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ROP sets new guidelines for Omani taxi owners

The Royal Oman Police has issued new regulations for the ownership of taxis in the Sultanate and only those applicants, who meet the new criteria, would now be eligible for taxi permits

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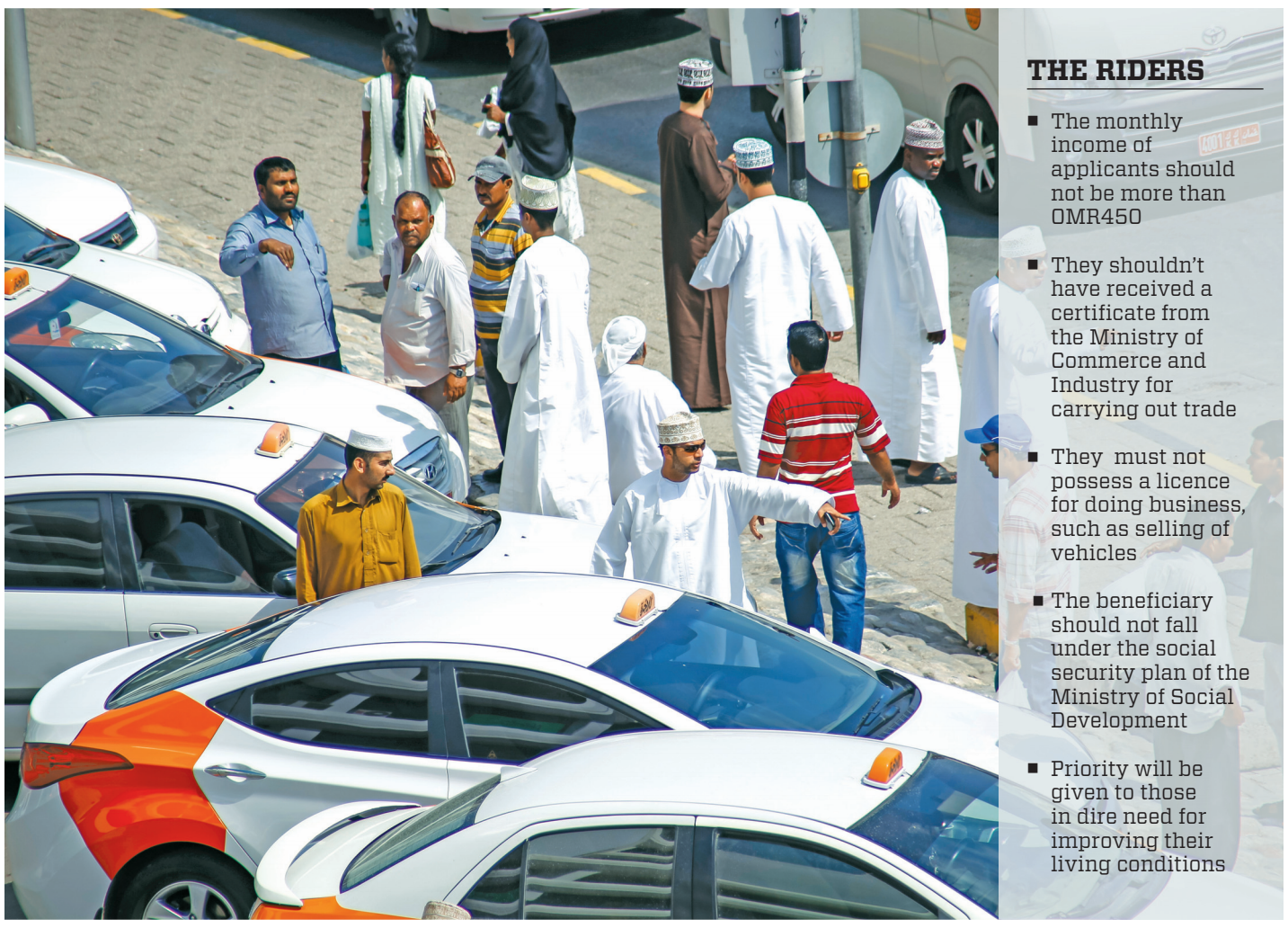

NEW OWNERSHIP NORMS: Taxi owners look for customers in one of the localities of Muscat. - Shabin E/Times of Oman

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- The monthly income of applicants should not be more than OMR450
- They shouldn't have received a certificate from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for carrying out trade
- They must not possess a licence for doing business, such as selling of vehicles
- The beneficiary should not fall under the social security plan of the Ministry of Social Development
- Priority will be given to those in dire need for improving their living conditions

MUSCAT: Omani citizens whose monthly incomes are more than OMR450 will no longer be granted ownership permits for taxis, as per the new guidelines that have been introduced. In addition, the person should not have received a certificate from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for carrying out trade activity or engaged in the sponsorship of workers.

The Royal Oman Police (ROP) has issued new guidelines for the regulation of taxis in the Sultanate, an ROP official told *Times of Oman*. The official said the applications would not be approved if they have a licence for doing business, such as selling of vehicles.

These new regulations will also apply to those receiving assistance under the social security scheme of the Ministry of Social Development.

Further, the official pointed out that granting ownership permits for taxis had been temporarily halted during an official review of the process of issuing taxi ownership for nationals. The ROP has begun receiving applications from nationals who want to own a taxi in Oman, though they will need to meet the set norms.

1,000 applications

"We received more than 1,000 applications in all the governorates and we have started reviewing those applications. Priority will be given to those in dire need and for improvement in their living conditions," the official said.

The official added that some of the applicants have met the ownership requirements of taxis, but others have failed in their endeavours.

Population size

A certain number of licences for taxi ownership is allocated to each governorate of the Sultanate, depending on the size of their population, according to the official.

The official stressed that there has been an increase in the number of taxis in the Sultanate, due to the high demand from nationals.

Currently, there are no statistics available about the number of taxis operating in the Sultanate.

Officials noted that regulating the ownership of taxis had become a necessity because some nationals have large incomes but they still own a taxi.

The official also stressed that many of these taxi owners rent out their taxis to nationals on a monthly or yearly basis.

Ahmed Al Hinai, a taxi driver, told *Times of Oman*, that he had taken his taxi number on rent from a friend for OMR300 per year after he got licence for the purchase of a car from the ROP.

Al Hinai hoped that the new regulations would be more fair to nationals living on smaller incomes, as many of them are the sole bread earners of their families.

GUYANA, BRUNEI

HM sends greetings

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said has sent a cable of greetings to President Donald Ramotar of Guyana on his country's National Day. In his cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his greetings to the president and his country's people.

His Majesty the Sultan has also sent a cable of congratulations to Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei Darussalam on his country's National Day. In his cable, His Majesty expressed his sincere greetings and wishes of good health and happiness to him and his people further progress and prosperity.—ONA

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DROP IN NUMBERS

Remittances to Bangladesh dip

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MUSCAT: Remittances to Bangladesh by its migrant workers continue to slide, dropping by 5.3 per cent in January this year on the back of declining numbers of migrant workers, reports claim.

The country received $1.25 billion in remittances last month against $1.32 billion in January 2013, according to data released by Bangladesh Bank. This is the sixth consecutive month of falling inflows.

"From July 2013 to January 2014, the first seven months of the current fiscal year, remittances amounted to $8 billion, a nine per cent drop from the same period last year," the report says. >A2

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SMES

Licence for mobile business units to boost job creation

BUSINESS REPORTER

MUSCAT: Oman government, in an unprecedented move, is planning to grant licence to small and medium mobile business units that provide various services, including hair cutting, a top-level official of the SMEs department told *Times of Oman*, in an exclusive interview.

A committee has already been formed to give permission to and encourage these units, as part of a larger plan to support the development of small and medium enterprises (SMEs), which is vital for creating large-scale employment opportunities for Omani youths.

"We do not have any system for registration of mobile businesses like mobile car service, mobile hair cutting service, or mobile cinema now, but a committee has been established to work on granting licences to mobile businesses," said Salah bin Hilal Al Maawali, head of the Directorate General of the Development of SMEs, which is part of the Public Authority for SMEs Development.

Al Maawali, who is a member of the newly established committee, said the plan is part of the authority's efforts to promote SMEs and provide them with better services that help them to play their role in the development of the country.

Those interested will be given support and information as to how they should start and how much it will cost them, he added.

The authority has been making every effort to elevate the status of SMEs since its establishment, Al Maawali noted, adding that its greatest achievement has been its success in changing the old mindset about small and medium units. "Everybody knows about SMEs now."

Currently, there are more than 11 organisations supporting the SMEs and efforts are underway to provide further support for these enterprises, he said.

The owners of businesses can register with the authority for three years with just OMR3 and the process takes only 15 minutes, added Al Maawali. "You can even start your business from home."

The government's support for these enterprises is "fine", but "smoother" mechanisms are required to achieve the goals set, he said. "The private sector is growing fast so we have to change our regulations to fulfil their expectations and ensure the development of the SMEs."

