM PROD.	294,100	43,757	27	0.145	0.150	0.145	0.149	0.144	0.005	3.472	0.150	0.149	0.150	0.100	5,002,146
OM0000004768 MADINA TAKAFUL	351,474	34,095	19	0.097	0.098	0.097	0.097	0.095	0.002	2.105	0.098	0.095	0.101	0.100	16,975,000
OM0000005963 PHOENIX POWER	6,100	305	3	0.048	0.050	0.048	0.050	0.049	0.001	2.041	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.100	73,130,073
OM0000003521 GALFAR ENGINEER	29,800	2,324	4	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.077	0.001	1.299	0.078	0.077	0.078	0.100	15,832,943
OM0000001483 NATIONAL BANK OMAN	1,653,840	309,518	5	0.187	0.188	0.187	0.187	0.185	0.002	1.081	0.187	0.184	0.190	0.100	304,051,969
OM0000001897 MAJAN COLLEGE	2,000	514	1	0.157	0.157	0.157	0.160	0.160	0.000	0.000	0.157	0.156	0.157	0.100	14,400,000
OM0000002341 OMAN CHLORINE	340,245	68,049	2	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.000	0.000	0.200	0.000	0.200	0.100	13,620,732
OM0000002374 UNITED FINANCE	80,000	4,480	5	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.000	0.000	0.056	0.055	0.058	0.100	19,552,087
OM0000003125 GLOBAL INV. H.	114,886	7,238	7	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.000	0.000	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.100	12,600,000
OM0000003281 TAAGEER FINANCE	281,434	20,776	20	0.074	0.074	0.073	0.074	0.074	0.000	0.000	0.073	0.070	0.074	0.100	18,765,660
OM0000003661 VOLTAIR ENERGY	73	9	1	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.000	0.000	0.122	0.120	0.123	0.100	9,031,136
OM0000004925 ALBATRAH POWER	500	26	1	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.000	0.000	0.052	0.048	0.052	0.100	35,084,146
OM0000004933 AL SUWADI POWER	65,000	3,380	1	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.000	0.000	0.052	0.051	0.052	0.100	37,149,130
OM0000004420 BANK NIZWA	220,576	20,743	17	0.095	0.095	0.094	0.094	0.095	-0.001	-1.053	0.094	0.094	0.095	0.100	210,273,585
OM0000007084 MCT DESALINATE	5,732	449	2	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.079	-0.001	-1.266	0.078	0.078	0.086	0.100	12,132,931
OM0000007407 DHOOP GENERATING	15,000	1,140	1	0.076	0.076	0.076	0.076	0.077	-0.001	-1.299	0.076	0.075	0.084	0.100	16,890,240
OM0000001517 HSBC BANK OMAN	750,151	68,364	8	0.093	0.093	0.091	0.091	0.093	-0.002	-2.151	0.091	0.091	0.092	0.100	182,028,464
OM0000002648 NATIONAL FINANCE	1,131,086	102,308	11	0.090	0.091	0.090	0.090	0.096	-0.006	-6.250	0.091	0.090	0.091	0.100	48,710,741
Total	5,342,017	687,275	135												

EXPO 2020

India invites GCC nations to invest in sustainable energy sectors

DUBAI: India invited the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member countries to invest in the sustainable energy sectors in the country, which is one of the major focus areas of the government.

Addressing the representatives of the GCC countries at India pavilion Expo 2020 Dubai, Vipul,

Joint Secretary, Gulf, MEA said that India's sustainable energy sector has immense opportunities, and the Government of India has taken a series of measures, including increasing the FDI limits along with opening up of the sectors like defence, telecom and insurance.

He added that prime minister

had announced that India would be having 500 GWs of Renewable energy by 2030 and GCC nations can capitalise on this opportunity. "We need to evolve our areas of cooperation, and the platforms required for this purpose like business technology corridors will be important. -ANI/NewsVair

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Adnoc Drilling revenue rises 12 per cent to \$1.7 billion

ABU DHABI: Adnoc Drilling Company announced its financial results for the third quarter and first nine months of 2021.

In the first quarterly disclosure since its record listing on the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange in early October 2021, Adnoc Drilling delivered strong top-line growth, with revenue increasing 12 per cent to \$1.7 billion compared to the same period last year.

The company reported EBITDA of \$785 million, surpassed targets, with a very healthy margin of 46 per cent, and net profit of \$460 million for the period, up 9 per cent year-on-year.

For the third quarter, Adnoc Drilling reported revenues of \$571 million, up 11 per cent year-on-year, and EBITDA of \$285 million, representing a 50 per cent margin in the quarter.

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Email: apexhealth21@gmail.com
Whatsapp no: 968 95773456

JOB VACANCIES

DESIGNER/AUTOCAD D/MAN

Wanted an experienced **Graphic Designer** for an advertising agency. Whatsapp CV to 91764576

DRIVER

Drivers for Light / SUV personal cars required. 2-3 years of experience. Interested candidates can email: deosil03@gmail.com or Call/WhatsApp: 92569177

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JOB WANTED

ACCOUNTS/FINANCE

Indian 24 yrs BBA (finance) and diploma in Indian and Foreign accounting, 2 yrs experience in accounting field, looking for a suitable position, now available in Oman.. Contact 98459828 Email: mohammedrabeebriyaz@gmail.com

28yr old male Accountant currently in Oman with 4 yrs work experience looking for job related to Accounting/ Finance. Contact 94038082

Accountant with more than 6 years experience seeks suitable placement. 2 yrs valid visa available. # 94031834

Corporate Banking and Wealth Management professional with 4 years experience in premiere Indian Banks. Seeking opportunities in Finance & Consulting. Education: PGDM Finance and B.Tech. Contact: 9430 9593

