

HM RECEIVES THANKS CABLE
MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has received a cable of thanks from President Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China in reply to His Majesty's greetings cable to him on the centennial anniversary of founding the Chinese Communist Party. In his cable, President Xi Jinping expressed his utmost thanks for His Majesty's greetings. He stressed his keenness to promote the joint strategic relations to achieve further tangible results between the two friendly countries. He wished His Majesty good health and permanent success. - **ONA**



**HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN SENDS
CONDOLENCES TO KUWAIT**

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of condolences to Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah, Emir of the State of Kuwait on the death of Sheikha Badriya Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah. In the cable, His Majesty expressed his heartfelt sympathies, praying to Allah the Almighty to rest the deceased's soul in peace in paradise and grant her family patience. - **ONA**



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**Majlis Al Jinn Cave:
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1 Majlis Al Jinn Cave, or Salma Plateau as it is commonly known, is considered one of the largest underground caves in the world. Located at the foothills of the eastern Al Hajar Mountains lies Majlis Al Jinn Cave, one of the greatest and most beautiful natural wonders. **>A4**

WORLD
**US might extend
evacuation mission**

2 US President Joe Biden has said that he is discussing with his military officials an extension of the evacuation mission in Afghanistan, beyond the August 31 deadline. Biden made these remarks during a White House address amid the country's large-scale evacuation efforts. **>A7**

MARKET
**Key pact inked for
project in Duqm**

3 OPAZ has inked a land reservation deal for the setting up a Green Hydrogen and Ammonia project in the Special Economic Zone at Duqm (Sezad). The move is part of the authority's plan to promote investment in the field of clean energy by production of green hydrogen and ammonia **>B1**

KHOR KHARFOUT ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESERVE

HM issues Royal Decree

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik on Monday issued Royal Decree (No. 58/2021) establishing Khor Kharfout Archaeological Reserve in Dhofar Governorate reading as follows:

Article (1) states that a sanctuary under the name "Khor Kharfout Archaeological Reserve" shall be established in the Governorate of Dhofar and that it shall be accorded the zone whose

demarcations are indicated in the annex and diagram attached to this decree.

Article (2) stipulates that the Chairman of the Environment Authority, acting in coordination with ministries and departments concerned, shall issue the regulations and decisions necessary for the implementation of this decree. The regulations and decisions shall include the method of man-

agement of this archaeological reserve, formalities for entry to the sanctuary, the prescribed fees, the duration of stay therein, the activities allowed to be practiced or prohibited there and the appropriate administrative penalties against each case of violation.

Article (3) says that this decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and enforced on the day following its date of publishing. - **ONA**

OMAN LIFTS TRAVEL BAN



THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE TRAVEL BAN ON FULLY VACCINATED PASSENGERS FROM INDIA, PAKISTAN, BANGLADESH AND OTHER COUNTRIES THAT WERE RED-LISTED HAS BEEN LIFTED

BEFORE BOARDING, ALL PASSENGERS ARRIVING IN OMAN, ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE PRE-REGISTRATION VIA TARASSUD+ PLATFORM AND UPLOAD THE VACCINE CERTIFICATE AS WELL AS COVID-19 PCR REPORT.

**Passengers who present a COVID-19 negative
PCR test result on arrival will be exempted
from quarantine requirement**

Times News Service

MUSCAT: With Oman lifting the travel ban on all countries, including India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, thousands of expatriates stuck in various parts of the world can now enter the Sultanate.

According to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), all Omani citi-

zens, residents of Oman, visa holders of Oman, and those who can obtain a visa on arrival, are eligible to enter the Sultanate from September 1 in accordance with the pre-COVID guidelines.

All passengers arriving to the Sultanate are required to present a COVID-19 vaccine certificate containing a QR code stating that they

have received two doses of a vaccine approved in Oman, or in cases where a single dose is approved by the health authorities of the Sultanate, have received one dose of such a vaccine.

14 days

The last dose is required to have been received not less than 14 days ahead of estimated arrival time. The CAA also said that all passengers arriving to the Sultanate presenting a negative COVID-19 PCR test result are exempted from quarantine.

The COVID-19 PCR test shall indicate the medical test result which can be validated and certified with a QR code and the test shall be conducted within 96 hours prior to the

scheduled time of arrival in the Sultanate for the international flights of more than eight hours duration, including transit, and 72 hours before for shorter flights.

All passengers arriving in the Sultanate without holding a negative COVID-19 PCR test or subject to a COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival will be required to enter mandatory quarantine with electronic tracking bracelet until a negative PCR test result is received.

In case of a positive PCR test result, the passengers shall be required to undergo mandatory health isolation for 10 days starting from the test date.

However, passengers who have recovered from COVID-19 but tested positive on arrival, are ex-

empted from health isolation provided they are able to submit proof that they have completed the prescribed isolation period in the country where they were infected before travelling to the Sultanate.

Pre-registration

Before boarding the aircraft, all passengers arriving in the Sultanate, including diplomats, are required to complete pre-registration via Tarassud+ platform and to upload the vaccine certificate as well as a COVID-19 PCR certificate, both containing QR codes.

If the passenger prefers to conduct the COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival, the passengers shall pay the prescribed fees by registering via Tarassud+ platform before

boarding the aircraft.

Arriving passengers aged 18 years and below are exempted from the requirements of the vaccine and COVID-19 PCR test.

Patients with diseases that prevent them from receiving the vaccine according to an approved medical certificate are also exempted from presenting vaccine certificates

The decision will come into effect from 12.00pm (Oman local time) on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, with the exception that Omani citizens and their families who departed the Sultanate before the issuance of this circular are exempted from vaccine requirement for a maximum of two months from the issuance of this circular.

NATIONAL IMMUNISATION CAMPAIGN

Over 2.30 million get COVID-19 vaccines

Times News Service

MUSCAT: As many as 2,336,980 people have been vaccinated against COVID-19 in Oman since the launch of the National Immunisation Campaign till Sunday, 22 August, reaching 66 per cent of the targeted population.

The number of those who took the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine stood at 1,294,098 comprising 37 per cent, while the number of those who are fully vaccinated (two doses) stood at 1,042,882 comprising 29 per cent.

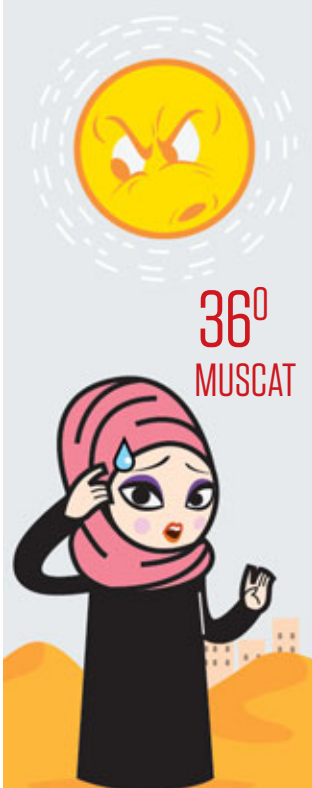
Meanwhile, the Ministry of Health continues vaccinating target segments against COVID-19 in all governorates as vaccination centres are witnessing a good daily turnout.

On Monday, Oman reported 151 new cases of COVID-19 during the past 24 hours, in addition to seven new COVID-19-related deaths. This brings the total number of COVID-19 cases in Oman to 301,450.

The total number of COVID-

19-related deaths reached 4, 038, the Ministry of Health said. 266 new cases have recovered, bringing the total number to 290,410 recoveries. Last week, the members of the Supreme Committee visited the Sultan Qaboos Youth Complex for Culture and Entertainment in Salalah to follow up on the progress of the vaccination of target segments within the National Immunisation Strategy against COVID-19.

The Committee members were briefed on the procedures, from registration till taking the vaccine, and coordination in receiving people eligible for vaccination with full adherence to health measures.



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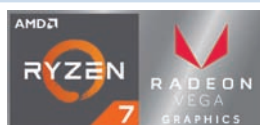
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CARTER STILL HOPEFUL ABOUT PEACE TALKS

Ask Your Doctor



Here is Your Doctor.....Dr. S. Abdul Wahid, of the Oman Clinic, Ruwi, who this week starts answering your questions on Page 22.

Some readers have called to say they are shy of giving their full names, which others than the doctor may see. So the rules are changed. You may either give your full name and an alias, or only the alias, as you like. But you MUST send the coupon on Page 22 with your question, to this office ONLY.

FEELS BOTH COUNTRIES WANT TO PROGRESS AT CAMP DAVID

Cautious optimism was once again the keynote when President Carter spoke this week of the coming Camp David summit between Egypt and Israel, with America assisting.

The President said that he was heartened by the fact that the leaders of the two countries seemed to want progress at the meeting. He thought there was a generally good climate between Egypt and Israel now.

This was taken as a reference to the willingness of President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin to meet again after the breakdown in talks. Mr. Carter, however, added that the issues which divided them were still very significant.

President Carter said also that in his view Mr. Sadat and Mr. Begin were determined to make progress.

Reports from Washington, Cairo and Jerusalem indicate that all parties involved are working on the position papers which will form the basis of the conference work.

The Egyptian paper stresses the need for Israeli withdrawal from Arab lands, and the restoration of Palestinian rights.

The Israeli attitude, to judge from a statement by Foreign Minister Dayan, is that, although this is unacceptable in many regards, there were points of common approach to be explored at the summit.

The Israeli cabinet has also met this week. It appointed a technical committee to work out the exact position to be taken at the talks.

There has been some debate about the American role. According to Al Ahram, however, Egypt has been told that the US is now preparing a working paper which will define this.

The Camp David summit begins on September 5.

Health Checks To Keep Cholera Out

Oman is taking precautions to keep the country free of cholera, reported in countries in the area, Dr. Salem Hamdan, Under-Secretary, Ministry of Health, said this week.

Special checks on imported food, and on travellers inoculations, are among these. Various Government agencies are co-operating to keep the environment clean, he added.

His own ministry, he said, is making "double efforts to protect the country", which is cholera free.

IRA MAY HAVE HAD HELP TO MOUNT ATTACK IN GERMANY

The IRA is believed to have mounted the large-scale bomb attacks on British bases in Germany at the weekend. Experts have identified one bomb as the type used in Northern Ireland.

Because of the widespread nature of the attack, it is believed possible that the Baader Meinhof gang and Palestinian extremists may have been working with the IRA. Bombs were placed near eight barracks, doing heavy damage.

Britain maintains 55,000 soldiers in Germany as part of her Nato commitment.

FIVE DEAD IN BEIRUT RAID TO REVENGE LONDON BUS ATTACK

Five Palestinian guerrillas were killed and four wounded in a brief attack on Palestinian camps in Beirut by Israeli jet fighters on Monday. Israel radio claimed the raid was in retaliation for the terrorist attack on an El Al bus in London the previous day.

Israeli fighters also attacked the coastal town of Damour, but Palestinian sources say there were no casualties.

Beirut correspondents point out, however, that the raids were on camps run by Fatah, which has long since denounced violence against Israeli targets abroad. Responsibility for the London attack was claimed by a radical splinter group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Special Operations, who are not under Fatah control.

In the London attack, two people were killed and nine injured, six seriously. One of the killed was an Israeli air hostess, and the other an Arab guerrilla blown up by his own handgrenade. Most of the injured were bystanders who had no connection with Israel.

Police in London are questioning a man detained just after the terrorist attack.