Al Maawali also noted that further incentive packages should be provided to small and medium units, given the large number of SMEs in the country and their importance. "We are seeking to provide greater help to those Omanis who are ready to dedicate themselves full-time to their enterprises," he added.

Registered SMEs

	SMEs	%
Muscat	50,359	38
Al Batinah	26,573	20
Al Sharqiya	18,475	14
Dhofar	10,427	8
Al Dakhliya	10,250	8
Al Buraimi	6,740	5
Al Dhahra	6,555	5
Musandam	1,910	1
Al Wusta	1,446	1
Total 2013	132,735	

Source: National Centre for Statistics and Information — Graphics

19TH MUSCAT INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR

No ban on books at Muscat fair: Minister

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MUSCAT: Setting a precedent and indicating respect for readers' choice, the 19th Muscat International Book Fair will have no bar on sale of any books written and published locally or abroad, Minister of Information Dr Abdul Mun'em bin Mansour Al Hasani announced on Wednesday.

Talking to reporters here, Abdul Mun'em Al Hasani said that no book that had reached Oman has been banned so far. "In view of an open and free environment, no book was banned and no title was seized," he said.

With this announcement, the minister has tried to allay the anxiety of certain readers, who were apprehensive that books dealing with some recent developments in region, would not be displayed

A file photo of book stalls.

at the book fair. "As there is a possibility of books reaching readers electronically through the Internet, there is no logic to ban these," noted Abdul Mun'em Al Hasani.

Such fears were actually triggered by rumours that a book edited and compiled by activist Saeed Al Hashemi was seized and banned last year. Some government officials actually approached the publishing house participating in the book fair to enquire about the availability of the book.

This was seen by some as an eleventh hour dilemma on the part of the organisers about the book. However, such fears were proven misplaced when the Lebanese publisher confirmed that he had actually displayed 250 copies of the book, which were sold out within two days.

Many writers and publishers have already started announcing availability of their books in the Muscat book fair through social media. These books include fiction and nonfiction titles dealing with recent upheavals across the Middle East and North Africa.

Ahmad Al Fadhli, a Kuwaiti writer, tweeted that his Arabic novel, *A spring which does not bring flowers,* would be available at the fair. Around 570 publishing houses from 25 countries would be displaying some 160,000 books at the book fair. This year is witnessing an increase in the number of participants over the previous year when there were 476 publishing houses.

47 Omani publishing houses

This year, 47 Omani publishing houses will be releasing new titles during the fair. Some English translations of major Arabic language fiction and nonfiction titles from abroad are also expected to be showcased at the fair.

There will also be special section for books in other languages, including English, Urdu and Malayalam, with over 25 participants. The book fair would be held at the Oman International Exhibition Centre.

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The United Arab Emirates and Qatar have already introduced compulsory military service and Oman may well follow suit

Should Oman introduce compulsory military service? >A6

OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT

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Bangladeshi workers decline

According to Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU), only 450,000 migrants managed overseas jobs in 2013, down by more than 33 per cent from 2012. Moreover, the decline is accompanied by a large number of returning migrants.

The RMMRU attributed the fall to the government's failure to stimulate the labour markets in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait through diplomatic channels to make them accept Bangladeshi migrants. There are 501,357 Bangladeshi migrants working in Oman.

A report in the *Dhaka Tribune* newspaper pointed out that the number of Bangladeshi workers overseas peaked in 2008 — when about 875,000 workers went abroad — and has been in general decline ever since.

Besides, the flow of the portion of remittances sent for investment purposes might have fallen due to currency appreciation, as the value of taka rose six per cent against the US dollar over the last one year.

In its monetary policy statement last week, the central bank projected an overall negative growth of four per cent in remittances for the current fiscal year.

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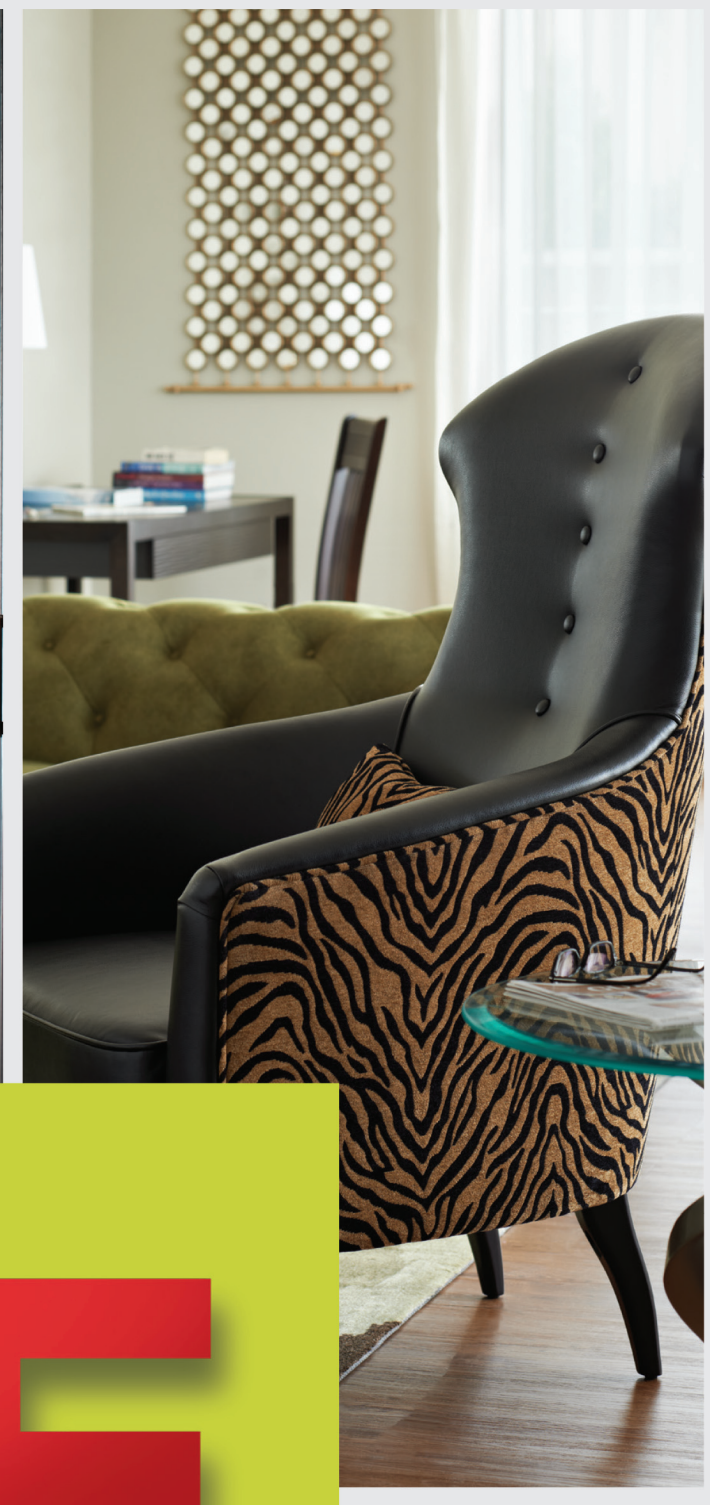

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Treasure hunt revisits a heritage

HERITAGE REVIVED: A total of 65 corporate teams comprising four members each had registered for the contest. It helped people explore various areas of the Mutrah Souq which otherwise remain unnoticed. Below, the winners of the contest. — **Photos by Mohammad Ali O. K./TIMES OF OMAN**

The Mutrah Souq Corporate Treasure Hunt brought various nationalities speaking diverse languages and living in the city, locals and expatriates, together for an important cause. The participants interacted with each other and took part in the contest in a spirit of camaraderie

Times News Service

> We are working to open a museum of Omani dress. We had a soft opening in the run up to a full opening. Of course, it requires money. Rather than soliciting private sponsors, we decided to work for it and bring the community together inside the Mutrah Souq
>
> **Julia Al Zadjali**
> Director, Centre for Omani Dress

MUSCAT: Team GTLS Sharp Hunters of Gargash and Trade Links Insurance Services bagged first position in the Mutrah Souq Corporate Treasure Hunt competition held yesterday.

The event was organised by the Centre for Omani Dress, in association with the *Times of Oman* and *Al Shabiba*. A total of 65 corporate teams comprising four members each had registered for the contest.

After winning the first prize in the contest, Naznin of GTLS Sharp Hunters told the *Times of Oman* that her team was not expecting to win the top position.

"The treasure hunt was a wonderful experience. We worked with a certain strategy in the team and enjoyed accomplishing the tasks that were assigned, running from one place to another to get the answers. We are extremely delighted."

Other members of the team were Munir, Herman and Wazir. The GTLS Sharp Hunters provided the maximum number of correct answers in the least amount of time, compared to its close competitors.

Team Ambushers of the OTE Group of Companies - IT division bagged the second position while the Y and R team bagged the third position in the contest which attracted a significant section of the corporate sector of the city.