Indian Male 33 MBA looking for Senior Accountant.Having 8yrs experience including 5 yrs in Oman. Presently in Oman with NOC. Contact 78275075 or Email: smumair4u@gmail.com

Indian male Senior Accountant having 11 years experience in Accounts, Audit & Taxation looking for immediate placement. NOC available. Contact 95075222

Indian,13 years Accounts experience in Oman seeks suitable position. Contact 96496435

DRIVER

Bangladeshi driver (with car) with 12 yrs experience seeks job. Arabic, Hindi & English speaker. Contact 95951769, 99557495

Bangladeshi driver with 5 yrs experience seeks job. Contact 95160208

Bangladeshi driver with 8 yrs experience seeks job. Contact 96317701

MISCELLANEOUS

Required one **Electrician/Plumber** holding Omani D/L (Indian) 5years experience and Indian male cook. Interested persons may Contact: 99273774/99202278 Email: reachkvknair@gmail.com

DESIGNER/AUTOCAD D/MAN

ADMIN/HR

Indian male having 21 years HR & admin experience in Oman seeks suitable job. Contact 79329696

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

Indian male graduate Executive Secretary with Stenography/Oman D/L & 20years experience in Muscat available with NOC for immediate joining. CTC 79256679

Indian male, smart, excellent English, Masters, Arabic speaker, 18years Oman experience. Immediate. Contact 99283938.

Omani Male 35 years old looking for PRO Job with 15 years of experience of same. # 92049106, 95422144

DESIGNER/AUTOCAD D/MAN

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

Diploma Civil engineer having 10yrs Oman experience mainly in architectural/structural drafting. looking for a suitable position. Contact 7912971.

Freelancer 2D /3D Autocad Revit drafting MEP, Arch, B.Tech. 99506977

MECHANIC/TECHNIC

A reputed Trading & Contracting Co. located in Muscat, Urgently required a **Civil / Mechanical Foreman** with 3-4 years' experience. Priority for experience in paint division.Candidate must have Oman D/L & NOC. Send your CV to: jobvacancy007788@gmail.com

SALES/MARKETING

Looking **urgently** for a well experienced building material sales man with computer knowledge. Contact 92525406

Need experience **Sales Executive** for Gas field industry. Dood sales and communication Oman D/L needed. send cv on: osgcfinance@yahoo.com

JOB WANTED

ENGINEER

Indian, 6 yrs experience as Production Engineer (Steel fabrication /stores supervising and site installation,holding Omani License . Contact 99334770

B.E civil Engineer, 8 years of Oman experience in building construction. Looking for suitable position, NOC & D/L Available. Contact 79083823

Draftsman cum site engineer. 10 years Oman experience. NOC & D/L. Contact 92752215

Electrical Engineer, 9 years experience (7 years KSA and 2 years Oman). Experienced in HV substations and transmission lines, on Engineer Visa which expired on 19 Oct 2021. Ready to join immediately. Contact 94161509 Email: mubashirniazi@gmail.com

Diploma Civil Engineer, (Bangladesh) total 10 yrs experience in Oman seeking urgent placement. NOC available & D/L. # 94025828

MEP Quantity Surveyor and Designer. Srilankan male having more than 8 years gulf experience with MEP systems, take off measurement, Design and build, estimation etc, looking for a suitable placement in Oman, NOC available. # 79098939 email: sahees89@gmail.com,

Srilankan Male Quantity Surveyor (HND QS-UK & Diploma in PM) with 3 years' experience. Looking for a suitable placement in Oman. Email: tmsafnas@gmail.com Contact 78149384

EDUCATION

Indian Female, B.Ed, MSc Maths - with Distinction, 6 yr's exp seeking teaching jobs. Contact 92106767

JOB WANTED

FINANCE

Indian Male, Manager Accounts, M.Com with over 20 years of experience in Oman and India, in Accounts, Finance and Software implementation is looking for an immediate opening in senior level post. NOC available.

GSM: 92334161

SALES/MARKETING

10 year Oman Experience in Sales Marketing and Customer relation, looking for any type of suitable Job. Release Letter/NOC and driving Licence available.

Contact 95034204

ACCOUNTS ADMIN

Accountant with 10 yrs experience in Trading & Contracting, Oil & Gas, Building Materials, Manufacturing, Constructions & IT sectors. Expertise in Accounting, Finalization, Auditing, Budgeting, Costing, Payroll & VAT. NOC / Local release & Driving licence available.

Contact: 91183601
E-mail: suneel.suneel@gmail.com

FINANCE MANAGER

Finance Professional CA/CIMA/ MBA, with 18 years of GCC experience, open to Immediate Managerial Vacancies.

Contact Number # 78556829

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

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

Contact # 94953826 / 92824146

PROJECT ENGINEER

Indian male, having 7years of experience in Construction with Masters from England. Currently working as PROJECT ENGINEER in Muscat (family status). D/L available.

Contact 79170769

ENGINEER

B.Tech Mechanical Engineer with 2yrs Exp, Seeking Suitable placement. Presently in Muscat (Visit Visa)

Contact 78375996
Email: vishnupt999@gmail.com

Executive Camp Boss/Logistics/Store/Procurement

Graduate with 10 years experience in Oman as camp administration-in-charge with Oman D/L & 15 yrs experience in Logistics/store/inventory control/ procurement exp in oil and gas field is looking for suitable position. Fully vaccinated, valid Oman gamca medical and ready to join immediately.

Whatsapp 0091 9656724161
Email - rajeshm117821@gmail.com

PURCHASE

Inventory, Purchase, Sales: Indian male 30, having 8 years experience in Retail F&B Operations, Accounting and various other skills, NOC available

Contact: 96219904
Email: khanshah98@gmail.com

FINANCE

Senior Accountant, Indian Male MBA (Finance) with 9 + years of experience of which 6 years of experience in KSA in Financial Accounting including VAT. Currently in Oman.