Security measures have been tightened at London Airport, Heathrow. Following a bomb alert there on Tuesday, soldiers with armoured cars were seen round the perimeter.

WHO'S FIRST WITH THE NEWS?

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ARMY BLOWS UP MORTAR BOMBS NEAR RUWI

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FLOODED SHIP HELICOPTERS WINCH CREW OFF WRECK AGROUND NEAR MASIRAH

So who's first with the real news? The Times of Oman, of course! Remember these three recent front page stories?

1. Koreans rescued by helicopters from their wrecked ship near Masirah.

2. New oil strikes in the southern fields boost Oman's oil output.

3. Live mortar bombs dug up

near Ruwi by a bulldozer, and later blown up.

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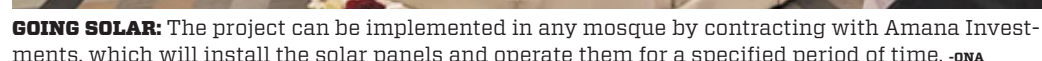
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BEYOND SUSTAINABILITY CLICHÉS

There has been a considerable focus on social responsibility, as well as on the establishment of the In-Country Value Strategy by the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, earlier known as Ministry of Oil and Gas, between 2013 and 2020. Have these efforts succeeded in achieving their stated goals?

Sustainability is a bigger umbrella that encompasses social responsibility and in-country value. Therefore, the concept of social responsibility cannot be directly substituted for sustainability. Sustainability has become an important global trend, especially in the environmental field.

To understand sustainability in more detail in our local context in Oman, we need to distinguish between two terms: in-country value (ICV) and added value as they are two different concepts that have been used interchangeably in Oman. In moving from one stage of development to another, we need to keep pace with changes while ensuring the sustainability of our efforts.

We have seen many efforts ex-



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erted by different bodies such as the donations of oil companies and family firms' funds. How effective are these efforts? We can measure their success by the social and economic return they have created in the community. Have they targeted priorities or sub-goals? Can we structure these charities and donations in a better and more efficient way?

There is also a considerable difference between social responsibility, charity, and donations. Companies may try to improve their reputation through market-

ing campaigns, or via the construction of service buildings for citizens. (See Ann Al-Kindi's article "Towards Responsible Social Responsibility" in Oman Newspaper, June 9, 2018). This does not mean that we lack professional practices in the field of social responsibility. This broad field overlaps with charities, and in the past, this overlap has led to some confusion of concepts and evasion of responsibility by institutions.

Who sets the priorities of social responsibility? Should institutions meet with social responsibility specialists to discuss urgent priorities? How do institutions determine the most important priorities for them? Is social responsibility strictly a social issue, or is it an economic one as well?

The situation of charitable associations needs to be scrutinised in more detail in order to measure their level of development. Many of these charities have female leaders. Some of the charitable organisations need to increase their professionalism, as efforts are often repeated by different organisations, leading to a waste of time and resources. For example,

the Oman Charitable Organization (OCO), established 25 years ago, needs to keep pace with current developments and find sustainable sources of funding.

It is necessary to identify strategic priorities and build capabilities in the field of sustainability. We constantly hear private institutions complaining about the lack of required skills in their employees. Have they taken any steps to remedy this problem?

The Ministry of Labour has provided support to companies wishing to provide on-the-job-training opportunities for Omanis. What are the private sector's plans to respond to this initiative? Will we see Omanis being trained by major international companies such as BMW, Audi, or BP? Will we see Omani programmers participating in apprenticeship programmes at Microsoft, Google, Apple, and other tech giants? How many job opportunities will these apprenticeship programmes provide for Omanis? Who sets these priorities? We need to set the frameworks and goals of these apprenticeship programmes to build our local capabilities.

Many social programmes and projects come as responses to particular social requirements. When will we take the initiative and be proactive? Do we have Omani professionals in the pri-

ivate sector who are managing corporate social responsibility outside of oil and gas companies and the banking sector? Does the private sector differentiate between charitable funds and social responsibility? It is time for these companies to develop their administrative structures and create sustainability departments that work towards social responsibility and in-country value.

After reviewing the status of sustainability in the country, how can we make the necessary reforms? Can we form a sustainability committee that includes major companies and banks? Can we gather social responsibility specialists, charitable organisations, economists, and senior officials to restructure the Oman Charitable Organisation?

The features of good and bad professional practice are well known. After a study revealed that more than 80% of Saudi companies did not have specialised departments for social responsibility, the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia developed a targeted strategy to address the problem. Can Oman establish a similar Code of Corporate Social Responsibility?

Strategy building can be achieved through dialogue between stakeholders, however this

method will not be fruitful if we lack an action plan. Which authority is responsible for this issue? Is it the Centre for Sustainability and Governance? What is the role of this Center in the new administrative structure of the state?

In conclusion, if we want to meet the requirements of sustainable development – in which the Sultanate has already excelled, as reflected in its first voluntary report submitted to the United Nations – we need an immediate action plan. This article has posed numerous questions as an attempt to conduct a root cause analysis; solutions are possible with the proper and precise analysis.

It is worth noting that Petroleum Development Oman (PDO), a pioneer in the field of social responsibility, has issued a sustainability report in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations. PDO may take into account the methodology of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), as an independent body, to boost the credibility of its report. PDO is keen to issue its annual report on sustainability. But what about the other private sector institutions that do not consistently publish an annual sustainability report? So, has this article presented some facts that go beyond sustainability clichés?

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MAJLIS AL JINN CAVE, or Salma Plateau as it is commonly known, is considered one of the largest underground caves in the world. Located at the foothills of the eastern Al Hajar Mountains lies Majlis Al Jinn Cave, one of the greatest and most beautiful natural wonders. It is situated along the road linking Fins with Tiwi Village of Wilayat Sur in the A'Sharqiyah South Governorate.

According to Oman's Ministry of Tourism, "The area of this enormous cave is 58 thousand square metres and

its capacity is 4 million cubic metres. The length of Majlis Al Jinn Cave is 310 metres and its width is 225 metres. A dome-shaped ceiling tops the cave at a height of 120 metres. Despite the enormity of this cave, it is difficult to detect it from the outside in this vast area, as the only evidence of its existence is a scant three openings that seem of no importance to the viewer."

This cave was accidentally discovered while searching for carbonate rocks in a quest to discover deep underground water reserves. "The first man to descend inside the cave

was Don Davidson in 1983, through an opening extending to a depth of 120 metres, considered to be the shallowest of the three openings. In 1984, he was followed by his wife, Cheryl Jones, who descended into the Cave through its deepest opening, which goes down 158 metres. Don Davidson once again descended through the third opening in 1985," according to Oman's Ministry of Tourism.

To reach the cave opening requires a lot of physical effort through rugged mountain terrain and it takes about five hours.

Tender Notice

The Oman Water and Wastewater Services Company (owwsc) invites the following Tender:

Tender no.	Description	Eligibility	Last date of sale tenders documents	Date of site visit	Date of submission	Tender fee
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The tender documents can be obtained from Support Services Section Al Batinah South Governorate from the date of publication of this announcement (from 8.00 am to 12.00 pm, Sunday to Thursday) up to the last date of distribution of tender documents stated above.

Tenders should be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the Chairman of the Sub Tender Committee in South Al Batinah Governorate and marked with Tender Number and the subject. No other marks or any reference thereto should be printed outside the envelopes.

All participating companies shall submit a Bid Bond of 1% of bid value along with their offer. Bid Bond must be obtained from a Bank registered in the Sultanate of Oman and it should be addressed in favour of The Chairman of the Tender Committee.

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Military Technological College receives fresh batch of students

MUSCAT: A number of students of general education diploma for the school year 2020-2021 and a number of students directly transferred from other academic institutions were received on Sunday.

The students arrived at the Military Technological College (MTC) premises, in coordination with the Admission Centre at the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation,



Medical examinations

The students approached the college for undergoing medical examinations and personal interviews as a step for their enrolment with

the college for the academic year 2021-2022.

All precautionary and health measures have been taken to

ensure the safety of students, employees and members of the committees.

— ONA

TO UKRAINE

His Majesty sends cable

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine on his country's Independence Anniversary. In the cable, His Majesty expressed his sincere sentiments and best wishes to President Zelensky and the friendly people of Ukraine. — ONA

LOWEST IN 160 DAYS

India reports 25,072 new COVID-19 cases



NEW DELHI: India has reported 25,072 new COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours, the lowest in 160 days, informed the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on Monday.

The cumulative caseload has increased to 32,449,306, while the national recovery rate has mounted to 97.63 per cent, the highest since March 2020. With 44,157 new recoveries in the last 24 hours, the recovery tally now stands at 31,680,626.

The active coronavirus cases have declined to 333,924, the lowest in 155 days comprising 1.03 per cent of the total infections, the lowest since March 2020. The death toll climbed to 434,756 with 389 new fatalities. The daily positivity rate was recorded at 1.94 per cent. — ANI



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COUNTRY'S SECOND-LARGEST ISLAND

New blaze hits Evia island of Greece

ATHENS: Greece's fire department sent firefighters and aircraft to respond to a blaze that broke out on the country's second-largest island, Evia, early on Monday.

The country was scorched by several wildfires earlier this month amid its most severe heat wave in decades. The northeastern island of Evia was particularly hard-hit, with a major wildfire burning for more than 10 days in Evia's north.



severe heat wave in decades and turned into one of the country's most destructive fire seasons.

The fires forced thousands of people to flee as forests, agricultural land, homes and businesses burned. Greece's fire capabilities have been stretched to the limit, and the government, which appealed for international help, has received sharp criticism for its response.

Although the government has blamed the disaster on the heat wave, Citizens Protection Minister Michalis Chrisochoidis announced that a special prosecutor for organized crime cases was involved in a probe into the causes of the fires. Authorities have already arrested a dozen people, including a 14-year-old boy, on suspicion of arson.

Scientists say there is little doubt that climate change will increasingly drive extreme weather and contribute to more devastating fire seasons. **DW**

Ministry of Higher Education, Research & Innovation

Electronic Tenders

The Internal Tenders Committee of the Ministry of Higher Education Research & Innovation announced the following tenders:

Tender No.	Tender Name	Company that are entitled to participate	Tender Price	Last Date for purchasing Tender	The deadline for submission of tenders
01/2/2021 Recall (2)	Providing cleaning services to the Ibr Vocational College	Specialized in providing Same service and registered with the Tender Board with Grade Excellent First -: Second, Third, Fourth	25/= RO	01/09/2021	11/09/2021
03/2021 Recall (2)	Providing cleaning services to Saham Vocational College	Specialized in providing Same service and registered with the Tender Board with Grade: Excellent First Second, Third, Fourth	25 /= RO	01/09/2021	11/09/2021
04/2021 Recall (1)	Rectification works at MOHERI Headquarters and carpark structure	Specialized in providing Same serviceand registered with the Tender Board with Grade First	26/200 RO	01/09/2021	11/09/2021
05/2/2021 Recall (1)	Providing cleaning services for the buildings of seeb vocational college	Specialized in providing Same service and registered with the Tender Board with Grade First -: Second, Third,	25/= RO	01/09/2021	11/09/2021

The purchasing of the tender documents by E-Tendering system will starting on Monday 23/08 /2021 at 07:30 am. To purchasing, please visit the following link:
<https://etendering.tenderboard.gov.om/>

All companies that are bidding must provide a bank guarantee or a certified cheque from a bank operating in the Sultanate for at least (1%) of the tender value on behalf of His Excellency Dr. / Chairman of the Internal Tender Committee.