Muhammad Safel, who led this team for the treasure hunt, said they were not expecting this result. "The event was organised well. We have been in many programmes in the past organised elsewhere, but this one was the best. We just came to put up a fight but did not expect this result. We worked as a team and luckily bagged the second position." Other members of the team were Sandeep Kamesh Rao, Sandeep Mechineni and Sri Hari.

The Y and R team secured the third position in the contest. Neha Sujanani, who led the team, said that it was a really great experience.

"We knew what we were going to do. We didn't do any planning before actually embarking on the hunt. We came in a rather random fashion. We did not even see the map. This was the first time we had participated in such an event. It was a big experience. It educated us about the Mutrah Souq. We are very happy. Reaching even the third position out of 56 teams was a really encouraging thing for all of us," she said.

Other members of the Y and R team were Amna Khalid, Nandini Chandra and Darshil Mehta.

Julia Al Zadjali, director, Centre for Omani Dress, said that the main objective of the event was to bring people inside the Mutrah Souq, because it is not a very well explored destination in the city.

"We had organised a similar event in November which was open to all. This time we had targeted businesses. Therefore, it was a little more competitive and there was more determination among the participants to find the correct answers today. I think that everybody had a good time participating in the hunt," she said.

The proceeds will go to the Centre for Omani Dress. "We are working to open a museum of Omani dress. We had a soft opening in the run up to a full opening. Of course, it requires money. Rather than soliciting private sponsors, we decided to work for it and bring the community together inside the Mutrah Souq," said Julia Al Zadjali.

She said that this would become an annual event for the corporates. Similarly, there would be an annual open treasure hunt in November.

Mohamed Issa Al Zadjali, the chairman and editor-in-chief of the *Times of Oman*, said that the Mutrah Souq Corporate Treasure Hunt was an event which brought various nationalities speaking diverse languages and living in the city, locals and expatriates, together for an important cause.

It made it possible for them to interact with each other and participate in the contest in a spirit of camaraderie.

One major aspect of the hunt was that it helped people explore various areas of the Mutrah Souq which otherwise remain unnoticed. "It is part of Oman's heritage and needed to be focused on and educated about. The kind of activities which were included in the hunt were basically aimed at assisting the participants to get to know more about the souq.

Those who participated in the Mutrah Souq Treasure Hunt organised in November still visit the place as they understood many new aspects of it. We hope that something similar will happen after this event also. It will help promote the business community of Mutrah Souq," he said.

The registration process for the treasure hunt had begun much in advance and went on till the last moment with an enthusiastic response from the corporate sector. For the contest, there were 20 brand new clues with different values and varying degree of difficulty, with a total of 30 correct answers.

Knowledge about the souq always comes in handy for this event. They were also equipped with the 'Mutrah Souq: Uncovered' map to make their work a little easy. The map has already been made available to the public and can be purchased at the Museum of Omani Dress. It has a detailed index and layout of the souq.

We will screen the short film at various film festivals in and outside the region
Anvwar Balushi, Producer of *The Final Delivery*

Short film takes on drug menace

The short film delivers a message against drugs and its impact on families. The movie will also be screened at various film festivals

STRONG MESSAGE: The lead role has been played by veteran Omani actor Salim Bahwan. - Supplied photo

STAFF REPORTER

MUSCAT: As part of its social commitment, Anvwar Asian Investments Company yesterday held a preview screening of an anti-drug short film made by the firm titled *The Final Delivery,* for the media.

Produced by Anvwar Balushi, the chairman of Anvwar Asian Investments, the lead role has been played by actor Salim Bahwan, who has been acting for the last 25 years in Oman and abroad.

"The script was a touching one. It has a message for the society. So, I made time to act in the short film. It was a splendid experience," Salim, the seasoned actor, said.

The short film delivers a message against drugs and its impact on families.

The film revolves around the theme of a drug delivery man who takes up the shady vocation as a part-time job to make some quick money on the side even though he is leading a comfortable professional and family life. "The script was strong. This production is part of our social commitment. We will screen the short film at various film festivals in and outside the region. As it has a serious message, it will be accepted by all," said Anvwar.

Satyadas has done the cinematography of the short film, which was filmed in and around Muscat. Scripted by Anirban Ray, the film has been directed by Nikyta Ray.

MINISTER'S VISIT

Zanzibar team praises SQU

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Zanzibar's Minister of Education and Vocational Training, Ali Juma Shamhuna, along with an accompanying delegation, visited the Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) as a part of their ongoing official visit to the country.

The delegation was received by Dr Ali bin Saud Al Bimani, SQU Vice Chancellor, Her Highness Sayyida Dr Muna bint Fahad Al Said, Assistant Vice Chancellor for External Cooperation, and other officials.

The two sides reviewed existing partnerships between SQU and higher educational institutions in Zanzibar. Various opportunities of partnership, such as student and faculty exchanges, research collaboration and joint conferences, were also discussed. After watching a video, which explained the development and current activities of SQU, the visiting minister praised the progress that the university achieved during the past 25 years.

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COMMENT

Should the Sultanate introduce compulsory military service?

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SUNDAY BEAT

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MUSCAT: The United Arab Emirates and Qatar have already introduced compulsory military service and Oman may well follow suit to be the latest Gulf state to do so but merely following in the steps of neighbours may not work well for its welfare.

In comparison to the other two countries, the Sultanate by far has the biggest youth population. If it follows the between 18 years to 35 years age band of Qatar for young people to be militarised, then Oman would send more than 45 per cent of its population to the barracks. On the other hand, the UAE's age strata of 18 to 30 years would mean more than a third of Omanis would be heading to the military camps. By a rough estimate, between 600,000 to 800,000 young Omanis would need to be enlisted. In Qatar, about 65,000 are eligible for military service while a little over 220,000 in the UAE.

If you use the above population's account as an indication, Oman would need to dig very deep in its financial coffers to come out with the expenses of militarising its young people. In Qatar and the UAE, the ministries of finances of both countries have the expenses well covered. Oman will not know, if it decides to go ahead with the military service, how much it would cost in the long run but the question of affordability would stick up like a sore thumb in the already severely stretched financial situation. According to the World Bank, Qatar's GDP is over $180 billion while the UAE's is about $350 billion and Oman's is estimated at just $77 billion.

Positive impact

On the positive side, if Oman could come up with the extra costs should the country decide to send its youngsters to the army, the military exercise would toughen up the normally pampered and sheltered youth. It will also teach some discipline to those young people who are terrorising the roads with their dangerous driving and tame the rough behaviour of the rest. It may even cut down the number of drug users and peddlers among the nationals, whose numbers have sharply increased in the last decade. But before the government sends these youth to army bases, it must decide on the age group, the length of the service and the educational background.

The Qatari government's decision of the age group of up to 35 years runs closer to the middle age. The UAE's maximum age of 30 years is realistic but I would have thought between the ages of 18 to 25 years is more practical. Since Oman has a bigger youth population, it would cut down the costs by limiting the age group.

Moreover, young people after the age of 25 years want to concentrate on their careers or higher studies and not disrupt these with military exercises.

As for educational background, it must be linked with the number of times a young person needs to serve in the military. Those who dropped out from schools must serve much longer than those who have completed their secondary education. There is a sense of desolation and hopelessness among the dropouts. Two years of military training will boost their confidence and keep them out of mischief. It will also equip them with specialised skills to help them find jobs at places that rejected them before they joined the army. It will have a positive effect on school goers knowing that if they drop out then they will have to join the army for two long years. This arrangement will see a steep rise in the passing rate of students in the basic education besides help curb drug addiction.

For students who passed their secondary education and are headed for work may do nine months, those studying for their degrees or working after graduating just five months. By lowering the serving time for different level of education will encourage young people to do better academically.

However, the government must also think whether to make it compulsory for women or enrol only men. If it is not mandatory for women, then they will have a head start in the job market while men would still be serving in the army. Another problem is that while young Omanis are tied up with military service, it will leave a gap in the job market for expatriates to fill in making it harder for nationals to penetrate into it.

CIVIL AVIATION

Traffic spurt at Muscat, Salalah airports recorded

MUSCAT: The total passenger traffic (including transit and transfer passengers) through the Muscat International Airport has increased by 13 per cent to 780,223 passengers during January 2014, compared to 689,463 passengers during the same period of 2013.

Statistics issued by the Public Authority for Civil Aviation (PACA) show an increase in passenger arrivals by 12 per cent to 392,762 passengers during January this year, compared to 350,687 passengers who arrived during the same period in 2013.

The number of departing passengers has also increased by 15 per cent to 383,306 during January this year, compared to 332,959 passengers during the same period of 2013.

The increased traffic at the Muscat International Airport is being attributed to the increase in the number of flights operated by the existing airlines, such as Oman Air, Ethiopian Airlines and a new airline, Rotana Air, coming into operation.

In terms of air cargo traffic at the Muscat International Airport, aviation statistics indicate a slight decrease in the total unloaded freight by one per cent with total shipments pegged at 8,713 tonnes, compared to 8,767 tonnes in the same period in 2013.

> The traffic at the Muscat International and Salalah Airports grew by 13% and 22% respectively

Salalah Airport also registered an increase of 22 per cent in the total number of arriving and departing passengers, recording a figure of 68,181 passengers in January 2014, compared to 56,105 passengers for the same period of 2013.