Contact: 78370670
Email: abid.khan.a@gmail.com

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

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+968 79645179, bdomanconstruction@gmail.com

ENGINEER (IT)

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

GSM : +968 71198240
Email: jc.clarrinda@gmail.com

FINANCE & ACCOUNTS MANAGER

MBA - Finance with 15years experience in 5 countries including GCC & Africa. Handled accounts, costing & banking of Trading, Manufacturing, Oil & Gas, Construction & service company. Available for employment in Muscat with transferable visa.

Contact 93270023 rajugtem10@yahoo.com

HR & Administration

HR & Administration professional, with Executive Assistant exposure, well experienced with Oman labour law, well versed in office management, new office induction & administration, Indian male, with Valid Oman D/L, NOC available, seeks suitable placements.

Contact 94948676

JOB WANTED

MANAGER

29 yrs Gulf experienced BE(Civil) available with NOC to work at Senior Management level with reputed Consultant/Clients/Contractors or real estate companies. 92279480. Email: abdulwahab.aw880@gmail.com

Project Manager (Interior turnkey Fitout Decor & MEP), B.E. having 14 years experience looking for a suitable position can handle projects independently. Call 98405111

LOGISTIC

Indian with 2 year experience in Store and Inventory Controller in Kuwait, and also 5 year in sales, looking for a suitable job. Contact 79803464, 98465045

Indian male, 24 yrs BBA,diploma in logistics & shipping, 2 yrs experience as logistics coordinator, 3 months training in customs clearance. 95725785. melbinm003@gmail.com

MISCELLANEOUS

Indian, 18 yrs experience in driving, sales, stores, aluminium fabricator holding Omani D/L. # 99743709

PURCHASE

Indian male, 17 yrs exp in commercial/Warehouse/inventory & procurement field seeks suitable position. Having D/L, phone 98531104

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Senior Project Manager / Project Director

Indian National, 18 Yrs. of work experience, Graduate Civil Engineer, Master's in Construction Project Management; Construction Law & Dispute Resolution from UK. Having expertise in Project, Contract & Claims Management. Experienced in Handling High End Hospitality, Residential & Commercial Projects from initiation till completion. Seeks Placement as Clients or Consultants representative in Oman.

Call / WhatsApp +971543499629

Inventory Coordinator

Indian male 31: Having 8 years experience handling Retail F&B Operations, inventory, purchase, Sales & Accounting with various other skills, NOC available.

Contact: 96219904
Email: khanshah98@gmail.com

PROJECT ENGINEER

Indian male, having 7years of experience in Construction with Masters from England, Currently working as PROJECT ENGINEER in Muscat (family status). D/L available.

Contact 91731694

SALES / BDM / ADMIN

Indian Male, B.Sc. (Mathematics), PGD in Business Management. 16 Yrs. of Oman Experience, Worked with the leading Companies in Oman (MCT, SLL & Nizwa). Sales, Admin & Oilfield Services Companies & Key Accounts Handling. Good in MS Word, Excel, letter drafting. Fluency in Arabic, English, Hindi & Malayalam. Valid Oman D/L.

Contact: +968 9527 8838, anup2p4p@yahoo.com

HR / Finance

Indian, Male, Masters degree in HR and Finance with 5+ years of experience in Oman as HR Asst with valid Omani D/L. Looking for a job, Currently in Oman.

GSM : +968 93835905
Email : chris_alwin@yahoo.com

Chemical Engineer (Omani)

Fresh graduate, bachelor degree from The University of New Mexico (USA)

Contact +96896444740
Email: mrs15@live.com

OMANI HR/PRO

Omani, 15 yrs experience, PRO, Relation development, Labour & Crime law, HR & Time Management. Fluent in English, Hindi, Malayalam & Hindi seeks Part Time job.

Contact 97264447

MECHANIC/TECHNIC.

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

SALES/MARKETING

Indian, 35 yrs, experience of more than 12 yrs in Project Sales & Marketing (Turnkey & Building Materials) seeks placement.MBA (Marketing & IBM), Oman D/L. Contact 96656162. Email: equbal.jspm@gmail.com

Looking for Sales & Marketing operations job, 5 years experience with FMCG company in GCC. Contact +968 78050760 Email: Jazmir.musawa@gmail.com

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

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

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

Salesman & electrication, 6 years' experience in The Sultan center, Oman. Contact 94438968

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

LIFESTYLE

HOW TO ELEVATE YOUR PC GAMING SETUP

When it comes to serious gaming, immersion is the goal. You want to achieve a multi-sensory experience that pulls you into a game. Today's modern consoles are a huge step forward in creating an immersive gaming experience, but to really elevate your PC gaming further, you need the best technology to bring your world to life.

Start with the basics
Invest in a gaming table to build out your setup. Unlike a standard desk, a gaming table is oriented to facilitate comfort and gaming for lengthy sessions. A good gaming table will also help you reduce clutter while safely housing all your tech, including your PC, mouse, keyboard, monitor, speakers and more.
Next, any good gaming rig will have a high-quality chair that is comfortable and supportive. Look for ergonomic options that support your back and posture so you can feel confident you'll be ache-free after hours of gaming. Plus, chairs designed for gaming are typically sleek and come in many eye-catching colours and designs to enhance the aesthetic of your setup.

