

SULTANATE AMONG TOP 15 COUNTRIES FOR EXPATS

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HM GREETES FRENCH PRESIDENT

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Emmanuel Macron of the French Republic on his country's National Day. In the cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his heartfelt sentiments and best wishes of good health and happiness to President Macron. His Majesty also wished the people of France further progress and prosperity. **-ONA**



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HM ARRIVES IN GERMANY

BERLIN: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik arrived in the Federal Republic of Germany on Wednesday evening on an official visit lasting three days.

During the visit, His Majesty the Sultan will meet with German President Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz.

His Majesty is accompanied by an official delegation comprising Gen. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office, Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister, Dr. Hamad bin Said Al Oufi, Head of the Private Office, Abdulsalam bin Mohammed Al Murshidi, Chairman of Oman Investment Authority, Eng. Salim bin Nassir Al Oufi, Minister of Energy and Minerals and Sayyid Dr. Sultan bin Yarub Al Busaidi, Advisor at the Private Office.

The visit will explore areas of cooperation between the two sides in a manner that serves aspirations of both countries, in addition to exchanging views on a set of regional and international topics of mutual interest. **-ONA**



TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

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Omani hospitality beyond all praise!

1 Oman is known worldwide for its hospitality and the warmth of its people towards outsiders making the country an obvious choice for tourists from across the world. 'Hospitality' and 'cordiality', therefore, find a place of pride in all campaigns that Oman launches to promote its tourism sector among enthusiasts across the world. **>A2**

MARKET

OIA's global portfolio returns at over 10%

2 OIA has generated over 10 per cent average annual returns from its investments in 40 countries, according to annual report. **>B1**

SPORTS

Oman Sail squads gain new experience

3 Oman Sail's elite team and young squads have wrapped up campaigns in Europe, gaining valuable high-level competition experience. **>B6**

Search continues for four missing people

A5



OFFICIAL VISIT

HM the Sultan's visit to boost Oman-Germany ties

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman and the Federal Republic of Germany established diplomatic relations 50 years ago, and their cooperation covered a wide range of areas.

During his official visit to Germany, His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik will hold a round of official talks with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz. The meeting will enhance existing cooperation and maximise exchanged benefits in economic, scientific, technical and technological spheres.

External trade statistics show that the volume of commercial exchange between Oman and Germany stood at about OMR201.8 million by the end of 2021. German imports into Oman reached OMR172.9 million, while Omani exports to Germany stood at OMR28.8 million.



Data issued by the National Centre for Statistics and Information indicate that commercial exchange between the two countries as at the end of March 2022 stood at OMR53 million. Key Omani ex-

ports to Germany included electronic equipment, tuna and pharmaceuticals, medical, mining and plastic products. This is in addition to polyethylene products and electrical cables. Germany's im-



ports to Oman included machinery and chemical, pharmaceutical and products, as well as vehicles.

Oman Investment Authority (OIA)'s investments undertaken with Germany cover a range of

projects, including Hilton Düsseldorf hotel (of which OIA owns 90 per cent), (Advorio) a company tasked with operating Sohar Industrial Port terminal (an investment worth \$27 million) and OQ chemical industries and products marketing firm, OXO—an investment worth \$1.8 billion.

The Royal visit of His Majesty the Sultan to Germany will open up vistas for cooperation in clean energy, making use of Oman's natural resources that attracted global attention to the country, like hydrogen, solar power, wind power and vast open areas.

Royal directives issued last March focused on speeding up procedures to regulate the green hydrogen sector and establishing a company to develop this sector, with emphasis on creating an at-

tractive investment climate, which paved the way for green hydrogen production projects, among them Hyport Duqm.

The Omani-German Joint Committee is taking tangible steps to implement an agreement for the mutual protection of investments. Major partnerships undertaken by the two sides under this agreement include a pact signed by OIA and a Germany company (Uniper) in the field of power generation and energy marketing. A second partnership pact brings together companies operating in green hydrogen techniques, while a third partnership sees the cooperation of Sohar Port and Free Zone and Hydrogen Rise company of Germany to support output at Jindal Shaded's low-carbon steel plant. **>A4**

NCSI DATA

Oman airports record remarkable growth of 100%

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The number of passengers entering the Sultanate of Oman through various airports in the country recorded a remarkable growth of 100 percent by the end of April 2022.

The number of passengers departing from Oman also increased by 69 percent during the same period. The number of passengers arriving, departing or on transit stood at 2,324,007 during the period.

According to data issued by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI), the number of international flights arriving and departing from Muscat, Sohar and Salalah airports recorded a rise of 89 percent to reach 15,261, compared to 8,075 during the same period in 2021.

The number of domestic flights arriving and departing from Muscat, Sohar and Salalah airports also recorded a rise of 25 percent to reach 3,778, compared to 3,026 during the same period in 2021.

The international flights through Muscat International



2,324,007

Is the number of passengers (arriving, departing and transiting).

Airport registered a growth of 82.3 percent as the number of passengers (arriving, departing and transit) rose by 91.4 percent to stand at 1,723,632 passengers at the end of April 2022, compared to 900,707 during the same period in 2021.

Meanwhile, Salalah Airport registered a rise in the number of flights by 58.7 percent.

The number of incoming and outgoing international flights through the airport reached 962 by the end of April 2022, recording an



increase of 150.5 percent.

The number of domestic flights through Salalah Airport increased by 22.9 percent to reach 1,209 flights, compared to 984 flights during the same period in 2021. The number of passengers on domestic flights (incoming and outgoing) through Salalah Airport increased by 45.7 percent by the end of April 2022, compared to the same period in 2021.

The number of international flights (departing and arriving)

from Sohar Airport reached 276 by the end of April 2022, while the number of passengers on international flights (incoming and outgoing) reached 25,065.

As for Duqm Airport, it recorded an increase of 9.7 percent in the number of domestic flights (departing and arriving) to reach 226 flights at the end of April 2022, compared to 206 flights at the end of April 2021.

The number of passengers increased by 32 percent from 15,943

passengers at the end of April 2021 to 21,051 passengers by the end of April 2022.

As for nationalities using Muscat International Airport, the Indian nationality topped the list of passengers on departing and arriving flights through the airport, with a total of 111,226 passengers at the end of April 2022, followed by the Bangladeshi nationality with a total of 42,145 passengers and the Pakistani nationality with a total of 29,228 passengers.



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Omani hospitality beyond all praise...and beyond thanks!

The foliage of pomegranate trees covers the entire stretch and is so dense that even during daytime the sunlight can hardly pierce through

Pankaj Kumar Sharma

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On a visit to Jabal Akhdar recently. Though a resident of the country for over 10 years, I got an opportunity to visit the Green Mountains during the Eid break this year. Hardly a two-hour drive from Muscat, I decided to beat the city heat and get a glimpse of the famed mountain range. As my friend had been to Jabal Akhdar many times in the past, he parked his car at the entrance of the pomegranate orchard and asked me to move on if I wanted to see the fruit-laden trees. With curiosity in mind, I proceeded towards the rows of pomegranate trees situated in the V-shaped valley having serpentine pathways with a network of Aflajs alongside for nurturing the or-

chards. The foliage of pomegranate trees covers the entire stretch and is so dense that even during daytime the sunlight can hardly pierce through. And the steady flowing cool breeze revitalised me giving me a heavenly experience. I felt like sleeping mid-way in my walk. Red flowers on trees and small green fruits presented a wonderful sight and for the first time in my life I got an opportunity to eat yellow juicy apricots plucked straight from the tree. But while returning along those winding pathways, I could see my friend's car, but not him. A few citizens standing there and pointing towards my car and his shoes, asked me, "Are you searching for your friend?" I said, yes. Greeting me with a smile, they took

me to their drawing room where my friend was having Kahwa with freshly plucked apricots and dates. Some pears and apples were also kept on the carpet for guests. I also enjoyed their company and their hospitality for a while and thanked them from the core of my heart. Treating a complete stranger like one of their own and showering them with their warmth is an unmatched quality seen in very few countries around the world. Though I left the place, the kind gesture of the citizens left an indelible mark on my mind. I realised now why Omani hospitality is known across the world. Even the ROP personnel manning the check-post at Barkat Al Mouz, greet you with a smile and give tips for safe driving. The roads built to world-class specifications with exits after a few hundred metres for emergencies, make your drive safe and smooth. As you descend from almost 2,000 metres to your starting point, only the change in temperature from 20 degrees Celsius to around 37 degrees Celsius gives you a jolt on an otherwise hassle-free breathtaking trip. Truly a memorable trip with unforgettable memories in mind!