As for movement of Air Cargo at the Salalah Airport, freight traffic has recorded a six per cent decrease in total unloaded and loaded freight, bringing the shipment volumes to 112 tonnes during January 2014, compared to 119 tonnes in the same period in 2012. -ONA

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Dear Shareholders,
On behalf of the Board of Directors of Oman Hotels and Tourism Co. SAOG, I have pleasure in welcoming you to the 21st Annual General Meeting of the Company, to present this report together with the Audited Accounts, Auditor's Report and the Corporate Governance Report for the year ended 31 December 2013.

Economic and Business Scenario
Oman's economy continued to remain robust during 2013. Hydrocarbon prices during this year were remunerative and were higher than the budgeted oil price of USD 85/- per barrel. The GDP growth of about 5% was also impressive. Inflation remained muted at 2.5% on the back of cooling in the housing market and easing of food prices.

The infrastructure activities such as airport expansion and improvements and development of road networks continued through 2013 with major part of these activities expected to reach closure during end 2014 or early 2015.

The growth registered in the country's economy during 2013 was beneficial to the hospitality and tourism sectors as it helped to sustain improvement witnessed during 2012 in the visitor arrivals to the country. The expected completion of the infrastructure projects is expected to further augment visitor arrivals to the country which in turn is expected to benefit the tourism and hospitality sectors in substantial measure.

Company Performance
The Company's 2013 revenue at RO 7.33 million was higher than the 2012 revenue of RO 6.94 million, registering a 6% growth. Operating profit from the hospitality activitiesat RO 1.73 million was marginally higher than the previous year'sRO 1.66 million.

Investment segment also performed well with income at RO 0.85 million for 2013, compared to RO 0.79 million of 2012, an8% growth. Finance cost of RO 108 K for 2013 was nearly 50% lower than the finance cost of RO 214K for 2012 on the back of reduced loan balances and interest rate reduction.

The net profit of the company after tax for 2013 was RO 2.32 million on the back of the improvements stated above, as compared to RO 2.08 million net profit after tax for 2012.

The company was able to achieve this good performance in 2013 despite the ban imposed by the Government during September 2013 on live performances in select category hotels which caused reductions in the food and beverage revenues in the affected outlets.

This overall improvement recorded during 2013 was possible mainly due to the sustained capital expenditure on refurbishment of rooms and other facilities in all properties over the past years which helped retention of existing clients and to bring in new ones.

Internal Control
Technical audits and evaluation of controls and systems that have been regularly conducted by visiting management personnel from time to time, were duly supplemented by the continuous assessments of internal controls in the organization by multiple levels of audit checks. The audit committee oversees the adequacy of internal controls by constant assessments of the efficacy of internal audits thereby ensuring robustness in this critical area.

Dividend
The retained earnings at the close of 2013 of the parent company and the group stood at RO 5.78 million and RO 9.26 million respectively. Considering the repayment obligations of term loans, working capital requirements and CAPEX programs for the year, the Board has recommended a cash dividend of 150Baizas per share of nominal value of RO 1 each on the 5.5 million shares of the company.

Investments
The investment made in the subsidiary company which is also operating in the hospitality sector, has put in a good performance during 2013 and has recorded good growth, both, in its top-line and bottom-line over 2012.

The associate company engaged in financial services performed well during the year, posting good growth over 2012, both in respect of revenue and profits.

The performances of the subsidiary as also that of the associate company are expected to be good in the coming years as well.

Outlook
Sustained measures initiated by the Ministry of Tourism to boost the visitor arrivals to the Sultanate and reduced growth of new hotels and hotel apartments during the year, helped the hospitality industry to attain reasonable stability in room rates during 2013. The five year plan that commenced in 2014 which lays emphasis on growth of non-oil sectors, including tourism, is expected to boost visitor inflow into the country. Expected completion of major infrastructure projects that commenced 3 to 5 years back would also augment visitor arrivals to the country.

The combined impact of these measures and developments would provide good fillip to the companies engaged in hospitality and tourism sectors.

The imposition of ban on live performances in select category hotels was, however, a dampener.

In the context of various developments cited, 2014 can be viewed with cautious optimism.

Corporate Governance
I am happy to inform you that your Company has complied with all the requirements of Corporate Governance regulations laid down by the Capital Market Authority. Your Board, together with appropriate committees, has carried out all its responsibilities in a professional manner. The Auditor's certified copy of the Corporate Governance Report is enclosed.

Omanisation
The Company pressed on with its efforts on Omanisation during the year. New Omani staff were enrolled for a few specialized training sessions which continues to show promise in their efficiency and productivity levels. This would be an on-going process.

Appreciation
On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank my fellow Board members. I would also like to thank all the stakeholders, customers, bankers and employees for the support extended by them during the year.

The Board of Directors thanks His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, who continues to inspire us as he leads the Sultanate in its path of prosperity and development.

On behalf of the Board, I also take this opportunity to thank the Ministry of Tourism for its untiring efforts to promote Oman as a favored destination and to showcase its beauties to the rest of the world.

Maqbool Hameed Al Saleh
Chairman

Note:- The complete accounts are available with Capital Market Authority. However, the same will be sent by mail to any shareholder, who requests them at the above address, in either Arabic or English, as requested, within 7 days of receipt of such request.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Group		Parent company	
	2013 RO	2012 RO	2013 RO	2012 RO
ASSETS				
Non-current assets				
Property and equipment	20,870,825	20,712,706	17,437,012	17,300,809
Investment in subsidiaries	-	-	2,649,928	2,649,928
Goodwill of a subsidiary	389,094	389,094	-	-
Deferred tax asset	41,611	25,845	-	-
Investment in an associate	10,882,490	10,547,211	8,672,594	8,672,594
	32,184,020	31,674,856	28,759,534	28,623,331
Current assets				
Inventories	152,617	147,744	112,028	115,505
Trade and other receivables	901,090	1,065,672	615,721	712,272
Loan to a subsidiary	-	-	680,000	780,000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	389,748	303,894	363,872	281,606
Cash and cash equivalents	788,046	536,323	626,750	420,578
	2,231,501	2,053,633	2,398,371	2,309,961
TOTAL ASSETS	34,415,521	33,728,489	31,157,905	30,933,292
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Capital and Reserves				
Share capital	5,500,000	5,500,000	5,500,000	5,500,000
Legal reserve	1,972,161	1,922,958	1,833,333	1,833,333
Revaluation reserve	12,480,944	12,480,944	11,941,070	11,941,070
Retained earnings	9,257,417	7,814,274	5,777,243	5,111,954
Equity attributable to owners of the parent	29,210,522	27,718,176	25,051,646	24,386,357
Non-controlling interest	3,029	2,774	-	-
Total equity	29,213,551	27,720,950	25,051,646	24,386,357
LIABILITIES				
Non- current liabilities				
Long-term loans	1,029,147	1,182,483	1,029,147	1,182,483
Deferred tax liability	1,737,585	1,747,542	1,632,719	1,641,607
Employees' end of service benefit	358,451	288,353	311,948	257,010
	3,125,183	3,218,378	2,973,814	3,081,100
Current liabilities				
Current portion of term loan	600,004	1,350,036	600,004	1,200,036
Income tax payable	177,776	173,327	139,302	141,286
Loan from subsidiaries	-	-	1,513,979	1,224,212
Trade and other payables	1,299,007	1,265,798	879,160	900,301
	2,076,787	2,789,161	3,132,445	3,465,835
Total liabilities	5,201,970	6,007,539	6,106,259	6,546,935
TOTALEQUITY AND LIABILITIES	34,415,521	33,728,489	31,157,905	30,933,292
Net assets per share (RO)	5.312	5.040	4.555	4.434

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Group		Parent company	
	2013 RO	2012 RO	2013 RO	2012 RO
Revenue	7,313,371	6,939,563	5,321,142	5,240,296
Other income	21,680	3,204	430,499	514,136
	7,335,051	6,942,767	5,751,641	5,754,432
Direct costs	(2,693,911)	(2,753,850)	(1,990,391)	(2,098,489)
Staff costs	(2,207,433)	(1,896,469)	(1,644,185)	(1,427,482)
General and administrative expenses	(707,657)	(631,129)	(488,585)	(435,876)
	(5,609,001)	(5,281,448)	(4,123,161)	(3,961,847)
OPERATING PROFIT	1,726,050	1,661,319	1,628,480	1,792,585
Unrealised gain on financial assets atfair value through profit or loss	105,522	93,940	94,136	85,368
Share of profit of an associate	744,098	694,402	-	-
Finance costs	(108,109)	(214,064)	(104,004)	(196,724)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	2,467,561	2,235,597	1,618,612	1,681,229
Income tax expense	(149,960)	(152,109)	(128,323)	(125,139)
PROFIT AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	2,317,601	2,083,488	1,490,289	1,556,090
Attributable to:				
Owners of parent company	2,317,346	2,083,276	-	-
Non-controlling interest	255	212	-	-
PROFIT AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	2,317,601	2,083,488	1,490,289	1,556,090
Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent	0.421	0.379	0.271	0.283

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100km was the distance covered by teams of five riders who crossed the Wahiba Sands as part of the Gallops of Oman fiesta

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Omani teams lead Gallops charge

As the Gallops of Oman ride concluded on Friday, Omani teams Al Safinat and Al Adiyat finished in the first and second places respectively, while French team, Khasab came third

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ADVENTURE TRAIL: The five-day event challenged 110 riders from nine countries riding in teams of five to cross the Wahiba Sands at a pace that ensured their horses stayed in good health. -TIMES OF OMAN

MUSCAT: The Gallops of Oman desert endurance horse ride along the coast concluded on Friday, approximately 100km south of Al Ashkarah, with two Omani teams leading the charge.