Make it multisensory
If you're striving for an immersive gaming experience, you must make updates that appeal to the senses of sight and sound. Start with a monitor targeted toward gamers so you can enjoy smooth



and detailed visuals that bring the game to life. Then crank your experience up with gaming speakers that make you feel like you've been transported to another world.
Boasting proprietary 3D Gaming Sound technology, the LG UltraGear GP9 Gaming Speaker features an HRTF (head-related transfer function) algorithm to tailor a game's audio according to its genre. This means you will experience stunningly detailed virtual surround sound complete with a realistic sense of space, po-

sition and directionality, all without a cumbersome headset.
As if rich, customisable sound isn't enough, its functionality is sure to impress. The GP9 is a one-of-a-kind "voice chat" gaming speaker that allows you to communicate with other players without the need for separate headsets or microphones. The built-in mics utilise LG's unique echo-cancellation algorithm that can distinguish a user's voice from game sounds and background noises. Try pairing the speaker with one of LG UltraGear's best-in-class gaming monitors and you'll be on your A-game at all times.
Explore new titles
The age of new high-end gaming consoles has inspired a host of new immersive games worthy of exploring. One met with an overwhelmingly positive response by the gaming community and mainstream media is Kena: Bridge of Spirits. The immersive storytelling and high-quality animation, often compared to what can only be seen at the movies, touched players' hearts and garnered international acclaim.
This story-driven action adventure features endearing characters, fascinating exploration and fast-paced combat. As Kena, players will rebuild the foundation of a community that is suffering at the hands of a corrupt leader. Players find and grow a team of charming and adorable spirit companions called the Rot, enhancing their abilities and creating new ways to manipulate the environment.
Restore the environment and battle ancient enemies to unravel the mysteries of the forgotten village. This single player, 3D game is a feast for the eyes with lush, stylized environments where your combat and puzzle-solving skills are put to the test.
With the best tech and awesome new games, you'll be ready for an immersive gaming experience sure to impress. Your virtual reality will be more authentic than you could have ever imagined. -BPT

ROUND-UP

Bank Nizwa introduces cardless withdrawal feature from ATM

Adding a unique feature, Bank Nizwa's mobile banking app has reduced the need to carry a physical card, giving customers the option to use only their mobile app to withdraw cash from the ATMs

MUSCAT: Sultanate's leading and most trusted Islamic bank, Bank Nizwa has been steadfast in aligning itself to the broad objectives of Oman Vision 2040 and spearhead-

ing digital innovation in the banking sector. With its mobile banking app recognised for its versatility, the bank has announced the addition of new features to further enhance the user experience and make digital banking even more convenient for its customers. Adding a unique feature, Bank Nizwa's mobile banking app has reduced the need to carry a physical card, giving customers the option to use only their mobile app to withdraw cash from the ATMs. The new feature ensures a convenient and safe method for customers to withdraw cash at any time where all they need to do is log in to their Bank Nizwa Mobile App and initiate a Cardless Cash Withdrawal service. "At Bank Nizwa, we are driven by the zeal to come up with innovative ways to stay connected with our customers. Embracing digitalization and technological innovation has become essential to serve customers better, develop flexible and cost-effective solutions, and keep pace with the constantly evolving digital world," said Arif Maqbool Al Zaabi, As-



sistant General Manager Retail Banking, Bank Nizwa. "Versatile mobile applications not only allow banks to bring their services to the clients' fingertips but also help users keep a check on their spending and saving patterns. Guaranteeing the same seamless, intuitive experience for users, the added features on the mobile banking app have been

thoughtfully created and designed keeping in mind the varying needs of our customers. At Bank Nizwa, we want to create an unmatched digital banking experience which will also encourage our customers to bank on the go." Recognising processes that are time-consuming and making them efficient, quick and hassle-free has been instrumental in the success

of the app. In addition, customers can open an additional savings account and request an advance salary through the app. A one-step mobile banking registration, card activation and pin setup ensure that the most fundamental step to setting up an account can be done swiftly by using only the app. With a keen focus on user convenience, customers can also activate their new debit cards directly through the app. With essential functions like these made available on the app, it reduces the need for customers to physically visit the bank's branches. The enhanced version of the app helps manage other features like activating or deactivating purchase and withdrawal transactions, international debit card transactions and online shopping for non-secure websites. To make the process of banking easier, common activities like resetting debit card pins or generating a new pin is simplified through a dedicated Debit Card Pin Management feature. "While the end goal is customer convenience, Bank Nizwa also implements stringent protocols to

ensure an uncompromising take on protecting private or sensitive data, safeguarding online transactions and preventing any type of fraud. The security of our clients will always remain our topmost priority," added Al Zaabi. To give customers more control over their transactions, the app has a Purchase Limit and Cash Withdrawal Limit Management feature. This feature has helped allow customers to work on personal budgets and better manage their spending. The app also has a separate International Travel Management feature to control, monitor and track transactions during travel. By offering convenient, reliable and secure banking at the fingertips, Bank Nizwa's digitalisation initiatives have helped it to build a strong bond with its customers. While the enhanced mobile banking app will give customers the freedom to access and carry out vital banking functions from the comfort of their homes or offices, Bank Nizwa will stay committed to ensuring that all transactions follow secure channels and guarantee absolute online security.

