

HM ISSUES ROYAL DECREE

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik on Sunday issued a Royal Decree No. 64/2021 on the ratification of an agreement between the government of the Sultanate of Oman and the government of Greece on mutual waiving of visas for holders of diplomatic, special and service passports, signed in Muscat on 20 October 2021. Article (1) ratifies the aforesaid agreement as per the version attached to this decree. Article (2) says that this decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and enforced from its date of issue. **-ONA**



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HM SENDS CONDOLENCES TO SIERRA LEONE

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of condolences to President Julius Maada Bio, of the Republic of Sierra Leone on victims of the fuel tanker explosion in the capital, Freetown. In the cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his heartfelt sympathies to President Maada Bio, families of the victims and the friendly people of Sierra Leone, wishing the injured a speedy recovery. **- ONA**



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FEMALE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Honourable Lady presides over launch of rural women's product funding event

MUSCAT: The Honourable Lady, Spouse of His Majesty the Sultan presided over the launch ceremony of the rural women's product funding organised at the House of Musical Arts, Muscat in the presence of a number of members of the Royal Family, ministers and undersecretaries yesterday.

The launch of the product is in cooperation between the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources and Oman Development Bank. The product funding programme aimed to support and encourage the culture of female entrepreneurship at the rural areas in the various Governorates of the Sultanate of Oman. **>A2**



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SAYYID THEYAZIN ATTENDS SHABAB OMAN II FAREWELL

The ship's GCC tour represents Oman's timeless tradition of extending bridges of peace, amity and fraternity among nations of the world

MUSCAT: Shabab Oman II, sail ship of the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO), set out on a maritime GCC tour themed "Oman, A Renewed Approach".

The tour reenacts the Sultanate of Oman's maritime history



and the country's modern-day achievements.

The tour incarnates Oman's timeless tradition of extending bridges of peace, amity and fraternity among nations of the world.

A farewell ceremony was held

on the occasion under the auspices of His Highness Sayyid Theyazin bin Haitham Al Said, Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth. It was attended by His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime

Minister for Defence Affairs, and commanders of the Sultan's Armed Forces (SAF), military and security services.

The ceremony, held at Port Sultan Qaboos in Muttrah, began with an honorary salute to HH Sayyid Theyazin, who later inspected the front row of the parade.

Then, the chief guest, senior officials and commanders boarded the ship to bid farewell to the crew. They listened to a briefing about the course of the voyage. They posed for commemorative photos and watched a presentation about the past and present glories of Shabab Oman's ship, which sailed around the world, carrying around the Sultanate of Oman's message of peace and humanitarian love to the global community.

Then, HH Sayyid Theyazin launched the Shabab Oman II electronic website. **>A4**

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The product would also contribute to empowerment of women in the various production, manufacturing and marketing fields and would enhance the role women play in development of the rural communities and improve the income of families and their economic and social standard of living.

A video presentation on the product was screened during the ceremony. The presentation also included an inspiring story of success of a young Omani lady.

The Honourable Lady also acquainted with samples of pioneering rural projects and products, when she toured the exhibition accompanying the event. She was also briefed on the various items and products on display. Honourable Lady praised the initiatives of women in this field.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Honourable Lady was presented with a commemorative gifts, given away by the CEO of Oman Development Bank.—ONA



ROYAL DIRECTIVES

State Council endorses study by education, research panel

MUSCAT: Based on the Royal directives of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, the State Council yesterday opened the third annual sitting of its seventh term.

The session was held under the chairmanship of Sheikh Abdulmalik Abdullah Al Khallili, Chairman of the State Council.

The Council endorsed a study presented by the Education and Research Committee on “The Reality of Research in the Sultanate of Oman and the Role of Public and Private Sectors and Global Firms in Supporting Research”.

The members of the State Council affirmed that the study fits with Oman Vision 2040 and its different strategies. It reflects the vision's role in creating mechanisms aimed at enabling public and private sectors and global firms to effectively contribute to enhancing research efforts in Oman. —ONA



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Trending ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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36,713 REACH

The ministry confirmed that specialised consultants have been appointed to manage projects.



Story on completion of a Hai Al-Naseem housing project

A story on completion of a new housing project named Hai Al-Naseem reached 36,713 people and had 777 engagements on Facebook.

MOST WATCHED VIDEO ON FACEBOOK

1,390 VIEWS



Morning Minute video on knife attack

The Morning Minute video on a knife attack in a train had 1,390 views and reached 5,300 people on Facebook.

MOST VIEWED VIDEO ON INSTAGRAM

416 VIEWS



Story on Oman Cricket

The Page 1 story on Oman Cricket had 416 views and 24 likes on Instagram.

FOREIGN MINISTRY

Oman condemns terror attack on Iraqi premier

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman expressed its condemnation of the terrorist act which targeted the residence of the Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa Al Kadhimi, using drones.

Solidarity expressed

In a statement issued by the Foreign Ministry here on Sunday, Oman expressed its solidarity with Iraq in safeguarding its security and stability. — ONA

DHOFAR

Oman-Britain military exercise commences

THUMRAIT: An Oman-Britain military exercise, codenamed “Magic Carpet 2021”, began today between the Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) and the British Royal Air Force at the air training zone in the Governorate of Dhofar.

The exercise, which will run till 18 November, includes joint training air operations that aim to sustain RAFO's preparedness in all fields.

The exercise comes as part of



joint military cooperation and exchange of expertise between the Sultanate of Oman and the United Kingdom (UK). —ONA

WORTH OMR300MN

Tender for solar power projects

MUSCAT: Oman Power and Water Procurement Company is preparing to award two Manah Solar Power Plant projects—Manah solar power 1 and Manah solar power 2.

The development of the two projects is due to stand at OMR300 million.

The company will later select two international developers to undertake the business, set to cover construction, ownership and operation tasks. — ONA

EXHIBITION INDUSTRY

Oman to host UFI Global Congress 2022

MUSCAT: The UFI Global Association of the Exhibition Industry endorsed Oman's hosting of the UFI Global Congress 2022, the world's largest gathering of global exhibition industry.

Oman will be represented by the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre (OCEC) in hosting the event. The announcement was made in the conclusion of the UFI Global Congress held in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

This precedent reflects Oman's preparedness in activating tourism activities after they were suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as the Supreme Committee has recently launched a recovery plan to bring life back to normalcy.

Said Salim Al Shanfari, CEO of OCEC said that the Global Congress is a chance to promote OCEC's facilities and foundations on a global arena. Choosing OCEC to host the next congress is a testimony to its international competitiveness in the global exhibition industry.

Al Shanfari added that succeeding to host the next Global Congress will set a precedent in the history of conventions and exhibitions in Oman. The event will bring together more than 800 specialists in this field. Moreover, Al Shanfari said that he hopes the event will contribute in marketing Oman as an international destination for conventions tourism. —ONA



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NOVEMBER 28 & 29

National Day Holiday announced

MUSCAT: Upon the Royal orders of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, it has been decided that Sunday and Monday, 28 and 29 November 2021, will be an official holiday for employees in units of the State's Administrative Apparatus (public sector), other legal entities and private sector establishments on the occasion of the 51st National Day. The Ministry of Labour said that employers at private sector establishments may agree with their respective employees to continue working during the above-mentioned two days provided they be compensated. — **ONA**

Rollout of COVID vaccine booster doses underway

People eligible for booster doses must have completed at least eight months since receiving their previous jab, the Ministry of Health has said

Times News Service

MUSCAT: COVID-19 booster doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine are currently being administered to two sections of people in Oman. People eligible for booster doses must have completed at least eight months since receiving their previous jab, the Ministry of Health has said. Target groups currently include those aged 65 and above, and frontline workers and those in the field of healthcare aged 50 and up. People above the age of 18 who suffer from chronic diseases, including lung conditions; kidney disease; blood diseases; people with kidney failure undergoing dialysis; severe heart disease; diabetes with glycated haemoglobin higher than 7.6 per cent; blood pressure-related issues; liver disease; and those who are obese with a body mass index greater than 30. The second category of vaccine recipients eligible for a booster dose are immunocompromised people

aged 12 and up, patients undergoing cancer treatment, and those who have been subject to bone marrow and organ transplants. HIV positive people are also eligible for a booster dose, as are people who are currently under treatment that involves immunosuppressive drugs. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Health has also asked people who experience side effects on being administered vaccines to report them at the earliest. "If you suspect a side effect, make sure to report it," said the MoH in an advisory. "Always report suspected side effects. Together, we can make vaccines better for everyone." Those who wish to report side effects suffered after being given a vaccine can visit the Ministry of Health website: www.moh.gov.om, can email the Department of Pharmacovigilance and Drug Control (pharma-vigil@moh.gov.om), and/or call the ministry on 2235-7687 or 2235-7690.

MEETING

HM the Sultan sends written message to Emir of Qatar



MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik sent a written message to Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of Qatar. The message deals with bilateral relations and matters of mutual interest. The message was handed over by His Highness Sayyid Fatik bin Fahr Al Said, Special Envoy of His Majesty the Sultan when he was received by the Qatari Monarch at the Emiri Diwan in Doha on Sunday. During the meeting, HH Sayyid Fatik conveyed greetings of His Majesty the Sultan to Sheikh Tamim, along with His Majesty's best wishes of permanent health and happiness to him. He also conveyed His Majesty's greetings and wishes of further progress and prosperity to the Qatari people. On his turn, Sheikh Tamim asked HH Sayyid Fatik to convey his greetings and best wishes to His Majesty the Sultan and the Omani people. The meeting was attended by Sheikh Jassim Hamad Al Thani, Personal Representative of the Emir, Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, Chief of the Amiri Diwan and Najeeb Yahya Al Balushi, Ambassador of Oman to Qatar. Meanwhile, HH Sayyid Fatik returned home this afternoon after a short visit to Qatar. — **ONA**



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SHABAB OMAN 2 GCC TOUR

<FROM A1 28-day tour includes academic programme for participants from different countries of world



In its GCC tour, Shabab Oman 2 will visit A'Shiyoukh Port in Kuwait, King Abdulaziz Port in Saudi Arabia, King Salman Port in Bahrain, Hamad Port in Qatar and Dubai Tourism Port in the United Arab Emirates.

The ship will drop anchor at Dubai Port on 21 November and remain there till 1 December, the period during which it will represent the Sultanate of Oman at Dubai Expo 2020.