Shura Council ends annual sitting today



MUSCAT: Upon the orders of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, Shura Council will end the 3rd Annual Sitting (2021-2022) of the 9th Term (2019-2023) on Thursday, 14 July 2022. The directives stem from the provisions of Article (38) of Council of Oman Law (7/2021), which provides that "The Council of Oman shall have an annual sitting of not less than 8 months a year and convenes at the invitation of His Majesty the Sultan during November every year", while Article (14) states that the Council of Oman's sitting concludes its sessions at the behest of His Majesty the Sultan". Sheikh Ahmed Mohammed Al Nadabi, Secretary General of Shura Council, said that during

the 3rd annual sitting, the Council discussed various draft laws and decisions and studied five ministerial statements. The Council also approved 10 draft laws and agreements forwarded by the Government, among them the State Budget for fiscal year 2022, the Securities Law, amendment of provisions of the Law on Records and Archives and the Notary Public Law provisions, he added. Al Nadabi said that the Shura Council held two meetings with the Council of Ministers, noting that the two sides reviewed the government's plans for the diversification of sources of income and augmentation of production to help support the national economy. -ONA

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Telecom Authority issues plan for management of emergency cases

MUSCAT: The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA), has issued Decision No. 107 setting out regulations for the management of emergency cases. The guide deals with the obligations of Segment 1 and Segment 2 personnel tasked with handling contingencies. It helps achieve quick response and maintain the

sustainability of basic communications in emergency conditions. It also provides for integration among the departments concerned to realize the unification of efforts and the restoration of services in the shortest possible time. The guide also deals with the supply of necessary equipment

and human resources at emergency operation centres. During emergency cases, the Telecommunications Sector joins hands with the National Committee for Management of Emergencies—a standard measure to tackle any probable negative impacts. -ONA

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EXPAT INSIDER 2022

Sultanate among top 15 countries for expatriates

Times News Service

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According to the Expat Insider 2022, published by InterNations, 72 percent of the expats who live in Oman are happy with their quality of life in the country, slightly above the global happiness average of 71 percent.

“Oman ranks 12th out of 52: Housing is easy to find and to afford, and it is easy for expats to settle in,” said the report. “Expats find it very easy to find their footing in Oman, as the country ranks 5th out of 52 in the Ease of Settling In Index. In fact, nearly four in five expats in Oman (79 percent) feel welcome there (66 percent globally).”

The report added: “With a friendly and welcoming culture, finding friends is also a high point. Oman ranks tenth in this subcategory.”

However, Oman does not do as well when it comes to the benefits of working abroad (for which it ranks 39th among 52 countries), as well as the quality of life (38th). Oman was also given a middling grade for personal finances (21st).

The construction and education sectors (13 percent) and the manufacturing, engineering and hospitality sectors (nine percent) are those that employ the highest numbers of expatriates who come to Oman. The report adds that roughly about a quarter of the expatriates who arrive in Oman for work (23 percent) earn between \$25,000 and \$50,000 (OMR 10,000 to 20,000), while another 21 percent earns between \$12,000 and \$25,000 and the same proportion of population earns less than \$12,000.

About a third of the expatriates who are employed in Oman found work on their own (32 percent), while 25 percent were recruited internationally, and eight percent



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were sent to the country by their employers.

Oman's ranking of 38th on the Quality of Life Index was due to five related factors: The country did well when it came to its environment and climate (ranked 20th among 52 countries), as well as safety and security (24th), but was ranked significantly lower when it came to health and well-being (42nd) and leisure options (49th). It did fairly okay in terms of travel and transit options, ranked 35th.

Oman did really well in the Ease of Settling In Index as well, ranked fifth overall: The country is in the top three for local friendliness, top 10 when it comes to finding friends and is ranked eighth in terms of culture and welcoming nature.

The country's ranking of 39th on the Working Abroad Index is also due to four factors: While expatriates appreciated the work-life balance in the country (26th among 52 countries), the country unfortunately did not do so well in terms of either career prospects (40th), or salary and job security (41st). Oman is also ranked 36th when it comes to work culture

and satisfaction.

A new metric for measuring the happiness of expatriates featured in the Expat Insider 2022 is the Expat Essentials Index.

“For the first time, the ranking also includes the new Expat Essentials Index, which covers digital life, admin topics, housing, and language,” said the report.

Oman's high placement of fifth on the index was due to high scores in administration topics, housing and language, but was pulled down by its low digital life score (38th). The country also ranked 21st among 52 countries when it came to personal finances.

The Expat Insider 2022 survey, published by InterNations, an expatriate community with more than four million members, featured responses from 12,000 people.

Mexico, Indonesia, Taiwan, Portugal, Spain, the UAE, Vietnam, Thailand, Australia, and Singapore are the best destinations for expats in 2022, while the worst are Kuwait (52nd), New Zealand, Hong Kong, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Japan, South Africa, Turkey, Italy and Malta (43rd).

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ROYAL VISIT

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A1 HM's visit to Germany will open up new cooperation vistas

As many as 23,289 German tourists visited the Sultanate of Oman over the first five months of this year (2022). Oman and Germany decided key priorities for joint cooperation. These include the development of small and medium enterprises, research, tourism, healthcare and environment conservation. Many agreements and memoranda of understanding (MoUs) were signed within this context on ways to develop economic and industrial cooperation and regulate air transport. Oman and the European Union (EU) finalised steps towards a comprehensive air transport agreement and an MoU between the Civil Aviation Authority and the German air navigation company.

Omani-German relations are set up on grounds of respect, good intention and mutual confidence in handling international issues. Principles of peaceful dialogue and



respect for the International Law brought the two countries closer on the regional and global arenas and enabled them to operate better as partners in establishing international security and peace.

Last May (2022), the two countries commemorated, in Muscat,

the anniversary of 50 years of diplomatic relations and inaugurated an emblem marking this occasion.

In the cultural field, the two countries celebrated their distinguished bilateral relations by organising the Omani Cultural Week in Berlin (first held in 2008) and



the Message of Peace exhibition (which focused on religious tolerance and whose theme was taught in three German schools)—and this was reflected in the Shabab Oman vessel's "Friendship and Peace Pageant" that toured various international ports and par-

ticipated in the Port of Kiel Week, Germany, last June (2022).

German cultural activities were manifest through the participation of Reinsberg and Opera Cologne bands, which performed at the Royal Opera House Muscat. As many as 23,289 German tourists

visited the Sultanate of Oman over the first five months of this year (2022). Meanwhile, the two countries signed many agreements in the fields of education, higher education and scholarly innovation. Alongside Oman, Germany acts as member to the Middle East Desalination Research Centre, which seeks to establish peace and stability and enhance water desalination technologies to meet the needs of the region.

A number of Germans join colleges and institutions in Oman to learn Arabic at institutions like the Sultan Qaboos College for Teaching Arabic to non-Native Speakers. Seventeen German learners joined the programme between 2012 and 2020. As many as 89 Omanis registered as students in the Republic of Germany during the academic year 2021-2022, while 5 German students studied in Oman during the same year. -OMA

OMAN'S FRANKINCENSE TRAIL IN DHOFAR



THE BEST QUALITY of frankincense is found in the Dhofar region. Oman's frankincense trail in Dhofar region was visited by explorers Marco Polo and Lawrence of Arabia. The frankincense tree (*boswellia sacra*) can still be found in Wadi Dawkah. The trees grow in the alluvial bed of the wadi under the extreme heat of this region.

According to Oman's Ministry of Tourism, "Frankincense is a symbol of life, or rather it is life itself, for the Dhofari people. It is not a mere tree, but an embodiment of culture, history, sociology and geography.