LOGISTICS TRAINING INSTITUTE

Oman Educational Services to start country's 1st German-style logistics apprenticeship institute

MUSCAT: Oman Educational Services (OES) and DB Schenker Logistics Campus MEA agreed to develop a Logistics Apprenticeship Training Institute which will introduce the country's first comprehensive training programmes in the field of the supply chain. The two companies signed an agreement to expand Oman German Technology Solutions by offering logistics courses in cooperation with industry partner DB Schenker Logistics Campus MEA which will contribute expertise and experience to prepare young Omanis for careers in logistics professional profiles. All of this would be delivered at a high standard training institute, built on the German system of apprenticeships. "What makes it special is that OGtech - as Oman's First Training Institute - follows Germany's widely respected model for dual-track vocational education," said Heiderose Moossen, Manager Vocational Training at OES. "DB Schenker Logistics Campus MEA contribution to the Omani society is deeply aligned with the values of our company: innovation, excellence and responsibility. We are proud to play a role in empowering the next generation of Omani technical specialists to succeed in careers in freight forwarding, warehousing, cargo handling, supply chain management, to name but a few." The training programme will



start with 2 x 15 apprentices and gradually expand to meet the requirements of the growing Oman labour market. Graduates will gain valuable qualifications that will help them in the job market and throughout their careers. During the three-year programme, apprentices will progressively spend less time in the classroom and more in on-the-job training, which gives a graduate technical expertise, qualified on Level 5, and a boost at the workplace when they start their first jobs after the programme. Richard van Schie, Managing Director of DB Schenker Oman (formally known as Schenker Khimji's) in Oman, said, "The programme gives us the opportunity to support and educate the Omani youth in Freight Forwarding and Logistics, as well as on fundamental business

concepts, based on the successful vocational training that are running in, for example, Germany. The programme is a good mix of education and practice on the job. With this initiative, we believe that we can support and grow the next generation of logisticians in Oman." OGtech builds on DB Schenker's success with its affiliate company Campus MEA, based in South Africa, which renders similar vocational training courses. Dr Hussain Al Salmi, CEO of Oman Educational Services says, the institute will aim to reduce Omani youth unemployment and create a high-level competitive economy. "Our cooperation with DB Schenker Logistics Campus MEA is coming at the right time," he said. "Oman German Technology Solutions (OGtech) as a new subsidiary of OES with a strong

link to GUtech and our German and International partners, is a vocational training project, based on the successful German-style apprenticeship system, with a mission to instil Omani youth with in-depth, practical knowledge in preparation for careers in Oman's ambitious 2040 vision, where logistics plays an instrumental role for growth." Dr Hussain emphasised the fact, that the next generation of the Omani labour force will be able to adopt and integrate transformative intelligent technologies into every area of business to optimise processes, make data-driven decisions, and promote innovation. Next to Dr Hussain al Salmi, CEO OES and Richard van Schie, MD Schenker Khimji's, business and industry leaders attended the signing ceremony.

2022 MODEL ISUZU TRUCKS



Al Khoud Water ramps up delivery fleet with 2022 model Isuzu Trucks from OTE

MUSCAT: Al Khoud Water, a leading Omani mineral water brand, has taken delivery of a fleet of Isuzu Trucks - the world's number one truck brand - to help strengthen the reach of its increasingly popular product range in the Sultanate. Global Pioneer, which produces and distributes the reputable water brand, has bolstered its delivery fleet with a set of five all-new, 2022 model Isuzu trucks that represent the vehicle of choice for the FMCG industry in Oman and the wider world. The deal, based on a long-term lease agreement, was made possible by VLC, the vehicle leasing arm of OTE Group -- the exclusive distributor of Isuzu Trucks

in the Sultanate. At a handover ceremony held recently in the presence of Mohamed Ali, General Manager, Global Pioneer, the brand new Isuzu fleet made for a colourful sight. Featuring closed metal bodies customised for mineral water distribution, all five trucks were emblazoned with the brand colours of Al Khoud Water combined with other striking graphics. "It was a pleasure to have Global Pioneer LLC reach out to OTE for its fleet expansion. Isuzu prides on providing unmatched value along with significant benefits when leased from VLC, our in-house leasing agency," commented Malay Saha, Vice President - OTE Group.

OFFER

Discover legacy of inspiring luxury with exclusive benefits on Lincoln range

MUSCAT: Lincoln vehicles are designed for extraordinary experiences and offer some of the finest luxuries that makes every moment in it outstanding. Enthusiasts looking forward to owning a Lincoln vehicle can benefit with Service 5 Years / 100,000 km, 1 Year Registration and 3M Window Tint. (Conditions apply. For details visit a Lincoln showroom.) The campaign is valid until December 30. In Oman, Lincoln has a very exciting range that is equipped with inspiring luxury. The models include the family-size Lincoln Navigator, the Lincoln Aviator and the Lincoln Corsair. The Navigator combines modern luxury with advanced technology - elevating family travel to first class. A twin-turbo V6 engine that can produce 450 horsepower provides smooth power whenever you need it, delivered through a 10-speed transmission. Navigator's lighter, high-strength aluminium-alloy body helps create a more refined ride. The Aviator is packed with advanced technologies that let the luxury SUV rise to greet you



and scan the road ahead to glide through an uneven pavement. Aviator offers the kind of capability premium clients requires in a three-row SUV, with available all-wheel drive. The standard twin-turbocharged 3.0-litre V6 engine, paired with a 10-speed Select-Shift® automatic transmission, delivers an impressive 400 horsepower and 562 Nm of torque for effortless acceleration. The Corsair embraces elements of both the full-size Lincoln Navigator and three-row Lincoln Aviator while building on these cues with even more flair. Painstakingly sculpted in clay, Corsair features

exquisite contouring throughout the body section of the door, offering a deep landscape of curvature and relief with a fast-falling roofline. Staying true to its Quiet Flight DNA, Corsair is engineered to deliver the effortless drive experience and sensation of gliding over the road. A standard 2.0-litre with a targeted 245 horsepower is mated to a new 8-speed automatic transmission for agile performance. Customers wishing to own their dream Lincoln are encouraged to visit their nearest Lincoln showroom. In Oman, Lincoln vehicles are brought to you by Arabian Car Marketing Co.