Shabab Oman II will also repre-

sent Oman at the pavilion of GCC states at Dubai Expo 2020 and it will stage musical performances through the bands of the Royal Army of Oman (RAO), the RAO's Sultan of Oman's Armoured Division. The 28-day tour includes an academic programme for participants from different countries of the world and a stationary exhibition to be held onboard. The exhibition will embody a pioneering Omani maritime and naval history, as well as military bands. -ONA

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THIRD ANNUAL SITTING

Six out of 16 candidates emerge winners at Shura Council’s Office membership

MUSCAT: Upon the directives of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, the Shura Council on Sunday opened the third annual sitting of its 9th Term (2019-2023). The first session, chaired by Khalid Hilal Al Maawali, Chairman of the Shura Council, saw the opening of candidacy to membership of the Shura Council’s Office and posts of heads and deputy heads of committees.

16 candidates
Out of 16 candidates who contested the Shura Council’s Office membership, six emerged as winners: Nasser Sultan Al Habsi, Jihad Abdullah Al Fannah, Ammar Salim Al Saadi, Badr Nassir Al Jabri, Malik Hilal Al Yahmadi and Abdullah Musallam Al Rasbi. The following were voted as indicated below: Hilal Hamad Al Sarmi as head of the Health and Environment Committee, Dr. Hamoud Ahmed Al Yahya’ee as



STATE BUDGET DRAFT: The Shura Council will hold a session on the State Budget draft for the fiscal year 2022 on Monday. – **ONA**

head of the Services and Social Development Committee, Jamal Ahmed Al Abri as head of the Education and Research Committee, Abdullah Ahmed Al Malik as head of the Food Security Committee, Ali Ahmed Al Maashani as head of the Information and

Culture Committee, Younis Ali Al Mantheri as head of the Youth and Human Resources Committee, Ahmed Said Al Sharji as head of the Economic and Financial Committee and Dr. Mohammed Ibrahim Al Zadjali as head of the Legislative and Legal Committee.

The Shura Council will on Monday hold a session on the State Budget draft for the fiscal year 2022, topics of ministerial statements, panel plans, discussion requests and government proposals.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF TENDER



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- Collection of Tender:** Interested Companies with grade “C” and Above which registered with Tanweer, Tender Board and Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP) for Electrical Works may obtain the CD of the tender documents from Procurement & Contracts Department, Rural Areas Electricity Company at Al Seeb, till the date of 15 November 2021 against a non-refundable amount of RO (36/-) for each set of documents. The fees for the tenders shall be deposited on Tanweer account 0423010783090041 – Bank Muscat and for more information please contact via email address i.e. tender.purchase@tanweer.nama.om , or call us on phone number : 24250824
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- Bidders shall write the following details on the cover of CD:**
 - Tender name and number.
 - Addressed it to the **Chairman of Purchase Committee, Tanweer.**
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VACCINE MANDATE

US court temporarily halts Biden’s vaccine mandate for firms

WASHINGTON: A US federal appeals court has ruled to temporarily halt a mandate by President Joe Biden's administration that required employees of large companies to get vaccinated or undergo frequent testing.

According to the mandate, employees of companies with a workforce of 100 or more must be fully vaccinated by January 4.

Unvaccinated employees must

submit weekly negative COVID-19 tests to enter the workplace after the deadline, and have to wear masks indoors at their workplaces starting December 5. Issued by three judges from the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit who were appointed by Republican presidents, the order reasoned that “there are grave statutory and constitutional issues with the Mandate” and suspended the man-

date “pending further action by this court.”

The court order came after a joint petition against the mandate from several Republican-led states as well as several private companies.

In response to the petition, the Labor Department's top lawyer, Seema Nanda, said Friday that the department was “confident in its legal authority” to issue the man-

date, which will be enforced by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

OSHA has the authority “to act quickly in an emergency where the agency finds that workers are subjected to a grave danger and a new standard is necessary to protect them,” she said, adding the administration was “fully prepared to defend this standard in court.” **ANI**

Protesters take to streets in Ethiopia to support govt and armed forces

The rally comes a few days after the government declared a state of emergency amid gains claimed by Tigrayan forces advancing towards to capital



ADDIS ABABA: Thousands of demonstrators took to the streets of the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, on Sunday in a show of support for the Ethiopian government and armed forces.

The rally comes a few days after the government declared a state of emergency earlier this week amid gains claimed by Tigrayan forces advancing towards to capital.

Protesters also spoke out

against trade sanctions imposed by the US in response to what Washington called “gross violations” of human rights in the spiralling conflict.

Local media reported that protesters massed in Meskel Square in the center of the capital city, with some protesters draped in national flags, and others holding posters reading: “We don’t need interference from abroad.”

“Shame on you USA,” read one demonstrator’s poster, while an-

other said the US should stop “sucking Ethiopia’s blood”.

Other demonstrators rejected calls for the government and the Tigray People’s Liberation Front (TPLF) to begin talks.

Similar demonstrations are also reported to have taken place in other cities around the country.

Government under pressure

Ethiopian forces have been locked in a protracted conflict with the TPLF for over a year.



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AIR DEFENCE ZONE

16 Chinese planes enter Taiwan’s air defence zone

TAIPEI: Taiwan’s Ministry of National Defence on Sunday said 16 Chinese fighter jets had entered its Air Defence Identification Zone (ADIZ) a day earlier.

The number of aircraft sent into the ADIZ is one of the largest since early October, when the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) sent around 150 warplanes into the air defence zone in separate maneuvers over five days.

The ministry said it issued radio warnings and monitored the aircraft on Saturday using air defence systems.

The jets entered the ADIZ off Taiwan’s southwestern coast, following a path similar to previous incursions.



What is Taiwan’s ADIZ?

The ADIZ extends hundreds of kilometres from Taiwan’s coast and even includes parts of mainland China. It is much larger than Taiwan’s sovereign air space, which only extends 12 nautical miles from the coast.

The ADIZ is airspace designated for national security purposes but is not delineated in international treaties.

Taiwanese authorities reserve the right to order aircraft entering the ADIZ to identify themselves and their purpose.

Although China has flown regular incursions with smaller numbers of aircraft into the ADIZ

over the past several weeks, the warplanes have not entered Taiwan’s sovereign airspace.

EU delegates visit Taiwan

The Chinese flights into the ADIZ on Saturday came a day after a European Parliament delegation wrapped up a three-day visit to Taipei. The seven lawmakers on the parliament’s committee on foreign interference in democratic processes visited last week, following up on a resolution last month calling for the body to “intensify EU-Taiwan political relations.”

Bilateral ties

EU parliamentarians said the visit was not aimed at provoking China, which sees self-governing Taiwan as part of its territory and usually considers any attempt at building bilateral ties between Western nations and the government in Taipei as a provocation. **bw**



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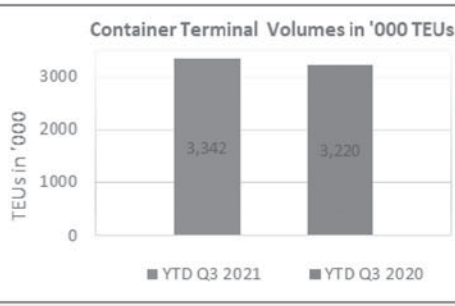
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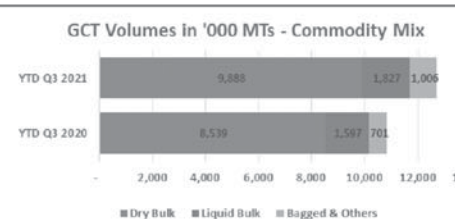
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Financial Overview

Consolidated net profit for YTD Sept’21 was recorded at RO 3.998 million, as compared to the corresponding period last year at profit of RO 12.750 Million. Consolidated EBITDA was recorded at RO 12.470 million YTD Sept’21, as compared to RO 22.978 million during same period last year. This includes an insurance claim amount of OMR 11.250 million. The insurance compensation received in the previous year related to the settlement agreement reached relating to the damage caused by Cyclone Mekuno in May 2018

Total Revenue from Operations increased with 4% compared to same period last year mainly due to the strong volume development of the General Cargo business.

Compared to the same period last year the operational expenses for the first 9 months of 2021 decreased by 1%. This was mostly the result of higher maintenance and repair costs on the one hand, and lower concession fee payments (impacted by the insurance compensation received in 2020) on the other hand.

Future Outlook

IMF maintained its projection of the economic growth at 6% in 2021 and 4.9% in 2022. Economies recovering from the restrictions imposed due to COVID-19 has seen increased demand for goods which was met with low supply, especially those that depends on suppliers that are located in Asian markets and its expected that those constraints will remain, impacting the manufacturing output to early next year.

The shipping rates are expected to remain high in the near term despite major shipping lines declaring a cap on spot rates. However, the shipping lines have been under pressure by regulators of certain governments to reduce the rates to improve the economic outlook as supply chain disruption is being identified as a significant bottleneck to the economic recovery.

On the container side of business, Importers and exporters based in Salalah are also facing the pressure of higher freight rates and non-availability of equipment’s as in other parts of the world which is expected to impact the gate volume in Q4.

As for the general cargo business, the rise in higher tonnage and demand for gearless vessels continues to put pressure on exporters of dry bulk. While the forecast of dry bulk volumes and other cargo remains positive indicating a strong volume pipeline during the last quarter, the excessive increase in vessel charter and thereby freight rates, by 200-250%, has a potential to negatively impact the dry bulk volume performance in Q4.

Conclusion

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Shareholders of the company, we record the sincere appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq, for his strategic vision, leadership, and his continued support, without which it would not have been possible to establish and maintain this world-class port.

We also thank our customers, investors, and partners at the Salalah Hub and Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology and members of the Government bodies we work together with.