The Museum of the Land of Frankincense is located in the region of Al Baleed in Salalah and borders the ruins of Al Baleed Archaeological Park. Visitors can discover how trade with Frankincense and maritime strength ensured that the region flourished in the 12th century.

The number of visitors to the Land of Frankincense sites in the Governorate of Dhofar in April 2022 stood at 2,132 according to the latest data released by the Directorate General of Heritage and Tourism in Dhofar.





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UNITED NATIONS

Oman’s Diplomatic Affairs Undersecretary holds meeting with UN Secretary General

NEW YORK: Sheikh Khalifa Ali Al Harthy, Diplomatic Affairs Undersecretary at the Foreign Ministry, held a meeting with Antonio Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations (UN), on the sidelines of the political ministerial forum on sustainable development that kicked off on Wednesday.

The meeting touched on key regional and international issues.

Guterres lauded Oman’s leading role in enhancing regional security and stability.

He expressed gratitude to the Omani government for its constant cooperation with the UN, notably on the Yemeni cause. —ONA



DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Legal action to be taken against flood risk takers

MUSCAT: The Civil Defence and Ambulance Authority has affirmed that legal action will be taken against any person who takes a risk or endangers the life of other people, either by jumping or swimming into flood waters or crossing wadis during floods or standing or parking on steep slopes or cliffs.

Search and rescue teams of the Royal Oman Police (ROP) are still looking for four people who went missing in the Governorate of Dhofar during the recent climatic condition.

Brig. Mohammed Nasser Al Kindi, Director General of Operations at the ROP, told Oman News Agency (ONA) that two bodies

were recovered at Al Mughsayl beach, while search is still on for four more people who went missing in the area.

The Unified Operations Centre at Dohfar Governorate’s Police Command set out on a search mission at Al Mughsayl and Raysut, using diving equipment and advanced search apparatus, while the Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) and drones were operated in inaccessible terrain, Brig. Al Kindi explained. He added that different governorates of Oman experienced heavy rains from 7-12 July 2022 during which 40 people were rescued, 16 were confirmed dead and 4 missing. —ONA

ROP & CDAA

Search continues for four people missing at Mughsail beach

SALALAH: The Search and Rescue Teams affiliated to the Royal Oman Police (ROP) and the Civil Defence and Ambulance Authority (CDAA), in cooperation with the military and security apparatuses, continue their search for the four missing people in Dhofar Governorate.

Brigadier Mohammed bin Nasser Al Kindi, Director General of Operations at Royal Oman Police said that the efforts of rescue resulted in picking two bodies from Al Mughsail beach at the time the personnel of Common Operations Centre at Dhofar Governorate’s Police Headquarters continues with the search for the other four people who went missing.

The search for four missing persons has focused on the areas of Al Mughsail and Raysut using advance diving and search equipment with the support of Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) and drones due to the difficult topography of the area, he added.



The various governorates of the Sultanate have seen rainfall from 7 to 12 July, wherein the search and rescue teams of ROP and the Civil Defence and Ambulance authority in cooperation with citizens managed to rescue over 40

people and to pick the bodies of 16 others, he said.

He said that most fatality incidents occurred following the fading away of the direct impacts of the rains including two death cases due to a vehicle washed away, 11

death cases including six children due to drowning and an Asian family of six members washed away at Al Mughsail beach after they hit the protection fence, the death of another expatriate on Raysut beach in Dhofar and the fall of a



citizen from one of the mountains in the Wilayat of Al Hamra in Al Dakhiliyah Governorate.

Director General of Operations at Royal Oman Police urged citizens, residents and visitors to observe the safety instructions and avoid areas of risks and to keep an eye on their kids while at tourism sites and areas with high rainwater levels. —ONA



IN DHOFAR GOVERNORATE



Main road from Maqshan to Salah now open for motorists

SALALAH: The Directorate General of Roads and Land Transport in Dhofar Governorate reaffirmed that the main road from the Wilayat of Maqshan to the Wilayat of Salah is now open for traffic for motorists driving to Dhofar Governorate.

Said bin Mohammed Tabook, Director General of the Directorate General of Roads and Land Transport in Dhofar Governorate said that the rain which hit the Sultanate on account of the weather condition (monsoon) did not cause damages to the roads in Dhofar Governorate.

He said that the Aqabat Hashir Road in the Niyabat of Tiwi A’atir in the Wilayat of Mirbat was re-



opened for traffic in coordination with Police Headquarters of Dhofar Governorate after being temporarily closed due to the rock fall for the safety of road users.

He said that the maintenance teams are now carrying out maintenance works of other roads at moun-

tain and desert areas which would be soon ready to open for traffic.

The road leading to Wadi Darbat is temporarily closed for traffic due to the high-water level and would be opened for traffic once the water level is back to normal, he added. —ONA

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Former Sri Lankan President to leave for Singapore from Maldives

Rajapaksa who left for the Maldives early on Wednesday morning was scheduled to leave for Singapore



COLOMBO: Former Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who landed in the Maldivian capital Male on a Sri Lankan Air Force plane, will be leaving for Singapore on Wednesday.

Rajapaksa who left for the Maldives early this morning was to leave for Singapore later Wednesday, sources in the Maldives told the Daily Mirror.

Rajapaksa landed at the Velana International Airport in the Maldives early Wednesday. The Prime Minister's Office also confirmed that Rajapaksa has left the country.

A statement issued by the Sri Lankan Air Force said that Rajapaksa prepared a SLAF aircraft to fly to the Maldives per his presidential powers and with the approval of the Ministry of Defence.

Rajapaksa and his wife along

with two bodyguards travelled to the Maldives after full approval of the country's Defence Ministry, Sri Lanka officials confirmed on Wednesday.

"According to the request of the Government in accordance with the powers vested in an Executive President in the Constitution of Sri Lanka, His Excellency the President and the Lady along with two bodyguards from Katunayake International Airport to the Maldives subject to the full approval of the Ministry of Defence subject to immigration, customs and all other laws at Katunayake International Airport. An Air Force flight was given clearance early in the

morning on July 13, 2022 to depart," Sri Lankan Air Force Media Director said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka's acting President Ranil Wickremesinghe instructed armed forces and police to bring the situation under control.

As protests intensified in the Sri Lankan capital city of Colombo, protesters who had gathered outside Sri Lanka Prime Minister's office have taken over his residence at Flower Road here.

Security personnel resorted to tear-gas shelling to drive away protesters on the streets of Colombo.

Wickremesinghe Wednesday declared an emergency and im-

posed a curfew in the western province of the country as protesters came prepared to face tear gas shelling by security forces deployed outside Wickremesinghe's residence. Air patrolling has also started around the PM's residence.

The country's opposition leader Sajith Premadasa said that the PM cannot exercise the powers of the President, and cannot declare a curfew or a state of emergency.

"PM becomes acting President only if the President appoints him as such, or if the office of President is vacant, or if the CJ in consultation with the Speaker forms the view that the President is unable to act," Premadasa tweeted. **ANI**



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BOOSTER DOSE

Free COVID-19 booster dose for adults in India for 75 days from July 15

NEW DELHI: The Indian government announced on Wednesday that citizens above 18 years of age will be given booster doses free of cost from July 15 for the next 75 days as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations and Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal. The facility will be available at all government centres.

"India is celebrating 75 years of independence. On the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal, it has been decided that from 15th July 2022 till the next 75 days, citizens above 18 years of age will be given booster doses free of cost," Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur told the media here. India's COVID-19 vaccination coverage has exceeded 199.12 crore as per provisional

reports till 7 am on Wednesday. This has been achieved through 2,61,58,303 sessions.

COVID-19 vaccination for the age group 12-14 years was started on March 16, 2022. So far, more than 3.76 crore adolescents have been administered the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

The COVID-19 precaution dose administration for the age group 18-59 years started on April 10.

The Centre has been making efforts to accelerate the pace and expand the scope of COVID-19 vaccination throughout the country.

The nationwide COVID 19 vaccination started on January 16, 2021. The new phase of universalization of COVID-19 vaccination commenced from June 21, 2021. **ANI**

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HEATWAVE

France, Spain, Portugal battle wildfires, UK on extreme heat alert

LONDON: Temperatures are set to soar across Europe on Wednesday, with France, Britain, Portugal and Spain on high alert over wildfires and public health.