The five-day event challenged 110 riders from nine nationalities riding in teams of five to cross the Wahiba Sands at a pace that ensured their horses stayed in good health. Omani teams Al Safinat and Al Adiyat finished in the first and second place respectively, the best overall timings of the week, while the French team Khasab finished third.

"I'm so happy that our team was united like a fist and we won. I thank all the people who helped us. It was difficult but it was easy for us whenever we laughed and talked together. We put it in our minds that we had to win and that's what helped us win today," said Azhar Al Wardi from the Al Safinat team, as she celebrated with her fellow riders Mahmood Al Fori, Fatima Al Manji, Ahmed Al Hamadani and Hisham Al Farsi.

Al Safinat finished the ride with a clean score, meaning they finished each stage within a set time, while the other Omani team, Al Adiyat, was penalised just five points. Its members included Asaad Al Saidi, Hiba Al Rahbi, Mezoon Al Wadhahi, Ayoob Issa Al Zakwani and Ammar Al Balushi.

Team Khasab included Xavier Allemandou, Heloise Allemandou, Thibault Allemandou, Rachid Haddouche and Vincent Meynier. They kept a good pace and were penalised with just seven points over the course of the ride.

"We looked at the time, rested, and then went faster or slower. We were a good team. At times, it was difficult because we had to walk in the sand beside the horses and the weather was hot, but it was really wonderful," Haddouche told *Times of Oman*.

Brigadier Abdulrazak Al Shahwarzi, Commander of the Royal Cavalry and CEO of Gallops of Oman, was all smiles at the conclusion of the event as he handed over to the winning teams their trophies. Speaking to the *Times of Oman* later, he said the event went incredibly smoothly, with very few problems for the horses and riders.

"The horses, the riders, everybody was perfect. We had one colic case which we managed to deal with and the horse is fine. This is a very big success," Al Shahwarzi said.

The Gallops of Oman was also a wonderful way to promote Oman among horse aficionados who will in turn spread the word about the Sultanate in their home countries. A number of riders commented on how well-organised the ride was and how warmly their Omani hosts welcomed them.

Kind people

"The people were kind and polite, so it was very, very nice. Sometimes we didn't have so much time to spend with the Bedouins we met along the way, but they were always helpful. I think I'll be back one day," Haddouche added.

British rider Alexandra Kingsley said she was delighted to discover a new country and culture.

She now lives in Argentina but travelled 24 hours to join the ride, which also marked her introduction to riding an Arabian horse.

"I'm used to riding polo ponies so this was a whole new experience for me. You've got to give them a long reign and let them gallop. They need that energy and to feel relaxed with their rhythm," Kingsley explained.

The Omani riders also enjoyed having the opportunity to interact with international participants.

While most of the foreign riders were French citizens, there were also a few from Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, the UK and the USA.

"I'm so happy that this competition made us exchange cultures and communicate with people from other countries," said Al Wardi.

The local villagers were excited to see all the horses and riders pass by their homes, too, as the Gallops of Oman teams made their way through the dunes. Many of them came out to greet to riders and share a bit of their culture with them.

"They would come out and talk to the people, show their handicrafts and folklore things, take pictures of their children with the horses. They were so friendly. This is a good way to market Oman. We are promoting Oman with a nice, prestigious, adventure ride," concluded Al Shahwarzi.

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- Payment of the tender value should be deposited into the following bank account:
  - Bank: Oman Arab Bank
  - Branch: Al-Ghubra Branch
  - Account Number: 3128-666666-500
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- A soft copy of the tender documents will be provided to vendors (against provision of bank deposit evidence)

B) SUBMISSION OF BID

- Sealed envelopes along with all required documents shall be delivered physically to be'ah office by no longer than **03:00 pm** on the date mentioned above.
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REGION

580 people have been killed in Iraq so far this month. Over 1,550 have died since January

PLANE TO TURKEY

Six held at Benghazi airport with false Libyan passports

BENGHAZI: Libyan police arrested six Qataris at Benghazi airport yesterday as they tried to board a plane to Turkey using forged Libyan passports and carrying almost $146,000, airport security sources said.

Libyans do not need a visa for Turkey, which is linked to Benghazi by daily flights. Security is often lax at the small airport.

The six men were held as they were about to board a Turkish Airlines flight to Istanbul from where they had an onward booking to the Qatari capital Doha, one airport source said.

Five of the men were of Qatari origin, while the sixth likey so, the source said. They had no checked in luggage but carried ($146,000), the officials said. -Reuters

ARCHITECTURAL WONDER OF YORE

Tourists cast their shadows on the statue of Ramses II inside the temple of Abu Simbel, south of Aswan, in upper Egypt, yesterday as a ray of light from the sun illuminates it. More than 1,000 tourists witnessed the sun illuminating the inner sanctuary, which happens only twice a year. There is a wide belief among archaeologists that the two days mark Ramses II's birthday and day of coronation. -AFP

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Iraq truce raises hope of talks on Fallujah

The move comes a week after Maliki visited Ramadi for talks with provincial officials and the tribal leaders

BAGHDAD: Iraq's defence ministry yesterday announced a 72-hour halt to military operations in the city of Fallujah, which has been held by anti-government fighters for weeks.

The announcement raises the possibility of negotiations to end the crisis, during which gunmen have also seized parts of Ramadi, capital of Anbar province, highlighting the reach of militants and the weakness of security forces.

While the loss of control in the two Anbar cities has posed a major challenge for Prime Minister Nuri Al Maliki, a successful resolution to the crisis could give the premier a boost ahead of parliamentary polls scheduled for April.

"Military operations taken against selected terrorist organisation targets in Fallujah have been stopped for a period of 72 hours" starting from the night before, the Defence Ministry said in a statement.

The decision was taken "in response to goodwill and frequent communications with the forces of good and people calling for peace, and to stop the bloodshed in Fallujah," it added.

Security forces have carried out shelling and strikes inside Fallujah, just a short drive from Baghdad, and periodically clashed with gunmen in the area.

The defence ministry announcement comes a week after Maliki visited Ramadi for talks with provincial officials and the leaders of powerful local tribes.

The Iraqi government has also pledged compensation for Anbar residents whose property was damaged in the violence, and training for tribesmen who fought on the side of security forces.

Troops retake northern area

The measures were the latest in a bid to placate people in Anbar province, and Iraq's minority sect, who have complained of marginalisation by the government and of being unfairly targeted by heavy-handed security measures.

The Fallujah ceasefire came after a localised version of the Anbar crisis in the Sulaiman Bek area, north of Baghdad, was said to have ended. Militants had seized part of the Sulaiman Bek area, which includes a town with the same name and several villages, on February 13, setting off a cycle of clashes in which dozens of people – militants, security personnel and civilians – were killed.

Yesterday, local official Talib al-Bayati said soldiers and police had been fully in control of the area since Friday, and the army was reinforcing it with watchtowers and sand barriers. Security forces were preventing residents who fled the violence from returning to their homes, he said.

Violence in Iraq has reached a level not seen since 2008, when the country was emerging from a period of brutal sectarian killings. More than 580 people have been killed so far this month and upwards of 1,550 have died since January 1. -AFP

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304/2013 (Re-tender)	Supply & installation of air-conditioning to Ministry's accommodations in Rustaq Hospital at South Batinah Governorate	06/03/2014	12 pm on Sunday 16/03/2014	Specialized Companies registered with Tender Board	R.O 25/= per set	H.E.The U.S – Adm.&Fin Affairs
047/2014	Supply and installation of enterprise Anti-Malware solution to various health facilities	27/02/2014	12 pm on Sunday 09/ 03/2014	Specialized Companies registered with Tender Board	R.O 75/= per set	H.E.The U.S – Adm.&Fin Affairs
048/2014	Supply & installation of Medical Equipment for Kubut Health Centre at Dhofar Governorate	06/03/2014	12 pm on Tuesday 01/04 /2014	Specialized Companies registered with Tender Board	R.O 35/= per set	H.E.The U.S – Health Affairs
049/2014	Maintenance & repair of air conditioners, refrigerators, water coolers, lice cube and ice crushing at various health properties in governorate of Muscat	06/03/2014	12 pm on Sunday 30/03/2014	Specialized Companies registered with Tender Board	R.O 95/= per set	H.E.The U.S – Adm.&Fin Affairs

Please note the following:

- Copy of registration certificate issued by the Tender Board is to be submitted for collection of tender documents .
- Tender documents can be purchased from the office of the Director of Purchase & Contracts at the Directorate General of Financial Affairs between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 noon on working days, on payment of tender fee mentioned above .
- Tenders should be submitted in plain, sealed envelope, enclosing a Bank Guarantee or a Certified Cheque issued by a local bank for one per cent (1%) of the quoted value of the tender. Tender(s) submitted without Bank Guarantee or a Certified Cheque will not be considered.
- Tenderers are requested to deposit their tenders documents in the Ministry of Health – HQ building, Al-Ghubrah at the offices specified.
- The Ministry is not bound to accept the lowest or any other tender.