We place on record our appreciation for the contributions of all our employees, who continue to perform with high distinction.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Braik Musallam Al Amri
Chairman, Board of Directors,
Salalah Port Services Co. SAOG
November 4, 2021

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED AND PARENT STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

Parent Company		Consolidated	
Sep-2020	Sep-2021	Sep-2020	Sep-2021
US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000
144,867	136,801	145,124	137,024
29,775	25,826	29,864	25,905
302	265	302	265
312	546	-	-
175,256	163,438	175,290	163,194
5,868	7,118	5,868	7,118
5,634	4,605	5,634	4,605
8,666	6,013	8,666	6,013
3,219	4,329	3,219	4,329
26,000	32,500	26,000	32,500
108,973	97,338	108,973	97,338
158,360	151,903	158,360	151,903
158,360	151,903	158,360	151,903
333,616	315,341	333,650	315,097
46,758	46,758	46,758	46,758
7,666	7,666	7,666	7,666
15,584	15,584	15,584	15,584
113,284	117,379	113,892	117,896
183,292	187,387	183,900	187,904
-	-	202	-
183,292	187,387	184,102	187,904
27,496	24,525	27,589	24,610
9,718	9,537	9,718	9,537
14,190	12,013	14,180	12,002
51,404	46,075	51,487	46,149
4,716	4,716	4,716	4,716
79,264	67,679	78,386	66,845
8,820	7,491	8,820	7,491
6,120	1,993	6,139	1,992
98,920	81,879	98,061	81,044
150,324	127,954	149,548	127,193
333,616	315,341	333,650	315,097
1.02	1.04	1.02	1.04

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED AND PARENT STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR 9 MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Parent Company		Consolidated	
Sep-2020	Sep-2021	Sep-2020	Sep-2021
US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000
122,779	128,578	122,964	128,615
(80,162)	(85,161)	(80,162)	(85,161)
(16,212)	(13,070)	(16,251)	(13,095)
(18,368)	(19,094)	(18,378)	(19,105)
(39)	190	(39)	190
(647)	-	(647)	-
1,245	188	1,245	188
8,596	11,631	8,732	11,632
(49)	-	(49)	-
29,633	-	29,633	-
2,292	2,025	2,292	2,025
(1,599)	(1,410)	(1,603)	(1,414)
38,873	12,246	39,005	12,243
(5,831)	(1,876)	(5,850)	(1,876)
33,042	10,370	33,155	10,367
-	-	-	-
33,042	10,370	33,155	10,367
33,042	10,370	33,133	10,367
-	-	22	-
33,042	10,370	33,133	10,367
-	-	22	-
33,042	10,370	33,155	10,367
0.18	0.06	0.18	0.06

Parent Company

Sep-2020
US \$ '000

Sep-2021
US \$ '000

Sep-2020
US \$ '000

Sep-2021
US \$ '000

Revenue
Direct operating costs
Other operating expenses
Administration and general expenses
Impairment Loss of Financial Assets
Gain/(Loss) on sale/scrap property and equipment
Other Income
Profit / (Loss) from operations
Cyclone related expenses
Insurance Compensation
Finance income
Finance costs
Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax
Income tax
Profit / (Loss) for the period
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax
Total comprehensive income for the period, net of tax
Profit attributable to :
Equity holders of the parent
Non-controlling interests
Total comprehensive income attributable to :
Equity holders of the parent
Non-controlling interests
Basic earnings per share (US \$ / RO)

Parent Company

Sep-2020
RO '000

Sep-2021
RO '000

Sep-2020
RO '000

Sep-2021
RO '000

52,616
9,934
102
210
62,862
2,738
1,771
2,313
1,665
12,500
37,437
58,424
58,424
121,286
17,984
2,949
5,994
45,144
72,071
72,071
9,433
3,668
4,620
17,721
1,814
26,033
2,881
766
31,494
49,215
121,286
0.40
3,989
3,989
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3,989
0.02

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India knocked out as New Zealand beat Afghanistan by eight wickets



This marks the end of Afghanistan's ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 campaign along with India as they were dependent on Afghanistan's victory in order to qualify for the semis

ABU DHABI: Trent Boult starred with the bowl as New Zealand defeated Afghanistan by eight wickets in the Group 2 encounter of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021, here at Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi on Sunday.

Trent Boult scalped three wickets and gave just 17 runs in his entire four overs spell and restricted Afghanistan at 124/8.

On the other hand, skipper Kane Williamson also played an unbeaten knock of 40 runs. This marks the end of Afghanistan's ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 campaign along with India as

they were dependent on Afghanistan's victory in order to qualify for the semi-finals.

With this victory, New Zealand has made their place in the semi-finals of the ongoing T20 World Cup. Chasing 125, New Zealand faced no difficulties as they slowly and steadily moved towards victory. Openers Martin Gupthill and Daryl Mitchell anchored the innings but the latter was later dismissed by Mujeeb ur Rehman in the fourth over, leaving the team's total at 26/1.

Following Daryl's dismissal, skipper Kane Williamson took the charge alongside Gupthill to steady the ship for the Blackcaps. Just when Kiwis gained control of the match, Gupthill departed in the ninth over by Rashid Khan.

It was later Williamson and Devon Conway's partnership that led New Zealand to the finishing line with 11 balls to spare.

Earlier opting to bat first, Najibullah Zadran made a determined half-century but found little support from his teammates as Afghanistan were held to 124/8.

The four New Zealand pace bowlers shared seven wickets among themselves, with Trent Boult the pick of the lot with 3/17. Brief scores: Afghanistan 124/8 (Najibullah Zadran 73, Gulbadin Naib 15; Rashid Khan 1-27) vs New Zealand 125/2 (Kane Williamson 40*, Devon Conway 36*; Trent Boult 3-17). **ANI**



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GROUP A & B



POINTS TABLE

GROUP A				
POS	TEAM	PLD	NRR	PTS
1	ENGLAND	5	+2.464	8
2	AUSTRALIA	5	+1.216	8
3	SOUTH AFRICA	5	+0.739	8
4	SRI LANKA	5	-0.269	4
5	WEST INDIES	5	-1.641	2
6	BANGLADESH	5	-2.383	0

GROUP B				
POS	TEAM	PLD	NRR	PTS
1	PAKISTAN	5	+1.583	10
2	NEW ZEALAND	5	+1.182	8
3	INDIA	4	+1.619	4
4	AFGHANISTAN	5	+1.053	4
5	NAMIBIA	4	-1.851	2
6	SCOTLAND	5	-3.543	0

T20 WORLD CUP

WORLD CUP

Pakistan thrash Scotland

SHARJAH: Pakistan Pakistan demolished Scotland by 72 runs in their final Super 12 match in Group 2 of the ongoing ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021, here at Sharjah Cricket Stadium in Sharjah on Sunday.

New Zealand's win over Afghanistan earlier in the day had temporarily pushed Pakistan down into second in Group 2, but Babar and his team will now qualify as group winners with a routine victory over Scotland.

Men in Green lit up Sharjah with a stunning display of power-hitting to post 189/4 as Babar Azam and Shoaib Malik played innings of 66 and 54*, respectively. And in reply, Scotland never looked like chasing it down, finishing on 117/6, still 73 runs short. Shadab Khan scalped two wickets while Hasan Ali, Haris Rauf and Shaheen Afridi returned with one for Pakistan.

Chasing 190, Scotland were 41/2 at the halfway point of the chase as they stared down the barrel of a heavy defeat. Pakistan clawed further deep as Shadab Khan struck twice in the 11th over to remove George Munsey and Dylan Budge.

With runs in scarcity, Michael Leask was sent back to the dressing room by Shaheen Afridi in the 16th over of the match. Haris Rauf removed Greaves in the last over as Scotland fell short 73



runs short of the target.

Pakistan were already on course for a decent total, but that became a monster total when first Hafeez and then Malik went big to punish Scotland in dramatic fashion.

Hafeez's 31 off 19 upped the scoring rate through the middle overs before he fell in the 15th. But Malik's onslaught was on another level, with Scotland having no answer to the veteran's power.

Malik hit three maximums in the final over to record his own half-century, reaching 54 off just 18 balls in a masterful display of power-hitting.

The Pakistan skipper pun-

ished Scotland through the middle overs before finally falling for an outstanding 66 in the 18th over – an innings that featured eight boundaries and some glorious strokeplay.

Azam's knock takes him above Jos Buttler as the highest run-scorer of the tournament so far, with 264 runs from five innings.

Pakistan captain's half-century was his fourth of the Super 12 stage. Brief Scores: Pakistan 189/4 (Babar Azam 66, Shoaib Malik 54*; Chris Greaves 2-43, Hamza Tahir 1-24) vs Scotland 117/6 (Richie Berrington 54*, George Munsey 17; Shadab Khan 2-14, Shaheen Afridi 1-25). **ANI**

Will take lot of positives from this tournament, says Nabi

ABU DHABI: Afghanistan skipper Mohammad Nabi expressed his disappointment as his side got defeated by New Zealand in their final Group 2 encounter of the ongoing ICC Men's T20 World Cup, here at Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi on Sunday.

The Kiwis defeated Afghanistan by eight wickets, where Trent Boult scalped three wickets and restricted them at 124/8. "It was our plan to bat first and put a decent total on the board. We didn't start well, early wickets slowed us down, we built partnerships but didn't we finish well. We were 30 runs short on this pitch. We were eyeing 145-160, that would have been a decent total. Our bowling is strong, but we didn't get a good total," said the Afghanistan skipper in a post-match presentation.

"The pitch wasn't helpful too. We tried our best and bowled really well in this game. We have a lot of experience playing in the UAE, we played good cricket and we take a lot of positives from this tournament. Hopefully, we work on our mistakes and do better in the upcoming matches," he added. **ANI**



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Sensational Al-Wahaibi holds class lead at Oregon Trail Rally

The Omani’s performance in the Ford Fiesta R5 has already captured the support of local spectators

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Omani rally driver Hamed Al-Wahaibi held a sensational class lead and fourth overall after the second day of action at the Oregon Trail Rally in the Golendale area of neighbouring Washington State on Saturday. The 53-year-old and his New



MOTORSPORT: Omani rally driver Hamed Al-Wahaibi leads his nearest rival Javier Castro by 2min 15.2sec heading into the final day.

Zealand co-driver Tony Sircombe settled into an impressive pace and set a string of fourth fastest stage times behind the three more powerful Open class cars of rally leader Brandon Semenuk, stunt legend Ken Block and Travis Pastrana. Al-Wahaibi leads his nearest rival Javier Castro by 2min 15.2sec heading into the final day. The Omani’s performance in the Ford Fiesta R5, being run on the event by McKenna Motorsport, has already captured the interest of the local media and the support of local spectators on his first appearance at the round of the ARA National Championship. “It all went very well and I am very pleased that we were fast in the R5,” said Al-Wahaibi. “Travis Pastrana came along and complimented us on our performance. The super special at the start was good and the stages on Saturday were beautiful to drive on.

“They were fast and flowing and really enjoyable. The scenery is amazing. The people are fantastic. The level of competition has been very good. What an experience and I will definitely come back again. I tried in the morning to see how close we could get to the Open Class cars, but they are WRC cars in effect. They were flying.” Sircombe added: “Hamed has been driving really well and the car has been doing everything he wanted it to do. They have been tricky and quite difficult roads and you need confidence in some places. Some sections were very technical and narrow, still high speed but no room for error. We are pleased and we had a little bit of night driving as well.” Al-Wahaibi made an excellent start to his maiden American rally and held a superb fourth overall and the class lead after two runs through a short super special stage at Portland International Raceway on Friday.