Preference will be given to companies' or small and medium enterprises registered with the General Authority for the development of Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) that includes the largest proportion of its tender Omanization.

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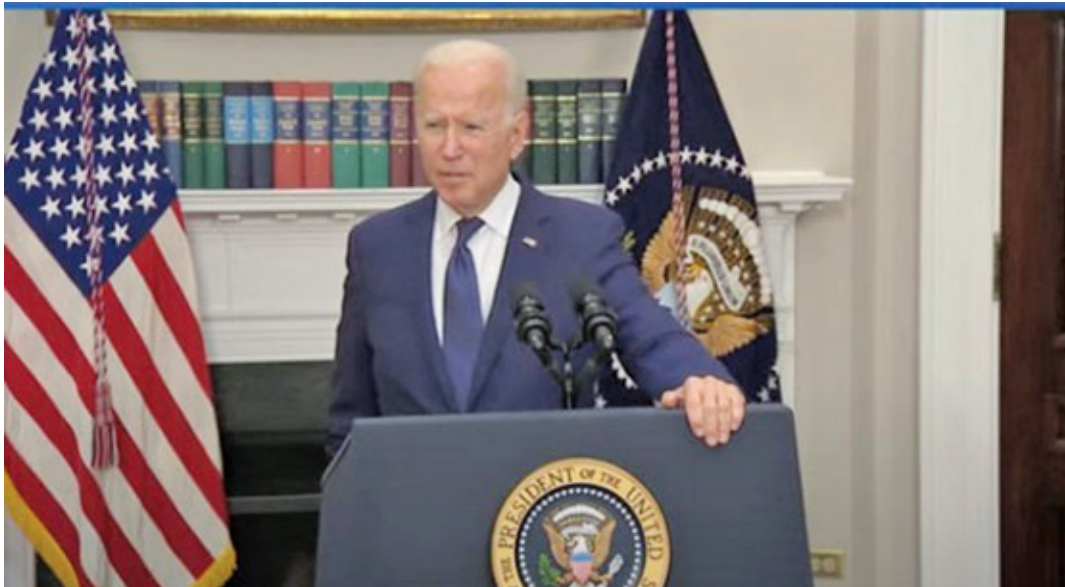
Biden says US in talks to extend Afghanistan evacuation mission

Biden made these remarks during a White House address amid the country's large-scale evacuation efforts

WASHINGTON DC: US President Joe Biden on Sunday said he is in discussions with his military officials regarding the extension of the evacuation mission in Afghanistan, beyond the August 31 deadline.

Biden made these remarks during a White House address amid the country's large-scale evacuation efforts in the war-ravaged country. "Discussions are going on among us and the military about extending (Aug 31 evacuation deadline), our hope is, we don't have to extend. But there going to be a discussion, I suspect on how far along we're in the process," said US President Joe Biden said during an address from White House

"We know that terrorists may seek to exploit the situation and



EVACUATIONS: Following the Taliban's swift takeover of Kabul last week, the US has been scrambling to evacuate Americans and its Afghan partners from the country.

target innocent Afghans or American troops. We're maintaining constant vigilance to monitor and disrupt threats from any source, including ISIS and the Afghan affiliate known as ISIS-K," Biden added.

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Biden today informed that the US has extended the safe zone

around the Kabul international airport. "We have made a number of changes, including extending the access around the airport and the safe zone," Biden said during the presser.

Earlier on Friday, Biden had termed the evacuation from Afghanistan the 'most difficult and largest airlift' ever in the history. He had assured to get all Americans and allies out of the war-torn country. "Kabul evacuation is among the largest and most difficult airlifts in

history," Biden had said.

US military has pulled around 25,100 individuals from Afghanistan since August 14, and approximately 30,000 since the end of July.

"There have been approximately 25,100 personnel (on both military and coalitions flights) evacuated since August 14. There have been approximately 30,000 personnel (on both military and coalition flights) evacuated since the end of July," the White House tweeted on Sunday. **ANI**



Afghan woman gives birth to 'baby girl' onboard US evacuation flight

WASHINGTON DC: An Afghan woman on Saturday gave birth to a "baby girl" onboard a US evacuation flight upon landing at a US airbase in Germany.

The Defense Department shared photos of US personnel helping an Afghan mother exit an aircraft "moments after she delivered a baby aboard the aircraft." "Medical support personnel from the 86th Medical Group help an Afghan mother and her family off a US Air Force C-17 Globemaster III moments after she delivered a baby aboard the aircraft at Ramstein Air Base in Germany," US Defense Department tweeted along with a picture.

During a flight from an "intermediate staging base" in the Middle East, the Afghan women went into labour and began having complications. According to the US Air Mobility Command, the aircraft commander decided to descend in

altitude to increase air pressure in the aircraft, which helped stabilize and save the mother's life.

Upon landing, US Airmen came aboard and delivered the child in the cargo bay of the aircraft. "The baby girl and mother were transported to a nearby medical facility and are in good condition," US Air Mobility Command tweeted.

Since the Taliban seized power in Kabul, people have been scrambling to get out of war-ravaged Afghanistan. The news of a baby being born on an evacuation flight comes as the US is pulling out thousands of American citizens and Afghan allies from Afghanistan.

Terming the evacuation from Afghanistan the 'most difficult and largest airlift' ever in the history, US President Joe Biden on Friday had assured to get all Americans and allies out of the war-torn country. **ANI**

SOUTHEAST ASIA VISIT

US VP Kamala Harris vows 'enduring engagement' in Asia

WASHINGTON: US Vice President Kamala Harris met with top officials in Singapore on Monday, reaffirming Washington's commitment to work with partners and allies.

Her visit comes against the backdrop of the United States' withdrawal from Afghanistan and the Taliban takeover, which have raised questions about Washing-

ton's credibility.

During a press conference alongside Singapore's leader, the vice president repeatedly insisted that the US could be counted on.

"Our administration is committed to enduring engagement in Singapore, into Southeast Asia and the Indo-Pacific," Harris told reporters.

"The reason I am here is because

the United States is a global leader, and we take that role seriously," she said.

Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong welcomed her "reassurances on American intentions in the region, and in the world."

Harris' trip to Southeast Asia, which also includes a stop in Vietnam, aims to bolster ties with

countries in the region seen as key in countering Chinese influence.

US 'focused on Afghanistan evacuations'

During a joint press conference with Lee, Harris said the US was focused on evacuation efforts taking place in Afghanistan.

"There is going to be plenty of time to analyze what has hap-

pened and what has taken place in the context of the withdrawal from Afghanistan," she said.

"But right now we are singularly focused on evacuating American citizens, Afghans who have worked with us, and Afghans who are vulnerable, including women and children, and that is our singular focus at this time," said Harris.

Lee said Singapore would pro-

vide transport aircraft to help with evacuations.

Harris thanked him for the "generous offer," which came after the US said it would draft commercial airlines to help with extra evacuation flights from Kabul's airport on Sunday.

"We hope Afghanistan does not become an epicenter for terrorism again," Lee said. **bw**

UNITED STATES

Tropical Storm Henri makes landfall in Rhode Island

WASHINGTON: Tropical storm Henri made landfall in the small northeastern US state of Rhode Island on Sunday.

Henri was downgraded to a tropical storm from a hurricane earlier in the day, as it rapidly approached New York's Long Island and New England.

What do we know about the storm?

The storm has a maximum wind speed of 110 kilometres per hour (68 mph) and is expected to bring heavy winds, flooding and power outages to the East Coast.

"Dangerous storm surge inundation is expected to continue today in portions of Long Island, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and southeastern Massachusetts, where a Storm Surge Warning has been issued," the Miami-based National Hurricane Center said in a tweet. "Residents in these areas should follow any advice given by local officials."

New York residents braced themselves for the impact of the storm, with New York Governor Andrew Cuomo declaring a state of emergency on Saturday. Cuomo deployed 500 national guard soldiers to respond to the extreme weather event.

The storm's impact reached eastern Long Island on Sunday and the village of Montauk. New York City is expected to be spared from the eye of the storm, but the greater area could still be hit with heavy rains and flooding. **bw**

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Interested parties shall collect the tender documents from the school cash counter against the payment of R0.10/- as a non-refundable tender fee from 24th August 2021 to 30th August 2021 during the working days (Sunday to Thursday) of the school between 7.30 AM and 1.00 PM.

The completed tender shall be dropped in the Tender Box kept in the school office in Darsait before the due date. The tender should be in a sealed envelope, addressed to The Chairman, Purchase Sub Committee, Indian School Muscat, P.O. Box: 2470, PC: 112, Ruwi, Sultanate of Oman.

Note: Respective tenders shall clearly mention the "name of service quoted for" by the bidding party. Any tender without the name of service/supply will be considered disqualified.

Last date of tender submission: Tuesday, 7th September 2021, 1:00 pm.



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Real Madrid and Barca drop points, Atletico struggle hard for win

Gareth Bale opened the scoring for Madrid in the fifth minute after good work from Karim Benzema

MADRID: Real Madrid were held to a 3-3 draw away to Levante on Sunday in a chaotic and entertaining game in Valencia, which highlighted that Carlo Ancelotti's side needs to tighten up in defence.

Gareth Bale opened the scoring for Madrid in the fifth minute after good work from Karim Benzema, but Levante turned things around at the start of the second half thanks to Roger Marti, whose shot had enough power to beat Thibaut Courtois, and Jose Campana, who scored an excellent volley in the 55th minute.

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CHAOTIC MATCH: Vinicius Jr equalised in the 74th minute, but the Real Madrid defence went missing four minutes later to allow Rober Pier to score from close range after a free-kick.

There was still time for more drama as Vinicius' second of the game made it 3-3 with five minutes left and Levante keeper Aitor Fernandez was sent off in the 87th

minute, meaning defender Ruben Vezo had to go in goal for the last three minutes and six minutes of injury time.

Vezo may have expected Real

Madrid to lay siege to his goal, but the defender was relatively untroubled in those nine minutes.

Atletico Madrid made it two wins from two games but found

it harder than expected against Elche in the first game with fans back in the Wanda Metropolitano Stadium since March 2020.

New Atletico signing Rodrigo de Paul was decisive in the win, after gaining possession in the middle of the pitch and then setting Angel Correa up to score the game's only goal.

Correa has scored all three of Atletico's goals in the new season, once again justifying Diego Simeone's decision to start him ahead of Luis Suarez. Memphis Depay's first goal for FC Barcelona saved a point for his side after they had been outplayed for 70 minutes by Athletic Club Bilbao on Saturday.

The first half saw Athletic take the game to Barca, with Oihan Sancet hitting the Barca bar, before Gerard Pique limped off for Barca with a calf injury.

Araujo miraculously cleared off the line from Alex Berenguer in the first minute the second half, but Athletic got their reward when Inigo Martinez headed in from a corner.

Frenkie de Jong came into the game in the last 20 minutes, and after hitting the bar, his pass set up Memphis for a 76th-minute equalizer, although in the last minute of the game Barca were reduced to 10 men when Eric Garcia was sent off for a professional foul for bringing down Nico Williams when the

Athletic Club forward was lean through on goal.

Real Sociedad claimed their first win of the season thanks to Mikel Oyarzabal's second-half penalty which gave them a win they just about deserved against a well-drilled Rayo Vallecano.