CELEBRATION

Malabar Gold & Diamonds reveals special diamond collection

MUSCAT: As a tribute to the 51st glorious National Day, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one of the largest jewellery retailers globally with over 260 showrooms spread across 10 countries, has launched a special diamond collection, including pendants and rings, priced at OMR51. "On the 51st National Day, as the people of Oman reflect on the remarkable progress this nation has made, it is a joyful moment for our brand too. This country has successfully overcome many challenging times and we are confident that its future journey will also continue to be as inspiring as the past. "On behalf of Malabar Gold & Diamonds, I wish the people of Oman a very happy National Day and to celebrate this special day, we have launched an exclusive diamond collection priced at 51 OMR. We're quite hopeful that our customers will love these designs," said Najeeb K, Regional Head - Oman, Malabar Gold & Diamonds. The exclusive collection is available in 4 designs and reflects the vibrance of the Omani culture.



Malabar Gold & Diamonds has a strong retail presence across the Sultanate and has incorporated the special design as part of the Mine - Diamonds collection. The National Day products will be available across the outlets of Malabar Gold & Diamonds in Muttrah Souq, Seeb Souq, Salalah Lulu, Ruwi

Street, Ruwi Lulu and Ruwi West Gate Mall - Muscat, Avenues Mall - Oman, Barka Lulu, Sohar Lulu, Muscat City Centre and Darsait Lulu. Additionally, it will also be available at MGD - Lifestyle Jewellery outlets located in Oman Avenues Mall, Muscat City Centre, Lulu Al Bandar, Grand Mall, Oasis Mall, Lulu Ibri and Lulu Nizwa.

ROUND-UP

Dhofar Auto unveils incredible offers in celebration of 51st National Day

The offer has several incredible benefits on select Jeep models, including the Wrangler Unlimited Sport 4-door, which is available in monthly instalments starting from OMR218, as well as the Wrangler Sport 2-door, available with monthly instalments starting from OMR196

MUSCAT: Dhofar Automotive, the official distributor of Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Fiat, Ram, Alfa Romeo vehicles in the Sultanate of Oman, announced the beginning of its 51st National Day celebrations. On this glorious occasion,

Dhofar Automotive showrooms welcome their valued customers to take advantage of the valuable offers that were launched at the beginning of November and will continue until December 31. The offer host several incredible ben-



efits on select Jeep models, including the Wrangler Unlimited Sport 4-door, which is available in monthly instalments starting from OMR 218, as well as the Wrangler Sport 2-door, available with monthly instalments starting from OMR 196.

In addition, it will also see cash prizes of OMR 501 for the first 51 customers who purchase any of the models included in the offers during November and December.

Customers will also receive free insurance and registration for the first year, warranty and roadside assistance for 5 years, a service package for 3 years/60,000 km, 501 litres of free fuel alongside other benefits that guarantee a unique ownership experience from Dhofar Automotive.

Commenting on the National Day offers and celebrations, Hatem El-Naggar, General Manager at Dhofar Automotive, said,

“Dhofar Automotive has always sought to share joyous occasions with its valued customers and the commemoration of this glorious event holds immense importance to everyone at Dhofar Automotive. We are all proud of the Sultanate’s achievements and the milestones attained over the years and it is our honour to be able to observe Oman’s rich history and heritage on this day. Moreover, apart from holding this special occasion, our showrooms will be decorated with the Omani flag. During this time, we will be presenting incredible offers on our renowned brands and selected models that are favoured by everyone here in Oman.”

National Day offers

The range of distinctive models of the Jeep brand included in the National Day offers include the Wrangler Unlimited

Sport 4-door, available through monthly instalments starting from OMR 218, and the Wrangler Sport 2-door available with monthly instalments starting from OMR 196. These models have seen widespread interest and popularity within Oman and are well-known for their superior capabilities and performance in various conditions, surpassing other vehicles in their class.

“The offers and discounts at Dhofar Automotive in celebration of the 51st National Day will be valid until December 31. We invite our valued customers to visit our showrooms and take advantage of the benefits of the offer available on the select Jeep vehicles,” he added.

In the Sultanate, Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Fiat, Ram, Alfa Romeo models are available at Dhofar Automotive showrooms with different equipment classes.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

be’ah, PDO and CONNECT announce launch of Oman Sustainability Week Awards

MUSCAT: be’ah, PDO and CONNECT have joined hands to launch the Oman Sustainability Week (OSW) Awards on March 13, 2022, at W Hotel, Muscat, hosted by Petroleum Development Oman under the patronage of the Ministry of Energy & Minerals.

The initiative is organised in collaboration with the globally renowned Center of Sustainability and Excellence (CSE) and is aimed at promoting exemplary accomplishments by corporations to embed sustainability as an integral part of their business practices. This prestigious annual awards of national importance are aligned with the UN Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs) in line with the sustainability initiatives identified in Oman Vision 2040. The key areas of focus are clean water and sanitation, affordable and

This prestigious annual awards of national importance are aligned with the UN Sustainability Development Goals

clean energy, industry innovation and infrastructure, climate action and life on land.

The main objective of the OSW Awards is to raise awareness on sustainability issues and to support companies and organisations in integrating responsible and sustainable practices into their corporate strategy. The long-term goal is to recognise an organisation’s impact in the areas of sustainability and to encourage their commitment towards sustainability targets.

The awards form part of the wider Oman Sustainability Week, a week-long event comprising an

exhibition, conference, thought leadership summit, and site visits. The Oman Sustainability Week, scheduled between March 13 to 17 2022, is a national platform that aims to highlight the Sultanate’s commitment to sustainability leadership through innovative strategies aligned with the UN SDGs and to engage the national development stakeholders to present Oman as a model for sustainable development.