49ER AND 49ER FX CHAMPIONSHIPS

First day at 2021 Asian Championship promises exciting tournament ahead

MUSCAT: After the first day of racing at the 2021 Asian 49er and 49er FX Championships in Barcelo Mussanah Resort, it became clear that the standard is incredibly high and the title will be hard fought. Just 15 points separate the top six crews in the men’s and the top nine in the women’s competition with three full days of racing still to come. A fleet of 50 across all classes representing four countries from Asia took to the waters in Musanah for the first race keen to show their best form. For the international guests, ineligible to



compete for the title, the Asian 49er and 49er FX Championships are a chance to find their groove ahead of the World Cham-

pionships taking place later this month. As a result, the sailing was excellent and highly-competitive from the very first race. The crew of Molly Highfield and Sandi Choi of Hong Kong lead from Harshita Tomar and Sweta Shervegar of India after the first day in the 49erFX class, sitting seventh and ninth overall respectively. Dutch pair of Odile Van Aanholt and Elise de Eujter are out in front, holding a very slim lead from Finnish duo Ronja Gronblom and Veera Hokka in second and Lara Granier and Amelie Riou of France in third. In the 49er class, Indian pair of KC Ganapathy and Varun Thakkar lead from Akira Sakai and Russell Awylworth of Hong Kong, India’s Anand Thakur and Satyam Rangad and the Omani crew of Ahmed Al Hasani and Abdulrahman Al Mashari with just a point separating second, third and fourth. Robert Dickson and Sean Waddilove of Ireland lead overall, level on points with Denmark’s Fredrik Rask and Jacob Precht, and Germany’s Jakob Megendorfer and Andreas Spranger tied in third place with Great Britain’s Jack Hawkins and Chris Thomas.

FOOTBALL

Aston Villa announce exit of head coach Dean Smith

BIRMINGHAM: Aston Villa FC on Sunday confirmed that the Premier League club have parted company with head coach Dean Smith. Smith leaves Villa following Friday’s 1-0 loss at Southampton, a fifth straight defeat which has left them 15th in the Premier League. Dean was appointed Villa head coach just over three years ago in October 2018 and led the club back to the Premier League via the play-offs in his first season in charge following a club-record ten-match winning sequence towards the end of that campaign. The following season, he kept Villa in the top flight while also

leading the team out at the Carabao Cup Final at Wembley, narrowly losing 2-1 to Manchester City. CEO Christian Purslow in a statement said: “The Board would like to sincerely thank Dean for his many excellent achievements, on and off the pitch, during this time. Everyone knows how much Aston Villa means to Dean and his family. He has represented the Club with distinction and dignity - universally liked and respected by everybody associated with Aston Villa - our staff, players and supporters alike. We wish him the very best.” Villa say they will provide an update on their new manager in due course. **ANI**



GCC’s first in-patient Ayurveda hospital is now operational in Saham



Heralding a new era in alternative medicine in the Sultanate, a full-fledged Ayurveda hospital has opened its doors at Saham on Oman’s North Al Batinah coast – the first such integrated healthcare destination of its kind in the Arabian Gulf.

Saham Ayurvedic Hospital & Health Center LLC is nestled in an idyllic corner of North Al Batinah Governorate and is spread over 50,000 sq. metres of landscaped gardens. Anchored by an in-patient, multi-specialty hospital with 68 beds, the complex offers an extensive portfolio of authentic Ayurvedic treatments, complemented by an array of wellness therapies. It also has dedicated departments for physical medicine and rehabilitation, physiotherapy and speech therapy. From custom-made meals that perfectly align with the dietary needs of patients, to bespoke oil treatments and yoga therapies, the centre meets all the requirements of a wellness retreat.

Conceived and designed in the style of Kerala’s renowned Ayurveda wellness institutions, the Saham centre enjoys a strong affiliation with Raha Ayurveda, one of India’s most famous brands for ayurvedic treatments and integrated therapies. Raha Ayurveda operates a string of acclaimed centres across India and has established a presence internationally as well. Although traditional in its delivery of ayurvedic care, the Saham centre is state-of-the-art in its offerings. It specialises in the treatment of all kinds of arthritis disorders, including Osteoarthritis

of the knee, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Gouty Arthritis, Psoriatic Arthritis and Infectious Arthritis. Patients afflicted with Cervical and Lumbar spondylosis, Inter-Vertebral disc prolapse and rheumatic disorders can also benefit from the centre’s specialist services.

Guests and inpatients find themselves in the professional care of a team of highly qualified doctors and consultants, who are specialists in their respective fields. They are ably assisted by experienced physiotherapists and Ayurveda therapists, as well as a full complement of nursing and support staff.



Also noteworthy are its capabilities in the treatment of diseases, ailments and disorders of high prevalence in the Sultanate. Thus, in addition to diabetic complications and sports injuries, the centre is also fully equipped to treat patients with metabolic disorders. Wellness supplements the centre’s comprehensive offerings such as dedicated theatres for panchakarma treatments and sports fitness programmes. Mothers post-delivery and COVID recovery patients will find themselves rapidly nursed back to sound health in the hands of the centre’s well-trained staff.

As the only facility of its kind in the entire Gulf region, Saham Ayurvedic Hospital & Health Center LLC has the potential to become a regional wellness destination. Located roughly midway between Muscat and Dubai, about 200 - 220 km in either direction, the Saham facility will



cater to patients and guests from Oman and the UAE, as well as the wider Gulf region. Its unique ayurvedic treatments and wellness offerings, which have become increasingly popular around the world, will position Saham as a hub for alternative medicine in the future.

The facility was conceived by the centre’s Hospital Director, Mr. Chandrahasan Menon who has lived in the Sultanate for much of his professional life. Explaining the motivation behind this distinctive project, he commented: “Oman has been my adoptive home for over 40 years – all through which my family and I experienced unstinting warmth and affection in the country. My interest in Ayurveda was instilled by my grandfather, who was an Ayurveda practitioner. A combination of the two inspired me to set up and dedicate a world-class Ayurveda hospital to the people of this welcoming nation.”

Saham Ayurvedic Hospital & Health Center has already begun welcoming walk-in customers and inpatients from various parts of the country and abroad as well. For visitors travelling in from Muscat and other nearby locations, a satellite office located in Bait Al Reem in Al Khuwair offers consultations with prior appointments. The Muscat office is also equipped with two treatment rooms.

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CHINA'S FOREIGN TRADE

China's foreign trade maintained growth momentum in the first 10 months of 2021 as the economy continued its stable development. China's total imports and exports expanded 22.2 per cent year on year to 31.67 trillion yuan (\$4.89 trillion) in the first 10 months, the General Administration of Customs (GAC) said.

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MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

The MSX index closed at 4,053.23 points, up 0.09 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.33 per cent at 552.05 points. Oman & Qatar Insurance was the top gainer, up by 3.02 per cent. While Dhofar Generating, down 4.11 per cent, was the top loser.

Automobile fuel production rises by 13% till end of September 2021

Of the total production, sales of petrol (M-95) stood at 9,510,900 barrels, an increase by 16 per cent, according to data released by the National Centre for Statistics and Information

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman's refineries recorded an increase in the production of automobile fuel until the end of September 2021 by 13 per cent, compared to the corresponding period of 2020, according to data released by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSD).

Of the total production, sales of petrol (M-95) stood at 9,510,900 barrels, an increase by 16 per cent, while its exports stood at 1,422,200 barrels, comprising a rise by 10 per cent, compared to the corresponding period in 2020.

The production of standard grade petrol (M-91) by Omani re-

fineries stood at 9,933,000 barrels comprising a rise by 41 per cent till the end of September 2021, compared to the corresponding period in 2020.

Domestic sales of petrol

Domestic sales of petrol (M-91) stood at 6,379,500 barrels comprising a 10 per cent increase, while its exports reached 3,850,300 barrels, a rise by 41 per cent, compared to the corresponding period in 2020.

Gas oil (diesel) output increased by 8 per cent to 27,288,500 barrels. Domestic sales of diesel stood at 9,953,900 barrels, a drop by 1 per cent, and its exports reached



FUELLING GROWTH: Domestic sales of petrol (M-91) stood at 6,379,500 barrels comprising a 10 per cent increase, while its exports reached 3,850,300 barrels, a rise by 41 per cent, compared to the corresponding period in 2020. — ONA

17,382,200 barrels, an increase by 13 per cent, compared to the corresponding period in 2020.

Jet fuel production fell by 26 per cent to 4,354,300 barrels at the end

of September 2021, compared to the corresponding period of 2020. Its domestic sales also declined by 23 per cent to 1,077,200 barrels. Exports of aviation fuel dropped

by 29 per cent to 3,291,500 barrels.

Production of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) increased by 22 per cent to 5,546,900 barrels until the end of September 2021.

Its domestic sales also increased by 168 per cent to 5,525,800 barrels. Of the total production, exports of LPG reached 392,200 barrels, a decline by 86 per cent.

As far as petrochemicals are concerned, benzene production increased by 18 per cent, compared to September 2020 to reach 165,400 metric tonnes, while its exports stood at 165,900 metric tonnes.

Output of paraxylene stood at 432,400 metric tonnes, where its exports reached 440,200 metric tonnes.

Production of polypropylene stood at 168,100 metric tonnes, comprising a rise by 1 per cent, as its domestic sales also increased by 18 per cent to stand at 31,700 metric tonnes. Its exports reached 121,100 metric tonnes, a decline by 2 per cent. — ONA

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MAGNESIUM CRISIS

Advanced equipment to test oil-well cement strength launched in Oman

MUSCAT: Oman Cement Company (OCC) launched an oil-well cement strength testing equipment, which is considered the most advanced instrument in the Sultanate of Oman used for measuring the quality of cement.

The testing equipment simulates the high pressure and heat conditions prevalent in oil wells to test quality. Through this move, OCC aims to develop the quality measurement of oilfield cement produced by the company to fulfil the demand in Oman and abroad.

Dr Hilal Saif Al Dhamri, General Manager of Manufacturing at OCC said, "This equipment is one of the most advanced devices used for measuring the efficiency of oil-well cement in the Sultanate of Oman. It measures the suitability of using cement in the oil-well environment by measuring the samples in conditions similar to those prevalent in oil wells."