Spain's Health Ministry warned the "intense heat" could affect people's "vital functions" with heatstroke being a possible consequence. On Twitter, the ministry advised citizens to be on the lookout for the warning signs of heatstroke, such as a rapid heart rate, severe headaches or confusion.

Since Sunday, large parts of the Iberian Peninsula have seen temperatures surpassing 40 degrees Celsius (104 Fahrenheit) as firefighters have battled wildfires across Spain and Portugal.

Around 1,500 firefighters were mobilized to put out three wildfires raging for more than 48 hours in central and northern Portugal over the weekend as the country was hit by a heatwave that prompted the government to declare a "state of contingency."



Thousands escaping wildfires in southern France

Southern France is currently battling a wildfire that has been raging since Tuesday afternoon, ripping through 800 hectares of pine trees near Bordeaux and forcing 150 residents to evacuate their homes, according to the local fire department.

Near the Dune of Pilat — Europe's tallest sand dune — another fire tore through 180 hectares of old pine trees, authorities said.

Some 6,000 campers near the dune had to be evacuated from campsites overnight as a precautionary measure, fire department official Lieutenant Colonel David Annotel told local news channel BFMTV.

High temperatures are also anticipated for other parts of western and central Europe in the coming days.

weather authority — the Met Office — is not ruling out temperatures exceeding that record.

"Weather forecast models are run hundreds of times to determine the most likely weather outcome," the Met Office's Rebekah Sherwin said. "Some models have been producing maximum temperatures in excess of 40° C in parts of the UK over the coming weekend and beyond."

UK may see record temperatures

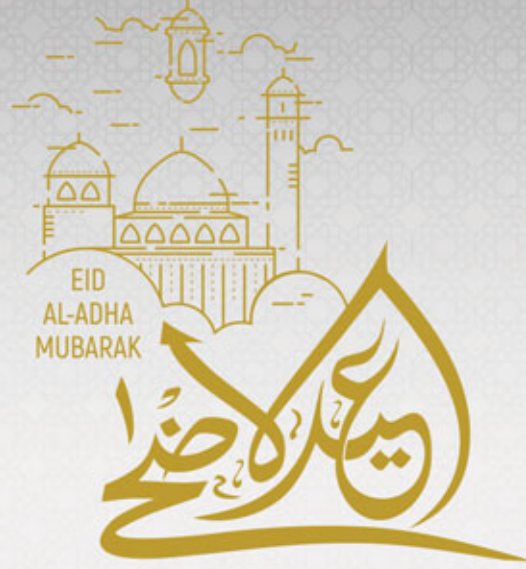
Britain issued an "amber" alert — its second-highest warning level — to indicate that the extreme heat will have a "high impact" on daily life. Temperatures are forecast to hit 35° C (95° F) in the southeast of the country in the coming days.

In 2019, Britain's highest-ever temperature of 38.7° C was recorded in Cambridge. The UK's

Germany bracing itself

Meanwhile, southwestern Germany is set to experience temperatures as high as 34° C on Wednesday.

But Germany's National Meteorological Service — the Deutscher Wetterdienst (DWD) — is forecasting even higher temperatures for next week. Heatwaves and extreme weather have become more frequent in the 21st century due to climate change, with Germany suffering from deadly floods just a year ago. **nw**



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CAPITOL RIOTS

Trump incited Capitol rioters after ‘unhinged’ meeting, says House panel



WASHINGTON: Former US President Donald Trump tried to incite his followers to storm the US Capitol in a last-ditch bid to cling to power, the House of Representatives January 6 committee said on Tuesday.

The committee also presented evidence that Trump aides knew before the riot that Trump would urge thousands of his supporters to march on the Capitol that day as lawmakers certified Joe Biden’s victory in the 2020 presidential election.

The committee hearings have painstakingly built a case to show that Trump’s efforts to overturn the 2020 election results constitute illegal conduct. The committee heard that Trump engaged in discussions that would have called for the military to seize states’ voting machines. That idea was eventually discarded, the panel disclosed in its seventh session.

At the end of the hearing, Republican Representative Liz Cheney said Trump had tried to contact a person who was talking to the committee about potential testimony. Cheney said the Justice Department was informed about Trump’s possible attempt to influence witness testimony.

‘Unhinged’ meeting with aides

The House committee heard on Tuesday that late on December 18, 2020, Trump’s private lawyers suggested bringing in the US military to seize state voting machines. This came amidst Trump’s unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud.

In a video testimony, Trump’s White House counsel at the time, Pat Cipollone, recalled the meeting with Trump’s legal team, which included attorneys Sidney Powell and Rudy Giuliani, retired national security aide Michael Flynn, and Patrick Byrne, former head of the online retail company Overstock. Cipollone said he called the draft executive order to order the seizure of the voting machines a “terrible idea.”

Another former White House aide, Cassidy Hutchinson, called the meeting “unhinged” in a separate video testimony.

White House officials, including Cipollone, scrambled to intervene. The meeting erupted in shouting, another aide testified.

The next morning Trump tweeted to his supporters to come to Washington on January 6, when Congress would certify the Electoral College results. **ow**

ARSON ATTACK

News and radio office hit in firebomb attack in Greece

ATHENS: The office of the Greek news outlet Real News and Real FM radio in Athens was set ablaze on Wednesday in an apparent arson attack, the media group said.

The blast came in the early hours of the morning and took 18 firefighters two hours to bring under control. People were evacuated with some being taken to the hos-

pital with respiratory problems.

Police investigating the cause of the fire said they had found several gas canisters taped together on an outside staircase between the basement and first floor of the building.

“They set Real FM on fire! They’re burning us! Three explosions and now we’re on fire...” editor Nikos Chatzinikolaou wrote

on Twitter.

Real FM says it is a target

Police were also in contact with the anti-terrorism agencies, the Real News website stated.

The outlet reported that preliminary information pointed to a connection with the ongoing hunger strike by the imprisoned anarchist Yannis Michailidis.

It also pointed to serious damage dealt to the broadcaster’s transmission equipment on Tuesday, which it said could be linked to Wednesday’s attack. “Two incidents, that are difficult to consider random... Someone is trying to shut down Real FM,” the website said. Real News is a center-left outlet that features both pro- and anti-government voices. **ow**

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MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER

The MSX index closed at 4114.57 points, down by 0.1 per cent from previous close. The Sharia Index ended up by 0.16 per cent at 457.87 points. Voltamp Energy, up 9 per cent, was the top gainer while Oman & Emirates Investment, down 3.41 per cent, was the top loser.

OIA generates more than 10% annual returns from overseas investments

Oman Investment Authority (OIA) in its first annual report said that despite the challenges, development efforts have remained on track with a clear focus on goals

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Investment Authority (OIA) has generated over 10 per cent average annual returns from its investments in 40 countries, the OIA said in its first annual report released on Wednesday. “Despite the challenges and events witnessed during the period covered by the report, development efforts have remained on track with a clear focus on goals,”



Sultan Al-Habsi

Sultan Al-Habsi, Minister of Finance and OIA's Chairman said in the report's opening remarks. He elaborated, “Opportunities have emerged and were leveraged to the maximum, adding that “everybody is satisfied with the achievements made by OIA within