Chinese striker Wu Lei had a last-minute "goal" ruled out for handball as Espanyol drew 0-0 at home to Villarreal, while there was also late drama in the 1-1 draw between Granada and Valencia as Granada had what they thought was a winning goal ruled out for offside in injury time.

Granada took the lead in the 16th minute through Luis Suarez, with Valencia levelling thanks to a Carlos Soler penalty in the 88th minute. Meanwhile, Valencia striker Maxi Gomez had to spend Saturday night in hospital after a clash of heads.

Fer Nino celebrated his debut at Mallorca after joining on loan from Villarreal, with an 80th-minute goal that gave his side a 1-0 win away to Alaves, who played the last 25 minutes with 10 men after defender Ruben Duarte's red card.

The round of games began on Friday night as Betis and Cadiz drew 1-1.

Monday sees the last two games of matchday two with Getafe entertaining Sevilla, while Osasuna are at home to Celta Vigo. **Xinhua**

FOOTBALL

Lukaku back with a bang for Chelsea, Man United held by Southampton



PREMIER LEAGUE: In the 2-0 win at the Etihad Stadium, Lukaku opened the scoring in the 15th minute with a simple tap-in to finish a move.

LONDON: Romelu Lukaku may be Chelsea's record signing but every penny spent to bring the Belgian international looks to be money well-spent judging by his (second) debut for the club away to Arsenal.

In the 2-0 win at the Etihad Stadium, the powerful centre-forward opened the scoring in the 15th minute with a simple tap-in to finish a move he had started and he also had a role at the start of the move, which ended with Reese James smacking home Chelsea's second in the 35th minute.

Bernd Leno denied Lukaku a second goal when he tipped his shot onto the bar. Arsenal, with two defeats from two games and no goals, look to be in trouble.

Mason Greenwood's second goal in two games saw Manchester United save a point on their visit to Southampton and also equal the Premier League record

of 27 away games without defeat (which had been set by Arsenal).

Southampton took the lead after Che Adams's shot deflected Fred to leave David de Gea stranded.

Great footwork from Paul Pogba helped set up Greenwood's equaliser in the 54th minute and it looked as if United would go on to claim their second win of the season.

However, Southampton dug deep and only a great save from De Gea in the closing minutes denied Adam Armstrong, a winner for the 'Saints.'

Dele Ali's 9th-minute penalty after Wolverhampton keeper Jose Sa brought him down was enough to give Tottenham their second 1-0 win of the season.

Wolves created a host of chances in the game, and with better finishing, they would have won with ease, but a combination of

Hugo Lloris' saves and some bad misses from Adama Traore and Raul Jimenez saw Spurs ride their luck.

Wantaway Harry Kane made his first appearance of the season with 18 minutes left to play and was given a warm reception by the Tottenham faithful despite his transfer request.

Manchester City (Kane's biggest suitors) recovered from their opening day defeat away to Tottenham with a comfortable 5-0 win at home to recently promoted Norwich City.

Jack Grealish scored his first goal since his 100-million-pound transfer after an own goal had put his side ahead and second-half goals from Aymeric Laporte, Raheem Sterling and Riyad Mahrez rounding off the scoring.

Liverpool maintain their 100 percent start to the season with a 2-0 win at home to Burnley thanks

to Diogo Jota's 18th-minute goal and Sadio Mane's strike in the 69th minute.

Brentford continued their positive start to life in the Premier League with a 0-0 draw away to Crystal Palace in an even game, while Leeds United twice came back from behind to draw 2-2 at home to Everton.

Dominic Calvert-Lewin and Demarai Gray twice put Everton ahead, but Mateusz Klich and Raphinha twice pegged them back.

Danny Ings's overhead kick opened the scoring for Aston Villa in their 2-0 win over Newcastle, with Anwar El Ghazi's 62nd-minute penalty assuring the points for Dean Smith's team.

Finally, first-half goals from Shane Duffy and Neal Maupay saw Brighton make it two wins from two games with a 2-0 win at home to Watford. **Xinhua**

CRICKET



Fawad Alam's ton, Shaheen Afridi's twin strikes put visitors on top

KINGSTON: Fawad Alam hit a brilliant hundred before Shaheen Shah Afridi picked two wickets to put Pakistan in the driver's seat in the second Test against West Indies on Sunday (local time).

Fawad stroked his fifth career century, fourth since his comeback 12 months ago, as Pakistan wrestled back in the Sabina Park Test marred by rain that lost the entire second day's play and more than the first session's play on the third day due to wet ground. Fawad, who had retired during the first day's play on Friday at 76 due to cramps, returned on Sunday afternoon to remain unconquered on 124 that helped Babar Azam to make an attacking and aggressive declaration at 302 for nine. This was after the visitors were left tottering at 2-3 before the completion of the fourth over of the second Test.

Shaheen Shah Afridi then sent Kieron Powell (five) and Kraigg Brathwaite (four) packing at the score of nine and Faheem Ashraf disturbed the symmetry of Roshan Chase's stumps as the West Indies were reduced to 39 for three before bad light forced an early draw of stumps.

Nkrumah Bonner (18) and

nightwatchman Alzarri Joseph (0) will resume the West Indies' first innings on Monday morning.

Fawad, who returned to the Test arena in August 2020 against England nearly 11 years after playing his third and last Test, faced 213 deliveries of which 17 were converted into fours.

On Sunday, he scored 48 runs from 64 balls with six fours. Fawad reached the coveted three-figure mark from 186 balls with 16 fours.

Pakistan had resumed their first innings at the overnight score of 212 for four but soon lost Faheem Ashraf (26), Mohammad Rizwan (31) and Nauman Ali (0) to be reduced to 231 for seven.

At that stage, Fawad and Hasan Ali (nine) put on 36 runs for the eighth wicket, while Fawad and Shaheen Shah Afridi (19) added 35 runs for the ninth wicket to allow Babar to declare the first innings at 302 for nine.

This meant the late order, that let Pakistan down in the first Test, came good this time by contributing 71 runs.

For the West Indies, Jayden Seales (three for 31), Kemar Roach (three for 68) and Jason Holder (two for 46) shared wickets. **ANI**

MUSCAT CRICKET COACHING CENTRE

MCCC sweeps Junior Division honours with rare title treble

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Completing a rare title treble in a remarkably successful 2020-21 season, Muscat Cricket Coaching Centre (MCCC) swept the Junior Division honours at the prize-giving ceremony held by Oman Cricket (OC) at its sprawling Ground One in Amerat on Sunday.

MCCC sides won all the Junior Division tournaments, receiving champions trophies from Oman Cricket Board Directors includ-

ing Madhu Jesrani, OC Secretary, Kiran Asher, Treasurer, and Syed Anwar Ahsan in the presence of Duleep Mendis, Chief Development Officer, Oman Cricket.

Indian School Muscat (ISM) claimed the runners-up trophies in Under-19 and Under-16 categories while Indian School Wadi Kabir (ISWK) emerged runner-up in Under-13 competition. Top Under-19 prizes went to Syed Muzahir Raza of BOC (Best Batsman), Amanpreet Singh Sirah of ISWK and Adeel Abbas of MCCC (Best Bowler).



OMAN CRUDE PRICE RISES

The price of Oman oil has increased, with prices for delivery by October 2021 reaching \$66.10, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil rose by 40 cents from the price of Friday, which was at \$65.70. - OMA

MARKET

BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER

Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) general index (30) decreased 11.3 points, comprising a decline by 0.28 per cent to close at 3,960.21 points, compared to the last session, which stood at 3,971.53 points.

Pact inked for green hydrogen and ammonia project in Duqm

The agreement was signed by Dr Ali bin Masoud Al Sunaidi, Chairman of the Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones and Manoj Upadhyay, Chairperson of ACME and Gursharan Jassal, General Manager, Business Developer of ACME

MUSCAT: The Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones (OPAZ) signed a land reservation agreement as Acme Group will set up Green Hydrogen and Ammonia project in the Special Economic Zone at Duqm (Sezad).

The agreement was signed by Dr Ali bin Masoud Al Sunaidi, Chairman of the Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones and Manoj Upadhyay, Chairperson of ACME and Gursharan Jassal, General Manager, Business Developer of ACME.

Eng. Yahya Khamis Al-Zedjali, in charge of managing operations of the Sezad said that under the

agreement, ACME company will be conducting field studies of the project in the first phase that include installing anemometers to measure wind speed in Duqm and weather station for surveys and data collection.

Signing the agreement comes within the context of the authority's plan to promote investment in the field of clean energy through the production of green hydrogen and ammonia from renewable energy, and to enhance its use in various fields, such as transportation and manufacturing sector, besides other energy resources in the Sezad.

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PROMOTING INVESTMENT: Signing the agreement comes within the context of the authority's plan to promote investment in the field of clean energy through the production of green hydrogen and ammonia from renewable energy - OMA

the Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones pointed out that is currently negotiating with several international companies, which expressed their desire to establish projects for

the production of green hydrogen and ammonia in Duqm, Salalah and Sohar.

He added that Duqm is the ideal region for attracting green hydrogen and ammonia projects due to

the high solar irradiation, wind resources all year long, and easy export and import through Duqm Port, coupled with the large size of land allocated for renewable energy, which is estimated at 200

square kilometres.

ACME is the largest solar energy operator in India, as it operates a solar power plant with a capacity of 3 GW, in addition to a 3 GW under construction plant. - OMA

POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Agreement signed to build power plant in Oman



PARTNERSHIP: Marafiq Company will build and operate a power plant consisting of gas fuel turbines with a capacity of more than 80MW to meet the energy requirements of Tanweer in Duqm. - OMA

MUSCAT: A Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) was signed by the Central Utilities Company (Marafiq), a member of OQ Group, and the Rural Areas Electricity Company "Tanweer", a member of Nama Group.

The agreement was signed by Hamad Ali Al-Wahibi, General Manager of Business Development at Marafiq, and Ahmed Said Al-Harthi, Acting CEO of Tanweer.

Through the agreement, Marafiq Company will build and operate a power plant consisting of gas fuel turbines with a capacity of more than 80MW to meet the energy requirements of Tanweer in Duqm. The power production is expected to start in November 2021.

Abdullah Al-Hashimi, Executive Director of Marafiq, expressed his thanks and appreciation for completing this agreement saying

that "This agreement will meet the requirements "economic procurement" of the sector's law and will create high value to meet the increasing demand in the zone. In addition, the plant will contribute to reducing emissions

Hilal Al-Kharusi, Chairman of Marafiq, highlighted the importance of this agreement, "This agreement emphasises the importance and necessity of complementary work between the competent authorities to reach the national strategic goals."

Marafiq received natural gas in the Special Economic Zone at Duqm in April 2021 and started the commissioning activities of the integrated power and water plant, which has reached a completion rate of 92 per cent, and all work on the 132 kV high voltage transmission line has been completed. - OMA

REPORT

Global dividends forecast set to rise to \$1.39 trillion

MILAN: Global dividends are forecast to rise to \$1.39 trillion this year, up slightly from a previous estimate to reflect a stronger than expected recovery in the company payouts, Janus Henderson said in a report published on Monday.

Its latest estimate, up 2.2 percentage points from an earlier one, is just 3 per cent below the pre-pandemic peak, according to a media report.

Dividends, a company payout to shareholders, slumped last year against the backdrop of the COVID-crisis as regulatory constraints and government pressures to restrict payments weighed. But a strong recovery is currently underway, with headline growth at 26.3 per cent in the second quarter, data

from the investment manager's Global Dividend Index showed.