Al Dhamri added that the device, manufactured by the American Schneider Company, takes around 90 – 120 minutes to complete the test of measuring the reaction and strength of cement in oil wells. He emphasised that the oil companies rely on the oil well cement efficiency tests to measure the well's suitability for usage in the oil extraction operations. — ONA



TESTING EQUIPMENT: The testing equipment simulates the high pressure and heat conditions prevalent in oil wells to test quality. — ONA

TECH GIANT



Apple working on new iPad mini with a 120Hz ProMotion display

WASHINGTON: American tech giant Apple may be working on a new iPad mini with a 120Hz ProMotion display instead of the existing 60Hz screen.

According to an insider scoop from a Korean forum, Apple is testing the 120Hz ProMotion display for its next iPad mini. The 8.3 panel is said to be manufactured by Samsung Display and will supposedly debut with the next iteration of Apple's mini tablet, reported GSM Arena.

The sixth gen iPad mini had a

profound jelly scroll effect where one side of the display refreshes slower than the other side. Apple dubbed this behaviour as normal though plenty of users disagreed and a ProMotion display will certainly help fix this problem.

The rest of the hardware for the next-gen iPad mini is said to remain largely unchanged from the current model with A15 Bionic chipset at the helm, 4GB RAM and 128GB storage on the base variant. The device is expected to come at a slightly higher starting price. — ANI

CAPITAL MARKET AUTHORITY

CMA warns audit firm

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Executive President of the Capital Market Authority issued a warning to the audit firm Crowe Mak Ghazali, Chartered Accountants (LLC).

The warning was issued for violating the provisions of the Regulations for Public Joint Stock Companies while auditing a company listed on the Muscat Stock Exchange and for accepting accounting practices made by the company which are inconsistent with the International Accounting Standards and impacted the authenticity of the financial statements disclosed to the investors as well as violating the International Standards on Auditing when auditing another company listed on the stock exchange which led to material errors in their financial statements disclosed to the investors.

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MSX index ends higher

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MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 4,053.23 points, up 0.09 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.33 per cent at 552.05 points. Oman & Qatar Insurance was the top gainer, up by 3.02 per cent, while Dhofar Generating, down 4.11 per cent, was the top loser. Shares of OIFC was the most active in terms of the number of shares traded as well as in terms of turnover.

A total number of 364 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR 4.5 million, with more than 14 million shares changing hands. Out of 41 traded securities, 12 advanced, 3 declined and 26 remained unchanged. At the session close, GCC & Arab investors were net sellers for OMR 29,000 while

foreign investors were net buyers for OMR24,000 followed by Local investors for OMR 6,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 6,383 points, down 0.20 per cent. Price of Oman & Qatar Insurance, Al Omaniya Financial Services, Madina Takaful, Al Anwar Investment and Sohar International Bank was up 3.02 per cent, 1.72 per cent, 1.04 per cent, 1.02 per cent and 0.98 per cent respectively. Bank Dhofar and Oman & Emirates Holding were down 1.52 per cent, and 1.41 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,153.94 points, down 0.14 per cent. Prices of Oman Cables Industry and NAPI were up 0.86 per cent and 0.68 per cent respectively.

Services Index down by 0.27 per cent before closing at 1,650.46 points. — **United Securities**

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Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff %
MSX 30 INDEX	4,056.34	4,050.03	4,053.23	4,049.76	3.48	0.09
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,396.43	6,384.28	6,393.85	6,383.09	10.76	0.17
Industry Index	6,158.68	6,153.94	6,158.68	6,153.94	4.75	0.08
Services Index	1,650.46	1,647.97	1,650.01	1,650.46	-0.45	-0.03
MSX Shariah Index	552.61	552.61	552.61	552.05	0.56	0.10
MSX TR INDEX	4,877.82	4,870.22	4,874.08	4,867.39	6.69	0.14

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
14,065,403	4,569,294	364	22,023,938,874	12	3	26	41

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

ISIN	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PD	LAST RD	LAST OFFER	PUR VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000002077	AL OMANIYA FIN.S	50,000	5,880	3	0.117	0.118	0.117	0.118	0.116	0.002	1.724	0.118	0.113	0.118	0.100	34,448,350
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	33,030	3,270	4	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.098	0.001	1.020	0.099	0.097	0.099	0.100	19,800,000
OM0000002398	SOHAR INT. BANK	1,061,918	171,721	26	0.102	0.104	0.102	0.103	0.102	0.001	0.980	0.103	0.103	0.104	0.100	307,978,416
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	10,000	1,110	1	0.111	0.111	0.111	0.111	0.110	0.001	0.909	0.111	0.111	0.112	0.100	216,411,979
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDSTR	283,956	247,961	25	0.932	0.940	0.932	0.940	0.932	0.008	0.858	0.940	0.940	0.940	0.100	84,318,000
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	24,407	3,283	7	0.134	0.138	0.132	0.135	0.134	0.001	0.746	0.132	0.132	0.137	0.100	11,475,000
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	522,042	161,829	6	0.310	0.310	0.308	0.310	0.308	0.002	0.649	0.310	0.308	0.310	0.100	250,498,422
OM0000001525	OMAN INVST&FIN.	4,630,716	635,804	89	0.135	0.139	0.135	0.137	0.137	0.000	0.000	0.138	0.138	0.139	0.100	32,469,000
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	95,000	5,635	3	0.060	0.060	0.059	0.059	0.059	0.000	0.000	0.059	0.059	0.064	0.100	18,121,633
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	4,192	985	3	0.235	0.235	0.235	0.235	0.235	0.000	0.000	0.235	0.235	0.245	0.100	77,755,087
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	1,258	468	1	0.372	0.372	0.372	0.380	0.380	0.000	0.000	0.372	0.372	0.382	0.100	47,461,225
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INV.	40,500	3,694	4	0.091	0.092	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.000	0.000	0.092	0.091	0.092	0.100	8,190,000
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	231,050	110,904	11	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.000	0.000	0.480	0.480	0.490	0.100	1,715,747,900
OM0000003000	AI MAHA MARKTING	15,028	10,459	2	0.696	0.696	0.696	0.696	0.696	0.000	0.000	0.696	0.694	0.696	0.100	48,024,000
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	3,798	2,842	5	0.748	0.752	0.748	0.752	0.752	0.000	0.000	0.752	0.748	0.752	0.100	1,544,667,472
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SER.	102,013	46,509	9	0.456	0.456	0.450	0.456	0.456	0.000	0.000	0.450	0.450	0.454	0.100	107,802,960
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	44,503	16,655	7	0.376	0.376	0.374	0.374	0.374	0.000	0.000	0.376	0.370	0.376	0.100	243,453,142
Total	17	7733,411	1,429,011	206												
Parallel Market																
OM0000006979	OMAN QATAR INSUR.	25,000	5,125	2	0.205	0.205	0.205	0.205	0.199	0.006	3.015	0.205	0.000	0.207	0.100	20,500,000
OM0000004925	ALBATAINAH POWER	121,000	6,242	8	0.052	0.052	0.051	0.052	0.051	0.001	1.961	0.052	0.051	0.052	0.100	35,094,146
OM0000000152	OMAN NAT. ENGL.	70,000	6,650	6	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.094	0.001	1.064	0.095	0.095	0.096	0.100	12,350,000
OM0000004789	MADINA TAKAFUL	153,806	14,931	17	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.096	0.001	1.042	0.097	0.097	0.098	0.100	16,975,000
OM0000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	470,604	70,174	57	0.149	0.151	0.148	0.149	0.148	0.001	0.678	0.148	0.148	0.150	0.100	5,002,146
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	36,446	7,071	4	0.194	0.194	0.194	0.194	0.194	0.000	0.000	0.194	0.180	0.194	0.100	315,433,593
OM0000001517	HSBC BANK OMAN	3,981,283	370,259	4	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.000	0.000	0.083	0.084	0.093	0.100	186,029,089
OM0000001566	OMAN FISHERIES	1,000	63	2	0.064	0.064	0.063	0.068	0.068	0.000	0.000	0.063	0.063	0.074	0.100	8,500,000
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	89,000	5,073	4	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.000	0.000	0.057	0.057	0.058	0.100	19,901,231
OM0000002572	OMAN OIL MARKETING	500	452	1	0.904	0.904	0.904	0.904	0.904	0.000	0.000	0.904	0.000	0.904	0.100	55,392,600
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV. H.	18,181	1,158	3	0.063	0.064	0.063	0.064	0.064	0.000	0.000	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.100	12,800,000
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	48,484	3,626	5	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.000	0.000	0.078	0.078	0.081	0.100	15,832,248
OM0000003711	SOHAR POWER	5,000	205	1	0.041	0.041	0.041	0.041	0.041	0.000	0.000	0.041	0.041	0.045	0.100	5,061,410
OM0000004669	SHARQIAH DESALIN.	117,464	13,508	6	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.000	0.000	0.115	0.115	0.126	0.100	11,247,248
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	10,341	538	3	0.053	0.053	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.000	0.000	0.052	0.052	0.057	0.100	37,140,130
OM0000005280	OMAN ARAB BANK	323	52	1	0.160	0.160	0.160	0.166	0.166	0.000	0.000	0.160	0.160	0.166	0.100	277,122,060
OM0000005983	PHOENIX POWER	151,200	7,414	6	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.000	0.000	0.049	0.048	0.049	0.100	71,667,472
OM0000007043	NATIONAL LIFE INS.	100	33	1	0.334	0.334	0.334	0.340	0.340	0.000	0.000	0.334	0.334	0.350	0.100	90,100,000
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	318,840	22,478	16	0.071	0.071	0.070	0.070	0.071	0.001	1.408	0.070	0.070	0.075	0.100	8,531,250
OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAR	640,780	83,301	4	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.132	0.002	1.515	0.130	0.130	0.135	0.100	389,525,687
OM0000007407	DHOHAR GENERATING	20,185	1,903	3	0.071	0.071	0.070	0.070	0.073	0.003	4.110	0.070	0.071	0.073	0.100	15,556,800
Total	21	6,385,797	620,257	154												

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Al Olama said that the UAE government believes in the importance of AI in making the future and is aware of the challenges involved in this rapidly developing sector. It is working in light of this vision to create the legislative and regulatory environment that guarantees the ethical and responsible use of this advanced technology, which will positively reflect on the efficiency of government work, community life, and its members' needs. Al Olama spoke at the Web Summit 2021 in Lisbon, Portugal, which gathered the founders and CEOs of technology companies, fast-growing start-ups, policymakers, and heads of state, to ask a simple question: Where to next? -**WAM**

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BEIJING: China's foreign trade maintained growth momentum in the first 10 months of 2021 as the economy continued its stable development.