Abdulsalam Al Murshidi

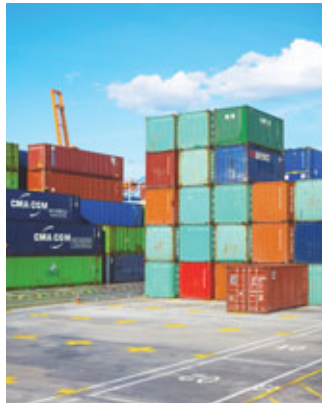
this short period, a result of the dedicated focus on contributing to the gross domestic product (GDP), maximising returns on investments and improving governance of the state-owned companies.” “OIA's key achievements from June 2020 to December 2021 are

represented by an average annual return of 10.3 per cent. Moreover, the addition of 35 new investments to OIA's investment portfolio in private equity markets as well as exiting other investments also provided profitable returns,” Abdulsalam Al Murshidi, OIA's Executive President, said in his remarks. The report also highlighted the addition of new investments to OIA's portfolio, which now spans 40 countries. These new investments include investment in SpaceX, a US company specialising in space exploration technologies, the establishment of an investment fund with China Merchant Bank International (CMBI) with a focus on future technologies, the establishment of the Muscat Stock Exchange pursuant to the Royal Decree No.5/2021 and the investment in Mycotechnology, a US company specialised in alternative food using latest technologies. The report also featured the profitable returns OIA made from certain exits, including its complete exit from Cognate BioServices, a US company manufacturing medical equipment, achieving 3.15 times returns with an internal rate of return (IRR) of 42 per cent, complete exit from Migros Stores in Turkey where the returns on investment

increased by 1.11 times, with an IRR of 1.6 per cent, complete exit from RAK Ceramics in the UAE and with 1.13 times returns on investment and an IRR of 2.1 per cent, partial exit from US information technology firm First Data with 1.34 times returns on investment and an IRR of 2.6 per cent. With regard to investments in partnership with several friendly nations, Vietnam-Oman Investment (VOI) entered a new investment agreement with CMES Company, a significant player in the renewable energy market, developing rooftop solar power systems. Moreover, VOI fully exited from Van Lang University with an IRR of 47 per cent and 18 per cent successively and partially exited from one investment with an IRR of 25 per cent and 65 per cent returns from the invested capital. Oman Brunei Investment Company succeeded in increasing its capital to \$200 million by utilising available opportunities and expanding its existing investments in Brunei and succeeded in obtaining the Board of Directors' approval to establish a private school in Muscat in partnership with Amity Group, which is a renowned educational services institution. Additionally, Oman Spain Fund

for Private Equity launched a new investment in Symborg, an international firm engaging in agricultural biotechnology. The OIA's annual report is in tune with Oman Vision 2040's focus on sound governance of the State's administrative apparatus, national resources and projects. The report features a variety of topics, including OIA's investment strategy, the performance of OIA's investment portfolios, joint strategic projects and local investments represented in OIA Companies, in addition to other critical themes such as governance, transparency, internal operational activities of OIA and Rawabet Programme. The report sheds light on OIA's key performance overview, including the restructuring of the Boards of Directors of OIA companies and the appointment of national experts and specialists from various public and private sectors as chairpersons. Additionally, it highlights the establishment of Rawabet Programme for OIA Companies in September 2020, the launch of the Code of Governance for OIA Entities, drafted in line with the best local and international practices and the recruitment of Omani talents to have a total workforce of 271 employees.

BIG SURGE



Cargo volumes jump 16.1% to 27 million tonnes at Saudi ports in June

RIYADH: Saudi ports recorded a sizable surge in cargo throughput during June 2022, handling 27.1 million tonnes at a 16.1 per cent yearly growth rate compared to 23.4 million tonnes during June 2021. The developmental strategies launched by the Saudi Ports Authority (Mawani) to enhance the operating performance and upgrade port capabilities resulted in a 55.7 per cent increase in general cargo volumes to reach 790.5 thousand tonnes. Likewise, liquid bulk cargo soared to 15.5 million tonnes at 31.8 per cent while dry bulk cargo decreased by 6.9 per cent to total 3.9 million tonnes. June statistics reflect the robust efforts deployed by Mawani to develop the maritime sector and position the Kingdom as a global logistics hub in line with the National Transport and Logistics Strategy (NTLS). As a result, container throughput gained 5.5 per cent to hit 642.3 thousand TEUs in contrast to last year's June volumes of 608.8 thousand TEUs. Transshipment throughput was 4.2 per cent higher year-on-year at 244.6 thousand TEUs when compared to the previous year's tally of 234.7 thousand TEUs. Saudi ports received 1126 vessels during June, a 13.6 per cent leap from 2021, and imported 74,000 vehicles, a 25.8 per cent annual rise. Similarly, 1.6 million tonnes of food volumes were processed across the Kingdom's trade hubs last month. Coinciding with the Haj season, passenger traffic improved to 79,000 by 79.28 per cent last month whereas 990,000 cattle heads were unloaded at a massive growth rate of 265.5 per cent. **SPA**

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The audited financial statements of the insurance sector for the year 2021 show that gross direct premiums of insurance companies operating in the Sultanate increased by 3 per cent in 2021 to reach OMR479.857 million compared to about OMR465.895 million in 2020. The gross direct premiums of general insurance increased by 0.7 per cent to OMR 258.670 million in the year 2021 compared to OMR 256.951 million in 2020. This was also accompanied by an increase in the gross direct premiums of life insurance/family Takaful by 6.6 per cent to OMR57.321 million in the year 2021 compared to OMR53.752 million in 2020. Gross direct premiums for health insurance increased by 5.6 per cent to OMR163.866 million in the year 2021 compared to OMR155.193 million in 2020. The capital of insurance companies was OMR 274.66 million in 2021 compared to OMR 274.73 million in 2020, a decrease of 0.03 per cent, as the capital of national companies was OMR 125.36 million in 2021 compared to OMR 125.36 million in 2020, unchanged. The capital of foreign insurance companies was OMR 149.31 mil-



GENERAL INSURANCE: The gross direct premiums of general insurance increased by 0.7 per cent to OMR258.670 million in the year 2021 compared to OMR256.951 million in 2020. - Photo used for illustrative purpose only

lion in 2021 compared to OMR to 149.38 million in 2020 a decrease of 0.05 per cent.

Total assets The audited financial statements of insurance companies indicate an increase in the total assets of insurance companies in 2021 by 7.5 per cent to OMR1,197.55 million of which OMR 767.64 million were related to general insurance, OMR

219.97 million related to life insurance, OMR 209.95 million related to health insurance. Total assets in the year 2020 were OMR 1, 113.87 million, of which OMR 787.54 million related to general insurance, OMR 326.33 million related to life insurance/family Takaful. The assets of national insurance companies accounted for 72.8 per cent at OMR 872.48 million, while foreign insurance companies accounted

for 27.2 per cent of the total assets, with an estimated value of about OMR 325.07 million.

Total net profits The total net profits of insurance companies were OMR 25.760 million in 2021 compared to OMR 48.539 million in 2020, a decrease of 47 per cent. The profits of foreign insurance companies were about OMR 8.073 million in 2021 compared to OMR 14.938 million in 2020, a decrease of 46 per cent.

Total paid indemnities Compensation paid by insurance companies in the year 2021 increased by 0.1 per cent compared to the year 2020. Total compensations paid by insurance companies were OMR 289.834 million in the year 2021 compared to OMR 289.601 million in 2020. The audited financial statements indicate a decrease in the total compensations paid for general insurance by 8.4 per cent to OMR 125.522 million in 2021 compared to 136.975 million in 2020. Compensations paid to life insurance /family Takaful recorded an increase of 38.6 per cent in the year 2021 compared to the previous year. As for the compensations paid for health insurance, they recorded a decrease of 0.5 per

Issued policies The number of policies issued by insurance companies for general, life insurance/family Takaful and health insurance in the financial year 2021 increased by 8.6 per cent to OMR 1.782 million policies, including 1.569 million policies for general insurance, 189,636 policies for life insurance/ family Takaful and 22,939 policies for health insurance compared to the total number of policies issued in the year 2020, which were 1.640 million policies, including 1.496 million policies for general insurance, 131,676 policies for life insurance/ family Takaful and 12,234 policies for health insurance.

Retention ratio The retention ratio of insurance companies in the year 2021 was about 55.5 per cent a decrease from 56.5 per cent compared in 2020. The audited financial statements for the year 2021 indicate that the retention ratio of national insurance companies was 55.4 per cent in the year 2021 compared to 55.2 per cent in 2020, and the retention ratio of foreign companies decreased from 62.8 per cent in the year 2020 to 55.9 per cent in 2021.

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A total number of 256 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR1.09 million, with more than 2.94 million shares changing hands.

Out of 32 traded securities, 7 advanced, 8 declined, and 17 remained unchanged.