AILING LEADER

Algeria's Bouteflika to seek fourth term

ALGIERS: Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, the aging independence veteran who suffered a stroke last year, will run for re-election on April 17, his premier said yesterday, a vote likely to hand him a fourth term in power.

Bouteflika, who opponents say is too frail to govern, will have Prime Minister Abdelmalek Sellal running his campaign, a source close to the presidency said.

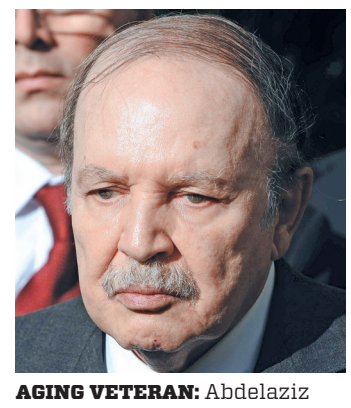
"Bouteflika will be a candidate," Sellal said in the north-western city of Oran. "Bouteflika's decision to run comes at the insistence of the people and after some deep reflection."

State news agency APS said the 76-year-old leader has officially notified the Interior Ministry of his candidacy.

Sellal's announcement appeared to end months of speculation over Bouteflika's future after his stroke last year put him in a Paris hospital and intensified discussion of a political succession after his 15 years in office.

In an apparent reference to opposition criticism about Bouteflika's health, Sellal said: "He does not need to campaign himself, there are men who can campaign for him."

With the backing of the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) party, unions and other FLN allies, Bouteflika is almost assured of re-election. Opposition parties are still weak.



AGING VETERAN: Abdelaziz Bouteflika. - AFP/File picture

Loyalists see Bouteflika as the man who gave Algeria peace and stability after a civil war with militants in the 1990s that killed about 200,000 people. Many Algerians are wary of any upheaval after that bloody experience.

But critics say Bouteflika, rarely seen in public since he returned from treatment in France last year, is too ill to run and should allow a new generation of leaders to take over.

In the short term, another Bouteflika term means stability for a partner in a US campaign against militants in a region still struggling with unrest three years after revolts in other North African nations such as Tunisia, Egypt and Libya. -Reuters

REGION

UN Security Council adopts unanimous Syria resolution

Moscow and Beijing, two of the five permanent Security Council members, did not use veto this time, sending a strong message to President Bashar Al Assad

UNENDING CRISIS: A Syrian man and children mourn over the death of a relative following an air strike attack by government forces on Aleppo, yesterday. -AFP

UNITED NATIONS: The UN Security Council yesterday adopted a unanimous but non-binding resolution calling for humanitarian aid convoys to be allowed access across war-torn Syria, but diplomats immediately voiced doubt about its effectiveness.

Syria's staunch ally Russia, with support from China, has blocked three previous resolutions aimed at pressuring the Damascus regime since the crisis began in March 2011, with an estimated half of all Syrians urgently awaiting immediate help.

But Moscow and Beijing, two of the five permanent Security Council members, did not do so this time, sending a strong message to President Bashar Al Assad, whose regime is accused of serious rights violations in attempting to hold on to power. The resolution was drafted by Australia, Jordan and Luxembourg and had the backing of Britain, France and the United States, the other permanent Security Council members.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed the move, but said the resolution "should not have been necessary. Humanitarian assistance is not something to be negotiated; it is something to be allowed by virtue of international law," he said.

"Profoundly shocking to me is that both sides are besieging civilians as a tactic of war. "Some 200,000 people are under siege in government-controlled areas - and 45,000 in opposition-controlled areas. If this resolution is implemented quickly and in good faith, at least some of the suffering can be eased.

"Half the country's people need urgent assistance. Host countries need support in caring for more than 2.5 million refugees. Civilians continue to bear the brunt of the conflict," he said.

Meanwhile, Syria's air force staged more air raids yesterday on the key rebel-held bastion of Yabrud north of Damascus, as clashes also raged on the capital's outskirts, a monitoring group said. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights also said that in the northeast, Kurdish fighters seized the town of Tal Barak from hardliners. Regime forces launched a new round of aerial and tank bombardment on several areas in and around Yabrud, the main town in the Qalamun mountain range and with a mixed Muslim and Christian population, two weeks into a campaign to seize it from rebels. -AFP

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UN mulls targeted sanctions in Yemen

UNITED NATIONS: The UN Security Council is considering a draft resolution to impose travel bans and asset freezes on people in Yemen who obstruct or undermine the country's political transition and commit human rights violations.

Yemen, a US ally, with a population of 25 million, is trying to end nearly three years of political unrest, which began with mass protests against Ali Abdullah Saleh, the president for 33 years who stepped down in 2012. Britain circulated a draft resolution among the 15 council members on Friday that would establish a sanctions committee for one year to blacklist individuals and entities in Yemen. The draft does not name anyone to be subjected to sanctions.

The Security Council has previously expressed concern over reports of interference by Saleh and former Vice President Ali Salim Al Beidh. In November, Jamal Benomar, special UN adviser on Yemen, accused members of Saleh's circle of obstructing reconciliation talks aimed at completing a power transfer deal that eased Saleh out of office. -Reuters

PLAN CHANGE

South Sudan to keep crude flowing

JUBA: South Sudan has reversed a plan by local authorities to partially shut down oil production and evacuate foreign workers in its main oil-producing region after it was hit last week by the worst fighting since a January ceasefire.

Thousands have been killed and more than 800,000 have fled their homes since fighting began in South Sudan two months ago, triggered by a power struggle between President Salva Kiir and Riek Machar, his former deputy whom he sacked in July. The warring sides signed the ceasefire on January 23 to end weeks of fighting, but sporadic clashes have continued.

Since Tuesday, the capital of the main oil-producing Upper Nile region, Malakal, has been divided between the army and rebels after forces loyal to Machar raided the town a. Local officials had on Friday ordered the evacuation of foreign oil workers from the Adar and Gumri oil fields, citing security concerns, but the national government overruled them. -Reuters

MASS PURGE

Jail-break trial is 'void', says a defiant Mursi

CAIRO: Egypt's deposed President Mohamed Mursi yesterday rejected the right of a court to try him and other Muslim Brotherhood leaders on charges related to a mass jail break in 2011, security and judicial sources said.

Mursi and his comrades, including the Brotherhood's top leader Mohamed Badie, are charged with killing and kidnapping policemen, attacking police facilities and breaking out of jail during the 2011 uprising against Hosni Mubarak.

"As far as I'm concerned, these procedures are void and I don't accept them," Mursi said, describing himself as the president of the republic and calling on the Egyptian people to continue their "peaceful revolution," according to the sources. Some of the other roughly 130 defendants, who were held in a different courtroom cage from Mursi, applauded him and chanted "Down with military rule". The case was adjourned to February 24 after the lawyers defending Muslim cleric Safwat Hegazy asked for the judges to be replaced, a matter pending approval from another court.

One lawyer, Mohamed Abou Layla, said the request had been made because the court was not cooperating with the defence team. Another said the judges had refused a request to remove the glass cage to allow defendants to follow proceedings better.

Cops acquitted

In a separate case, a court in Alexandria acquitted six policemen accused of killing dozens of protesters in 2011. An Egyptian court acquitted six police on Saturday of killing protesters during the 2011 uprising against Hosni Mubarak, as his now deposed Islamist successor Mohamed Mursi went back on trial.

The acquittal of the six officers on charges of killing 83 protesters outside police stations in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria, came as a Cairo court resumed the trial of Mursi on charges of plotting violence. -AFP

TURKEY

'Removal of 1,000 cops routine'

ANKARA: Turkey's interior ministry said 1,000 police officers have been removed in the wake of a major corruption probe against key government allies but said these were only "routine" re-assignments.

The government has embarked on a mass purge of police and prosecutors in the wake of the probe launched on December 17 targeting several members of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's inner circle.

"While 15,000 police were subjected to such a shakeup last year, this number has only reached 5,000 this year. Only 1,000 of them are related to December 17," Efkan Ala said in an interview with Kanal 7 television.

Ala added that the police officers affected by the shakeups were not "sacked", but "reassigned" as part of a "routine procedure".

But Professor Halil Ibrahim Bahar, a security expert at Ankara Strategy Institute, said the reassignments in the police department normally take place in the summer and therefore the shakeups after mid-December were far from being "routine".