China's total imports and exports expanded 22.2 per cent year on year to 31.67 trillion yuan (\$4.89 trillion) in the first 10 months, the General Administration of Customs (GAC) said. The figure marked an increase of 23.4 per cent from the pre-epidemic level in 2019, according to the GAC.

Both exports and imports continued double-digit growth in the first 10 months of the year, surging 22.5 per cent and 21.8 per cent from a year earlier, respectively. In October alone, the country's imports and exports rose 17.8 per cent year on year to 3.34 trillion yuan, 5.6 per cent slower than September, the data showed.

In the January-October period, China's trade with its top three trading partners - the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the European Union and the United States - maintained sound growth. During the period, the growth rates of China's trade value with the three trading partners stood at 20.4 per cent, 20.4 per cent and 23.4 per cent, respectively. -**Xinhua**

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Contact 93270023 rajugetme10@yahoo.com

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JOB WANTED

ENGINEER

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JOB WANTED

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Industry growth 'tremendous'

The Sultanate has seen a tremendous growth in the industrial sector. The number of industries was 979 with a capital investment of over RO 61 million in 1982 compared with a 639 industries with a capital of R.O. 53 million in 1979.

This was disclosed by Dr. Hamad bin Abdullah al Rayamy, Chairman of the Industry Committee of the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

He said that the number of manufacturing industries with a capital of R.O. 20,000 each is about 200 while the number of large-size industries is 50.

Dr. Rayamy said the industrial sector contributed R.O. 9.6 million to the GDP in 1979. This figure jumped to R.O. 63.2 million in 1983, representing an increase of over 500 per cent in five years.

Even if we exclude the sub-sector oil refining which alone contributed about R.O. 21.5 million to the GDP in 1983, we

find that the industrial sector has achieved a growth of 16 per cent in 1983, he added.

He said the progress achieved in industrial development has been the result of the continuous support and encouragement provided by the Government in forms of tax exemptions, customs protection, financial support through interest-free loans and grants and the establishment of industrial estates.

by Muzaffar Mohammad

In reply to a question Dr. Rayami said industry in Oman, as in other Gulf countries, is confronted by many problems.

These include the limited capacity of the local market which

hinders economic feasibility of many industrial projects, limited natural resources other than oil, lack of qualified administrative and technical staff and skilled labour and the lack of technical knowledge.

He said also there are some factors which affect the competitiveness of the Omani manufacturers as compared with counterparts in other AGCC countries. These include high cost of electricity, fuel, port charges and storage facilities.

Another problem is that the size of the financial support and subsidies received by the Omani manufacturer is less than those offered by the Government and semi-government financial institutions to manufacturers in other AGCC countries.

However, he appreciated that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry was continuously studying these problems with the aim of

finding solutions.

Underlining the role of the Chamber in this sphere Dr. Hamad said these problems cannot be solved in a day nor can they be solved through the efforts of one party.

The Chamber has adopted a policy of continuous contacts and discussions with the concerned bodies both at the official level locally and through the private sector associations in the region, especially through the Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture for the Arab Gulf countries. Such discussions are naturally supported by relevant studies prepared by the Chamber.

In reply to a question on the type of incentives provided to investors in Oman, Dr. Riyami said the government has always encouraged private investors to direct their investments towards industry in order to diversify the



Dr. Hamed bin Abdullah Al Rayami.

national economy. The incentives offered for this purpose are contained in the Law for Organisation and Encouragement of Industries 1978.

These incentives are:

- Exemption from custom duties on raw materials and machinery required for production.
- Exemption from income tax for five years, renewable for further five years.
- Protection against similar foreign goods by 20 per cent duty on imported goods.
- Priority in granting land for projects.
- Priority in Government purchases of local products.
- Assistance in feasibility studies.
- Interest-free loans and grants to potential industrial investors under the Financial Support Decree 83/80.

Dr. Riyami said that in spite of the problems faced by local industries there is good potential for industrial development in Oman.

The Chamber will do its best to encourage members to invest in the industrial field and make use of the incentives and concessions offered by His Majesty's Government to achieve the objective of diversification of the national economy for the benefit of local people.

Committee on Logos

The Logos Committee held its sixth meeting chaired by National Heritage and Culture Minister, Sayyid Faisal bin Ali.

They discussed progress made by the Logos sub-committee over the competition to select logos for governments and wilayats, which is to be completed shortly.

Payments for victims

The Indian Government has announced that compensation will be paid to the families of those who died in the rioting which broke out after the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Payments of Rs 10,000 will be paid to each of the victims, most of whom came from the Sikh community.

Celebrations programme

The Southern Region Celebrations Committee has put the finishing touches to the 14th National Day celebrations programme and the projects due to be opened.

A committee spokesman, said the programme would stretch over six days, opening on Sunday, 18 November, and would include a military parade in Salalah, Camel racing and folklore dances.

A number of new projects will be officially opened by Minister of State and Wali of Dhofar, Sayyid Hilal bin Saoud bin Hareb, together with the deputy wali, Sheikh Mohammed bin Ali al Qatbi.

Among them will be Taqa's water supply project, a telecommunications centre, fodder factory, shopping centre and administrative centre.

Rolls chief dies

Sir William Duncan CME, chairman and chief executive, of Rolls-Royce died suddenly on Monday at his home in Kensington, London.

The "Times of Oman" special issue to mark the 14th National Day will be available at all leading supermarkets and book-stores next week. The 120-page issue, printed on top-quality art paper, will be priced at Bz 500.



Hamad bin Hamad al Ghafri plants a sapling.

The Under Secretary of Youth Affairs, Hamad bin Hammad al Ghafri gave prizes to children in a painting and planting competition organised to mark Tree Planting Day.

The ceremony, took place on Tuesday at the new building of Wadi Kabir Girls Primary School with a colourful programme drawn up by the students.

Hassan bin Abdalla al Morazza, Under Secretary of Agriculture and Fisheries was the chief guest.

An exhibition of the winning paintings was opened by Hamad bin Hammad al Ghafri.

A students band played the National Anthem and they sang the "Song of Rain".

Tree Day

Hamad bin Hammad al Ghafri spoke of the key role trees play in the development of the national economy and for a healthy life. He urged the children to help make Oman a green country.

Later the Under Secretaries planted saplings in the school compound.

In one competition Amal bint Yahya bin Khalid of Rustaq was first and Seif bin Said al Saadi and Asliyah bint Abdalla bin Mohammad received second and third prizes respectively.

LATEST

The authorities in Iran have arrested two hijackers who took over a Saudi Arabian airliner on a flight from London to Riyadh on Tuesday morning.

The 131 passengers and crew were freed in Teheran after Iranian security men boarded the plane. However, first reports say that the main hijacker had already been disarmed by the co-pilot and some of the passengers.

They apparently attacked him with an axe used to break windows in an emergency, overpowered him and threw him out on to the tarmac. The other hijacker was unarmed.

A senior member of the Soviet Politburo is to visit Britain next month. The announcement was made in the British Parliament by the Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Mr Mikail Gorbachov will be the first member of the Politburo to visit Britain for many years.

There appears to be a heavy turnout in the US as voters go to the polls to elect a new President for the next four years. There were long queues outside polling booths in the east of the country.

More than 150 people have been killed in a typhoon which swept central Philippines.

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ROUND-UP

Alizz Islamic Bank’s humanitarian initiatives crowned with award

The award honoured the bank’s role in launching the initiative to raise donations for the Association of Early Intervention for Children With Disabilities which resulted in the launch of the first crowdfunding website in the Sultanate

MUSCAT: In recognition of its outstanding humanitarian and collaborative efforts in the society, Alizz Islamic Bank was granted a prestigious local award for ‘Digital Initiative of the Year – 2021’, at the Digital Transformation Conference & Awards, during the annual event organised under the patronage of Ali Al Shidhani, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology.

The award was received by Asaad Al Kharusi, Head of Strategy & Transformation of Alizz Islamic bank and honoured the bank’s role in launching the initiative to raise donations for the Association of Early Intervention for Children With Disabilities which resulted in the launch of the first crowdfunding website in the Sultanate.

Earlier this, Alizz Islamic Bank and the Ministry of Social Development launched the website (www.crowdfunding.alizzislamic.com) as a crowdfunding project aiming to raise OMR2 million towards building the Centre of



Excellence for Children with Disabilities, along with an additional initiative on the platform to raise OMR40,000 towards orphans of the Child Care Center via the easiest digital channels, which

allows all sectors and segments of the society to participate and contribute to building the Center of Excellence for Children with Disabilities and helping orphans. It is worth noting that the dona-

tion process observes standards of absolute transparency by revealing the exact number of total donations. Once one accesses the website, he/she can notice the digital meter’s movement, indicating how much of the target has been achieved and how much of it is remaining.

Crowdfunding is the practice of raising small amounts of money from a large number of people via the Internet and social media to fund a project that serves the community. Funds are raised through a platform that enables everyone to play a role in serving our country. Omani people, whether institutions or individuals are considered a partner in the community, and play a role in building the society by providing services to persons with disabilities by contributing to the establishment of private rehabilitation institutions for these individuals, in collaboration with government institutions.

Alizz Islamic Bank and the Ministry of Social Development also opened an account for each

orphan. After collecting the required amount, the sums will be distributed equally to all orphans. The Ministry of Social Development seeks to take care of orphans by fulfilling their necessary needs, preparing them educationally, socially and culturally, and integrating them into society.

Alizz Islamic Bank seeks excellence in providing humanitarian initiatives that best serve the society, by taking care of each child, as they are considered the cornerstone on which the future of society is built. Such efforts seeking to care for people with disabilities and orphans in the Sultanate are driven by the government’s interest, represented by the Ministry of Social Development, in ensuring that such individuals obtain all rights, on equal footing with all other citizens of the Sultanate, including their right to be rehabilitated in different rehabilitation institutions, so that they can be integrated into the society to play their role in its prosperity alongside all Omanis.

WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS

Grand Millennium Muscat, Millennium Executive Apartments win awards



MUSCAT: Stamping its dominance as the preferred Business Hotel destination in Muscat, the 5-star Grand Millennium Muscat Hotel has won the award again for the 5th consecutive year as Oman’s Leading Business Hotel 2021. In addition, the Millennium Executive Apartments was awarded Oman’s Leading Hotel Residences 2021 for the seventh year.