Underlying growth - adjusted for special dividends, changes in currency, timing effects, and index changes - was 11.2 per cent. On a year-on-year basis, 2021 growth is expected at 10.7 per cent, equivalent to an underlying rebound of 8.5 per cent.

Dividends from companies restarting payments totalled \$33.3 billion and accounted for three-quarters of the underlying growth in the second quarter.

"Global dividends in aggregate will likely regain their pre-pandemic levels within the next 12 months," Jane Shoemaker, client portfolio manager on the global equity income team at Janus Henderson, said in a statement. - BNA

CAPITAL MARKET AUTHORITY

CMA publishes draft crowdfunding regulations for public consultation

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Capital Market Authority (CMA) has published a draft crowdfunding regulation on its website for public consultation and feedback from the public and institutions for the achievement of community participation.

The draft crowdfunding regulation was prepared in response to the new developments and innovation in Fintech and an endeavour to regulate such types of financing products as part of the key programmes of Oman Vision 2040 that aim to provide an innovative investment environment for financial facilities and their multiple options to stimulate establishing creative productive and investment projects.

Crowdfunding platforms are funding options for small and medium enterprises in the Sultanate to enhance economic development and creation of employment opportunities to enhance financial inclusion and to support innovations to furnish funding services and products at reasonable pricing meeting the needs of individuals and institutions sustainably and responsibly.

Crowdfunding platforms operate through the licensed company creating an electronic platform facilitating to the companies



and entrepreneurs to offer funding applications and plans on the platform and then the funding parties, whether individuals or institutions, select the appropriate offer and the platform act as an intermediary between the parties in consideration of a commission. The process is regulated by the rules issued by the CMA.

Key platforms include donations for funding without return, reward funding in consideration of reward on operation, equity in consideration of shares in the capital and peer to peer platform.

Crowdfunding regulation contains the provisions in 11 chapters on the obligations of the applicant for funding and for the license as well as the obligations of the operator toward the investors with a chapter on Sharia advisor for offering Sharia-compliant investment notes.

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MARKET

MSX index ends lower

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The report released by MSX

pointed out that the market value dropped by 0.048 per cent to reach about OMR21.58 billion.

The report added that the value of shares bought by non-Omani investors reached OMR523,000, comprising 5.99 per cent. The value of shares sold by non-Omani investors reached OMR1,059,000, comprising 12.15 per cent. The net non-Omani investment decreased by 6.15 per cent to OMR536,000. — OMA

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INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	3,974.22	3,958.20	3,960.21	3,971.53	-11.32	-0.28
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,305.18	6,290.19	6,290.19	6,298.85	-8.67	-0.14
Industry Index	5,936.99	5,922.81	5,922.81	5,936.99	-14.18	-0.24
Services Index	1,712.24	1,703.39	1,704.28	1,708.57	-4.29	-0.25
MSX Shariah Index	595.15	593.85	594.11	595.15	-1.04	-0.17
MSX TR INDEX	4,868.15	4,848.52	4,850.98	4,864.84	-13.86	-0.28

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
24,353,392	8,719,656	428	21,584,871,029	6	15	32	53

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 23

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST RD	LAST OFFER	PDA VALUE	MARKET CAP
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REGULAR MARKET

OM0000002077	AL OMANIYA FIN.S	2,102,041	242,880	19	0.115	0.116	0.115	0.116	0.115	0.001	0.870	0.116	0.116	0.115	0.100	33,864,480
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSUR.	1,000	402	1	0.402	0.402	0.402	0.406	0.405	0.000	0.000	0.402	0.388	0.402	0.100	40,600,000
OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	116,000	94,688	11	0.804	0.820	0.804	0.816	0.816	0.000	0.804	0.804	0.812	0.100	128,530,000	
OM0000001418	RAYSUT CEMENT	4,000	1,064	1	0.266	0.266	0.266	0.274	0.274	0.000	0.000	0.266	0.266	0.272	0.100	54,800,000
OM0000001525	OMAN INVST&FIN.	38,468	4,769	8	0.124	0.125	0.123	0.124	0.124	0.000	0.000	0.125	0.124	0.125	0.100	29,388,000
OM0000002176	JAZGERA STEEL PROD.	1,250	485	1	0.388	0.388	0.388	0.390	0.390	0.000	0.000	0.388	0.376	0.386	0.100	48,710,204
OM0000002440	AL SHARGIA INV.	1,027	102	1	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.000	0.000	0.099	0.092	0.100	0.100	8,910,000
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	16,666,721	7,330,009	50	0.438	0.440	0.438	0.440	0.440	0.000	0.000	0.440	0.438	0.440	0.100	1,572,768,908
OM0000003398	SOHAR INT. FRANK	300,753	277,669	10	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.092	0.000	0.000	0.092	0.090	0.092	0.100	273,083,731
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	135,000	52,310	6	0.388	0.388	0.386	0.388	0.388	0.000	0.000	0.386	0.386	0.388	0.100	252,566,361
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	343,882	154,746	29	0.448	0.450	0.448	0.450	0.450	0.000	0.000	0.450	0.440	0.450	0.100	24,750,000
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	41,663	9,438	11	0.226	0.228	0.226	0.227	0.228	-0.001	0.438	0.226	0.226	0.228	0.227	75,108,105
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	150,589	114,849	38	0.768	0.768	0.760	0.764	0.768	-0.004	0.768	0.764	0.768	0.768	0.100	573,000,000
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	10,000	1,155	2	0.116	0.116	0.115	0.116	0.117	-0.001	0.855	0.115	0.116	0.116	0.100	23,200,000
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	302,000	32,716	6	0.109	0.109	0.108	0.108	0.109	-0.001	0.917	0.108	0.107	0.114	0.100	210,563,006
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	164,856	74,185	4	0.450	0.450	0.450	0.450	0.456	-0.006	1.316	0.450	0.450	0.450	0.100	99,000,000
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	67,000	4,020	7	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.061	-0.001	1.639	0.060	0.060	0.062	0.100	18,428,780
OM0000002226	ALJAZERA SERVICES	31,000	12,320	4	0.396	0.400	0.396	0.396	0.406	-0.004	1.970	0.400	0.398	0.400	0.100	24,359,301
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SER.	365,965	160,413	13	0.438	0.440	0.438	0.438	0.450	-0.012	2.667	0.440	0.440	0.438	0.100	103,547,580
OM0000006920	VISION INSURANCE	18,000	1,386	3	0.077	0.077	0.077	0.077	0.080	-0.003	3.750	0.077	0.077	0.082	0.100	7,700,000
Total		20,861,215	8,319,607	225												

Parallel Market

OM0000006979	OMAN QATAR INSUR.	129,130	19,893	19	0.150	0.155	0.150	0.154	0.150	0.004	2.867	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.100	15,400,000	
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MKK	39,843	29,559	4	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.880	0.020	2.773	0.900	0.900	0.968	0.100	85,500,000
OM0000007811	MUSANDAM POWER	15,000	4,948	3	0.326	0.330	0.326	0.330	0.324	0.006	1.852	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.100	23,228,700	
OM0000001301	DHOAFAR CATTLE	5,000	400	2	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.000	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.100	6,408,000	
OM0000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	65,300	7,596	4	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.000	0.120	0.116	0.120	0.116	0.100	4,028,574	
OM0000001517	HSEB BANK OMAN	364,851	33,930	15	0.093	0.093	0.092	0.093	0.093	0.000	0.092	0.092	0.100	0.100	186,029,089		
OM0000001586	OMAN FISHERIES	1,000	286	1	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.080	0.080	0.000	0.074	0.074	0.078	0.100	10,000,000		
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	15,000	1,035	1	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.000	0.068	0.068	0.069	0.100	8,409,375		
OM0000001889	SALALAH MILLS	769	744	1	0.968	0.968	0.968	0.900	0.900	0.000	0.968	0.968	0.968	0.100	44,968,758		
OM0000001897	MAJAN COLLEGE	310	49	1	0.158	0.158	0.158	0.158	0.158	0.000	0.158	0.155	0.158	0.158	0.100	11,220,000	
OM0000002549	BANK DHOAFAR	100,000	12,000	2	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.000	0.120	0.118	0.120	0.118	0.100	359,562,172	
OM0000002872	OMAN OIL MARKETING	255	239	1	0.936	0.936	0.936	0.936	0.936	0.000	0.936	0.844	0.936	0.844	0.100	57,353,400	
OM0000003281	TAGJER FINANCE	4,001	377	1	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.081	0.081	0.000	0.080	0.080	0.078	0.078	0.080	0.100	20,540,790
OM0000003711	SOHAR POWER	1,910	80	1	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.041	0.041	0.000	0.042	0.043	0.044	0.044	0.100	9,724,440	
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	171,969	16,447	7	0.096	0.096	0.095	0.096	0.096	0.000	0.096	0.095	0.096	0.095	0.100	144,000,000	
OM0000004735	SEMBOCORP SALALAH	5,000	400	1	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.084	0.084	0.000	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.081	0.090	80,184,044	
OM0000004788	MADINA TAKAFUL	265,570	27,338	9	0.103	0.103	0.102	0.103	0.103	0.000	0.102	0.102	0.103	0.103	0.100	18,025,000	
OM0000004776	TAKAFUL OMAN	100,000	9,600	1	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.000	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.100	9,600,000	
OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	278,151	14,185	13	0.051	0.052	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.000	0.051	0.050	0.051	0.051	0.100	34,419,259	
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	600	32	1	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.000	0.053	0.052	0.053	0.053	0.100	37,149,130	
OM0000005280	OMAN ARAB BANK	257,343	47,608	10	0.185	0.185	0.185	0.185	0.185	0.000	0.185	0.185	0.185	0.185	0.100	308,840,850	
OM0000005969	PHOENIX POWER	197,204	6,238	16	0.045	0.046	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.000	0.045	0.045	0.047	0.047	0.100	4,817,066	
OM0000007290	ARABIA FALCON INS.	3,930	472	1	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.125	0.000	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.100	12,912,708	
OM0000007910	AMMAN REAL ESTATE	11,000	960	3	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.000	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.100	18,000,000	
OM0000001485	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	67,673	121,484	19	0.158	0.158	0.158	0.158	0.158	0.000	0.158	0.158	0.158	0.158	0.100	11,700,000	
OM0000007407	DHOAFAR GENERATING	7,894	1,004	2	0.120	0.128	0.120	0.127	0.128	-0.001	0.781	0.128	0.128	0.128	0.100	28,224,480	
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT. ENG.	29,825	2,880	5	0.090	0.091	0.090	0.090	0.091	-0.001	1.099	0.090	0.090	0.091	0.100	11,700,000	
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	227,544	17,808	24	0.079	0.079	0.078	0.078	0.079	-0.001	1.266	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.100	15,832,943	
OM0000001962	AL MADINA INV.	21,758	1,357	4	0.063	0.063	0.061	0.062	0.063	-0.001	1.587	0.063	0.062	0.063	0.100	4,340,000	
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV. H.	136,075	8,929	18	0.066	0.066	0.065	0.066	0.068	-0.002	2.941	0.066	0.066	0.066	0.100	13,200,000	
Total		3,047,942	387,668	192													

ASIAN SHARES

Asian shares and oil prices bounce

SYDNEY: Asian shares and oil prices bounced on Monday as a wave of bargain hunting swept beaten-down markets and China reported no new locally acquired COVID-19 cases for the first time since July.