"Politicians are not telling us the truth. It does not matter how many police have been removed or reassigned. Discussing the numbers takes the attention away from the 'corruption' itself," he said.

DEMAND: Protesters hold signs and wave flags as they demonstrate against new controls on the Internet approved by the Turkish parliament in Ankara, yesterday. -Reuters

"They have started to purge officials who are fighting the corruption. It is crystal clear that the purges are aimed at covering up the wrongdoing. They haven't taken public interest into account." The corruption scandal poses one of the most serious challenges to Erdogan in his 11 years in power, ahead of key local polls in March. Erdogan accuses supporters of exiled Muslim preacher Fethullah Gulen in the police and judiciary of acting as a "state within a state" and instigating the graft probe to try to topple the government.

He is accused of desperately trying to protect his cronies. The appointment of Selami Altinok, a little-known governor with no police career, as Istanbul's new police chief in December was seen as another attempt to shut down the investigation.

The purges, coupled with legislation tightening state control over the Internet and judiciary, have generated widespread criticism at home and abroad about the state of democracy in the EU-hopeful country. -AFP

SWEETS OF OMAN SAOG
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Invitation to the Annual Ordinary General Meeting

The Board of Directors of Sweets of Oman SAOG takes pleasure in inviting shareholders to attend the Annual Ordinary General Meeting to be held at 4.30 P.M on Thursday, 13th March 2014 at Oman Chamber of Commerce & Industry,Al Batina Hall (Ground floor), C B D , Muscat to consider the following agenda:

1. To consider and approve the report of the Board of Directors for the Company for the financial year ended 31st December 2013.
2. To consider and approve the Corporate Governance Report for the Company for the year ended 31st December 2013.
3. To consider the Auditor's Report and approve the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Income account for the year ended 31st December 2013.
4. To consider and approve the proposed cash dividend to shareholders of 50 Baisa per share (50% of on the paid up Capital) for the financial year ended 31st December 2013.
5. To approve the paid sitting fees for the Board of Directors for attending both the board meetings and the subsidiary committees for the previous financial year and for the forthcoming financial year as per the attached
6. To consider and approve the transactions entered into by the Company with related parties during the financial year ended 31st December 2013.
7. To appoint Auditors for the Company for the year ending 31st December 2014 and to fix their remuneration.

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association of the Company and Amendments thereto, any shareholder is entitled to authorise any other person to attend the meeting and vote, provided that the authorisation should be done on the proxy issued by Muscat Clearing and Depository Company attached to the notice. Any natural person should attach his/her ID Card for an adult, or a copy of the Passport for ladies and minors, or a Residence Card and Passport for non-Omanis. The proxy should be signed by one of the authorised signatories and carry the Company's stamp with a copy of the commercial registration and the specimen of the authorised signatories.

Kindly come to the meeting place at least half an hour before the specified time to prevent delay.

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Chairman Chartered Accountants Legal Advisor

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INVITATION OF THE ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of Majan Glass Company S.A.O.G is pleased to invite the Shareholders of the Company's for the ordinary Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday March 12, 2013 at 3.00 PM at Al-Batinah Hall of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Ruwi, to discuss the following Agenda:-

1) To consider and approve the Report of the Board of Directors for the financial year ended on 31-12-2013.
2) To consider and approve the Report on Code of Corporate Governance and Management Discussion and Analysis Report of the Company for the financial year ended on 31-12-2013.
3) To consider the Auditors' report and to approve the Financial Statements (Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Comprehensive Income) for the financial year ended 31 December 2013.
4) To approve the Sitting fees paid to the Members of the Board, and its committees for the financial year ended on 31 December 2013 and determine the sitting fees for the coming financial year.
5) To consider & approve the proposal of payment as remuneration RO 24,600/- to the Board of Directors of the Company for the financial year ended on 31 December 2013.
6) To inform the General Meeting about the transactions entered into by the Company with related parties during the financial year ended 31 December 2013.
7) To consider and approve the transactions that the Company will enter into with related parties during the financial year ending 31 December 2014.
8) To appoint Statutory Auditors for the financial year ending 31st December 2014, and to determine their Remuneration.

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, any shareholder is entitle to authorize any other person to attend the meeting and vote on his/her behalf by signing the attached Proxy Form issued by Muscat Clearing & Depository Company SAOC. If the shareholder is a natural person, he/she is required to attach with the signed proxy form, a copy of the Identification card for Adults and a copy of the passport for ladies and minors who do not have Identity card and a copy of resident card or passport in case of non-Omanis. In case of a juristic shareholder, the proxy form shall be signed by one of the company authorised signatories, affixed with company seal and shall be accompanied by a copy of commercial registration certificate and list of the company authorised signatories.

Please be present at the meeting venue at least 30 minutes before the fixed time.

In case of any inquiry, please call Mr. Mohd. Ali Al Khabouri on 26751654/26751656 or on GSM at 99726144 / 98082402.

Chairman Auditor Legal Advisor

INDIA

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Modi tells China to shed 'expansionist mindset'

'Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India and will always remain so. No power can snatch it from us', said the BJP's PM candidate

TALKING TOUGH: BJP's prime ministerial candidate Narendra Modi, wearing a *dumluk* (traditional headgear of the Adi tribe), addresses a rally at Pasighat in East Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh, yesterday. -PTI

PASIGHAT: Wading into a foreign policy issue for the first time, Narendra Modi yesterday asked China to shed its "expansionist mindset", making it clear that no power on earth can snatch Arunachal Pradesh from India.

"China should shed its expansionist policy and forge bilateral ties with India for peace, progress and prosperity of both the nations," the BJP prime ministerial candidate said addressing a meeting here in his current election campaign. "Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India and will always remain so. No power can snatch it from us. People of Arunachal Pradesh didn't come under pressure or fear of China," he said.

"I swear in the name of this soil that I will never allow the state to disappear...breakdown and to bow down," Modi said to a thunderous applause from people gathered near the mighty Siang River.

He said China should shed its expansionist mindset because the world of today does not accept it. The entire world is moving towards development, he said.

"China needs to change its stand. China should shed its expansionist mindset and adopt the plank of development. Focus is on the development all over the world," the Gujarat Chief Minister said.

Lauding the patriotic nature of the people, Modi said that because of the people, who were guarding the state as well as the country as sentinels, Arunachal remained an integral part of the country.

"The people here are real patriots as they salute their counterparts with 'Jai Hind' and are zealously protecting the state's territory..... They gave a befitting reply to the advancing Chinese army during 1962 and the British and several army personnel from the state also fought with Pakistan during the Kargil war," he said.

While directly referring to the January 29 murder of Arunachal Pradesh youth Nido Tania in Delhi, Modi cautioned the UPA government against underestimating the people of the state and added that it was the duty of the entire nation to protect the people and the state's territorial integrity.-PTI

U-TURN

Pawar slams Modi over riots

MUMBAI: Barely three weeks after he appeared to be going soft on Narendra Modi, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar Saturday attacked the Bharatiya Janata Party Prime Ministerial candidate on the 2002 riots issue, saying the entire country has seen the "mass murders" that took place in Gujarat.

Pawar's remarks came as he questioned Modi's development model and his claim to change the face of the country.

"Chief Minister of neighbouring state speaks about his development agenda....What is development?..It is bringing all round development in the lives of the poor and bringing smile on their faces," Pawar said.

"They speak of changing face of the country...but the entire country has seen how mass murders took place," Pawar said in a reference to the 2002 post-Godhra riots.

Responding to a query during a press meet in Kolhapur, Pawar had said, "If courts have given their verdict, then the question of holding a debate on it does not arise. We accept the court's order and there won't be any debate on it." -PTI

'REAL' TEA SELLER

'Tea seller' politics hots up with Lalu's 'chai dukaan'

PATNA/MUZAFFARPUR: After the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) opened tea stalls to hard sell Narendra Modi's image of a leader rising from a humble background, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) too has done the same in the name of party chief Lalu Prasad claiming that he was the "real" tea seller.

Besides providing free cuppa and biscuit to people, the partymen at the 'Lalu chai dukaan' would tell them about the alleged "falsehood" of the BJP's prime ministerial candidate.

An unfazed BJP, however, said such a "monkey trick" would have no impact on the voters.

Alleging that Modi's claim of being a tea vendor in childhood was false and asserting that unlike him its chief Lalu Prasad was a "real" tea seller, RJD has opened roadside tea shops at strategic locations in Muzaffarpur district for its own brand of "Chai per charcha" (discussion over tea).

'Lalu chai dukaan' followed the RJD chief questioning the authenticity of Narendra Modi selling tea in childhood and claiming himself to be the "real" tea seller at a shop of his brother in Patna during his student days.

1,000 cups of tea

"We distribute about 1,000 cups of tea along with biscuits to people free from 'Lalu chai dukaan' during an hour long discussion every evening to tell people about truth of Prasad and Narendra Modi," Muzaffarpur RJD spokesman and the man behind the tea programme Iqbal Shami said.

