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HM RECEIVES THANKS CABLE

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has received a cable of thanks from the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia in reply to His Majesty's condolences cable to him on the death of Prince Saud Abdulrahman Abdulaziz Al Saud. In the cable, King Salman expressed his sincere appreciation for His Majesty's heartfelt sympathies and sincere prayers, praying to Allah the Almighty to rest the bereaved's soul in peace in paradise and protect His Majesty against all harm. **-ONA**



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SPORTS Mussanah all set for World Championships



2 Oman Sail is preparing to welcome a 148-strong fleet representing 29 countries when the 2021 49er, 49er FX and Nacra World Championships gets underway in Mussanah on 16 November. Being held in Asia for the first time, the regatta is the first global sailing event after the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and start of the campaign to qualify for the Paris 2024 Games. **>A8**

MARKET MSX establishes new department

3 A new department called environmental, social and governance (ESG) and diversity and inclusion (DI) framework was announced by Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) on Sunday. The exchange has also appointed Majida bint Sheikhan Al Mamari as the head of this initiative. The setting up of this section comes under the Exchange's keenness to support good governance policies in the Sultanate. **>B1**

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NEW URBAN MASTERPLAN, BRAND IDENTITY OF YITI PROJECT UNVEILED

Omran's new project envisages connecting and extending the city of Muscat in phases, enriching its offerings and possibilities as it progresses

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A new urban master plan and brand identity of Yiti, one of the largest integrated tourism developments in the Sultanate, was revealed on Sunday with a vision to transform the tourism and real estate sector in accordance with Oman Vision 2040.

The new project by Oman Tourism Development Company (Omran Group) sets a new model for urbanisation, as it connects and extends the city of Muscat, enriching its offerings and possibilities, through a multi-phased expansion approach.

11 million square metres
Spanning over 11 million square metres, the Yiti Development is a massive venture, strategically located overlooking the Sea of Oman. The development is designed according to place-making principles that ensure the establishment of innovative standards in urban development and architecture, as well as the activation

of valleys, plateaus and coasts that harmonise within the topography of the site.

The Yiti Development will be spread over four phases, offering a wide range of opportunities for domestic and foreign direct investments (FDIs) alike. This four-phased development approach takes into consideration the accessibility to infrastructure, connection to main roads and ease of development as well as promotion of organic expansion.

Elaborating about the project, Hashil bin Obaid Al Mahrouqi, CEO of Omran, said, "At Omran, we take immense pride in our developments. The Yiti Development masterplan is an epitome of progression, embodying components complementing each other, and based on a vision of balanced land use and urban design as key elements of its ethos. We have consciously created a development plan that will be executed through holistic partnerships

with world class expertise.

Opportunities for investors

"It is anticipated to create a modern integrated urban hub that sets new and improved urban planning standards for future developments in Oman and the region.

"This integrated development in the Sultanate, brings with it multi-fold opportunities for potential investors from across the region and the globe to be associated with it," he further said. **>A3**



Oman marks 50th anniversary of UN membership with commemorative stamp

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AGREEMENT

Limited-income family youth to get managerial skills training



Times News Service

MUSCAT: An agreement was signed for creating job opportunities for members of social security families and limited income groups. The plan involves giving them training so that they become entrepreneurs and are able to compete and develop sustainable productive projects in the industrial sector, and provide support to various government agencies to ensure their sustainability, and focus on future skills in the industrial sector "Oman Vision 2040".

The Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Social Development, the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority and Oman Education & Training Investment Co. SAOG signed a cooperation agreement to train a number of job seekers from members of social security and limited income families to enable them to establish productive projects in the industrial sector as small and medium enterprises.

Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to establish small and medium companies in the industrial sector, to raise the percentage of industrial indicators, and to encourage

contribution to the GDP in the industrial sector, and focus on future skills in the industrial sector in line with the "Oman Vision 2040."

The agreement was signed by Sayyid Salim bin Musallam Al Busaidi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Labour for Human Resources Development, Sheikh Rashid bin Ahmed Al Shamsi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Development, Qais bin Rashid Al Toubi, Vice President for the SMEs Development Authority, and retired Major General Hassan bin Ihsan Nasib, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Oman Education & Training Investment Co. SAOG.

Sustainability

The role of the SMEs Development Authority is to follow up the establishment and implementation of these projects to ensure their sustainability and contribute to their promotion and marketing. In addition to periodic follow-up of those in charge of these projects, it will also provide guidance and technical support necessary to enable them to establish effective small and medium enterprises in the industrial sector.

In addition to preparing an economic feasibility study, pro-

viding consultancy and guidance services, and providing the opportunity for incubation in business incubators supervised by the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority, to form a strong base of small and medium enterprises that supply the local market with products and services and meet its needs.

Basic axes

The training programme that job seekers for this initiative will be involved in, which is offered by Oman Education & Training Investment Co., includes many basic axes for establishing and managing various projects, such as strategic planning, feasibility studies, project risk management and branding, in addition to vocational training that focuses on the productive aspect of projects such as operational procedures. Calculating quantities, controlling quality, identifying equipment and devices used at work, and other axes that enable this category to establish sustainable production projects.

Oman Education & Training Investment Co. is keen to align its strategic directions with Oman Vision 2040, and the Sultanate's readiness to enter the stage of knowledge and innovation. **>A5**

BILATERAL BUSINESS TIES

Oman and US review investment avenues



Times News Service

SOHAR: The Sultanate of Oman and the US reviewed investment opportunities as per the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) signed between the two countries.

Held at the Crown Plaza Hotel Sohar, the event was attended by Eng. Ridha Juma Al Saleh, OCCI Chairman and officials from the government and private sectors in the governorate.

During the meeting, the Chief of the Political/Economic Sec-

tion at the US Embassy gave a presentation on the incentives offered by the FTA between Oman and the US.

On his turn, Chief Commercial Officer at the US Embassy touched on the horizons of the economic cooperation between the two countries. The meeting was organised by Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI), North Al Batinah branch, with the representatives of the US Embassy in the Sultanate and business people in the governorate.



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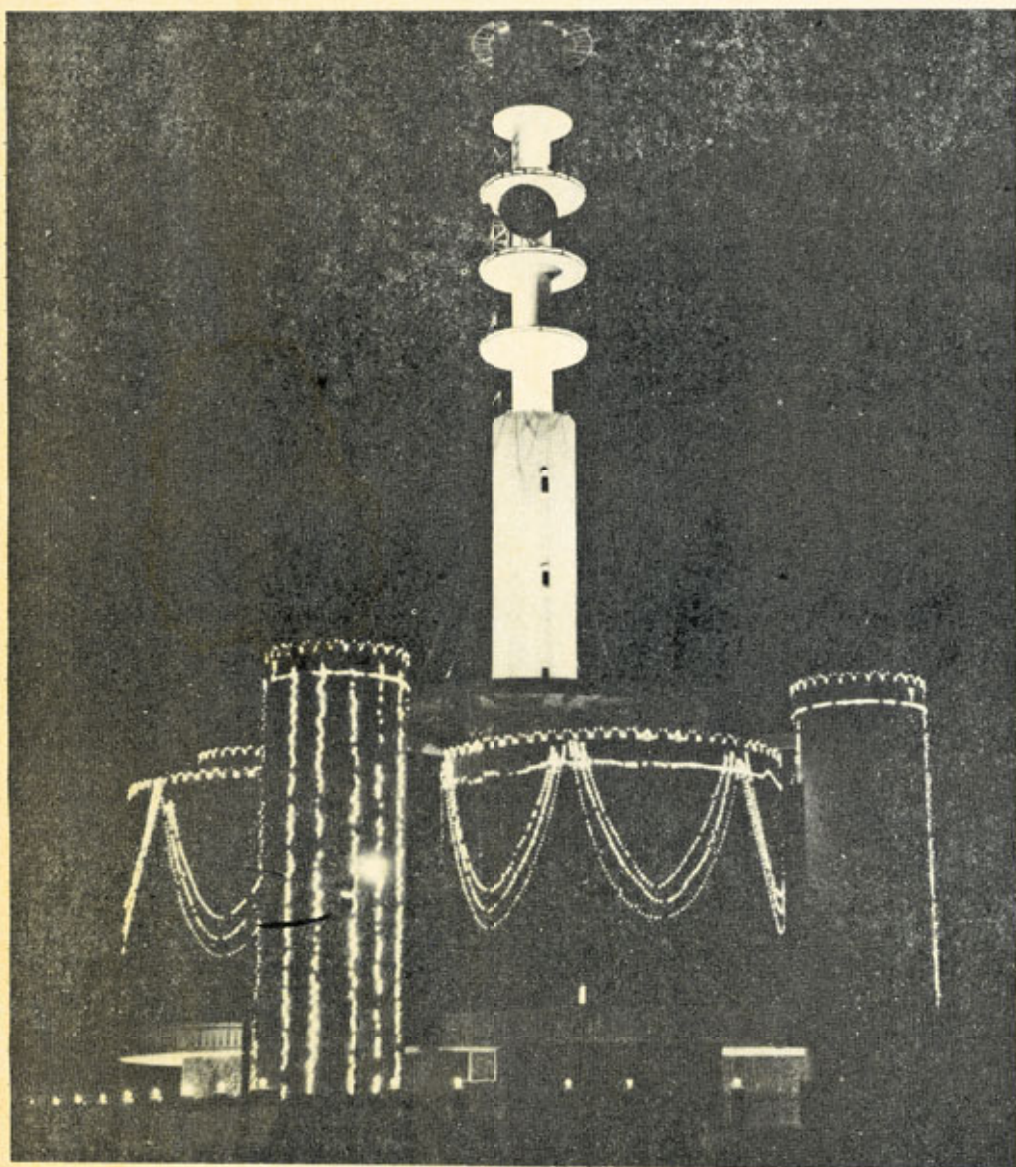
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With special stamps and illuminations Oman prepares for the big day



The lights of celebration are being switched on throughout the Sultanate as the nation prepares to celebrate the Fourteenth National Day on Sunday.

The Higher Committee for National Day Celebrations has announced an impressive programme for the occasion. It includes a military parade at Maidan al Fatah at 3.00 pm on Sunday.

The Founder and staff of the "Times of Oman" wish all prosperity to His Majesty Sultan Qaboos, members of the Royal Family and the people of Oman on the occasion of the 14th National Day.

There will be a display of fireworks in the Capital Area at 7.30 the same evening.