At the session close, GCC & Arab investors were net buyers for OMR746,000 while foreign investors were net sellers for OMR695,000, followed by domestic investors for OMR51,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at

6585.98 points, up 0.05 per cent. Ominvest was the only gainer for the day up by 0.66 per cent. Prices of Oman & Emirates Investment and Al Sharqia Investment were down by 3.41 per cent and 1.18 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 5848.79 points, up 0.26 per cent. Prices of Voltamp Energy, Dhofar Cattle Feed, Oman Fisheries, Gulf Mushroom Products and National Aluminium were up by 9 per cent, 7.04 per cent, 3.77 per cent, 3.25 per cent and 1.21 per cent respectively.

Prices of Gulf International Chemicals and Jazeera Steel Products were down by 2.11 per cent and 0.6 per cent respectively.

Services Index was up by 0.19 per cent before closing at 1591.67 points. Sembcorp Salalah was the only gainer for the day up by 7.25 per cent. Prices of Muscat Desalination, Renaissance Services, Ooredoo and National Gas were down by 1.77 per cent, 1.32 per cent, 1.18 per cent and 0.69 per cent respectively. — United Securities

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Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff %
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FINANCIAL INDEX	6,593.94	6,582.50	6,585.97	6,582.50	3.47	0.05
Industry Index	5,852.09	5,830.36	5,848.78	5,833.67	15.12	0.26
Services Index	1,604.02	1,590.56	1,591.67	1,588.58	3.10	0.19
MSX Shariah Index	458.02	456.67	457.87	457.12	0.75	0.16
MSX TR INDEX	5,199.95	5,186.62	5,186.62	5,191.83	-5.21	-0.10
FINANCIAL TR IDX	6,899.81	6,887.85	6,891.48	6,887.85	3.63	0.05
SERVICES TR IDX	1,658.52	1,644.60	1,645.76	1,642.56	3.20	0.19
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	6,073.49	6,050.93	6,070.06	6,054.37	15.69	0.26

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
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OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	2,000	836	1	0.418	0.418	0.418	0.418	0.418	0.000	0.000	0.418	0.418	0.418	0.100	91,960,000
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	1,450,994	760,344	45	0.524	0.526	0.524	0.524	0.524	0.000	0.000	0.524	0.524	0.526	0.100	1,966,678,030
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	15,700	13,628	16	0.868	0.868	0.868	0.868	0.868	0.000	0.000	0.868	0.868	0.868	0.100	651,000,000
OM0000003281	TAAGEER FINANCE	336	30	1	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.000	0.000	0.090	0.086	0.090	0.100	23,279,562
OM0000003398	SOHAR INT. BANK	10,190	1,039	2	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.000	0.000	0.102	0.101	0.111	0.100	304,986,354
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	115,285	38,083	15	0.332	0.332	0.330	0.330	0.332	-0.002	-0.602	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.100	41,216,327
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INV.	68,500	5,754	4	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.085	-0.001	-1.176	0.084	0.084	0.093	0.100	7,560,000
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	96,800	32,525	50	0.336	0.336	0.336	0.336	0.340	-0.004	-1.176	0.336	0.336	0.336	0.100	218,717,261
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SER.	235,000	106,830	16	0.458	0.458	0.450	0.450	0.456	-0.006	-1.316	0.450	0.450	0.450	0.100	106,384,500
Total	12	2,118,182	975,574	157												
Parallel Market																
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	149	16	2	0.100	0.109	0.100	0.109	0.100	0.009	9.000	0.109	0.102	0.109	0.100	8,872,900
OM0000004735	SEBBOORP SALALAH	610	45	2	0.075	0.075	0.074	0.074	0.069	0.005	7.246	0.074	0.067	0.069	0.100	70,638,324
OM0000001301	DHOOFAR CATTLE	4,350	331	1	0.076	0.076	0.076	0.076	0.071	0.005	7.042	0.076	0.075	0.078	0.100	6,144,600
OM0000001566	OMAN FISHERIES	13,473	1,467	4	0.107	0.110	0.107	0.110	0.106	0.004	3.774	0.110	0.109	0.116	0.100	20,028,624
OM0000002267	GULF MUSHROOM P.	166,398	47,107	20	0.277	0.290	0.277	0.286	0.277	0.009	3.249	0.286	0.286	0.300	0.100	11,899,108
OM0000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	45,340	3,809	6	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.083	0.001	1.205	0.084	0.084	0.091	0.100	2,820,002
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	10,350	704	3	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.000	0.000	0.068	0.062	0.068	0.100	28,885,950
OM0000002549	BANK DHOOFAR	193,079	22,011	26	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.000	0.000	0.114	0.114	0.115	0.100	341,584,064
OM0000002572	OMAN OIL MARKETING	500	410	1	0.820	0.820	0.820	0.820	0.820	0.000	0.000	0.820	0.820	0.820	0.100	50,245,500
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	25,923	2,438	5	0.095	0.095	0.094	0.094	0.094	0.000	0.000	0.094	0.094	0.097	0.100	210,273,585
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	11,000	1,023	5	0.093	0.093	0.093	0.093	0.093	0.000	0.000	0.093	0.092	0.093	0.100	16,275,000
OM0000004925	ALBATAH POWER	100,840	4,639	6	0.046	0.047	0.046	0.046	0.046	0.000	0.000	0.046	0.046	0.047	0.100	31,044,822
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	100,649	4,831	4	0.048	0.048	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.000	0.000	0.047	0.047	0.048	0.100	33,577,098
OM0000005260	OMAN ARAB BANK	6,464	763	1	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.000	0.000	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.100	196,990,380
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	45,390	2,315	3	0.051	0.051	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.050	0.051	0.100	73,130,073
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	5,045	721	1	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.144	-0.001	-0.694	0.143	0.143	0.146	0.100	12,155,000
OM0000007084	MCT DESALINATE	224	25	1	0.111	0.111	0.111	0.111	0.113	-0.002	-1.770	0.111	0.111	0.111	0.000	17,266,094
OM0000002028	GULF INT. CHEM.	4,619	430	1	0.093	0.093	0.093	0.093	0.095	-0.002	-2.105	0.093	0.093	0.093	0.100	1,953,000
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	73,740	6,343	6	0.088	0.088	0.085	0.085	0.088	-0.003	-3.409	0.085	0.083	0.085	0.100	10,359,375
Total	19	808,143	99,425	98												

GROWING CONCERNS OF RECESSION

Crude oil prices at three-month low due to weak demand outlook

NEW DELHI: Global crude oil prices have fallen further to touch the three-month low due to a weak demand outlook over growing concerns of a recession.

This is the first time in the past three months when the crude prices fell to such levels. At the time of writing this report, futures contracts of West Texas Intermediate crude oil traded at \$96.09 per barrel.

Ever since the conflict broke out in Ukraine, the supply chain disruptions in oil have persisted, causing a rapid rise in crude oil and other essential commodities' prices. Before the conflict, crude oil was around \$90 per barrel and rose to as high as \$115 in less than a week in late February.

A brief decline in prices was observed at the end of March, and it went below \$100 at the beginning of April.



The latest fall in prices could be attributed to rising fears of a possible recession, along with the aggressive monetary policy tightening by various central banks. These factors are essentially lead-

ing to weaker demand for crude oil, thereby contributing to the fall in their prices.

Renewed COVID cases and fresh lockdowns in China, which may reduce economic activities, are

among the reasons which can be attributed to the decline in oil prices.

Amid growing concerns about inflation, the US Fed raised its benchmark interest rate by 75 basis points at its latest meet. That followed a 25 basis points increase in March and a 50 basis points jump in May.

In total, the US central bank has raised 1.5 percentage points on a cumulative basis. Experts believe aggressive rate hikes are likely to continue in the upcoming meetings, which in turn may cause a recession in the US economy.

In India, retail inflation has been over the Reserve Bank of India's upper tolerance band of 6 per cent for the sixth consecutive month in a row in June.