Both award-winning properties are located centrally in the heart of Muscat. Business and Leisure travellers alike will find pleasure and convenience with the hotel directly connected to Muscat Grand Mall. With more than 150 retail stores, a traditional Arabic souq and family-friendly entertainment arcade offering electronic games,

rides and three cinemas. Within walking distance is the Avenues Mall, home of the soon to open IKEA Oman. Minutes away are the Mall of Oman and the Royal Opera of Muscat.

Luca Medda, Cluster General Manager of Grand Millennium Muscat and Millennium Executive Apartments, says, “It is a true honour to be recognised year after year at the World Travel Awards. Such appreciation would not have been possible without the exceptional dedication and commitment of our team. Our focus has always been on the guest experience, and our colleagues are the driving force in ensuring our guests are happy while maintaining our various offerings competitive.”

CYCLONE SHAHEEN



MHD ACERE donates essential items to cyclone victims

MUSCAT: Supporting the nation’s efforts in the wake of Cyclone Shaheen, MHD ACERE, the exclusive distributor of Michelin tyres in Oman, donated washing machines and refrigerators to the affected families of Cyclone Shaheen.

Mohsin Hani Al Bahrani, CEO of MHD ACERE, along with his team handed over these essential household appliances to the Om-

ani Charitable Association.

Mohsin Al Bahrani said, “The damage caused by the cyclone has been unprecedented and it is our responsibility to help those who need it the most. As a proud partner of Michelin, we are very glad to be able to offer our support through meaningful contributions to community welfare. In these difficult times, we stand with the people of Oman.”

SPACIOUS

All-new 2022 Kia Carnival MPV now in Oman



MUSCAT: Kia’s spacious and comfortable Carnival has been a popular choice for large families in search of space, comfort, power and features. With the introduction of the all-new 2022 Carnival, Kia enthusiasts can now revel in the Carnival’s leading combination of innovation, space, flexibility and style.

Based on Kia’s new mid-size platform, the Carnival is more refined, roomy, and capable than ever, offering generous space and increased efficiency than its predecessors. Offering owners a three-row seating configuration, with room for eight occupants in total.

Own the spacious Kia Carnival and get a chance to Win it back instantly through Scratch & Win Offer. All one has to do is to buy a Kia Carnival and just before taking the delivery and submitting all necessary documents, go for a Scratch & Win offer. Other than the chance to Win a car one can also win 50% price payable or Doubling of Cash

Gift amount or win periodic services up to 100,000km. Three customers have already won their cars back. (Conditions apply. Please visit the Kia showroom for details.) The campaign is valid until December 28.

The new Kia Carnival illustrates the evolution of Kia’s design philosophy, offering customers visually stunning, dominating vehicles on the road, with customer-driven, futuristic interior surfaces and finishing. The Carnival’s SUV inspired design makes for a stylish and robust presence on the road and within the Multi-Purpose Vehicle (MPV) segment.

“The Carnival is as practical as it is stunning. Offering an abundance of space and cargo, the Carnival comes fitted with a modern suite of hi-tech features that cater to the interests and demands of seasoned drivers and passengers of all ages. The Carnival’s cabin provides an immersive luxury experience that prioritises comfort and conveni-

ence first.” said Yaser Shabsogh, Chief Operating Officer, Regional HQs, Middle East & Africa. “Our design team has tackled the Carnival through all angles to produce a high-quality product which is unlike any other vehicle in the segment. The anticipation comes to an end as Kia customers from the region can now contact their distributor to learn more about the all-encompassing Carnival,” he added.

The Carnival’s exterior profile has an attractive look highlighted by LED headlamps, LED Daytime Running Lights, Electric Folding Mirrors, Roof Rack, Rear Spoiler, LED Rear Combination Lamp, LED Front Fog Lamps and a Symphonic Matt Radiator Grille.

The Carnival’s state-of-the-art suite of hi-tech features is designed to make life and travel as easy and convenient as possible. The feature includes Dual Power Sliding Doors, Theatre seating + 3rd Row AC Vents, Auto Cruise

Control, Drive Mode Select, Driver’s Seat Height Adjuster, 8” Audio Display, Rear & Front Parking Assist System, Smart Key with Button Start and more.

The new Carnival adopts Kia’s latest ‘Smartstream’ powertrain technologies to enhance efficiency and performance. The Carnival is available with a 3.5L Euro 4 V6 churning 268 HP and 33.8 kg.m. torque. This is paired to an 8-speed Automatic Transmission offering smooth and swift progress to match the car’s unruffled dynamic character.

The new Carnival boasts a range of passive and active safety and driver assistance systems, including Driver and Front Passenger Airbags, Side and Curtain Airbags, Knee Airbag (Driver), Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS), Electronic Stability Program (ESP), Hill Start Assist Control (HAC), Tyre Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS), Rear Parking Assist System and more.

BANK MUSCAT

Baituna home finance helps make your dream home a reality

MUSCAT: Bank Muscat’s Baituna home finance has been steadily attracting large numbers of customers over the years and helping them in making their dreams come true. In line with its customer-centric vision, the bank has been providing financing products to large numbers of customers, both Omanis as well as residents, which are aligned to their unique needs. It should be noted that Bank Muscat offers very attractive interest rates and a tenor up to 25 years.

Abdullah Tamman Al Maashani, Deputy General Manager - Institutional Sales & Product Development, said: “Bank Muscat is very keen to provide products and benefits in line with the needs of its customers through a number of products and solutions, which see the continuous development and fine-tuning. The real estate sector is a major component of the national economy and Bank Muscat is committed to supporting this crucial sector and strengthening its role in the development and growth of the Sultanate’s economy. Real estate developers are our partners in progress and today, as economic activity picks up in the sector, Bank Muscat is ready to provide valuable support and the best options for its customers, both in Muscat as well as in other parts of the country. We would also like to thank our cus-



tomers for the strong confidence in our products and services, as well as their valuable feedback which helps the bank to develop new products in line with its customer-centric vision.”

With Oman becoming an attractive real-estate investment destination in the region, the role of home financing is only set to grow more and more important. Customers can use Baituna financing facilities to construct or purchase new homes as well as land for residential use. Bank Muscat customers can take advantage of the fast processing of applications and the excellent insurance coverage for their financing. Flexible payment options and simple documentation makes Baituna the leading home finance facility in the Sultanate.

ROUND-UP

Selfdrive introduces first all-in-one-mobility application in Oman

The state-of-the-art technology platform is all set to transform customer's automotive experience of selecting and renting a car

MUSCAT: Selfdrive, a car rental application that is an entity of Pinewoods Technology Services, has launched its services in Oman with the aim of expanding its presence beyond the UAE.

Selfdrive is an e-commerce platform that leverages technology to cater to the ever-increasing needs of modern customers for convenient mobility. The car rental app will offer its users, both individuals and corporates in the Sultanate, direct access to a wide variety of cars and the latest models direct from the dealerships and leasing companies.

Selfdrive provides convenience, choice and ease of booking while

renting a car. Using the app, which is built on a proprietary tech foundation concept of 'Search - Select - Pay', customers can rent cars on demand which will be delivered at their doorstep. Selfdrive offers absolute flexibility to its users by allowing them to rent cars by the day, week or even subscribe by the month or lease a car up to 3 years. The app provides a superior automotive experience to its customers with the help of machine learning and artificial intelligence which matches customer profiles with cars of their choice when selecting and renting a car.

Selfdrive, launched in 2017, is the largest car rental tech platform



that has crossed 2500 cars on road and serves over 50000 users from 95 different nationalities in the UAE. It offers daily rentals that start from AED 49 per day and monthly rentals that start with

AED 999 per month.

"Oman and UAE both experience international connectivity and there is a lot of travel between both the countries. As such, having our presence at the Sultanate

is a natural fit because of its strategic location and hence we chose Oman as the first step to our GCC expansion. Moreover, it has a robust tourism landscape, which is perfect for our business growth. As the first technology player to have a presence in this market, we are confident that the future looks promising," said Soham Shah, CEO and Co-Founder of Selfdrive.

"Oman is a great market for the automotive sector, and we see a big potential to be part of that development. In the ever-evolving car rental industry, our novel, tech-driven solution will not only enhance customer experience but also provide a faster, easier and personalised experience in booking cars at competitive rates, as well as offer access to convenient and secure payment methods while renting a car," added Shah.

The coming years will see the transport landscape transit to the autonomous, electric and shared model. Commenting on the future of transportation, Shah said, "The near future will witness a trans-

formation in the car ownership model and there will be a rapid increase in the adoption of MaaS (Mobility as a Service) with different subscription-based service or an on-demand model of mobility being offered, where the customer may not own the asset but request it on demand."

Selfdrive is constantly striving towards adding more brands to its existing portfolio of cars in Oman. Its wide network of partners allows customers access to the world's leading automobile brands such as Nissan, Toyota, Chevrolet, Mitsubishi, Renault, Mazda, Kia, Hyundai, Volkswagen and BMW.

Selfdrive currently operates in the UAE and has plans to expand in other GCC countries like Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia by Q1, 2022 followed by UK and Europe by Q2,2022. The app currently has 150K downloads across Android & iOS and works on a zero-subscription fee model. At present, they are the largest in a retail fleet network on road with an average accessible fleet of 1,000 cars.

MULTI-TENANT INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES

Arcapita and Arden Group launch \$800 million real estate joint venture

UNITED STATES: Arcapita Group Holdings ("Arcapita"), the global alternative investment firm, and Arden Group, a US real estate investment firm, have announced a joint venture to acquire multi-tenant industrial properties in urban centres across major markets in the United States. The new venture closed on an initial portfolio of properties valued at over \$550 million, with an additional \$250 million of properties closing in the near term. Plans are to grow the portfolio to up to \$2 billion in gross asset value across the top 25 US industrial markets.

The venture's initial portfolio totals approximately five million square feet spread across 18 industrial parks, located in seven US markets: Atlanta, Charlotte, Columbus, Dallas, Houston, Philadelphia, and Indianapolis.

Atif A. Abdulmalik, Arcapita's Chief Executive Officer, commented: "This joint venture is part of our broader industrial real estate strategy, having completed roughly \$5.5 billion in industrial and logistics real estate transactions globally for nearly 20 years. We are pleased to partner with Arden and provide our investors with this highly diversified portfolio."

"This niche industrial sector has been a thematic investment strategy for Arden and continues to provide attractive cash yields,"



said Craig A. Spencer, Chairman and CEO of Arden Group.