Monday, November 19, is the day for camel races at Seeb at 7 am. This annual event attracts hundreds of people.

There will be folk dances by hundreds of people gathered in the Capital from all parts of the Sultanate.

The dances will be on November 18 and 19 in Muscat, Muttrah, Bausher and Seeb from 4p.m. onward on each day.

A programme of celebrations has also been drawn up for major Interior towns and villages as well as for the Southern Region. It includes military parades, cultural shows and sporting events.

The Ministry of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones has issued two commemorative stamps to mark the occasion. They depict spectacular progress in the field of posts and telecommunications.

Ministry buildings, and high rise buildings in the Commercial Business District have been profusely illuminated to mark the occasion. Major roads are lined with National Flags and pictures of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos.

Scores of social, cultural and sports organisations in the Capital have drawn up programmes to celebrate the day. The Omani Women's Association will hold a party for children at its headquarters on November 25.

Special issue

The "Times of Oman" marks National Day with a special issue which is now available.

The 14th National Day is commemorated by pictures and articles on the rapid development of the Sultanate with a look-back at events since the 13th National Day. Make sure you get a copy of this 120-page special issue.

Ships held

Two cargo ships were arrested at Mina Qaboos on orders from the Authority For the Settlement of Commercial Disputes.

The ships which belonged to South Korea and Holland were held for non-payment of the local agents' fees and non-delivery of goods for which cases were filed with the Authority.

Hamid bin Mohammad al Sharji, secretary of the Authority told the "Times" that a Dutch ship registered in Rotterdam was arrested on October 30 on a complaint of non-delivery of goods by a local company.

The claimed amount was R.O. 11,079 Bz 456.

The Authority, after hearing the case, asked the owner of the ship to furnish a bank guarantee for the amount before the ship

was allowed to leave Muscat.

The owner of the ship appointed a lawyer to be present at the hearing who furnished the required bank guarantee the next day.

The ship was then released on November 1.

In a similar case a South Korean cargo ship was arrested in a case filed with the Authority by the ship's local agent who was not paid the service charges by the owner. The amount claimed was R.O. 14,597 Bz 492.

The captain of the ship was called to the court and was asked to furnish a bank guarantee for R.O. 19,986 as decreed by the Authority in its verdict.

The captain arranged the guarantee through a local bank and the ship was released.

Sayyid Thuwainy bin Shihab, Personal Representative of His Majesty and Deputy Prime Minister will today inaugurate the multi-purpose Transmission Communications Centre next to the GTO building in Bait al Falaj at 10 o'clock.

The ceremony which will be attended by members of the Royal Family, Ministers, and other dignitaries, is being held under the auspices of Ahmed bin Suwedan al Balaushi, Minister of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones.

The TCC building which is unique in its design contains a 17,000-line telephone exchange for Greater Muttrah, and a tandem primary exchange to connect other exchanges through co-axial and micro-wave channels within the Capital Area as well as links to Salalah.

LATEST

General elections will be held in India on December 24. Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi announced on Tuesday, just two weeks after the assassination of his mother, Mrs Indira Gandhi.

In areas where polling cannot be completed the same day, it will be continued on December 27.

The chief electon commissioner said the voting would not be held in Punjab because of the security situation, or in Assam where revision of the electoral rolls have not been completed.

Mr Gandhi reportedly called the election two weeks earlier than required on the advice of party colleagues who felt he

could benefit from a large sympathy vote.

For the second time in a week, the Punjab authorities have barred the five Sikh high priests from visiting Delhi because they said their presence could worsen the situation in the capital. The priests wanted to see for themselves the result of the riots which left many of their community dead.

Austria has protested to Czechoslovakia over the killing of a Czech man who was shot while trying to cross to Austria at the end of last month.

Austrian authorities have said that the man was pursued by Czech border guards into Austrian territory then shot.

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Oman cricket team leaves for Namibia tour

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wards 2023 ICC Cricket World Cup in India. Oman, UAE and Namibia will play a 50-over tri-series – in a round-robin group stage format, each pitted against the other twice. Oman is currently at the top of the points table, having played 18 games already in the League 2 competition. **The squad** The Oman squad for the CWC League 2 series includes: Zeeshan Maqsood (Captain), Jatin Singh, Khawar Ali, Aqib

Ilyas, Mohammad Nadeem, Ayaan Khan, Suraj Kumar, Sandeep Goud, Nester Dhamba, Kaleemullah, Bilal Khan, Naseem Khushi, Fayyaz Butt and Kashyap Prajapati; Support Staff Duleep Mendis, Head Coach; Mazhar Khan, Assistant Coach; Zeeshan, Analyst; Evert, Trainer; Sean, Physio; Avishkar Salvi, Expert Coach Venkatpathy Raju. Schedule of matches for Oman in Namibia: Oman vs Namibia – November 26, 2021, Oman vs Namibia – November 27, 2021, Oman vs UAE – November 29, 2021, Oman vs UAE – December 2, 2021, Oman vs Namibia – December 4, 2021, Oman vs UAE – December 6, 2021. The schedule includes two pending matches of Oman against Namibia and UAE which were postponed in the last series due to the demise of Late Kanaksi Khimji, former President of Oman Cricket.

DEVELOPMENT

Sustainability is at the heart of Yiti project

Putting sustainability at the heart of its vision, the development's master plan places a huge importance on the creation of a well-balanced integrated mixed use residential and resort-oriented community that will include various components, such as tourism, commercial and business spaces as well as residential areas, leisure and entertainment attractions, educational, and health facilities. The master plan envisions inclusivity for the people through diverse and open-to-all public and community facilities. "Guided by Oman Investment Authority's direction in realising the ambitious goals of Oman Vision 2040 and supporting the delivery of the National Tourism Strategy, this iconic development will be a benchmark of Integrated Tourism Development in the country," Al Mahrouqi said. "The Yiti Development Master Plan is a multi-tiered, sustainable model that will continue to contribute to the nation's economy. The scale of the development will directly contribute to the socio-economic development of the Sultanate and position Yiti as a unique destination that offers a mix of tourist, cultural and real estate offering in the future," he added.

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fresh capital into the market by means of foreign direct investments. Local community development will be a key focus enabling and providing ample business opportunities for local companies, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), giving them the exposure to work with global industry firms. In line with Omran's In-Country Value (ICV) programme, Yiti Development will generate direct and indirect employment opportunities for Omani youth and create sustainable commercial benefits for the Sultanate. In addition, it will stimulate the local market through the procurement of local goods and services, enhancing the capabilities of the local workforce and increasing productivity in the country. Omran has been transforming the tourism and real-estate sector by leading the development of key tourism projects, integrated complexes and unique destinations and forming strategic alliances with leading international institutions to bring in foreign expertise in the local market. The uniquely positioned Yiti Development will make the most of Oman's abundant natural beauty to give a huge impetus to the tourism sector in Oman.

With the Sultanate's economic diversification plans in full swing, the Yiti Development will play a pivotal role in increasing the tourism sector's contribution to the nation's gross domestic product (GDP). With the backing of a revered brand like Omran Group, it will also provide promising investment opportunities for international investors which will inject

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NATIONAL MUSEUM EXHIBITS 2020 E-CENSUS RECORD

The National Museum exhibits the first recorded census of 1993 and the 2020 e-Census Record of Population, Housing, and Establishments, with the signature of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik



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The displayed Census Record of Population and Housing is the first recorded census of the General Census of Population, Housing and Facilities in the year 1414 AH/1993 CE. It was implemented by the General Secretariat of the Development Council, as the first official census to be conducted in the Sultanate of Oman, showing the name of the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said as the first citizen whose data are taken in the census, and one of the most important data in the register and handwritten:

Full name and tribe: Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimour Al-Busaidi. Age: 53 years. Street: Sohar City, Way: Bahjat al-Andhar

This came in implementation of Royal Decree No (87/88) issuing the Statistical Law, and Royal Decree No (50/91) conducting the comprehensive census of population, housing and establishments, where its procedures were completed and the actual count began in 1993 (Fourth Five-Year Plan).

From the initials, the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said insisted on the importance of the census in his Royal speech on 30th November 1993 on the occasion of starting the census; "The deluxe version the results of the electronic census of population, housing and establishments (1414 AH / 2020 CE), were approved by His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik on 14th December 2020 during a meeting of His Majesty (may God protect him) with the Minister of Interior and the Chairman of the Supreme National Census Com-

mittee at Al Baraka Palace.

His Majesty the Sultan also voiced his appreciation for the Supreme National Committee of Electronic Census 2020 and its sub-committees which, he said, exerted great efforts to make the project a success. He also appreciated all government and private establishments, and citizens and residents, for their cooperation and positive response to the census exercise.

The latest census is the fourth of its kind in the Sultanate. It was characterised by the use of modern electronic methods and technologies in accordance with critical international standards and frameworks. The census reflects positively on all scopes of sustainable development as an effective decision-making tool, and contributes to the overall planning of the Sultanate to achieve the national aims and priorities in accordance with Oman's Vision 2040.

Jamal bin Hassan Al Moosawi, Secretary-General of the National Museum, said: "It is a great honour that the National Museum exhibits the first Census Record that has the name of the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said, as well as the deluxe version of the Records of the last electronic census that His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik approved it. His Majesty's signature appears on its facade. The showcase of the two records came in the context of the cooperation between the National Museum and the National Centre for Statistics and Information, and an affirmation of the importance of the census, as it is a promising project that has always paved the way for plans and national strategies that serve visions and ambitions for a better future.

Dr. Khalifa bin Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Barwani, CEO of the National Centre for Statistics and Information, explained that the Sultanate carried out in its history four general censuses of population, housing and establishments, which played a major role in pro-

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viding five-year plans, future visions and decision makers with correct and accurate data.

In the 1993 census, which was the first census in the history of the Sultanate, as a huge statistical process, it relied on the paper form that was designed based on the data requirements of government institutions.

While for the second census, which was carried out in 2003, it was distinguished by the use of hand-held devices for the first time in the census worldwide, as their use was limited to the Governorate of Muscat, while the paper form was used in the rest of the governorates of the Sultanate of Oman. In the third census, which was carried out in 2010, the Sultanate of Oman introduced the self-enumeration process by designing an electronic form on the Internet and filling it out by individuals who want to use this method. A call and quality control centre was also established at the counting stage with the aim of reaching the highest level of accuracy and comprehensive-

ness, by dealing with the data of families and individuals during the accounting stage, and in conjunction with the process of data collection in the field in which tablets were used.