A raft of “flash” manufacturing surveys for August out on Monday will offer an early indication

of how global growth is faring in the face of the Delta variant, with analysts expecting some slippage specially in Asia, according to a media report.

Japan’s factory activity growth slowed in August, while that of the services sector shrank at the fastest pace since May last year, highlighting the toll from COVID-19

measures on the economy.

“Following a strong V-shaped recovery, there are many signs of slower growth,” says BofA’s chief investment strategist Michael Hartnett. “The US yield curve is at a one-year low, emerging markets are negative YTD and both copper and oil are down double digits from recent highs.” — BNA

RESEARCH

77% of Oman customers became digital converts since pandemic

Times News Service

MUSCAT: 77 per cent of customers in Oman have become digital converts since the pandemic and want to keep buying everything online, according to Sitecore the global leader in digital experience management software.

The research, conducted by YouGov Mena, surveyed more than 650 IT decision-makers across 12 countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council, the Levant, and Egypt.

Boosted by the stay-at-home economy of COVID-19, the Middle East’s e-commerce market reached \$12.1 billion in 2020, representing 53.8 per cent year-over-year growth, according to a recent report by MarketLine. Electronics and retail accounted for \$5.2 billion or 42.5 per cent of the total market.

As e-commerce continues to grow, customers are placing greater emphasis on the cus-

tomers experience. Since the pandemic, 78 per cent of Oman’s IT decision-makers said their customers will navigate away from a site and choose an alternative if they can’t find what they need in just a few clicks. Furthermore, 90 per cent of Oman respondents agreed that their customers have less patience with slow or poorly functioning websites.

“With 77 per cent of Oman customers being digital converts to e-commerce, the country is seeing a rapid transition from bricks and mortar stores to hybrid and e-commerce models,” said Mohammed Alkhotani, Area Vice President – Middle East and Africa, Sitecore. “Millennials and Generation Z customers have quickly shifted their significant spending power online. Pressure will continue to mount on retailers until they can deliver an experience that delights.”

Brands in Oman are taking a variety of actions to improve the

shopping experience. The majority, 77 per cent, ranked an online app or website that works well on mobile devices as among their top three choices.

Also scoring highly in the top three choices were brands keeping up to date on the latest trends and fresh inspiration (55 per cent), remembering customers’ shopping history and preferences (33 per cent), giving preferential treatment in the form of exclusive offers and invitations (33 per cent), the ability to order by voice command, smartwatch, or smart speaker (22 per cent), and knowing the name during login or customer service (22 per cent).

“Brand loyalty has evaporated and there is no margin for error from browsing through to delivery,” added Mohammed Alkhotani. “Brands in Oman are already ahead of the curve in prioritising mobile apps and websites to personalise online experiences.”

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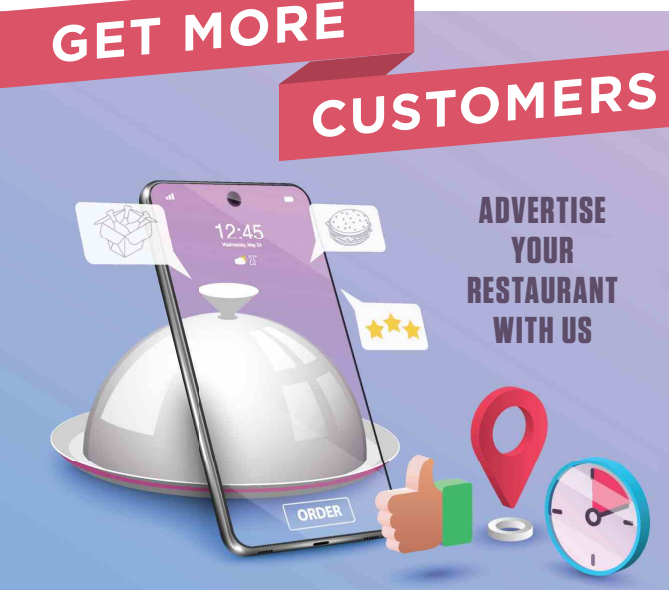
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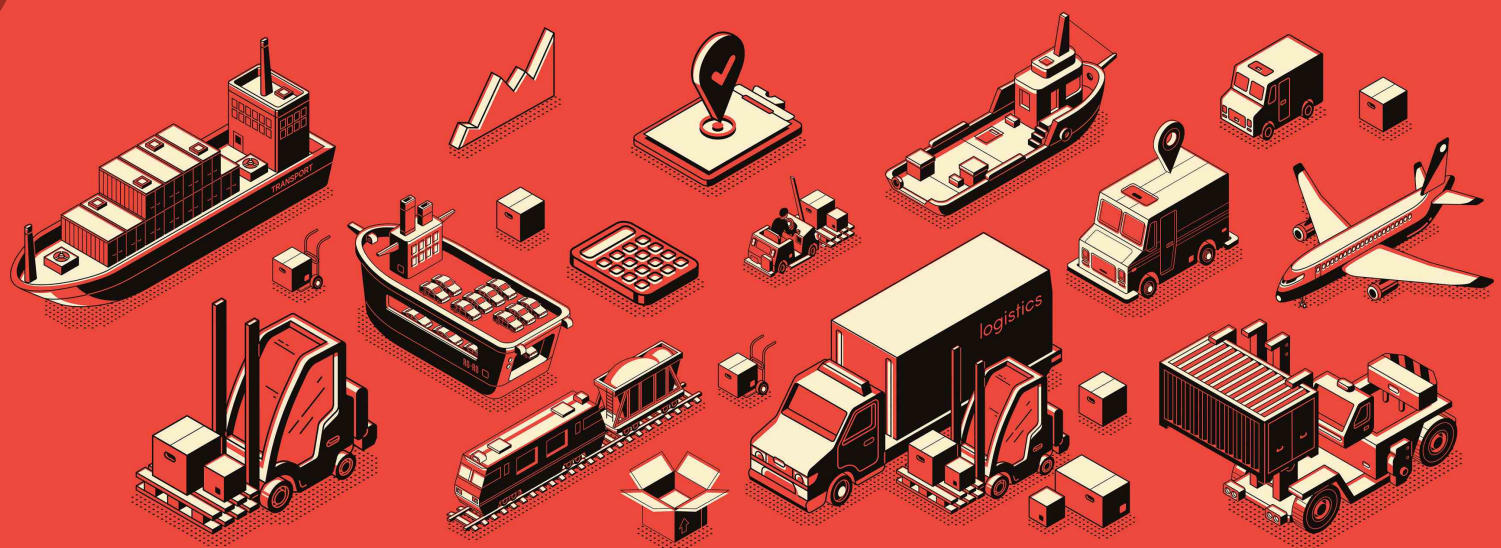
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BACK-TO-SCHOOL TIPS

TO SUPPORT

CHILDREN'S EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

Over a year and a half of coping with the pandemic is taking a toll on everyone's emotional and mental health — and may be affecting children and teens even more than adults. According to recent research from the Kaiser Family Foundation based in the US, over 25% of high school students have experienced a decline in emotional and cognitive health since March 2020, and over 20% of parents with children aged 5-12 reported similar worsening conditions for their children. And as kids will now gradually get back into classrooms, their feelings of stress and anxiety may also be hard for them to cope with. Fortunately, there are proactive steps parents can take to help children and teens manage their feelings during this transition back to school.

Dr. Rhonda Randall, chief medical officer at UnitedHealthcare in the US, offers her tips to help your child adjust to the ongoing changes and challenges as they head back to class.

1 Share information

It's important to be proactive, providing your children with age-appropriate information and support, now and as the school year continues. Beyond talking to your child, remember to take time to listen and acknowledge their concerns. Be emotionally supportive and understand that their worries may go beyond just the initial back-to-school phase. After such a long period of change and upheaval in their lives, helping children reduce stress and providing strong support can help them get through any possible challenges that may arise.

2 Help children feel secure

Going back to school after such a long pause may feel daunting for children. Be reassured about safety and validate their feelings by letting them know it's OK to feel upset, scared, anxious, down or even angry. You can also share some of the ways that you manage your feelings, to help them learn from you. Make sure children know that they can ask you questions at any time. For adolescents, consider using self-care tools to help them navigate difficult emotions.

3 Listen and watch

Parents and family members are often the first line of defence for children who may be struggling but are unable to tell you what they need. Let them know you're there to listen and that it's safe to share how they're feeling with you. Pay attention to more than just words. By watching your child and listening to how they speak, you can be aware of their moods and notice any uncharacteristic changes in behavior, so you'll know when it's time to seek expert support. For example, some common signs of depression in children include feeling sad, hopeless or irritable, having a hard time paying attention, low energy or fatigue, feeling worthless or useless and showing self-injury and self-destructive behaviours. Contact your child's healthcare provider if you have questions or concerns about behaviour changes that you're seeing.

4 Define boundaries and create regular routines

Consider limiting exposure to news coverage as well as to social media. Instead, spend time interacting with each other in positive ways, like family dinners, movie nights and game nights. Consider asking your child if they'd like to start a new after-school activity, sport or hobby that interests them. Establishing regular routines can help provide children with structure when they're not in the classroom, which also helps them to manage their emotional well-being.

5 Take action

Discuss any concerns you have about your child or teen with your pediatrician or family physician as soon as possible. Your healthcare provider may recommend a plan of action or even a counselor who could help you find ways to reduce unhealthy stress and improve your child's overall health and well-being.



FEATURE



“FOR YEARS wars were fought over oil,” said US Vice President Kamala Harris earlier this year. “In a short time they will be fought over water.”

Given that more than 70 per cent of our planet is covered in water — all told that’s more than one billion trillion liters of the stuff — a short time might sound a bit dramatic. After all, there’s always been enough to go around.

But we’re talking about a finite resource. Just 3 per cent of all that liquid mass is fresh water. And of that, most of is locked up in glaciers, leaving less than 1 per cent accessible and usable for drinking and growing food. So as the world population increases, there is less water to go around — and to grow the extra crops needed to feed us.

On top of that, our available water is increasingly being polluted by fertilizers and factories, or is simply being overused — causing aquifer levels in overcrowded cities to plummet. Ultimately, more of us fighting for less good water.

Throw climate change-induced extreme weather into the mix and things could get scary. While some places are flooding, others are in near permanent drought — 85 per

cent of California is currently in extreme or “exceptional” drought and towns and agricultural areas are running out of water.

As rainfall becomes more uneven and unpredictable, it’s feast or famine. While freak flooding just killed as many as 200 people in Germany, in the coming decades, stress and malnutrition linked to water scarcity in arid regions are prediction to trigger mass displacement that fuels climate conflict — especially in Africa. Kamala Harris clearly had a point.

So what’s to be done? Many will say that the solution is lapping at our shores.

Can’t we just desalt our abundance of ocean water?

We can. And in some cases, we already do, but desalination comes with its own set of issues.

First up, extracting salt from water is energy intensive, which means the process adds to the CO2 emissions that helped fuel water scarcity in the first place.

Likewise, expensive desalination plants are unevenly distributed. Of the some 20,000 installations globally, around half are located in oil-rich Gulf nations. And overall, the vast majority

serve high income countries.

So in Africa, where one in three people are already dealing with extreme water insecurity, access to desalinated water is very limited — especially in poor, under-resourced countries also hit with variable rainfall and crippling drought. The other problem is brine. Once the fresh water has been separated, the salty leftovers are returned to the ocean, where they deplete oxygen and suffocate organisms.

So where does that leave us?