The awards will provide a platform for the participating organisations to perform a situation analysis, mapping out their

current sustainability status in comparison to industry peers and identifying medium and long term risks and opportunities. Some of the other benefits include an in-depth evaluation by highly specialised sustainability assessors, introduction to self-assessment tools and assessment methodologies offered through a specially designed online platform. Participants will have the opportunity to provide category submissions in six main areas including governance, society, environment, employees, transitional energy and education.

Submissions for the OSW Awards will open from November 15 to January 1, 2022. To know more about sending entries and the evaluation process, visit www.omansustainabilityweek.com/oman-sustainability-week-awards

SPECIAL OFFER



National Day celebrations with flowers, chocolates at Flora D’lite

MUSCAT: Flora D’lite, a boutique floral outlet and e-commerce provider in Oman has announced a special offer on their website in keeping with the National day celebrations.

Customers can avail of a discount of 10% on flowers, cakes, chocolates, make-up and more by ordering from www.floradlite.com and using the code available online. Deliveries are available throughout Muscat and in Sohar. Special offerings of flowers in unique colour combinations are available for National Day including flowers in National Flag arrangements and Infinity roses.

Flora D’lite is also offering a free delivery service from the 15th to the 18th of November to celebrate Oman’s 51st National Day for those ordering from the website. “National Day is a great reason to celebrate alongside all the festivities being planned throughout the country. Everyone just gets into a countrywide spirit and in keeping up with that great energy we have created some unique offerings at

our store and promotions for our patrons”, said a spokesperson for Flora D’lite, Oman. “The stores will be decked up to reflect the celebrations and the website is being beautified with National day banners and artwork in solidarity with the nationwide celebrations. We have opened the doors of our first Flora D’lite outlets and launched our website in the Sultanate of Oman so it will always be very close to our hearts,” he added.

Flora D’lite which made its retail debut by opening its doors earlier this year has made remarkable progress in its offerings and built a reputation as a much-loved name in the city. The Qurum outlet located next to Funzone is the flagship outlet that opened first and is well recognised for the showcase of flowers and a sneak peek into the cold room even from the exterior. The second outlet is located in Links, Muscat Hills to cater to that area. Flora D’lite’s website www.floradlite.com offers online orders and deliveries across Muscat and in Sohar.

ISC BADMINTON

Gireesh and Francis to face Nadeem and Jinesh in final

MUSCAT: Top-seeded Gireesh Pillai and Francis PT will meet the challengers Nadeem and Jinesh in Veterans Doubles on 13 November at ISC courts organised by Modern Exchange – ISC Open badminton championship.

In Men’s singles for members group Rajesh will face Gururaj B in the finals.

Another exciting match awaited on the same day between Vaisakh Nair and Harshpreet Singh in Men’s Singles Open category.

In junior boys doubles, Jitheesh Pandiyan and Alan Anil will face Aditya Giri and Adarsh GR in semis and the same category Pavan S and Sandeep K will meet Harshpreet and Sreehari in the semis. Top-seeded Bhoomika G and Christine D will face Mehala and Nimita Ann whereas, in the same group, Savi Desai and Prisha Suresh will have a tough fight with Diya Anil and Diya Ganesh.

SPECIAL OCCASION

ahlibank to conduct celebratory special draws on National Day

MUSCAT: In commemoration of Oman’s 51st National Day, and as part of its Wafra prize scheme for November, ahlibank has announced a special draw with cash prizes totalling OMR51,000, which will be awarded to 51 lucky account holders of the bank (OMR 1,000 for each winner).

The special draw reflects the bank’s ongoing efforts to promote a culture of savings among the members of the community and throws the spotlight on its celebrations to mark Oman’s National Day on November 18th.

To qualify for this special draw, customers are required to retain an average monthly balance of OMR 100; the minimum balance should be present in the account on the day of the draw, which is scheduled to be held during November. Proceedings of the draw will be streamed live on the Bank’s social media accounts.

Commenting on the commemorative draw, Muneer Al Balushi, AGM - Head of Retail Distribution, ahlibank, said, “The National Day is special in our hearts as Omanis, and we are pleased to announce distinct draws for this glorious day. Such draws are re-



flective of the Bank’s keenness to bring more joyous occasions for its customers, giving them chances to win prizes as part of the 51st year of the Renaissance celebrations.

On behalf of all members of the ahlibank family, I extend my highest congratulations and blessings to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, may Allah bless him, and the Omani people. We pray to the Almighty Allah to return this occasion to Oman and its people for many years ahead, with safety and pride.”

“We are proud of the success of the 2021 Wafra prize scheme, through which the Bank seeks to foster a culture of savings among customers and the general pub-

lic. In addition to the valuable prizes that ahlibank offers to its customers through Wafra, the bank endeavours to expand the winners’ base, giving as many customers as possible the opportunities to win. With 51 winners, the National Day draw has truly exemplified this approach. We believe that this scheme will contribute to encouraging more individuals to participate and help them achieve financial stability. Since its inception, ahlibank has been able to emphasize its strong performance and commitment to providing banking solutions and products that meet the contemporary customer lifestyle. The Bank makes every effort to create a distinct infrastructure that supports the banking sector, as well as adopting advanced technologies to support current trends,” he added.

ahlibank’s various banking products and services are designed to provide an easy and secure banking experience for customers. In line with the same, the 2021 Wafra prize scheme provides a great opportunity to win for account holders with a wide range of draws throughout the year.