He pointed out that the Sultanate presented in the electronic census of population, housing and establishments of 2020 a pioneering model at the regional and international levels in the experience of moving from traditional censuses to administrative records within a short period. The results were approved and published in less than 48 hours from the reference date, which was determined on 12 December 2020. In addition, all data related to population, housing and establishments were assigned on this date.

He indicated that despite the outbreak of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic in the world in 2020 and its social and economic effects that lead countries to postpone their censuses, the Sultanate implemented it according to the prepared programme. As a result, the international and

regional organisations concerned with the statistical field praised the statistical office in the Sultanate for its success in implementing the electronic census of 2020. That lead the Sultanate of Oman to become an international house of expertise.

He also explained that the 2020 census was distinguished by linking data electronically between various government and private agencies, directly and in real time, from the national administrative records, which is technically known as the "registered census."

He concluded his speech by saying: "The electronic census 2020 has created a large and sustainable central statistical data system that links the various databases in government and private sectors, which will enable the implementation of a census of the population, housing and facilities any time, with least human effort and at a limited financial cost."

The National Museum is the Oman's flagship cultural institution, showcasing the Sultanate's cultural heritage from the earliest evidence of human settlement in

the Omani Peninsula to present day through which we look forward to our promising future. The Museum was established by Royal Decree 62/2013, issued on 16 Muharram 1435 AH (corresponding to 20 November 2013 CE), as a legal entity with financial and administrative independence and the capacity to own, manage and dispose of tangible and intangible assets of Oman's cultural heritage; in line with internationally recognised experiences and standards in classifying ancient museums.

The Museum aims to achieve its educational, cultural and humanitarian mission, by consolidating noble Omani values, activating belonging, and raising public awareness among citizens, residents and visitors, for Oman, its history, heritage and culture, and by developing their creative and intellectual abilities, especially in the areas of preserving evidence, collectibles, and highlighting the cultural dimensions of Oman; by employing and adopting the best practices and standards in the fields of museum sciences.



FOREIGN MINISTRY PREMISES



Sultanate marks 50th anniversary of UN membership with commemorative stamp

MUSCAT: The Foreign Ministry, in collaboration with Oman Post, launched a commemorative stamp to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Sultanate of Oman's membership in the United Nations (UN).

Oman's flag was raised at the United Nations headquarters in New York on 8 October 1971 as the 131st member state.

The new stamp was unveiled during a ceremony held at the Foreign Ministry here on Sunday under the patronage of His Highness Sayyid Kamil bin Fahad Al Said.

The event was attended by Sayyid Badr Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister, Eng. Said Hamoud Al Ma'awali, Minister of Transport, Communications and Information Technology, several undersecretaries and representatives from the Foreign Ministry and Oman Post.

The stamp features a photograph of the late His Highness Sayyid Tarik bin Taimour Al Said, delivering Oman's first speech on the occasion of its membership in the UN. — **ONA**



IN MANAMA

Oman participates in GCC Interior Ministers' meeting

MANAMA: The Sultanate of Oman, represented by the Ministry of Interior, took part here in the 38th meeting of GCC ministers of interior on Sunday.

Oman's delegation was headed by Sayyid Hamoud Faisal Al Busaidi, Minister of Interior.

Dr. Naif Falah Al Hajraf, GCC Secretary-General said that the 38th meeting laid emphasis on the importance of the joint Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) action in sustaining security and facing challenges.

The meeting also stressed the importance of enhancing mechanisms of cooperation in the field of cybersecurity and developing joint projects in combating crime and bolstering collective security, said Dr. Naif.

The meeting discussed a spectrum of topics, including the reports submitted from specialised security committees to the ministers of interior. It also covered the recommendations of the interior ministries' undersecretaries.

Moreover, the meeting reviewed the efforts of GCC security offices and the vital role they play, such as the GCC Criminal Information Centre to Combat Drugs in Doha, the GCC Emergency Management Centre in Kuwait, the GCC POL in Abu Dhabi and the GCC Permanent Mission to Vienna. — **ONA**



ROYAL ARMY OF OMAN



Commander of RAO tours Dubai Airshow

DUBAI: Maj. Gen Mattar Salim Al Balushi, Commander of the Royal Army of Oman (RAO) took part in the opening ceremony of Dubai Airshow 2021 on Sunday. RAO Commander was accompanied by senior RAO officers while he toured the premises of the exhibition and viewed the latest technologies in the military and aviation fields. — **ONA**

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

WHO affirms support to person with disabilities

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Health (MoH) represented by the Disability Programmes Section (DPS) of the Department of Non-Communicable Disease (NCD), in collaboration with the WHO office in Oman, carried out the level four and five of the virtual sign language training programme on Sunday.

The programme will continue until the end of December and is aimed at raising the communication level between people with hearing impairment and the medical and allied medical personnel at the primary health care.

Saleh Al Harbi, head of DPS highlighted the significance of being knowledgeable about sign language for a member of institutions, especially service institutions, in order to facilitate dealing with this important group of society.

Meanwhile, the WHO affirmed its continued support for the implementation of programmes targeting persons with disabilities in community, as they are essential in reducing barriers between persons with disability and health-care providers.

The workshop aims at upgrading the accessibility level of health services to persons with disabilities, particularly hearing-impaired people, in addition to ensuring the equality of rights and responsibilities as per the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



OMAN VISION 2040

FROM A1 Omani youth to learn skills for pioneering projects

The initiative to qualify and train members of social security families comes to support the achievement of a set of national priorities and the objectives of Oman Vision 2040, such as empowering the neediest groups and achieving an effective partnership between the government sector, the private sector and civil society in the areas of social development and sustainable economic diversification based on technology, knowledge and innovation, absorbing industrial revolutions and building national capacities for an attractive labour market that keeps pace with knowledge and technical changes.

Sayyid Salim bin Musallam Al Busaidi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Labour for Human Resources Development stated that this agreement comes to achieve one of the important pillars of the Oman Vision 2040 related to people, enhance the value of production and work to achieve the indicators of the annual plan of the Ministry of Labour.

The agreement also expresses the concept of government integration and strengthening partnership with the private sector.

Qais Al Toubi, Vice President for the SMEs Development Authority, added that the agreement comes to provide Omani youth with skills and practical experience to launch their pioneering projects according to a training programme designed to qualify and establish small and medium enterprises in the industrial sector. A set of interrelated training courses are aimed at building knowledge and practical aspects and technical skills compatible with the skills of the twenty-first century and the techniques of the fourth industrial revolution and the requirements of the labour market.



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The Morning Minute video on Biden, Xi to hold summit had 954 views and 48 likes on Instagram.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform all concerned that **Mr. Sathi Chandra Kumar Manoharan Nair**, holder of Indian Passport No. N8146664 Resident card No. 61945112 has resigned from our company **Mass International CO. LLC**. Therefore, all the concerned are requested to stop dealing with the above named in favor of the company. If anyone is dealing with him it's at their own risk and company will not take any responsibility hereafter.

If anybody has any claim, he/she should report to the company within next 5 working days.

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TENDER NOTICE

REF: ISM/ADMIN/TENDER/2021-22/002

Sealed tenders are invited from potential service providers / contractors for the following services/works required for the school.

(A) **STRUCTURAL REINFORCEMENT (REPAIRING OF CONCRETE REINFORCED COLUMN)**
(B) **REPAIRING OF STEEL FABRICATION AND MAKING SHADE (JIBROO CAMPUS & D BLOCK)**
(C) **MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR STAFF**

Interested parties shall collect the tender documents from the school cash counter against the payment of **RO.25/-** for item (A) and **RO.10/-** for items (B) & (C) as a non-refundable tender fee from **16th November 2021 to 25th November 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: Refer to the tender document

Ministry of Defence

TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ministry of Defence invites MOD registered suppliers to participate in the following tenders:

SUBJECT	TENDER NUMBER	LAST DATE FOR INQUIRIES	LAST DATE TO OBTAIN TENDER	TENDER DOCUMENT PRICE PER COPY RO.
SUPPLY OF OIL & LURICANTS	34/2021	13/12/2021	20/12/2021	750 RO
SUPPLY OF INDUSTRIAL GASES	35/2021	13/12/2021	20/12/2021	122 RO
SUPPLY OF FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT & ACCESSORIES	29/2021	29/11/2021	06/12/2021	550 RO
SUPPLY OF PRINTING MACHINE	30/2021	06/12/2021	13/12/2021	515 RO

1. Tenders documents and terms may be obtained on payment from the office of the Secretary of the Tender Committee, gate No. 14 of MAM Camp between 0900 to 1300 hrs on the working days.

2. Payment of Tender documents to be made by using of any Visa Electron Cards or "Visa credit" Cards or through Smart Card issued from all the banks are operated in Oman.

BIDEN-XI MEETING

US warns China over Taiwan

WASHINGTON: The United States has warned China over its “military, diplomatic, and economic pressure” on Taiwan, the State Department said, ahead of a widely awaited summit between the leaders. US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken reminded his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi of the “longstanding US interest in peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait,” a statement said.

— DW

HEALTH MINISTRY

No COVID-19 test for children under five travelling to India

NEW DELHI: Children under five years of age are exempted from both pre-and-post-arrival testing upon arrival in India, according to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

However, if they are found to be symptomatic for COVID-19 on arrival or during the home quarantine period, they shall undergo testing and treatment as per protocols. “Children under 5 years of age are exempted from both pre- and post-arrival testing. However, if found symptomatic for COVID-19 on arrival or during home quarantine period, they shall undergo testing and treated as per laid down protocol,” the Health Ministry guidelines on November 11.

The Health Ministry said that the guidelines for international arrivals in India have been reviewed in view of increasing vaccination coverage across the globe and the changing nature of the pandemic.

“The global trajectory of COVID-19 pandemic continues to decline with certain regional variations. The need to monitor the continuously changing nature of virus and evolution of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern (VOCs) must still remain in focus,” the guideline said.

This standard operating procedure (SOP) shall be valid from November 12 (00.00 hours IST) till further orders, the Ministry stated.

The revised guidelines also state that 15 days must have elapsed since the completion of the COVID-19 vaccination schedule.

On arrival, de-boarding should be done, ensuring physical distancing and thermal screening of all passengers is carried out by the health officials present at the airport.