"We are pleased to align with Arcapita, a trusted and proven strategic partner, which shares our long-term vision for the asset class more broadly."

The joint venture is targeting in-fill warehouses that have experienced very low new supply due to the limited availability of undeveloped land near urban centres. With growing demand across the logistics spectrum, rent growth for the multi-tenant subsector is expected to continue.

The joint venture's technology-enabled operating platform aims to disrupt the decentralised, local ownership groups that character-



ise this asset class.

"Infill industrial facilities are critical in the US supply chain and have become increasingly important given the acceleration of logistics and business services," adds Shike Goedar, President and Chief Investment Officer of Arden Logistics Parks. "We intend to capitalise on strong US demand from a growing variety of tenants by providing institutional-quality facilities in strategic locations."

"The overall US industrial market is driven by powerful long-term tailwinds and sustained capital inflows, generating growing investor demand in the multi-tenant subsector," said Brian Hebb, Managing Director and Head of Arcapita's US

Real Estate team. "The aggregation plans for this joint venture will allow us to build a sizeable market share within a highly fragmented sector. We look forward to combining Arcapita's long-standing presence in global industrial real estate with Arden's best-in-class management team to grow this platform over the long term."

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher served as Arcapita's legal counsel and Cozen O'Connor served as Arden Group's legal counsel. Jones Lang LaSalle Securities served as Arden Group's exclusive financial adviser in connection with the transaction and provided debt and equity financing services to the joint venture.

INDIAN SOCIAL CLUB

ISC Oman Open Badminton Championship concludes

MUSCAT: Much awaited Modern Exchange - ISC Oman Open Badminton Championship took off at the ISC multipurpose hall on 5 November.

Sports Secretary Saji Abraham opened the event in the presence of shuttle enthusiasts and other executive committee members. The event started with Men's Singles and doubles categories.

In Men's Singles top seed Himesh Haridas beat Abdul Salam in the semifinals and moved to the finals. In the members' group of ISC, Rajesh had a comfortable victory over Abin

and moved to the finals. In the same category, Gururaj B moved to the finals beating Dr Abhilash Vijayan who came from Sur.

In the Women's singles, Bharathi Ramachandran retained her title after beating Nayan Anil in a tough battle. Bharti took her first set without much effort but Nayan came back in the second set using her wrist power but Bharati played a brilliant game in the third set to concede the match in her favour.

In Men's doubles open category, Nowfal & Shanith will face the favourites Himesh Haridas and Vaisakh Nair in the semis and the

same category, Renjith & Anwar will play against Mohd Haroos and Rahul Hari. In Men's doubles category, Abin & Rajesh will face Riyas and Sakkariya in the semis and the same event, Mony & Nadeem will face Shabeer & Shine in the semis.

In Veterans open event Gireesh Pillai & Francis PT used their brilliant form to claim victory over seeded no. 3 Albert & Geemon. Gireesh & Francis enjoyed court superiority and played with their usual cool form to wrap the 1st game. The second game was no different with both teams exhibiting delightful drops and aggres-

sion. Gireesh & Francis started well but Albert & Geemon managed to keep at level taking 2nd game in their favour.

On resumption, Gireesh & Francis stepped up on his smashes but Albert & Geemon managed to put these back and win some crucial points to keep their nose in front. Closer to the end, Gireesh & Francis held their nerve to fashion to win the match at 21-16, 16-21 and 21-18. In a similar category, Nadeem & Jinesh won against injured Mathew Thomas & Simon Joseph after a brilliant resistance from the team.

E-COMMERCE PAYMENT GATEWAY



BankDhofar, Visit Oman partner to provide digital payment solutions

MUSCAT: Within its endeavour to enhance customers' banking experiences by providing highly secured payment solutions, BankDhofar has joined hands with Visit Oman to launch an E-commerce payment gateway platform.

The initiative will enable Visit Oman's partners to seamlessly purchase flights, accommodation, car rentals, tours and other Omani travel experiences online and in real-time.

Commenting on the partnership, Mazeer Al Balushi, Executive Manager -Acquiring Business at BankDhofar said: "BankDhofar is committed to providing quality products and services that fit seamlessly into our customer's needs and adapt to the increasingly changing technological trends. With this solution offered to Visit Oman, BankDhofar aims to reaffirm its position as a leading bank in the Sultanate in providing secured and innovative payment solutions to enhance the customer experience journey, while enabling Visit Oman's travel trade partners to process payments safely and securely."

Salah Al Battashi, Digital Services Director at Visit Oman, explained: "Visit Oman is delighted to partner with BankDhofar to enable international debit or credit card payments on our digital platform. The integration with BankDhofar's payment gateway, which will enable digital payment options, is a vital element to our provision of specialized and tailored experiences for our international travel trade part-

ners in key source markets. It is another value-adding element to our state-of-the-art booking platform that enables the promotion of unlimited Omani travel experiences. This goes hand in hand with our vision to contribute to the Sultanate's inbound tourism put by the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism (MoHT), National Tourism Strategy 2040, and Oman Vision 2040."

Following the initial VisitOman.om brand launch at Oman ministry level in June 2021, Visit Oman is now entering its commercial launch phase - in Q4 of 2021 - that facilitates the platform's evolution into a dynamic, all-encompassing online marketplace that will seamlessly connect the entire accredited Omani tourism supply chain to the travel trade sector in key international source markets.

BankDhofar's E-commerce Payment Gateway comes in line with the bank's digital transformation roadmap to offer service excellence to its customers and contribute to the digital economy by improving the electronic payment ecosystem.

The E-commerce Payment Gateway will offer a highly secure, safe, and intelligent E-commerce transaction environment for its E-commerce customers. At the same time, the platform will enable Visit Oman's regional and international travel trade partners the opportunity to process transactions with their debit or credit cards through www.visitoman.om and receive instant confirmation of the payment transactions.

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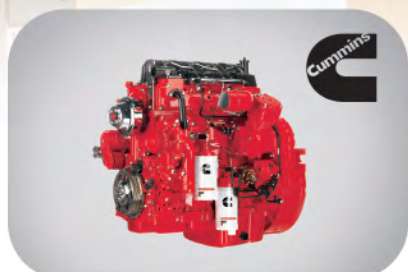
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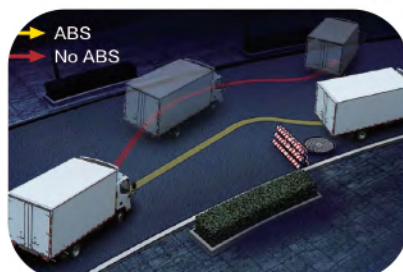
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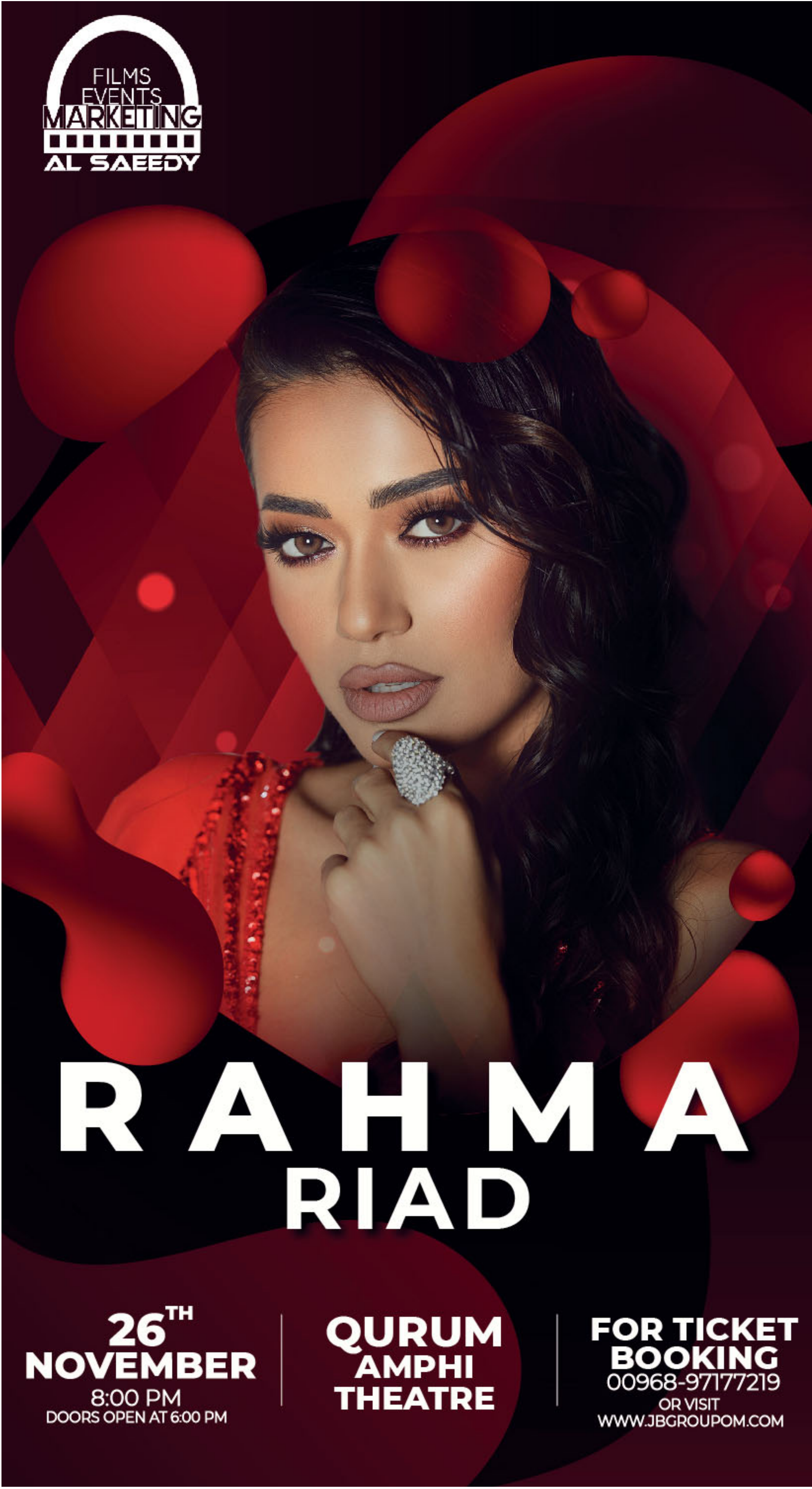
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