Facing an uncertain future. And sometimes present — as the South African city of Cape Town knows too well. It was on the brink of running out of water in 2018, and had to resort to cutting down hundreds of thousands of trees to help its water supply.

The underground reservoir that feeds Mexico City is also down to a trickle during droughts, while tens of millions of people in the Western US have recently been told they will have to reduce their water use next year due to low levels in the country’s largest artificial reservoir.

Meanwhile in El Paso, Texas, the city’s water utility company

is installing a water purification facility that by 2028 will treat and purify sewage water and pipe it back as natural water.

Drastic times call for drastic measures. Yet recycling waste water for drinking has been happening for decades in water scarce countries like Namibia. And it’s way cheaper and more energy-efficient than desalination.

A leaked report by UN climate scientists — not due for release until 2022 — predicts that 350 million more people living in cities will suffer water scarcity from severe droughts at 1.5 degrees Celsius of warming — which the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change recently told us could happen next decade. Unless we start cutting our greenhouse gas emissions now, warming and related water stress will be much worse.

Ok, but we can adapt, right?

Sort of. But only if we make some major lifestyle changes. And it won’t be as simple as cutting down on showers and washing our clothes and cars less.

We will also have to take a long hard look at what we put into, and onto, our bodies. Like humans,

some clothes and foods have a much higher water footprint than others.

A kilo of robust espresso coffee beans devours around 19,000 litres of water, while making a pair of jeans requires around 10,000 litres. And the grain-fed steak we like to order? One kilo of beef needs 15,000 litres of water. So do the math.

Meanwhile, a kilo of vegetables like carrots and tomatoes only uses around 200 litres. Even juicy grapefruits require a relatively minor 500 litres of water per kilo. Sure, it sounds like a lot, but remember the beef.

This food water footprint will become more important as the resource gets scarcer. To reduce it, we might also need to deal with our chocolate obsession: a kilo of chocolate consumes over 17,000 litres of water, while the almonds that sometimes go into it aren’t far behind — indeed, in drought-stricken California, the thirsty nut trees are now being ripped out by farmers.

When relatively high income consumers in Europe or North America buy products that drain water from the Amazon or the central Asian Aral Sea to grow cotton for our jeans or t-shirts — they

are consuming a lot of virtual water they can’t see. An abstract reality, but a reality nonetheless.

What’s the solution, live on carrots and wear hemp trousers?

It’s one way to go. But it won’t solve the problem alone.

Though according to Arjen Y. Hoekstra, the Dutch professor who invented the idea of the water footprint, cutting our meat consumption can reduce our water use by over 35%, even that is not going to be enough.

Agriculture, which uses 70 per cent of our available fresh water and loses a lot of it to leaky pipes and evaporation, also has a role to play by ensuring efficient irrigation infrastructure. Planting trees can also help. A study published earlier this year found that converting agricultural land to forest could boost rainfall, particularly in the summer.

But then there is the real elephant in the room; the ultimate water saving measure of climate change mitigation through rapid decarbonisation.

Combined, these factors might be help save a lot of lives — and prevent those apocalyptic water wars. **aw**

ROUND-UP

be'ah's new leachate treatment plant commences operation in Barka

Leachate is a concentrated liquid resulting from the decomposition of organic materials and is created when waste is compressed in cells of engineered landfills

MUSCAT: The Oman Environmental Services Holding Company 'be'ah' has commenced operations at its second waste leachate treatment plant at the Barka engineered landfill.

be'ah's first leachate treatment plant opened in 2016 at its Al Multaqa landfill and was the first such plant in the Gulf region.

Leachate is a concentrated liquid resulting from the decomposition of organic materials and is created when waste is compressed in cells of engineered landfills.



Leachate contains chemical elements which, if not managed as per health and environmental standards, pose a great threat to the environment like groundwater and air pollution. By applying sustainability principles, leachate can be recycled to produce reusable water for plant cooling, irrigation and cleaning.

The Barka engineered landfill receives an average of 1,766 tonnes of waste daily. Municipal waste brought to the landfill is transferred into insulated cells. Special pumps withdraw leachate from the bottom of the cells into designated tanks. The collected leachate is then treated using globally practised methods to reduce and avoid environmental and health damage.

Engineer Kadhya bint Nasser Al Hinai, Manager of Landfill Operations, be'ah said, "The leachate treatment plant at the Barka engineered landfill is designed to treat 100 m3 of leachate and produce about 80 m3 i.e. 80,000 litres of limited use water daily, meeting Omani standards."

Explaining the eventual process in detail, Engineer Kadhya said, "The treatment begins after pumps transfer the leachate into designated tanks inside the plant. Active anaerobic and aerobic bacteria are used to remove organic and non-organic pollutants. In this process, liquefied oxygen is pumped into these tanks to feed and promote bacteria."

This process enables chemical changes in nitrate and ammonia and removes organic and non-organic pollutants from the odour-causing leachate.

She added, "The next step is a chemical and physical treatment to remove solids and dissolved substances. During this step, all solids such as salts are removed from the leachate using reverse osmosis, resulting in water that is safe enough to be released into the environment and can be used for irrigating non-fruiting trees, cooling plants and for cleaning. "The water thus derived is not suitable for human use. The rejected substances from the treatment process are returned to the landfill to be recycled and treated."

Such plants not just reduce pollution and odours resulting from waste dumping, but also significantly contribute towards raising the efficiency of engineered landfills and implementing environmental and health best practices.

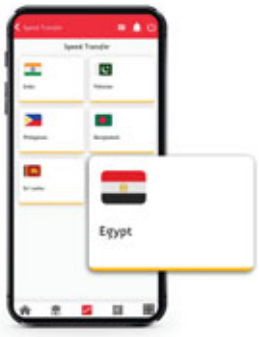
TECHNOLOGICAL TRENDS

Bank Muscat updates mBanking app and Internet Banking with speed transfer to Egypt

MUSCAT: In line with its vision "To serve you better, everyday" and commitment to innovation reflecting the latest technological trends in banking, Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate, has launched several new features including speed transfer service to Egypt, bill payments to Awasr and instant debit card linkage to one's account through Internet banking and mBanking app.

Also, linked Floosi and children's accounts will now be visible in their parent's accounts improving transparency and oversight. The latest features add to several other useful features like the instant opening of additional savings account for existing customers, generation of a PIN for debit cards, credit cards and pre paid cards, download of SWIFT advice for international transactions, blocking of the prepaid card as well as charitable contributions and donations to the Ministry of Health (COVID-19).

Speaking about the addition of new features in Internet Banking



and the mBanking app, Amjad Al Lawati, AGM - Cards & eBanking, said, "In line with our customer-centric vision, Bank Muscat is delighted to introduce new features to enhance banking convenience. The addition of Speed Transfer service to Egypt, Awasr bill payment and instant Debit Card linkage to one's account will further enhance ease of banking for all our customers. Bank Muscat is committed to continuing its investments in state-of-the-art technology to further increase efficiency

and improve customer service to maintain its clear leadership in hi-tech products and services, including electronic payment and web-based services, in tune with the banking requirements of a tech-savvy generation."

The bank's mBanking and Internet services include real-time bill payments for utilities in Oman, fund transfers within the bank and in Oman, fund transfers across the world via the SWIFT network; speed transfers to a number of countries including India, the Philippines, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and now Egypt; Zakat calculator and charity payments. It also provides bill payment facilities for a variety of utility services such as electricity, water, telecom, mobile top-ups, instant credit card bill payments, school payments etc.

The mBanking app and Internet banking also allow customers to disable or enable their debit card for international usage adding an extra layer of security for the benefit of customers.

Customers also get access to a comprehensive Personal Finance Module where they can get a detailed breakup of their finances, set up budgets and track their expenses vis-à-vis their budgets.

The bank's electronic banking channels have been recording massive success in terms of usage and customer adoption, especially in the background of the social distancing brought about by the global COVID-19 pandemic. The consistently growing number of customers reflects the high popularity of mBanking channel as well as the bank's other electronic channels.

VACCINE



Tanweer initiates second dose campaign for its staff

MUSCAT: In line with the national vaccination drive, organised by the Ministry of Health, the Rural Areas Electricity Company "Tanweer" -Member of Nama Group - announced the commencement of the vaccination campaign for the second dose of the 'COVID-19' vaccine for all employees.

The company, in cooperation with Nama Holding, is completing the vaccination plan to ensure preserving the health and safety of its employees, to create a safe working environment for them and to stop the spread of this epidemic.

Abdullah bin Hamoud Al

Maskari - Head of the Quality, Health, Safety and Environment Department explained, "The vaccination process went smoothly in Tanweer while ensuring the abidance by the precautionary measures. Hence, we managed to cover 80% of our employees for the first dose of COVID-19 and expect to complete the rest of the employees by the end of August 2021. On this occasion, Tanweer is pleased to express its appreciation to the Ministry of Health and the health sector workers, for their dedication and continuous efforts in providing the necessary health care across the governorates of the Sultanate."

AL KANZ

178 customers win in NBO's latest draw



MUSCAT: National Bank of Oman (NBO) has concluded its Al Kanz Draw for July, giving away a total of OMR 175,500 in cash prizes.

The event, held at the bank's headquarters in Azaiba, included the popular monthly Salary Transfer draw, which saw 50 customers win OMR 500 each. The Sadara draw also gave OMR25,000 to three account holders, while the Mazaya Exclusive draw gave OMR 10,000 to four account holders. This month also saw the return of the quarterly Women's and Youth draws, which gave OMR 1,000 to six customers, and OMR 100 to 115 customers, respectively. With a total of OMR

3,251 million to be handed out by the end of the year, the bank continues to delight its customers with exciting rewards, simply for banking.

"We have been successfully running Al Kanz for numerous years, and with more customers benefiting year-on-year, it's one of the Sultanate's largest schemes of its kind. We believe that banks have an important, and active, role to play in supporting and guiding customers throughout their financial lives. Al Kanz is just one way we fulfil this role, as we continue to promote the value of savings," said Tariq Atiq, Chief Retail and Digital Banking Officer at NBO.

With monthly prizes ranging from OMR 100 to OMR 250,000, customers are eligible to win by maintaining an average minimum balance of OMR 100 in their Al Kanz Savings account. Every OMR 100 provides an extra chance in the draw, so the more money kept in the account, the more the chance of winning. Meanwhile, customers simply have to transfer their salary to NBO to be in for the chance of winning in the Salary Transfer draw. What's more, Al Kanz also includes Nuqati rewards, offering nine points for every OMR 100 deposited, one of many unique benefits available to account-holders.

VERSATILE

Huawei nova 8 elevates smartphone experience

MUSCAT: Huawei Consumer Business Group (CBG) introduced in Oman the new stunning camera phone Huawei nova 8, the latest nova family member that empowers people to explore and share. Engineered for everyday use, Huawei nova 8 packs a versatile 64MP AI quad-camera, a 66W Huawei SuperCharge, a gorgeous 90Hz curved OLED display in addition to Super Device and EMUI 12 features for an ultimate intelligent smartphone experience.

Huawei nova 8 blends technology with stunning aesthetics. At both the front and rear, Huawei nova 8 uses a curved glass design, while retaining the physical buttons on the side for functionality and aesthetics. By using a sophisticated glass grinding process, the curved edges from the front and back perfectly fit into the metal mid-frame, making it feel smooth and sleek.