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COP26 SUMMIT

World leaders fail to honour climate pledge

GLASGOW: At first, negotiators at the COP26 climate talks in Glasgow wanted a faster phase-out of coal and fossil fuel subsidies. Then they pushed for ending “unabated” coal burning and “inefficient” subsidies. A third draft suggested accelerating “efforts toward” their phase-out.

By the time diplomats hammered out a text they could all agree to, the term was downgraded to a “phase-down” the use of unabated coal.

The result of that semantic spat — watered down to levels well below what scientists say is needed to halt global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial temperatures — was among the hardest-fought outcomes of two weeks of international negotiations to stop the planet hurtling closer towards catastrophic changes in the climate.

But like many of the decisions coming out of the COP26 climate summit, the final agreement has been widely slammed as weak and ineffective.

Diplomats at COP26 agreed on Saturday evening to do more to fight climate change and help vulnerable countries. Working a full day past the scheduled end of the conference, negotiators thrashed out an agreement to submit better plans next year to cut their emissions in 2030, finalised rules about trading emissions on carbon

markets, and promised faster reductions in coal use and fossil fuel subsidies.

The final document
But the final document avoided uncomfortable questions about who should pay and how much.

Campaigners and analysts slammed the Glasgow Climate Pact for failing to make rich polluters pay reparations for losses and damages brought about by extreme weather events that climate change has turbocharged.

Rich countries now plan to pay poorer ones \$100 billion a year to green their economies and adapt to the effects of climate change by 2023, despite having promised and failed to do so by 2020. With international studies showing the costs of climate change running into the trillions, the sum of money is not enough to cover the costs of the transition and includes loans for which they will have to pay interest.

But China and India, the world’s biggest and third-biggest carbon polluters, respectively, as well as the globe’s top two coal-burning nations, pushed at the last minute to weaken a line about accelerating the coal phase-out in a move that angered vulnerable countries on the frontlines of climate change. Rather than a phase-out of coal, India and China called for its use to be “phased-down.” — DW



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COMPANY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Shareholders,

We would like to present to you the unaudited consolidated financial statements for the period ended 30th September 2021.

At the group level, the total turnover of the Company for the period ended 30th September 2021 is 12.294 million OMR compared with 11.868 million OMR for the same period of the last year, i.e. an increase of 4% mainly due to increase in the export and local bulk sales.

The parent Company's total turnover for the period ended 30th September 2021 is 11.527 million OMR compared with 11.868 million OMR for the same period of last year, i.e. a decrease of 3% mainly due to decrease in the project sales.

At the group level, we made a net profit after tax of 193,648 OMR for the period ended 30th September 2021, compared with 152,640 OMR for the same period of the last year, i.e. an increase of 27% mainly due to increase in the export and local bulk sales.

The parent Company's net profit after tax for the period ended 30th September 2021 is 110,911 OMR compared with 152,640 OMR for the same period of the last year, i.e. a decrease of 27% mainly due to decrease in the project sales.

The Management is focusing on the enhancement of LPG business to yield better results in the coming period and the Company will put all its efforts to maximise the shareholders return.

Thanking you,

Engr. Omar Ahmed Salim Qatan
Chairman

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	2021		2020	
	Parent RO	Group RO	Parent RO	Group RO
Revenue	11,527,249	12,293,680	11,868,440	11,868,440
Cost of sales	(10,897,941)	(11,560,487)	(11,081,229)	(11,081,229)
Gross Profit	629,308	733,193	787,211	787,211
General and administration expenses	(612,001)	(618,548)	(595,850)	(595,850)
Investment and Other Income	113,176	113,176	80,426	80,426
Profit share from UIGC	-	-	(92,210)	(92,210)
Profit for the period before tax	130,483	227,821	179,577	179,577
Provision for Income tax	(19,572)	(34,173)	(26,937)	(26,937)
Net Profit for the period after tax	110,911	193,648	152,640	152,640
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	110,911	193,648	152,640	152,640
Earnings per share	0.004	0.006	0.005	0.005

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT SEPTEMBER 30 ,2021

	30 September 2021		30 September 2020	
	Parent RO	Group RO	Parent RO	Group RO
ASSETS				
Non-current Assets:				
Property, plant and equipment	2,671,138	3,034,871	3,246,147	3,246,147
Right of use assets	218,450	218,450	247,128	247,128
Investment	1,404,000	-	-	-
Goodwill	-	996,800	-	-
Trade Receivable	437,346	437,346	583,128	583,128
Total Non-current Assets	4,730,934	4,687,467	4,076,403	4,076,403
Current Assets:				
Inventories	1,361,433	1,383,689	213,135	213,135
Trade and other receivables	2,070,738	2,103,050	1,795,558	1,795,558
Cash and cash equivalents	2,442,555	2,520,171	2,089,389	2,089,389
Available for sale investment	-	-	1,757,182	1,757,182
Total Current Assets	5,874,726	6,006,910	5,855,264	5,855,264
TOTAL ASSETS	10,605,660	10,694,377	9,931,667	9,931,667
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Equity:				
Share capital	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Statutory reserve	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Special reserve	1,457,067	1,457,067	1,457,067	1,457,067
Land revaluation reserve	753,887	753,887	1,110,887	1,110,887
Retained earnings	112,639	195,376	173,897	173,897
Total Equity	6,323,593	6,406,330	6,741,851	6,741,851
Non-current Liabilities:				
End of service benefits	66,365	67,091	57,515	57,515
Non current portion of Term Loan	561,797	561,797	799,075	799,075
Non current portion of lease liabilities	221,794	221,794	246,299	246,299
Deferred tax	148,520	148,520	195,624	195,624
Total Non-current Liabilities	998,476	999,202	1,298,513	1,298,513
Current Liabilities:				
Trade and other payables	2,861,284	2,851,937	1,586,686	1,586,686
Dividend payable	-	-	-	-
Bank overdraft	331,464	331,464	208,874	208,874
Current portion of Term Loan	52,740	52,740	63,079	63,079
Current portion of lease liabilities	6,128	6,128	5,727	5,727
Income Tax	31,975	46,576	26,937	26,937
Total Current Liabilities	3,283,591	3,288,845	1,891,303	1,891,303
Total Liabilities	4,282,067	4,288,047	3,189,816	3,189,816
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	10,605,660	10,694,377	9,931,667	9,931,667
Net Assets Per Share (RO)	0.211	0.214	0.225	0.225

Note: The complete account will be sent by email to any shareholders who request them in either Arabic or English as requested within 7 days of the request.



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Marsh, Warner star as Australia defeat Kiwis to lift T20 WC title

Australia outclassed New Zealand by eight wickets with seven balls to spare while chasing a target of 173

DUBAI: Mitchell Marsh and David Warner played key roles as Australia lifted its maiden T20 World Cup title here at the Dubai International Stadium on Sunday.

In the summit clash, Australia outclassed New Zealand by eight wickets with seven balls to spare while chasing a target of 173.

Chasing 173, Australia got off to a bad start as the side lost its skipper Aaron Finch (5) in the third over of the innings as he was sent back to the pavilion by Trent Boult. Mitchell Marsh joined David Warner in the middle and the duo took the team's score to 43/1 after the end of the powerplay.

Warner took a special liking to Kiwi spinners Ish Sodhi and Mitchell Santner, and the left-handed batter brought up his half-century in the 11th over of the innings. However, the introduc-



GOOD KNOCKS: Marsh and Glenn Maxwell (28*) guided Australia home by eight wickets.

tion of Trent Boult paid dividend straight away as he clean bowled Warner (53) in the 13th over, reducing Australia to 107/2.

Marsh continued with his carnage and he smashed Ish Sodhi for 16 runs in the 14th over, bringing up his half-century and Australia needed just 48 runs to win from six overs. In the end, Marsh and Glenn Maxwell (28*) guided Australia

home by eight wickets.

Earlier, Kane Williamson played a brilliant innings of 85 runs as New Zealand posted 172/4 against Australia. Asked to bat first, New Zealand openers Martin Guptill and Daryl Mitchell put on 28 runs for the first wicket, however, this partnership was broken by Josh Hazlewood in the fourth over as he sent Mitchell

(11) back to the pavilion. After the end of the powerplay, New Zealand's score read 32/1.

Kane Williamson and Guptill found the going tough as Australia bowlers managed to maintain a stranglehold over them in the middle overs. However, in the 11th over, Williamson changed the tempo of the innings as he smashed Mitchell Starc for 19 runs. But in

the very next over, Adam Zampa dismissed Guptill (28), reducing New Zealand to 76/2.

Williamson smashed two back-to-back sixes off Glenn Maxwell and he brought up his half-century in the 13th over of the innings. The Kiwi skipper decided to go after Starc and in the 16th over bowled by the left-arm seamer, Williamson managed to score 22 runs, and

New Zealand was looking in firm control at 136/2. Glenn Phillips departed after playing a 16-run knock and in the same over, Hazlewood dismissed Williamson (85), pegging New Zealand back. In the final two overs, the Kiwis managed to add 23 more runs, taking the score past the 170-run mark.

Brief Scores: New Zealand 172/4 (Kane Williamson 85, Martin Guptill 28; Josh Hazlewood 3-16) vs Australia 173/2 (Mitchell Marsh 77*, David Warner 53; Trent Boult 2-18).

Warner becomes most run scorer for his country in T20 World Cup

Australia batter David Warner on Sunday became the highest run-scorer for his side in T20 World Cup.

The opener achieved this feat against New Zealand during the final clash of the T20 World Cup on Sunday evening at the Dubai International Stadium.

Warner played an amazing knock of 53 runs against New Zealand and brought his T20 World Cup 2021 total to 289. Earlier, this position was held by Matthew Hayden for scoring 265 runs during the 2007 T20 World Cup, followed by Shane Watson with 249 runs in the 2012 T20 World Cup.

David Warner also became the second-highest run-scorer of the ongoing T20 World Cup. Pakistan skipper Babar Azam is the leading run-scorer with 303 runs. -ANI

T20 WORLD CUP

Pakistan team moving forward with more confidence despite loss in the semi-finals: Mushtaq

DUBAI: Former Pakistan spinner Saqlain Mushtaq feels the team is moving forward with confidence despite the loss in the semi-finals of the T20 World Cup.