India is a large importer of crude oil, and these rising global crude oil prices had put upward pressure on domestic inflation. —ANI

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ENRICHING OPPORTUNITY

4 Omani engineers join training on operating container cranes in Ireland

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones (Opaz), in cooperation with the Irish company Liebherr for the manufacture and supply of cranes for the Port of Duqm (PDC), organised a training programme for four young Omani engineers, including one female engineer holding diplomas and bachelor's degrees in mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, & related technical disciplines.

The training programme which lasted for 9 consecutive months, included teaching and qualifying engineers in an Irish university to complete all technical skills and basic practical experience necessary for understanding crane components, operation, and maintenance. The programme also included practical training at specialized manufacturing sites for these cranes, & would complete the remaining training program at PDC during the installation period.

Commenting on this training program, Eng. Ahmed Akak from the Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones said that the programme came in line with the authority's belief in the importance of empowering Omani youth in various fields, especially specialised technical works to build qualified national competencies to operate



and manage various operational works in the areas affiliated with the authority. The authority was keen to send trainees to the Irish company that manufactured these cranes to qualify them in the field of managing and operating these state-of-the-art cranes that are characterised by automation and remote control system.

The trainee, Nasra Salem Al-Majrafi, said, "The training programme was an enriching opportunity, as we were able to acquire many technical skills in various fields such as security, safety & programming, in addition to increasing our practical and person-

al skills in communication, time management, business, organising and arranging priorities, work ethics, problem-solving and crisis management skills at work."

The trainee, Ahmed Saeed Al-Maharbi, valued the efforts made by both Opaz and the Irish company to provide this training programme, which enabled the trainees to learn more about the technologies and technical specifications of bridge cranes (RTG) and container cranes, their operation mechanisms and remote control. He pointed out that they will undergo practical training on the same cranes after install-

ing the cranes and commencing operation in the Port of Duqm; Which will contribute to empowering them scientifically and professionally by applying what they have studied theoretically and practically during the training program in Ireland.

The trainees passed the specified period of training successfully and have proven their competencies and abilities for the next stage of their work mission. Coordination has been made with the competent authorities to hire the trainees as operators of equipment and cranes at PDC, after fulfilling all training requirements.



WHEN WORDS FAIL, GESTURES CAN HELP

An international research team has now shown that listeners attend the gestures of people with aphasia more often and for much longer than previously thought. This has implications for the use of gestures in speech therapy.

People who suffer from an acquired language disorder due to a brain injury, for example after a stroke, traumatic brain injury or brain tumour often have difficulties communicating with others. Previous research on aphasia indicates that these patients often try to express their needs using hand gestures. It was previously assumed that conversation partners pay relatively little attention to such non-verbal forms of communication — but this assumption was based on research involving participants without language disorders.

COMMUNICATING WITH GESTURES

A new study from the University of Zurich, carried out together with researchers from the Netherlands and Japan, looked at whether gestures receive more attention if the verbal communication is impeded by aphasia. The researchers showed healthy volunteers video clips in which people with and without speech disorders described an accident and a shopping experience. As the participants watched the video clips, their eye movements were recorded.

FOCUS OF ATTENTION SHIFTS

“Our results show that when people have very severe speaking difficulties and produce less informative speech, their conversation partner is more likely to pay attention to their hand movements and to look longer at their gestures,” says Basil Preisig of the Department of Comparative Language Science at UZH. In people who have no limitations in verbal production, hand gestures are granted less attention. Thus, it seems that listeners shift their attention when the speaker has a speech impediment and focus more on the speaker’s nonverbal information provided through gestures. “For people with aphasia, it may be worth using gestures more in order to be better understood by the other person,” says Preisig.



USING GESTURES AS A SPECIFIC TOOL IN THERAPY

The present study not only illustrates the importance of gestures in communication, but also reinforces their relevance in speech rehabilitation. “Individuals with aphasia should be encouraged in therapy to use all available forms of communication. This includes increased use of gestures. In addition, their family and friends need to learn about hand gestures to improve communication,” Preisig believes. -ANI



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Oman Sail squads gain experience at regattas in Italy and Turkey

The team of five Oman Sail Optimist sailors also encountered tough conditions in Bodrum

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Sail's elite sailing team and young Optimist squads have wrapped up campaigns in Europe, gaining valuable experience of high-level competition in new classes.

The team competing at the Marina Militare Nastro Rosa Tour 2022 in Italy had to contend with low wind and technical issues throughout the competition which impacted several stages, finishing tenth in a close-fought lower half of the fleet. Meanwhile, the team of five Oman Sail Optimist sailors also encountered tough conditions in Bodrum, Türkiye, at the 2022

Arkas Optimist World Championships, finishing in the lower half of a very strong fleet.

The Marina Militare Nastro Rosa Tour squad of Akram Al Wahaibi, Ibtisam Al Salmi, Sultan Al Balushi, Ali Al Balushi and Abdul Majeed Al Hadhrami were on board the Beneteau Figaro 3 class of foil-assisted racing yacht for the very first time while also competing in wing foil and kite regattas simultaneously. The Tour began in Genoa in Northern Italy and headed south, to Sicily and around the Mediterranean Coastline before heading north to Venice where racing concluded.

Ibtisam Al Salmi said, "This has been a tough event but very enjoyable. We have learned a lot as a team and been able to gain experience on another new class. Despite the difficult weather and technical problems, we have enjoyed our time here and gained a great introduction to this type of race. Adding in the Wing Foil and Waszp for the first time made this an interesting tour for the whole team and we look forward to returning next year and continuing our journey."

The youth sailing team joined 286 sailors representing 62 countries at the B. B. Bodrum Sailing

Club for the 2022 Arkas Optimist World Championships. Early races were challenging due to shifting winds and the team struggled to recover after a slow start while the leaders also toiled in low wind.

Mohammed Abdul Latif finished highest overall, placing 50th in the last race. The rest of Oman Sail's sailors found themselves in the Emerald Fleet for the final races where Tamim Al Balushi finished 38th, Firas Said finished 49th, Abdul Rahman Al Hadi finished 59th and Hasan Al Wahaibi ended the championships in 60th.

Mohsin Al Busaidi, Oman Sail's Head of Youth Sailing Pathway, said, "This was a tough competition for our team against some of the very best Optimist sailors in the world. Together with coach Suhail Al Mayahi and team lead Abdulaziz Al Shidi, we have worked with the team to prepare for the championships and will continue our work with more competitions on the horizon. This has been a valuable learning experience for us all and will help us to perform at a higher level in the future."

The team now moves on to Sønderborg, Denmark, for the Optimist European Championships from 30 July-6 August.



AFRICAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Kenya's Ferdinand Omanyala aiming for Usain Bolt speed in 100-meter

NAIROBI: Ferdinand Omanyala's victory in the men's 100-meter at the African Athletics Championships in Mauritius about a month ago took almost seven minutes to decide.

In the end, it was Kenya's Omanyala who edged out South Africa's Akani Simbine by three thousandth of a second after both sprinters were deemed to have crossed the line in 9.93 seconds.

While Simbine wasn't yet prepared to abdicate his throne as the No. 1 sprinter in Africa, the moment was a watershed one not just for Omanyala, but also for Kenyan athletics.

"Growing up in a country that only has long-distance was part of the challenge of coming up as a sprinter, because nobody believed a sprinter can do well in Kenya," Omanyala told DW. "I had to change the minds of so many people."

His last 12 months have helped. He broke the African record set by Simbine in July 2021, lowering it from 9.84 to 9.77 seconds, as he became the seventh-fastest man in the world. He also became the first Kenyan to make the semifinals of the Olympics. The 26-year-old has etched his name into African sprinting history.

Long-distance running

Some 90% of Kenyan athletes are Nilotes from the Kalenjin group of tribes. Whether it's their genetics or diet, it remains unclear why they produce some of the best long-distance runners.

What distinguishes Omanyala is that he comes from the Bantu Abaluyha tribe. This tribe is well known for producing football and rugby players, with their bulky physique well-suited for such sports.

"I was a rugby player and a very fast winger," Omanyala told DW after he won the African title. "So to change to sprint was something that I dreamt of. It's interesting to do something different that nobody in Kenya is doing because it means my people will treasure me; which is why I decided on sprinting, and it has brought me this far."