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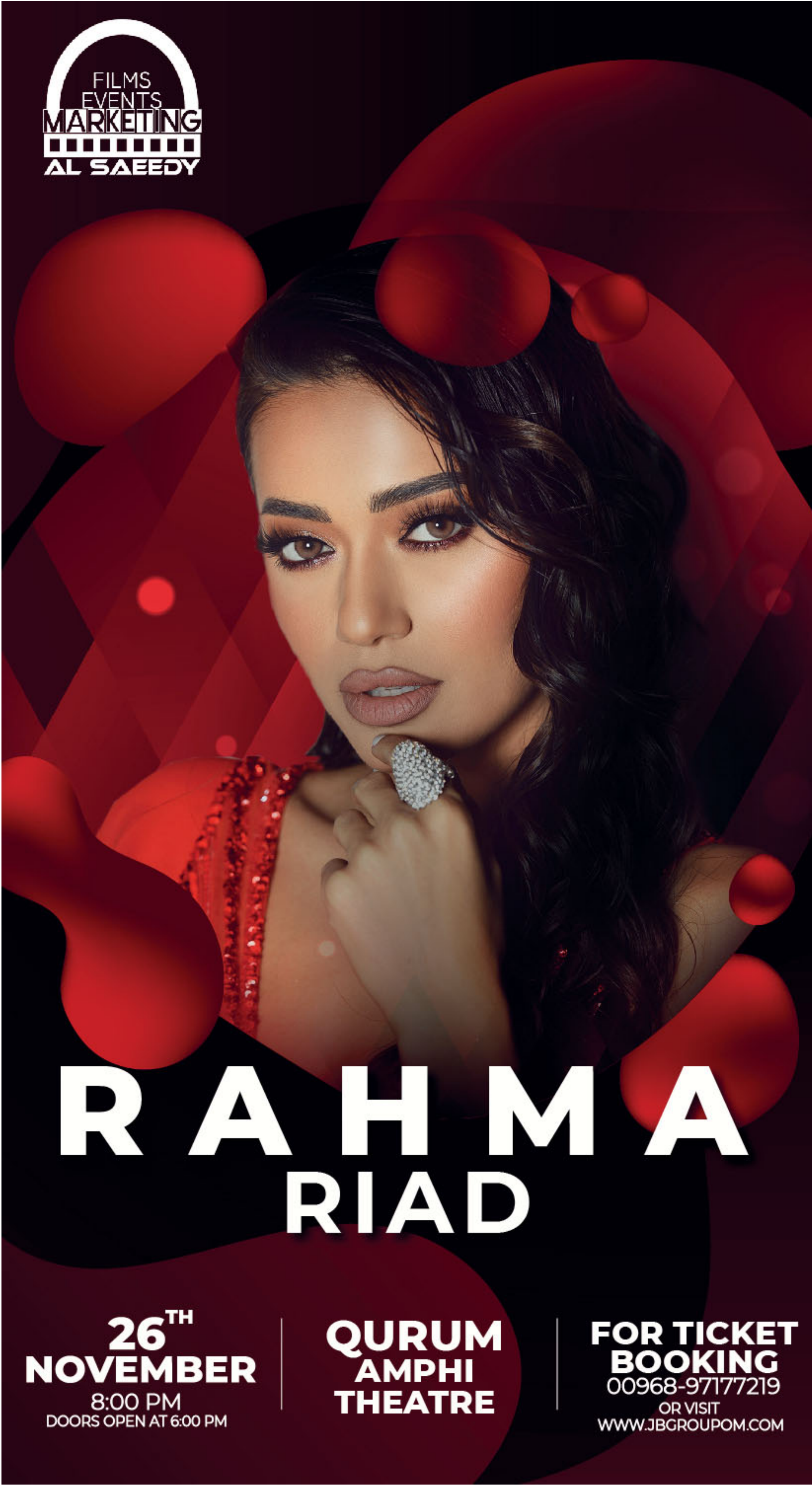
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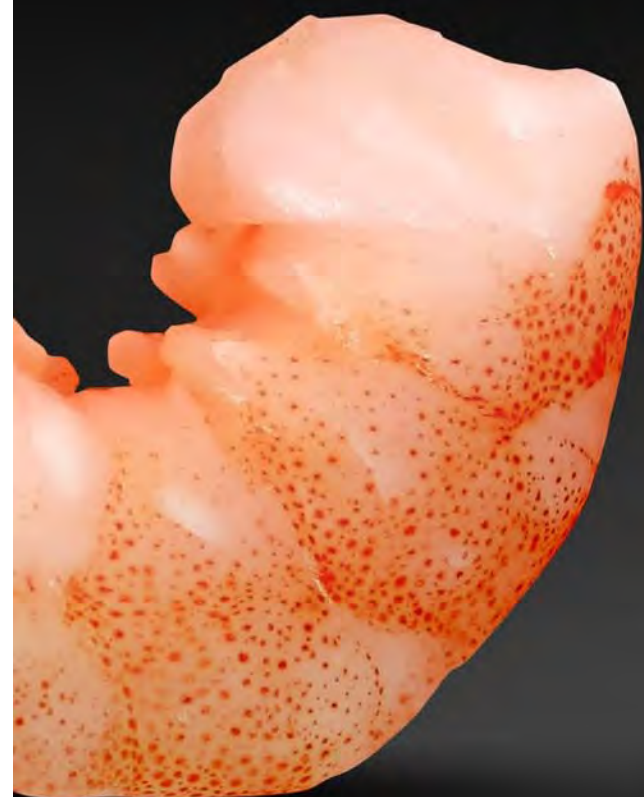
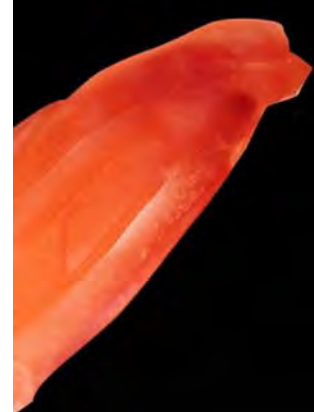
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