Matthew Wade and Marcus Stoinis produced a brilliant partnership to carry Australia to a stunning five-wicket victory over Pakistan on Thursday. Pakistan had not lost a game in the Group stage but faced a defeat at the hands of Australia in the semis. But Mushtaq said the Pakistan team is moving forward with a lot of confidence.

"Proud of my Boys, Some exceptional cricket played. The boys performed fantastically well from day 1. Pakistan cricket is moving forward with more unity & confidence. An overall great achievement in W/C. Team spirit high moving forward to the next tournament. Keep supporting us in your Prayers," Mushtaq tweeted.

Meanwhile, the Pakistan T20 squad arrived in Dhaka on Saturday for the T20I series starting from November 19.

The teams also face off in a two-Test series of the 2021-2023 ICC World Test Championship. The first Test starts at



PROUD OF MY BOYS: The Pakistan T20 squad arrived in Dhaka on Saturday for the T20I series starting from November 19. -ANI

the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium (ZACS) in Chattogram on November 26 while the second Test commences at the SB-NCS on December 4.

Pakistan T20 Squad: Babar Azam (captain), Shadab Khan, Asif Ali, Fakhar Zaman, Haider Ali, Haris Rauf, Hasan Ali, Iftikhar Ahmed, Imad Wasim, Khushdil Shah, Mohammad

Nawaz, Mohammad Rizwan, Mohammad Wasim Jnr, Sarfaraz Ahmed, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Shah Nawaz Dahani, Shoaib Malik, Usman Qadir.

Pakistan squad for the two Tests, which will be played from November 26-30 and December 4-8 in Chittagong and Dhaka, respectively will be announced in due course. -ANI

POTENTIAL HOST

ICC may pick US to host 2024 T20 World Cup

SYDNEY: United States may emerge as a potential host for the 2024 T20 World Cup as a stepping stone to help cricket be included in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

As per a report in Sydney Morning Herald, the International Cricket Council (ICC) is expected to award a joint bid by USA Cricket and Cricket West Indies (CWI) to host the 2024 T20 World Cup. If this indeed happens, then it would be the first global tournament that will not be hosted by either India, England or Australia since the 2014 T20 World Cup in Bangladesh.

Olympic Games

The decision to give US a right to host 2024 T20 World Cup will also help the game's efforts to be included in the Olympic Games, starting with Los Angeles in 2028 and following up with Brisbane in 2032.

India's Olympic Association (IOA) has also indicated it will try to put forward a bid to host the 2036 Games. So, if cricket is included in 2028 LA Olympics, then the longevity of the sport in the mega event will be ensured.

-ANI

SEMI-FINAL DEFEAT



Pakistan's Hasan Ali pens heartfelt note

DUBAI: Pakistan bowler Hasan Ali on Friday issued a statement for the first time since the Men in Green's semi-final defeat in the T20 World Cup 2021 against Australia.

Hasan Ali was one of the main talking points in Pakistan's five-wicket defeat against the Aussies. In the penultimate over of the match which later turned out to be the final over, Ali dropped the catch of Australia batter Matthew Wade, who then smashed three sixes in three balls to win the match for his team. Ali took to Twitter and wrote: "I know you all are upset because my perfor-

mance didn't meet your expectations from me but not more disappointed than me. Don't change your expectations from me. I want to serve Pakistan cricket at the highest level possible, so back to hard work. This patch will make me stronger so Alhamdulillah. Thank you for all the messages."

In the second semi-final, when David Warner and Maxwell fell in successive overs from Shadab Khan, the chase of 177 seemed a distant dream but Stoinis and Wade had other ideas as they put on 81 in 7.4 overs.

-ANI



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Sailors ready for start of World Championships in Mussanah

Being held in Asia for the first time in history, the regatta is the first global sailing event after the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and the start of the campaign to qualify for the Paris 2024



PROMISING TEAM: The fleet includes Olympians, promising young sailors, high-performance doubles sailors and members of Oman's national team, all looking to start their 2024 Olympic campaign.

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Sail is preparing to welcome a 148-strong fleet representing 29 countries when the 2021 49er, 49er FX and Nacra World Championships gets underway in Mussanah on 16 November.

Being held in Asia for the first time in history, the regatta is the first global sailing event after the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and the start of the campaign to qualify for the Paris 2024 Games. The championship will run from 16-21 November 2021 at the Bar-

celo Mussanah Resort, adding to Oman's reputation as a world class host and premier sailing nation. The fleet includes Olympians, promising young sailors, high-performance doubles sailors and members of Oman's national team, all looking to start their 2024

Olympic campaign in good form. Amongst the Nacra 17 fleet are 2019 World Champions, Maelle Frascari and Vittorio Bissaro (ITA) and 2021 silver medallists John Gimson and Anna Burnet (GBR). The 49er FX class will see gold

medallists Martine Graeland Kahena Kunze (BRA) and European champions Emma Siewers and Odilevan Aanholt (NED) taking part, whereas in 49er class, Olympians Łukasz Przybytek and Paweł Kolodźinski (POL), Benjamin Bildstein and David Hussl (AUT), and former world number 1 James Peters and Fynn Sterritt (GBR) will be competing. Ben Remocker, 49er Class Manager, said, "In this shortened cycle ahead of the Paris 2024 Games, every regatta is important. With such a strong and varied fleet, the competition should be fierce throughout the week. Oman is an ideal host venue, and a great choice for the first 49er, 49er FX and Nacra the World Championships to be held within Asia. On behalf of the Class, I wish all of the competitors the very best of luck as they take the first steps on the road to Paris 2024." Dr Khamis Al Jabri, Oman Sail CEO, said, "Hosting the 2021 49er, 49er FX, and Nacra 17 World Championships is a great honour for Oman Sail and the Sultanate of Oman. We look forward to wel-

coming the sailors, coaches and supporters to Mussanah for what promises to be an excellent display of competitive sailing across all classes. The Sultanate of Oman has become the focus of sailing during the winter season and the competitors can look forward to ideal conditions, gentle breezes and the world class facilities that have become synonymous with sport in this country." He added, "Hosting high profile events such as this improves our standing within international sailing and provides an opportunity for local businesses to offer an authentic experience to visiting sailors while also delivering positive economic benefits to the community. It is our hope that the visiting sailors take this opportunity to explore the Sultanate of Oman and get to know this wonderful country." As with past championships, Oman Sail and the 49er and Nacra 17 Class will focus on the environment by minimising waste, promoting recycling and aiming to leave the sea in a better condition than before the regatta.

PRESTIGIOUS INDUCTION

Great honour to follow Murali, Sangakkara, says Jayawardene on ICC Hall of Fame

NEW DELHI: Former Sri Lanka skipper Mahela Jayawardene said being inducted into the prestigious ICC Cricket Hall of Fame is a "great honour" for him as he follows the footsteps of Muttiah Muralitharan and Kumar Sangakkara. Jayawardene along with Janette Brittin and Shaun Pollock were announced as the newest inductees into the prestigious ICC Cricket Hall of Fame. These legends will be formally inducted by fellow ICC Hall of Famer, Sir Clive Lloyd at the much-anticipated final between New Zealand and Australia on Sunday before the game gets underway at the Dubai International Stadium. "Thanks everyone for wishes. Great honour to follow Murali and



HONOUR: Jayawardene along with Janette Brittin and Shaun Pollock were announced as the newest inductees into the prestigious ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.

Sanga. Would not have been possible without support of family, friends, team-mates, coaches and especially Sri Lankan cricket fans whose support was always amazing. @ICC #HallOfFame," Jayawardene tweeted. The ICC Cricket Hall of Fame recognises the achievements of the legends of the game from cricket's long and illustrious history. 106 players have been inducted since its launch in 2009, with Brittin, Jayawardena and Pollock as the latest inductees celebrated. Mahela Jayawardena retired as one of Sri Lanka's greatest ever players, a key member of the team that won the ICC men's T20 World Cup in 2014 and reached four other major ICC finals.

-ANI

WORLD CUP

Mbappe scores four as France qualify for Qatar

PARIS: Kylian Mbappe scored his first hat-trick for France as the reigning world champions secured their place at next year's World Cup in Qatar in style by thrashing Kazakhstan. Mbappe got four of the eight goals, with the striker's first three coming in the opening 30 minutes. He completed the rout with a late fourth. Karim Benzema got two after the break. Adrien Rabiot and Antoine Griezmann, with a penalty, were the other scorers. Mbappe's hat-trick was the first by a France player in a competitive international since Dominique Rocheteau in 1985. His first came in the sixth minute when he turned in an early cut-back before he finished a Kings-



ley Coman cross from close range and headed in a third. Victory guarantees France will top Group D as they have 15 points, four clear of second-place Finland with one game remaining. -DNA

BEAT ESTONIA

Belgium seal Qatar 2022 World Cup berth



BRUSSELS: World number one side Belgium sealed progression to the 2022 World Cup in Qatar with victory over Estonia. Roberto Martinez's men face Wales in their final group game, but went through with a game to spare. Crystal Palace striker Christian Benteke tapped in on 11 minutes after Estonian goalkeeper Matvei Igonen spilled Yannick Carrasco's low cross. Carrasco smashed a stunning 25-yard drive into the top corner and Thorgan Hazard curled in a delightful third. Erik Sorga had pulled Estonia back to 2-1 but the visitors were thoroughly outclassed and were fortunate not to concede more goals. Benteke headed against the post after scoring and Kevin de Bruyne saw a free-kick superbly tipped onto the post by goalkeeper Igonen. Wales had already secured their play-off spot by winning their Nations League group last year and moved up to second in World Cup qualifying Group E with a convincing 5-1 win over Belarus, BBC sports reported. -DNA

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MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER

The MSX index closed at 4,000.93 points, down 0.27 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.43 per cent at 544.84 points. Aman REIT Fund was the top gainer, up by 4.21 per cent, while Voltamp Energy, down 3.28 per cent, was the top loser.

MSX establishes new department

Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) said that ESG goes beyond standard CSR measures and takes into account a long-term sustainable view on environmental, social and governance issues

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A new department under the name of environmental, social and governance (ESG) and diversity and inclusion (DI) framework was announced by Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) on Sunday.

The exchange has also appointed Majida bint Sheikhan Al Mamari as the head of this initiative.

The setting up of this section comes under the exchange's keen-



GLOBAL BEST PRACTICES: The setting up of this section comes under the exchange's keenness to support good governance policies in the Sultanate as well as to keep pace with global best practices and to achieve sustainable growth in the capital market sector. - File photo

ness to support good governance policies in the Sultanate as well as to keep pace with global best practices and to achieve sustainable growth in the capital market sector.