His coach, Duncan Ayiemba, whom he still trains with in Kenya, thinks Omanyala's curiosity and hard work proved pivotal.

"He was hard working, dedicated, curious and ready to learn while also challenging me with his effort and growth day by day," Ayiemba said to DW.

A doping ban

Athletics is a sport that has a storied history of doping. In fact, only three sprinters in the history of the men's 100-meter have not been indicted with a doping violation.

Athletics Kenya (AK) have consistently maintained that athletes with a tainted drug history will not be allowed to wear the Red and Black stripes. Omanyala fell into that unwanted category, having served a 14-month ban in 2017 when he tested positive for the prohibited steroid, betamethasone.

According to Omanyala, his difficulties with the federation are now in the past. The relationship seems to be on good terms now, and after serving his ban, Omanyala

shifted his focus to changing the perception of how sprinters are viewed in Kenya and the world.

"I had this dream that one day, I will transform sprinting in Kenya, and I never knew it was going to be this big."

"Previously, the federation did not think that Kenyans could do well in sprints because previously sprinters were being taken to international competitions but they were getting knocked out in the heats, so it was perceived that sprinters were jokers. Until I came around and started doing well in outside competitions. Now, even the world is changing how they're viewing sprints [in Kenya]."

The record and a medal

Since the World Championships in Berlin in 2009, Jamaica's Usain Bolt has held the world record in the men's 100-meter dash. The Jamaican clocked 9.58 seconds to win gold, and no one has come close to breaking it since.

Ferdinand believes he is going faster with every passing year, and

that he can get close to Bolt's record.

"My target this season is to run 9.6-something. For me, progression over perfection is something that really carries the day, and the world record is not an exception. I can't put a limit to myself as I am working hard toward that," said Omanyala.

coach Ayiemba said, "Since I started training Ferdinand and imputing all the knowledge and research I did in him, his performance has improved tremendously. Certainly with time, he can get into the 9.6-second zone."

Omanyala currently faces an unwanted race against time, as visa delays mean he is still not yet at the World Championships in Oregon. Once there, Omanyala will have the chance to show he's not just a man of grand proclamations.

"My team and I have been talking about it for the longest of time. I am ready for it, and my target is to get a medal. I understand no African has had a medal in the 100-meter at the Worlds, so I am really looking forward to it." DW

CRICKET



Bumrah regains No.1 spot in ODIs, Suryakumar Yadav jumps to fifth in T20Is

DUBAI: Star Indian pacer Jasprit Bumrah regained his number 1 spot in the ICC Men's ODI Bowler Rankings following his career-best spell of 6/19 which helped Men in Blue crush England by ten wickets in the first ODI at The Oval on Tuesday.

Bumrah had lost the top spot to New Zealand's Trent Boult in February 2020 after being No. 1 for most of the preceding two years. He has been at the top for a total of 730 days, more than any other Indian and the ninth-most in history. Bumrah, who has been No. 1 in T20Is in the past and is currently at a career-best third position in Tests, is only the second Indian fast bowler after Kapil Dev to be No. 1 in the ODI rankings. Maninder Singh, Anil Kumble and Ravindra Jadeja are the other India bowlers to have attained top ranking.

Bumrah's new-ball partner Mohammed Shami too has gained after grabbing three for 31 and playing his role in skittling England out for 110 in 25.2 overs. Shami has progressed three slots to reach joint-23rd position along with team-mate Bhuvneshwar Kumar.

The Indian opening batting pair too have some improvement to show after taking the team through to their target in just 18.4 overs. Captain Rohit Sharma has bridged the gap with third-placed

Virat Kohli to just one rating point after his brisk 76 not out while left-hander Shikhar Dhawan has inched up one slot to 12th position after his unbeaten 31.

In the latest weekly rankings update that also considers performances in the first two Ireland versus New Zealand matches that are part of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Super League, and the first West Indies versus Bangladesh match, England captain Jos Buttler has moved up one slot to 24th after top-scoring for England with 30.

Bangladesh captain Tamim Iqbal (up one place to 19th), New Zealand's Tom Latham (up one place to 21st) and Ireland's Harry Tector (up 10 places to 34th) are the others to move up the ODI rankings for batters while Bangladesh spinner Mehidy Hasan (up two places to sixth) and New Zealand fast bowler Lockie Ferguson (re-entered at 18th) are the other notable gainers among bowlers.

In the ICC Men's T20I Player Rankings, India batter Suryakumar Yadav has gained 44 slots to reach a career-best fifth position after his valiant 117 in the final match of a three-T20I series against England. Nicholas Pooran of the West Indies is up five places to eighth after a match-winning 74 not out in the final match of their series against Bangladesh. ANI

NEW DEAL

Dembele trains with Barca as new deal moves closer

MADRID: Ousmane Dembele and FC Barcelona appear to be on the verge of confirming the French international winger's new contract after he trained with the first-team squad on Tuesday. Dembele, who joined Barca in 2017, is officially still a free agent after his previous contract with Barcelona expired on June 30th after months of talks failed to see the club and player reach an agreement over a new

deal. However, the player's willingness to accept a pay cut in the region of 40 percent means that talks continued, and the press reported that he will sign a new two-year contract until June 2024.

Dembele's appearance at training is a surprise, but it was revealed in a photo posted by Barca striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang of the dressing room following Tuesday's session. Xinhua

TRANSFER

Barcelona announce signing of Raphinha

BARCELONA: Barcelona club have announced an agreement in principle with Leeds United for the transfer of Raphinha.

The 25-year-old wide forward has been with the English side for two years and has made nine appearances for the Brazilian national team.

Now, he'll be the latest Brazilian star to call the Camp Nou his home, as he is expected to sign a contract that will run until 2027.

Although Barcelona haven't revealed the fee, it is believed that they'll pay a fixed fee of around 55 million euros to Leeds for the player, with this potentially growing through add-ons, the Spanish MARCA newspaper reported.

"Barcelona and Leeds United have reached an agreement in principle for the transfer of Raphael Dias Belloli, Raphinha, pending the player passing his medical," the club announced

in a statement.

Barcelona have beaten Chelsea to the signing of Raphinha, making a statement of intent.

He arrives after the previous additions of centre-back Andreas Christensen and midfielder Franck Kessie, although they both came as free agents.

The Catalan club will now try to bring in Robert Lewandowski, their other major transfer target this summer. ONA





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SEASONAL OFFER

Kalyan Jewellers launches 'Back Home' campaign

MUSCAT: Kalyan Jewellers, one of the most trusted and leading jewellery brands, has announced the launch of its special seasonal offer with its - 'Back Home' campaign for its patrons.

As part of this promotion, Kalyan Jewellers has announced a one-of-its-kind offer for its patrons across Oman. Customers purchasing jewellery worth OMR 150 and above from Kalyan Jewellers stand a chance to win free flight tickets back home.

Free raffle coupon

On every OMR 150 spent, customers will be eligible to receive one free raffle coupon from Kalyan Jewellers. The jewellery brand will be selecting 25 lucky winners at the end of this campaign.

The 'Back Home' campaign offers can be availed by customers until August 21 at all Kalyan Jewellers' showrooms across Oman.

The brand offers 100% exchange value on old gold and has also tied up with several leading banks to assist their customers with easy monthly instalment plans.

Talking about the announcement, Ramesh Kalyanaraman, Executive Director - Kalyan Jewellers said, "As a customer-first brand, Kalyan Jewellers has been successful in carving a distinctive brand identity among customers in the region. The newly announced 'Back Home' campaign is a testament to our commitment to provide maximum benefits to patrons on their jewellery purchases at Kalyan Jewellers. We are confident that patrons will continue to shower us with the love and support as we introduce more such exciting offers."

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11-25 vehicles	2.60 OMR
26-50 vehicles	2.45 OMR
51-100 vehicles	2.30 OMR
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MAX Power - Stable Operation at high temperature

High-efficiency heat dissipation technology, results in stable cooling even at 55°C....



MAX Guard - 5 Anti-corrosion Measures

5 Anti-corrosion measures, for all-round protection,
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EER: 11.60

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EER: 12.00

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27500 BTU
EER: 11.96