Inside the Nebula Camera System is a powerful quad-camera consisting of a 64MP HD Main Camera, 8MP Ultra-Wide angle Camera, 2MP Macro Camera and 2MP Bokeh Camera, which lets users capture when exploring. Using 4-in-1 light fusion technology, the 64MP Main Camera makes it easier for people



at all skill levels to take pictures in crystal-clear quality. The night can't stop people from exploring. The Super Night Mode makes photos sharper, brighter and ready to share.

Huawei nova 8 also makes wide-angle photos look more natural with its 120° Ultra Wide Angle Camera and anti-distortion AI algorithm. To help people create artful photos, the Bokeh Camera creates natural Bokeh effects for portraits, while the Macro Camera takes up-close shots in clear, minute details, with a focus distance of just 4cm.

Dual-View video is here to help vloggers playfully record HD 1080p videos. The display will split in two, with one showing a close-up shot captured by the Ultra-Wide Angle Camera, and

the other displaying the whole picture seized by the Main Camera, great for shooting events or locations, such as visiting a park. The 32MP High-res Front Camera makes everyone look amazing in selfies. Even at night, the Super Night Selfie 2.0 has it taken care of, and the built-in AI algorithm removes flares reflected from glasses for ready-to-share selfies.

The 66W Huawei SuperCharge support saves users the trouble of charging the device frequently, especially during games and movies. It can be charged to 60 per cent in just 15 minutes and 100 per cent in 35 minutes. In the time it takes to have breakfast or a cup of coffee, users can have the phone fully charged and ready to go.

Huawei nova 8 features a thin and light body that weighs only 169 g, so users can feel the delight as they hold it in hand.

Starting August 26, the Huawei nova 8 will be available for pre-order from the Huawei website <https://bit.ly/3mo9eI4> for OMR 184,900. Available in a Blush Gold colour, purchase of the top 2021 mid-range smartphone in Oman come with gifts including a Freebuds 3i and a 20000mah power bank.

ROUND-UP

Popularity of A’Safwah increasing in Oman with ongoing special offers

A’Safwah recently announced that it will be giving away an additional 500ml of its much-loved fresh milk on the purchase of 2 litres of fresh milk

MUSCAT: A’Safwah, Oman’s oldest and largest integrated dairy company, has earned remarkable goodwill in the market, producing premium quality fresh 100 per cent pure cow’s milk and dairy products which are sold both in Oman and overseas, under the brand name A’Safwah milk and dairy products.

A customer-centric company that continuously comes up with special offers on all its products, A’Safwah recently announced that it will be giving away an additional 500ml of its much-loved fresh milk on the purchase of 2 litres of fresh milk. Set to run for a limited time only, this offer is aimed at rewarding customers for their unending loyalty to the brand.



“At A’Safwah we constantly strive to come up with offers, promotions and campaigns that provide added value to our customers,” said spokesperson, A’Safwah. “It’s a proven fact that milk helps build immunity. At a time when keeping our immunity up is key, we decided that we will reward our customers by giving them a little

extra of their favourite fresh milk.”

A’Safwah has always adhered to the best international production standards to ensure their customers get nothing but the purest, freshest, and healthiest 100 per cent pure cow’s milk. The company works closely with environmental advisers and local and regional environmental regulators

to implement all the necessary steps to ensure that the cattle are well-nurtured and raised in the most hygienic and stress-free conditions. Embracing advancements in technology, A’Safwah also takes great pride in its state-of-the-art facilities, thus bringing together nature and science.

Though the farms are located in

Dhofar, which provides the ideal livestock environment for the entire region, A’Safwah also takes special care to make sure that the cows receive a balanced, organic, locally-grown and nutritious feed, which in turn determines the quality of milk.

“With over four decades of experience in the industry, A’Safwah

reserves the invaluable knowledge that is required in the production and delivery of fresh milk and its derivatives. This is also reflected in the company’s strategy in providing consumers with high-quality products that also score high on nutritional value. At the same time, A’Safwah keeps pace with the rapid developments in the market by embracing innovation, and delights customers with special offers.”

With a deeper understanding of the nutritional value and related benefits of consuming fresh milk, A’Safwah follows a strict policy of ensuring its products remain fresh and are free from any additives.

A 100% Omani brand since 1983, A’Safwah has the advantage of a strong distribution and delivery network that reduces the time its products take to reach outlets, ensuring its consumers receive only the freshest products. This has made A’Safwah a preferred choice in the market.

Registering remarkable growth in the market, the company’s products have gained a large share of the market in Dhofar and other governorates.

While A’Safwah has seen steady growth through the years and has expanded operations to meet the growing demand of its products, it has ensured that it stays committed to its pledge of providing consumers with milk and dairy products that are of the highest quality, fresh and local.

ALL-NEW, SEVENTH-GENERATION 2023 Z

2023 Nissan Z represents approachable sports car for modern age

MUSCAT: Introducing the 2023 Nissan Z. Developed by a passionate team of designers and engineers, the all-new Z represents an approachable sports car for the modern age – with an unmatched 50-plus year heritage and global fan base.

“Z is the pure expression of thrill. It is Nissan’s passion wrapped up on four wheels,” said Ashwani Gupta, representative executive officer and chief operating officer, Nissan Motor Co., Ltd. “The new Z retains its authenticity as a pure sports car to keep you connected to the road while bringing in the latest modern technologies to make sure the car can help keep you connected to your life.”

The all-new, seventh-generation 2023 Z, which drops its numerical prefix in the US for the first time, is scheduled to go on sale at Nissan dealers nationwide in spring 2022.



The new Z: An exhilarating, dynamic performer

The original 240Z was built to bring the joy and excitement of sports car ownership to as many people as possible – a car built for enthusiasts, by enthusiasts. That spirit and heritage continue today with the launch of the latest reincarnation of Z.

The 2023 Z’s 3.0-litre V6 twin-turbo engine adds a significant bump in power output over the previous generation 370Z. The engine is rated at 400 horsepower at 6,400 rpm and 475Nm of torque starting from 1,600 to 5,600 rpm. With an increase of 68 horsepower and a 30 per cent increase in torque, the engine is designed to deliver a sharp, yet smooth response to the driver’s input, along with an estimated 15 per cent improvement in 0 to 100kph acceleration.

“Simply put, our goal is to make this the best Z yet, period. With each generation, we raise the bar, pushing the limits of Z and continuing to tap into the human instinct for that next thrilling jour-

ney,” said Hiroshi Tamura, chief product specialist of the new Z. “More than just powerful and agile, the 2023 Z is designed to be one with the driver for all kinds of on-road adventures.”

To achieve the marked increase in horsepower and torque and to deliver sharp response, small-diameter turbochargers were adopted, as well as a turbo speed sensor to ensure the capabilities of the turbos are fully utilized (max spooling speed).

The twin turbos balance power output and response time, while the use of an electronic variable valve timing (e-VVT) intake valve system ensures optimum response, adjusting the intake valve timing on the fly to achieve excellent response and fuel efficiency in a variety of driving scenes.

One of the defining traits of Z has always been its bond between the car and the driver – a physical and visceral connection, non-matter the road ahead. That human-machine bond dominates the new Z, especially in the presence of the standard,

6-speed manual transmission.

The 6-speed close-ratio manual transmission includes an EXEDY high-performance clutch. As a physical touchpoint between driver and Z, the shifter glides to the next gear, almost instinctively, with minimal effort.

In a first for a rear-wheel-drive Nissan vehicle, Z Performance models equipped with a manual transmission include an advanced launch assist control system that helps deliver smooth acceleration from a stopped position.

All automatic transmission-equipped models feature the launch control system. Manual transmission-equipped models also feature a carbon-fibre composite driveshaft, with SynchroRev Match added to 6MT Performance models.

An advanced, quick-response 9-speed automatic transmission is also available. The new 9-speed automatic offers a direct and quick response feeling and quick acceleration, thanks to its wide gear ratio spread and standard launch control

system. Its satisfying engagement keeps the thrill of Z power and performance in sync with the driver. Aluminium paddle shifters are standard on all 9AT-equipped models, with unique paddle shifters, the same design as found on GT-R, on Performance models.

The engineering team tuned the chassis, cooling, suspension and steering to ensure the driver always feels connected with the car. Getting behind the wheel, the Z feels new and modern, yet still familiar. When it comes to delivering predictable, responsive handling, the engineering team took a multi-prong approach, especially for high-speed driving and cornering. Enhanced body rigidity, an electronic power steering with rack assist and a strong mechanical feel, and wider front tires (on both Sport and Performance grades) help increase maximum cornering G up to 13 per cent.

Both front and rear dampers use a new monotube shock absorber design with a larger diameter than the outgoing 370Z, resulting

in an approximately 20 per cent reduction in dampening force to help minimize impact shock over uneven surfaces, enhance road-following performance and improve handling stability. The front double-wishbone aluminium suspension features new geometry, including increased caster angle, improving straight-line stability. A two-point front strut tower brace is standard. The rear independent multi-link aluminium suspension has also been reconfigured with new settings.

Two drive modes are offered on automatic transmission models, standard and sport. Standard mode is best suited for commuting and long highway drives for a pleasant drive. Sport mode unlocks the Z’s performance potential, offering faster acceleration control, a sports-mode steering algorithm, active sound enhancement and sports-mode vehicle dynamic control setting best matched to take on a spirited run through a winding road. All Z Performance grade models (automatic and manual) utilize a mechanical clutch-type limited-slip differential.

Responsive braking is provided by 4-wheel ventilated disc brakes. Larger sport brakes with red-painted calipers are standard on Performance grade models. The Z Sport grade rides on dark-painted 18-inch aluminium-alloy wheels with Yokohama ADVAN Sport high-performance tires, while Z Performance grades feature 19-inch RAYS super lightweight forged aluminium-alloy mounted with Bridgestone Potenza S007 high-performance tires.

2023 Z design – Past meets future

The 2023 Z boasts a fresh, sleek exterior design with an appearance that communicates respect to its lineage. Its long hood and short deck are fundamentally Z, with a fresh look that is “love at first sight.” The design theme for the exterior

and interior of the new Z was “tradition with modern technology.”

“Inspired by the voices of thousands of Z owners and Z lovers and ignited by internal conversations around the six generations of Z that have come before, we found ourselves gravitating towards the sketches that touched the high points of certain decades while remaining true to our vision of the future,” said Alfonso Albaisa, global head of design at Nissan. “Ultimately, we created a Z that travels between the decades while being completely modern.”

For the exterior, the new Z takes on a traditional rear-wheel-drive sports car design, with a long hood, lower rear stance and a silhouette that pays homage to the first-generation Z. The designers utilized the latest technologies to streamline the design, and incorporated LED lighting to give dimension without unnecessary elements. The LED headlights have two half-circles that take their inspiration from the Japan market-only 240ZG of the 1970s, which fit naturally with the new Z’s identity.

The link to the original Z is most striking when viewing the 2023 Z from the side. The roofline flows from the nose to the squared-off rear to create a distinctive first-generation Z profile, whose rear edge was slightly lower than the front fender height giving the Z its unique posture.

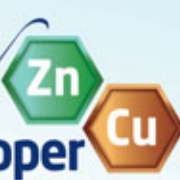
The signature transition from the rear quarter glass to the low-slung position of the rear tail adds to the effect. Door handles are a flush-mounted design and the rear hatch design is ultra-thin, yet with increased rigidity over the previous 370Z design.

In the rear, the blister fenders smoothly direct flow air past the horizontal rear panel. The rear combination lamps incorporate modern technology into the design reminiscent of the Z32 (1990-1996) 300ZX, including new 3D signature LED taillights.



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