Speaking on this occasion, Mohammed bin Mahfoud Al Ardhi, Chairman of MSX board of directors (BoD), stated that the board has signified the importance of

ESG and D&I in the strategic planning of Exchanges development. Especially during the time where global sustainability initiatives and events such as COP26 have brought

environmental sustainability and inclusive corporate policies to the forefront of global business practice. He pointed out that, "ESG goes beyond standard corporate social

responsibility (CSR) measures and takes into account a long-term sustainable view on environmental, social and governance issues. At MSX, we believe in sustainable business growth and ethical deployment of capital, which in turn reflects into increased investor confidence, and improved profitability."

Al Ardhi further stated that this initiative comes under MSX's dedicated efforts to improve market transparency in disclosures and include market participants in endeavours such as environmental and social governance.

"As today's investor is focused more than ever on sustainability factors in their investment decisions and the exchange is committed to harmonising the principles of investment with the investors' sustainability goals from a more diverse and inclusive platform," he added.

MSX has adopted ESG as a best practice in line with the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) that are dedicated to promoting environmental and social responsibility among world investors.

According to UN PRI Standards, ESG in investments is evolving from a risk management practice to a driver of innovation and new opportunities that create long-term value to business and society, a journey MSX happily embarks upon with the promise to create a sustainable impact on its investment value chain.

NCSI DATA

Credit extended by ODCs in Oman grew by 4.9% to OMR27.7 billion

MUSCAT: The total outstanding credit extended by other depository corporations (ODCs) grew by 4.9 per cent to OMR27.7 billion at the end of September 2021, while credit to the private sector demonstrated a moderate increase of 2.6 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y) to reach OMR23.4 billion, as per the preliminary data released by National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI). The ODCs consist of conventional and Islamic banks in Oman.

The nominal GDP showed an increase of 10.1 per cent over the first half of 2021 over the same period of 2020. The expansion was driven by an increase in output of the hydrocarbon sector by 8.7 per cent and the non-hydrocarbon sector by 11.1 per cent. The Omani oil average price during January-September 2021 at \$60.9 per barrel was higher by 45.1 per cent than that in Jan-September 2020.

The average daily oil production at 961,300 barrels during January-September 2021 increased by 0.9 per cent. Oman's average Consumer Price Index (CPI) showed a y-o-y inflation of 0.9 per cent during the period January-September 2021. The non-financial corporate



NOMINAL GDP: The nominal GDP showed an increase of 10.1 per cent over the first half of 2021 over the same period of 2020. - File picture

sector received the highest share of the total private sector credit, over 46.4 per cent, followed by the household sector accounted for 45.2, at the end-September 2021. The share of financial corporations was 4.9 per cent and other sectors received the remaining 3.5 per cent

of the total private sector credit as of the end of September 2021.

Total deposits held with ODCs registered a Y-o-Y growth of 2.7 per cent to reach OMR25.0 billion at the end of September 2021. Total private sector deposits increased by 5.2 per cent to OMR17.2 billion.

In terms of the sector-wise composition of private sector deposits, the biggest share goes to household deposits at 51.5 per cent, followed by non-financial corporations at 32.4 per cent, financial corporations at 13.7 per cent and the other sectors at 2.4 per cent. -ONA

DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Survey explores fraud risks due to impact of coronavirus pandemic

DUBAI: Deloitte launched the Middle East Fraud Survey report, illustrating how organisations across the region have been affected by fraud during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over 100 anonymous respondents from a wide spectrum of industries in both the public and private sectors participated in the digital questionnaire. The Deloitte survey explores the extent and various types of fraud, the impact of the global pandemic on fraud risks due to changes in the business environment and measures being taken to prevent, detect and respond to fraud.

"When the findings were compared to a similar survey conducted by Deloitte Middle East in 2010, there has been a change in the most prevalent types of fraud over the last decade. Theft of physical assets and misuse of information were the most pressing concerns in 2010 compared to the threat of new-age technology fraud such as cyber-crime and financial misreporting today. More than two-thirds of the respondents felt that the current

business and economic disruptions could increase fraud risk in their organisations over the next two years," said Collin Keeney, Partner, Financial Advisory, Deloitte Middle East.

The survey indicates that 48 per cent of participants have witnessed more fraudulent incidents this year compared to earlier years, and 35 per cent felt it has increased since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The top factors in the current business environment contributing to fraud were identified as dependency on technology and remote working.

Responses indicate that proactive awareness campaigns and training for employees on emerging fraud risks resulted in the reduction of fraud.

However, more than 50 per cent of respondents highlighted that there is a limited understanding of emerging fraud risks in their organisations. These organisations often place reliance on traditional techniques, static data, and irregular modification of a framework.

GREEN FUELS

Toyota partners with 4 Japanese vehicle makers to develop alternative fuels

OKAYAMA: Toyota Motor Corp said on Saturday it will partner with four other Japanese vehicle makers to explore the viability of alternative green fuels for internal combustion engine cars, including hydrogen and synthetic fuels derived from biomass.

The companies, which in addition to Toyota include Mazda Motor Corp, Subaru Corp, Yamaha Motor and Kawasaki Heavy Industries, announced a race track in Okayama, western Japan, where Toyota is racing a hydrogen car.

The hydrogen race car is being driven by Toyota chief executive Akio Toyoda along with other Toyota drivers.

As nations tighten environmental regulations to cut carbon emissions, automakers including Toyota, are ramping up the production of EVs. -BNA

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MARKET

MSX index ends lower

Aman REIT Fund was the top gainer, up by 4.21 per cent, while Voltamp Energy, down 3.28 per cent, was the top loser

MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 4,000.93 points, down 0.27 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.43 per cent at 544.84 points.

Aman REIT Fund was the top gainer, up by 4.21 per cent, while Voltamp Energy, down 3.28 per cent, was the top loser. Shares of Sohar International Bank was the most active in terms of the number of shares traded while Al Anwar Ceramics were the most active in terms of turnover.

A total number of 345 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR1.27 million, with more than 5.4 million shares changing hands. Out of 32 traded securities, 1 advanced, 13 declined and 18 remained unchanged. At the session close, GCC and Arab investors were net

sellers for OMR200,000 while local investors were net buyers for OMR124,000 followed by foreign investors for OMR75,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 6,346.42 points, down 0.13 per cent. There were no gainers. Al Omaniya Financial Services, Al Madina Takaful, and Ominvest were down 1.67 per cent, 1.03 per cent, and 0.64 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,112.93 points, down 0.56 per cent. There were no gainers. Voltamp Energy, National Aluminium, Al Maha Ceramics, Al Anwar Ceramics, and Galfar Engineering were down 3.28 per cent, 2.01 per cent, 1.96 per cent, 1.49 per cent and 1.30 per cent respectively.

Services Index down by 0.63 per cent before closing at 1,626.18 points. — United Securities

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Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	4,013.43	4,000.93	4,000.93	4,011.60	-10.67	-0.27
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,357.41	6,346.42	6,346.42	6,354.57	-8.15	-0.13
Industry Index	6,143.06	6,112.93	6,112.93	6,148.10	-35.18	-0.57
Services Index	1,636.42	1,626.18	1,626.18	1,636.42	-10.24	-0.63
MSX Shariah Index	546.64	544.84	544.84	547.20	-2.36	-0.43
MSX TR INDEX	4,826.22	4,811.18	4,811.18	4,824.02	-12.83	-0.27

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
5,424,753	1,275,033	345	21,969,585,328	1	13	18	32

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PD	LAST BD	LAST OFFER	PREV. VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET															
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSUR.	500	163	1	0.326	0.326	0.326	0.334	0.000	0.000	0.326	0.302	0.326	0.100	33,400,000
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	22,965	3,077	3	0.134	0.134	0.134	0.134	0.000	0.000	0.134	0.128	0.133	0.100	11,390,000
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INV.	160,200	14,193	18	0.089	0.089	0.088	0.089	0.000	0.000	0.088	0.087	0.092	0.100	8,010,000
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	127,736	61,579	13	0.484	0.488	0.480	0.482	0.000	0.000	0.484	0.480	0.484	0.100	1,722,896,850
OM0000003000	AI MAHA MARKTING	1,207	816	1	0.676	0.676	0.676	0.680	0.000	0.000	0.676	0.676	0.000	0.100	46,920,000
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	171,725	126,390	23	0.736	0.736	0.736	0.736	0.000	0.000	0.736	0.736	0.736	0.100	552,000,000
OM0000003098	SOHAR INT. BANK	1,522,019	138,290	29	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.000	0.000	0.104	0.100	0.104	0.100	310,966,478
OM0000003533	OMINVEST	753,380	233,002	48	0.310	0.310	0.308	0.310	0.000	-0.002	0.308	0.308	0.308	0.100	250,409,422
OM0000004118	RAYSUT CEMENT	55,038	13,099	11	0.238	0.238	0.238	0.238	0.000	-0.002	0.238	0.238	0.238	0.100	47,600,000
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	127,083	45,221	11	0.358	0.358	0.354	0.356	0.000	-0.004	0.354	0.350	0.354	0.100	231,736,146
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	714,400	284,415	52	0.400	0.400	0.396	0.398	0.000	-0.006	0.398	0.396	0.398	0.100	87,560,000
OM0000002077	AL OMANIYA FIN.	350,000	41,250	4	0.118	0.118	0.117	0.118	0.000	-0.002	0.117	0.117	0.117	0.100	34,448,350
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SER.	63,000	27,555	9	0.420	0.440	0.420	0.438	0.000	-0.008	0.436	0.436	0.436	0.100	103,547,580
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	49,795	24,898	9	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.000	0.000	0.500	0.492	0.500	0.100	27,500,000
OM0000001525	OMAN INVST & FIN.	457,000	63,066	15	0.138	0.138	0.138	0.138	0.000	0.000	0.138	0.138	0.138	0.100	32,706,000
Total	15	4,576,048	1,097,014	247											
Parallel Market															
OM0000007910	AMAN REAL ESTATE	10,060	996	2	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.000	0.000	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.100	19,800,000
OM0000002372	OMAN OIL MARKETING	555	497	1	0.896	0.896	0.896	0.904	0.000	0.000	0.896	0.840	0.896	0.100	55,392,600
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV. H.	500	32	1	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.000	0.000	0.063	0.058	0.063	0.100	12,600,000
OM0000003711	SOHAR POWER	110	5	1	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.041	0.000	0.000	0.043	0.040	0.043	0.100	9,061,410
OM0000004248	SMN POWER HOLDING	39,390	2,166	2	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.000	0.000	0.055	0.051	0.057	0.100	10,979,958
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	75,105	7,060	6	0.094	0.094	0.094	0.094	0.000	0.000	0.094	0.094	0.095	0.100	210,273,585
OM0000004925	ALBATHINAH POWER	40,443	2,063	9	0.052	0.052	0.051	0.051	0.000	0.000	0.051	0.051	0.052	0.100	34,419,259
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	14,502	711	4	0.049	0.050	0.049	0.049	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.049	0.050	0.100	71,667,472
OM0000007084	MCT DESALINATE	349	27	1	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.079	0.000	0.000	0.078	0.075	0.083	0.100	12,288,482
OM0000007811	MUSANDAM POWER	100	31	1	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.330	0.000	0.000	0.310	0.302	0.310	0.100	23,228,700
OM0000008447	OMAN REIT FUND	20,000	1,860	1	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.000	0.000	0.090	0.088	0.090	0.100	58,928,305
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	290,844	27,921	18	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.000	-0.001	0.096	0.094	0.096	0.100	16,800,000
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	146,200	11,141	16	0.077	0.077	0.076	0.076	0.000	-0.001	0.077	0.077	0.077	0.100	15,426,970
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	70,851	3,617	16	0.052	0.052	0.051	0.051	0.000	-0.001	0.052	0.051	0.052	0.100	36,434,723
OM0000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	128,396	18,736	15	0.146	0.146	0.145	0.146	0.000	-0.003	0.145	0.144	0.148	0.100	4,901,432
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	10,300	1,215	3	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.000	0.000	0.118	0.115	0.118	0.100	9,605,525
Total	16	847,705	78,019	97											

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REPORT

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WASHINGTON: The United States has lagged behind China in terms of economic performance in the Asia-Pacific region, according to a recent Bloomberg report.

The article, entitled "Biden's 'America First' Trade Policy Gives China an Opportunity," was published by the Bloomberg.

The Joe Biden administration failed to articulate its economic vision for the Asia-Pacific region, nearly five years after former US President Donald Trump withdrew from the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the report said.

China, instead, has officially filed an application to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) in September this year. It also pledged to provide profitable business opportunities for each CPTPP member to access the Chinese market and strive for growth in bilateral trade and investment. —Xinhua

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Times News Service

MUSCAT: In a bid to drastically simplify and improve access to health insurance for companies operating in the UAE and across the Middle East, Oman Insurance Company has launched its Regional Insurance Medical Solution. This new service, implemented in partnership with a leading third-party administrator MedNet and with four other regional insurers, will give employees access to a regional network of 13,000 medical providers while giving them a uniform and comprehensive cover.

The medical solution was designed to cater to regional organisations with locally-compliant health insurance plans in the Kingdom of Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Sultanate of Oman, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Dr Yasser Khalifa, Head of Employee Benefits at Oman Insurance Company, said, "Our objective is to make insurance simple and easy. With our new solution, we massively simplify the process of insuring employees of the same company but working across the Middle East. We are proud to partner with MedNet as well as with our local partners for this new initiative."

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LIFESTYLE

FOODS AND DRINKS THAT HELP
MANAGE BLOOD SUGAR

When you have prediabetes or diabetes, it can be tricky to know which foods and drinks are the best choices, but here we have listed a few picks that can help keep your numbers in check. Diabetes is a medical condition, which happens due to insufficient production and secretion of insulin, responsible for controlling glucose levels in the blood, from the pancreas. The disease can be controlled at the initial level by making lifestyle changes but cannot be cured completely and lasts a lifetime.

According to research, India is infamous as the diabetes capital of the world. One in five is diagnosed with diabetes and the shocking fact is India will remain one of the most afflicted countries till 2030, or even until 2045. Senior doctors claim people do not realise the high sugar levels or constant sugar fluctuations on account of the disease takes a toll on their body by inviting serious comorbidities of the heart, kidney, and liver, besides sapping their energy levels.

In that case, keeping a check on what you are eating can help you to a great extent

Noted Dr. Ganesh Kadhe, Associate Director, Nutrition Medical and Scientific Affairs Abbott advised some of the given foods and drinks that can help manage blood sugar level.

1. Beans (Of Any Kind!)

Lentils, kidney, black, or chickpea beans are a low glycemic index food. It means that their carbohydrates are gradually released so they're less likely to cause blood sugar spikes. They're so beneficial that a recent study found that eating a daily cup of beans for three months as part of a low-glycemic diet lowered (haemoglobin A1c) HbA1c level by half a percentage point.

Try it: Swap in your regular dal for rajma in your next meal from time to time

2. Apples

You might think that there's no room in a diabetic meal plan for fruits, but apples are also low glycemic. Aiming for foods that are low or medium on the glycemic index is one way to manage blood sugar levels. Eating an apple, a day



has its benefits — they are high in fibre, vitamin C, and fat-free! Not to mention a portable and easy snack option.

Try it: Toss an apple in your lunch bag or grab one between meals. Try baking them with a hint of cinnamon for warm treats when you crave deserts.

3. Almonds

These crunchy nuts are rich in magnesium, a mineral that may help your body use its own insulin more effectively. Try adding more almonds into your diet to have your daily dose of this blood sugar-balancing mineral. Plus, nuts like almonds are high in monounsaturated fatty acids, protein, and fiber, which makes them a great way to help manage blood glucose levels.

Try it: For healthy snacking on the go, pack 30g portions of almonds into single-serve containers.

4. Spinach

This leafy green vegetable has just 21 calories per cooked cup and is filled with blood sugar-friendly magnesium and fibre. Additionally, you can enjoy spinach raw, sautéed with olive oil, in your favourite palak paneer, or even blended making it a versatile choice too!

Try it: Toss a heaping handful of baby spinach into your next smoothie or use it in place of lettuce in a salad.

5. Chia Seeds

You might have heard that losing or managing weight is one of the best things you can do to improve

your blood sugar. Chia seeds can help with that. In one study people with diabetes who added about an ounce of chia seeds to a calorie-controlled diet for six months shed four pounds and trimmed an inch-and-a-half from their waistlines. Aside from being packed with fibre, these gems also contain protein and provide 18 percent of your recommended daily intake of calcium.

Try it: Combine a quarter-cup of chia seeds with one cup of 1 percent or non-fat milk and one-half cup of diced fruit. Refrigerate overnight and enjoy breakfast the next morning.

6. Add a diabetes specific formula

Along with lifestyle modifications and regular exercise, it is advised to add a diabetes specific formula to your diet plan. Look for a formula that is designed with special ingredients like complex carbohydrates, vitamins, and anti-oxidants to help manage the steady release of glucose. Ideally, the formula must be included in your breakfast, lunch, or dinner as a partial meal replacement in one of your modified meals, which helps to keep blood glucose and weight under control.

Try it: Carry a serving of the formula in your shaker (to be consumed with water) so you'll always have a healthy snack on hand — no matter how busy your day is.

7. Blueberries

Another fruit option: the evidence of the health benefits of eating

blueberries is pretty compelling. Blueberries contain compounds that have been shown to help reduce the risk of heart disease and help improve how your body uses insulin. One study showed that eating the equivalent of about 2 cups of blueberries daily improved insulin sensitivity in overweight people with insulin resistance. They're also a great source of fiber and other nutrients such as vitamin C and antioxidants.

Try it: Take a half-cup of fresh blueberries (or defrosted, frozen blueberries) and spoon over plain, unsweetened yoghurt. Or add a cup of blueberries to your smoothie.

8. Oatmeal

Oatmeal isn't just good for your heart. It can benefit your blood sugar too. Just like apples, steel-cut, and rolled oats have a low glycemic index. Just keep in mind that while steel-cut and rolled oats are great picks, highly processed instant and quick oats tend to be higher on the glycemic index so they're not as blood sugar-friendly.

Try it: Opt for steel or rolled oats cooked oatmeal with masala as a savoury option and with blueberries for a sweet option and enjoy a hearty, hot breakfast.

9. Turmeric

This golden spice contains curcumin, a substance that may keep your pancreas healthy and prevent prediabetes from turning into Type 2 diabetes.

Try it: Add turmeric to your daily cooking and be sure not to miss your daily dose of turmeric.

10. Chamomile Tea

Chamomile tea has long been used for a variety of ailments. Existing research shows that it has antioxidant and anticancer properties, and a recent study has found that it may help you manage your blood sugar levels as well. When participants in the study drank one cup of chamomile tea after meals three times per day for six weeks, they showed a reduction in blood sugar levels, insulin, and insulin resistance.

Try it: Replace an after-dinner cocktail with a freshly brewed cup of chamomile tea. Try adding a slice of lemon for flavor and an extra dose of vitamin C. — **ANI**

ROUND-UP



MUSCAT HOSPITALITY ACADEMY OFFERING SWISS QUALITY HOSPITALITY TRAINING AND EDUCATION



Salim bin Mohammed bin Said Al-Mahrouqi, Minister of Heritage and Tourism inaugurated the Muscat Hospitality Academy (MHA) at Al Ilam Street in Bausher on Sunday.

As we look forward to the first academic year starting in January 2022, Muscat Hospitality Academy's doors are now open for enrolment for students to be part of our VET by EHL Professional Programs.

Our programmes have been developed by EHL (Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne) Education Group in Switzerland, the global industry leader in hospitality education, in four areas of specialisation; culinary, F&B Service, Rooms and Hotel Administration – which represents over 80% of job demand in the hospitality sector.

Muscat Hospitality Academy's

(MHA) aim is to drive tourism as a key enabler for economic sustainability and development as part of Vision 2040 – ensuring we place Omani nationals in the front-line of the hospitality industry, creating lifelong learning and career advancement within one of the fastest grown sector in the country.

We have partnered with leading hotels and resorts throughout the country to provide exciting internship opportunities for our students, including innovative learning methodologies to ensure that they are able to excel in their careers from Day 1 of graduation.



ROUND-UP

Lulu expands in Oman with new hypermarket in Jalan Bani Bu Ali

The new store was inaugurated by Sheikh Nayef Hammoud Hamad Al-Maamari, Deputy Wali of Jalan Bani Bu Ali, in the presence of His Highness Faisal bin Mohammed Al Said, Yusuff Ali MA, Chairman and Managing Director, Lulu Group International, and the senior management of Lulu Oman

MUSCAT: Lulu Hypermarket Oman announced the opening of its latest store in Jalan Bani Bu Ali in the South Sharqiya Governorate yesterday.

The new store was inaugurated by Sheikh Nayef Hammoud Hamad Al-Maamari, Deputy Wali of Jalan Bani Bu Ali, in the presence of His Highness Faisal bin Mohammed Al Said, Yusuff Ali MA, Chairman and Managing Director, Lulu Group International, and the senior management of Lulu Oman.

The new store will further strengthen the group's presence in the country and will offer customers a new level of standard in price, convenience, comfort, quality in-store service levels and above all, a



new shopping experience. The new branch features state-of-the-art facilities, elegant interiors, a well-planned retail floor layout, ample aisle space, extensively laid out counters and liberal parking space.

Speaking at the launch, Yusuff Ali M.A., said, "We are happy to launch our 28th store in Oman in Jalan Bani Bu Ali. The opening of the new hypermarket is in line with our ambitious plans to rapidly expand our footprint in the country and a reflection of our commitment towards the local community. Currently, we have 3,200 Omanis employed across various departments including IT, accounts, admin and front office. We are one of the largest employers of Omani nationals in the private sector. As part of our expansion plan, we are planning to launch more stores across the Sultanate in the coming months. The country's robust economy and investor-friendly policies have always been conducive for us to firmly establish our presence here. The government has been readily supporting us in all our ventures to date and helping us contribute to the economic and social development of the country."

The hypermarket has 130,000 square feet of retail space and is positioned as an ideal spot for es-



sential and lifestyle shopping. It has dedicated in-store sections for fresh and frozen food, fruits and vegetables, groceries, electronics, home products and more, offering an extensive choice of premium and locally sourced products. New features have been put in place throughout the store to make a better overall experience for shoppers. There are special counters for meat and butchery, bakery products as well as an in-store kitchen for freshly made meals.

There is a mix of 23 other outlets in this store, including restaurants and cafes and a family entertainment centre.

Speaking at the event, Ananth A V, Director of Lulu Hypermarkets Oman & India, shared: "The opening of the new store in Jalan Bani Bu Ali reflects an emerging need to stay in pace with the evolving consumer needs in this area. It will help generate direct and indirect employment opportunities for the local community here. As the com-

munity here continues to grow and develop, we believe our hypermarket will be a great addition to the existing clientele base."

Shabeer K.A., Regional Director - Oman, stated: "Despite the challenging times, we have been able to bring back a more "normalised shopping pattern" for our customers. We have also adapted online modes of shopping to enable a more comfortable shopping experience during the current situation. Customers can also

avail doorstep delivery options using the Lulu shopping app. We are glad to innovate our strategies and ideas on a regular basis and stay updated to meet and exceed customer expectations at all times."

Lulu Group, headquartered in Abu Dhabi, UAE, runs its flagship retail chain of Lulu hypermarkets and supermarkets in the Mena region. Ranked third in the prestigious 'Forbes Top 100 Companies', and by Deloitte as one of the 10 fastest-growing retailers.





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ROUND-UP

Alizz Islamic Bank signs pact with Al Jenaibi Automobiles

The agreement was signed by Mohammed Al Ghassani, AGM- Chief Consumer Banking Officer of Alizz Islamic Bank and Rashid Al-Zamani, GM of Al Jenaibi International Automobiles, in the presence of a number of executives from the management sides

MUSCAT: In commemoration of the Sultanate's celebrations of Omani Women's Day and as part of the launch of Hiyya Female Banking, Alizz Islamic Bank and Al Jenaibi International Automobiles announced the signing of a cooperation agreement. The agreement was signed by Mohammed Al Ghassani, AGM- Chief Consumer Banking Officer of Alizz Islamic Bank and Rashid Al-Zamani, GM of Al Jenaibi International Automobiles, in the presence of a number of executives from the management sides. As part of the agreement, Al Jenaibi International Automobiles



will have a selection of BMW cars for three consecutive months for women who want to test drive BMW before buying it. A raffle at the ceremony was also conducted by Alizz Islamic

Bank at Shangri La Barr Jissah Resort, on the occasion of the celebration of Omani Women's Day. The two winners of the raffle will be able to enjoy test driving a BMW for the weekend. Commenting on this signing, Mohammed Al Ghassani said, "We have committed ourselves to expand our banking services and products to suit what Omani women need and deserve. We always strive to honour the spirit of Omani women in all kinds of ways possible. This agreement is part of a variety of discounts and offers from various stores and merchants. Omani women are and will remain a partner alongside men in the development process and the Blessed Renaissance of our beloved country." Al Ghassani added, "We thank the partners at Al Jenaibi International Automobiles for giving us this opportunity to sign this agreement. It will give women at Alizz Islamic Bank the flexibility and ease to try and buy any model of BMW. We believe that such offers are the least we can offer to Omani women."

Alizz Islamic Bank is proud of making the life of its customers easy and flexible through the products and financing offers it provides, as the bank has been focusing heavily on improving its services and products through coordination, continuous meetings, and knowledge of the permanent needs that customer's desire. In a move to honour female entrepreneurs and business executives, Alizz Islamic Bank unveiled its special and exclusive 'Hiyya' awards for women, recently. Designed to recognise and felicitate women, the 'Hiyya' awards came as an expression of appreciation and gratitude for the pioneering role played by women in building the nation; it is a formal acknowledgement of their contribution in various fields as they continue to demonstrate their expertise and experience in the social and economic arena.

ASTER AL RAFFAH

Common ENT diseases encountered in winter

MUSCAT: As the season transitions to winter, a plethora of ear, nose and throat problems are on the rise. A wide spectrum of ailments ranging from the common cold, flu, allergies, sinus and tonsil infections flare up as the weather comes by cold and dry. While winter may bring with it a host of illnesses, the temperature change is usually just a contributing factor. Illnesses are caused by viruses such as the rhinovirus, influenza virus and bacteria. However, the chilly weather plays a crucial role in the spread of these viruses and the lowering of the immune system response.



other nasal pathologies such as deviated nasal septum and nasal polyps. The treatment for sinusitis will depend on the severity, duration, and underlying cause of your sinus symptoms. Some patients experience symptom relief through the use of steam inhalation, decongestants, oral steroids, antihistamines, nasal steroid sprays or antibiotics. Patients with severe, chronic sinusitis may warrant surgical treatment options. Statistics estimate that 80% of children under the age of 3 are prone to have an ear infection. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there are three types of ear infections: acute otitis media (AOM), otitis media with effusion (OME) and what is more commonly known as swimmer's ear (otitis externa). Ear infections are caused by inflammation from a bacteria or virus in the middle ear and occur after an upper respiratory infection. Although ear infections are more common in children, adults can also get them. In presence of more severe ear pathologies such as perforation(hole) of the eardrum, it is best to consult your ENT specialist.

The common cold
This is the most common form of illness affecting individuals of all ages. It is caused by a viral infection and manifests in multiple ways based on the type of virus compromising your respiratory system. This infection manifests itself with symptoms such as nasal congestion, discharge, sneezing, sore throat, cough, fever, headache and malaise. The treatment plan remains symptom-based for this form of illness. The best course of action is adequate rest and hydration. In certain instances, when complicated by secondary bacterial infections, antibiotics may be indicated after consulting with your doctor.

Sore throat and tonsillitis
This illness is primarily caused by viral or bacterial infection and is commonly encountered when air is cold and dry. The rapid spread of germs and dryness in the air can cause throat irritation. Consuming warm liquids, gargling with salt water or antiseptic, analgesics and lozenges keep most of the milder infections at bay. In case of persistent infections; it is advisable to consult your ENT specialist to rule out tonsil infections. Your doctor may take a throat swab to identify the cause and plan your treatment options.

Sinus infections
Running or stuffy nose, postnasal drip, headache, facial pain and pressure are the common telltale signs of a sinus infection. There are two types of sinusitis: acute and chronic. Acute sinusitis lasts for around 10 days. Chronic sinusitis occurs when symptoms persist for more than 6 weeks. Sinusitis can exacerbate in the presence of

tions are highly contagious diseases caused by different viruses. While influenza is caused by influenza viruses which change according to the year, COVID-19 is caused by SARS COV -2 virus. The symptoms are common such as fever, chills, body pain, tiredness, headache, cold and may even cause pneumonia. The differentiating factors between the two are that the COVID-19 virus is more contagious and is seen to have more severe symptoms in certain individuals. Laboratory and radiological testing may be needed to confirm the diagnosis. Both of these conditions have an effective vaccine that offers good protection against infection.

Allergies
Seasonal allergies and asthma impose significant health burdens, with an estimated 10-30% of the global population afflicted by allergic rhinitis (or hay fever) and 300 million people worldwide affected by asthma. If you typically suffer from seasonal allergies and your symptoms include itchy eyes or nose and dry cough without fever, it's most likely just an allergy flare and will respond to typical allergy treatments. With Covid-19 still rampaging through our communities, any cough or sneeze you experience may incite anxiety. Symptoms of seasonal allergies, common cold, influenza and COVID-19 can overlap, so if you don't typically experience allergies, your symptoms are different than what you usually experience, or you're simply not sure, contact your ENT specialist for guidance. The best way to prevent these common illnesses and Covid-19 is by practising hand hygiene, continuing masking appropriately and maintaining a safe distance. The use of a humidifier is recommended as it keeps the mucous membranes moist which will help ward off viruses and bacteria. Vitamin C and D have shown to play an integral role in building immunity. Adequate hydration and 8 hours of sleep are mandatory to build up our body's immune responses to fight infections. Getting the yearly flu vaccine is the best way to keep yourself protected from the ever-evolving viruses.

Vertigo
Vertigo is a dizziness or spinning sensation aggravated by movement of the head along with nausea and vomiting. There is no exact cause or trigger. It occurs when tiny calcium crystals called otoconia to come loose from their normal location on the utricle, a sensory organ in the inner ear. These misplaced crystals are responsible for the imbalance felt in certain positions. It can also occur in presence of ear infections. It is seen to increase in colder months and needs a detailed evaluation.

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The article is by Dr Vidya Bhargava Specialist- ENT at Aster Al Raffah Hospital, Ghubra.

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