The first such tea stall was opened on February 20 at Zero Mile in Ahiapur at the trijunction of roads leading to Mithilanchal, Samastipur, Shami said adding two more stalls were opened at Bochaha More and Beria bus stand.

Copying campaign

He said more such stalls will be opened in every village and blocks of Muzaffarpur and they will run till March 3 when Modi is scheduled to address a rally at Muzaffarpur.

Former Deputy chief minister BJP leader Sushil Kumar Modi mocked at Prasad for copying his party's campaign, terming it as a "monkey trick".

"Everybody knows about the humble background of Narendra Modi as tea seller on trains in childhood. By aping him Lalu Prasad will not be able to impress people," he said. -PTI

BATTLE OVER BALLOT

Samajwadi Party and Bharatiya Janata Party workers clash during polling for civic elections in Rasulabad area in Allahabad, yesterday. -PTI

HUGGING SAINT

Kerala politicians break silence over book on Amritanandamayi

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Kerala politicians yesterday broke their silence over a controversial book on hugging saint Mata Amritanandamayi.

CPI-M state secretary Pinarayi Vijayan said the government needs to "seriously" look into revelations in the book because the claims were by an insider and not by an outsider.

The popular saint and the mutt near Kollam, located about 80 km from the state capital, were rocked after a book 'Holy Hell - a Memoir of Faith, Devotion and Pure Madness', written by Australian Gail Tredwell, who had spent two decades in the mutt, came out with hugely critical comments on the happenings within.

"Those who come to the ashramam are people who decide to give up the worldly life and the revelations made now is something different," Vijayan said.

However, Chief Minister Oommen Chandy expressed surprise at his statements. "I am aware and have experienced the huge humanitarian activities that the mutt has been doing for many years," the chief minister said. -IANS

Sultanate of Oman
Ministry of Education

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ministry of Education announces the following tender:

Tender No.	Description (Title)	Last date for collection of tender document	Last date for submitting bids (Date / Time)	Grade	Tender Fee (Rial)
01/2014 Re-tender	Supply and install test and commission LED flood lights to Scout Trading Court at Al Hail wilayat Seeb, Muscat governorate	06/03/2014	10/03/2014 before 10:00 a.m.	3	25/-

For the specialized and qualified companies / establishments having registration from the Tender Board should take the tender documents at Ministry of Education building section of Treasury - Department of Accounts at the main building at Ruwi, starting from Sunday 23/02/2014.

Complete tender documents should be submitted on or before the date and time mentioned above in a sealed enveloped with the tender number and title and addressed to Chairman of Tender Committee accompanied with bid bond or registered cheque of 1% of the total value of the work, and valid for 90 days from the date of submission of tender documents.

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Ninety-five per cent of the country's trade by volume and 70% by value is handled through the sea but only 10% of our trade is carried out through Indian flag ships

Pranab Mukherjee, president

INDIA

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NEW DELHI: US regulators are not targeting India, despite a series of import restrictions on drugs from the major US trading partner, the Food and Drug Administration chief said.

FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg briefed reporters after her first official trip to India, where she met with government and industry leaders earlier this month.

India is the second largest US supplier of prescription and over-the-counter drugs, and its big pharma companies Ranbaxy and Wockhardt have been hit with multiple US import suspensions due to safety concerns.

"We are not targeting Indian countries. We are undertaking our required regulatory activities," Hamburg said.

"When products are sold in the United States for use by American citizens, then those products have to meet our standards."

Hamburg said the FDA has ramped up inspections at Indian drug plants as part of a global effort to improve safety. The agency has 12 staff members in India, and plans to expand to 19, she added, describing the nation as "particularly important" to US food and drug trade.

Growing player

"The fact that we have increased our presence in India is true but it reflects the fact that India is a very significant and growing player in the US marketplace with respect to both pharmaceutical products and food."

While in New Delhi, Hamburg and Indian health secretary Keshav Desiraju signed their first statement of intent to cooperate in the field of medical products.

Hamburg described as "encouraging" her conversations with senior representatives during her eight-day trip to India, the United States' third largest trading partner.

At the start of Hamburg's visit, Health Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad said India's lower-cost medicines should not be viewed as "cheap and spurious."

India's generics industry is a major supplier of lifesaving drugs, including antiretrovirals for HIV, to the United States and over 200 other nations. -PTI

India hailed for anti-piracy role

WASHINGTON: US and European Union officials have hailed a key role played by India in the global fight against piracy that has resulted in a remarkable drop in piracy off the coast of Somalia.

"India is a very important member" of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia established in January 2009, Donna Hopkins, counter piracy and maritime security coordinator at the State Department told foreign media on Friday.

Since then, the Contact Group has grown to an open and vital architecture of 80 nations and organizations, including the entire spectrum of stakeholders, she said in a briefing on counter piracy with François Rivasseau, deputy head of the European Union delegation to the US.

US has just handed over the chairmanship of the contact group to the European Union.

"There is almost no littoral country, no naval country, and no major shipping country that has not contributed actively to the Contact Group," Hopkins said describing Russia and China as "two very important actors," he said. -IANS

BRIEFS

Step up ship-building capacity, says Pranab

CHENNAI: Observing that only 10 per cent of the country's trade is carried out through ships carrying Indian flags, President Pranab Mukherjee yesterday emphasised the need for stepping up ship-building capacity to make the country a major economic power. Delivering a convocation address at the Indian Maritime University (IMU) here, the President said 95 per cent of the country's trade by volume and 70 per cent by value is handled through the sea."But only 10 per cent of our trade is carried out through Indian flag ships and our share of global seafarers is only six per cent", Mukherjee said.

AAP activists held on way to protest NCP attack

MUMBAI: Around 20 Aam Aadmi Party activists, including its leader Mayank Gandhi, were detained yesterday while on their way to a "sweep clean" agitation against the Nationalist Congress Party for an attack at the AAP state office by NCP activists earlier in the day. "Gandhi and around 20 others were going to the NCP office in Telli Gully, Andheri east, with brooms but police detained them en route," an AAP spokesperson said.

Rebel activity is up: Army

SRINAGAR: Militant activity in Indian administered Jammu and Kashmir has been higher in the beginning of 2014 and 11 terrorists have been killed and 13 apprehended so far this year, the army said yesterday. Srinagar-based 15th Corps commander, Lt.Gen.Gurmit Singh said that last year the first terrorist was killed in April, but this year, it happened on January 7. "So far, we have eliminated 24 terrorists of whom 11 have been killed and 13 were apprehended," he said. -Agencies

Gulf Mushroom Products Co. (SAOG)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Shareholders

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the sixteenth annual report of Gulf Mushroom Products Co. (SAOG) for the financial year ended 31 December 2013

Preview of Results
Due to an environmental issue company has shut its compost facility during the year and started using outsourced compost at a higher cost for producing mushrooms which affected company's profitability. The revenues of the company for the year ended 31 December 2013 were RO 5.902 million compared to RO 5.768 million in 2012, an increase of 2%. The gross profit in 2013 was RO 2.471 million compared to RO 2.994 million in 2012, a decrease of 17%

Net profit after tax for the year ended 31 December 2013 was RO 0.511 million compared to RO 0.806 million in 2012, a decrease of 37%.

Exports during the year 2013 were RO 5.311 million (90% of total sales) compared to RO 5.268 million (91% of total sales) during 2012.

The net assets of the company (including land revaluation reserve) as at 31 December 2013 were RO 4.713 million compared to RO 4.717 million as at 31 December 2012.

The company achieved a total production of 3,260 metric tons of different varieties of fresh mushrooms in 2013 compared to 3,354 metric tons in 2012, a decrease of 3%.

Environment License
The Ministry of Environment & Climate Affairs(MECA) issued an order during the year to close Company's composting facility following which Company has stopped making its own compost and started outsourcing ready compost to continue mushroom production. The cost of outsourced compost is higher than own manufactured compost thus affecting the profitability of the Company. However Company has planned to continue production based on outsourced compost until its new compost plant starts operating. The feasibility study of the new compost project has been completed. The board and management of the Company are closely following up with the Ministry of Housing almost on daily basis and working very hard to secure the land as soon as possible for the new compost project.

Technical Expertise
Company believes in continuous improvement in production efficiencies by seeking new ways of achieving better quality and higher yields of fresh mushroom. Company possesses technical expertise and hard earned unique experience of growing mushrooms in the desert and continues to upgrade its technical knowledge bank by networking with international consultants and experts.

Quality and safety certifications
Company has been awarded HACCP certificate by the certification body of TUV SUD Management Service GmbH, Germany, for having established and applying an internationally recognized food safety management system (HACCP) for the production of White Button, Brown, Giant and Portabella mushroom varieties. Company is also undergoing HACCP surveillance audit at regular intervals.

Capacity Expansion
Company has reviewed its expansion plan as announced earlier and has carried out a feasibility study to set up a new composting facility in another location and is now awaiting the allocation of suitable land and necessary approvals from concerned government authorities.

Dividends Policy
Company has a policy of providing consistent returns to its shareholders and at the same time building a strong capital base to be used for future growth opportunities. In line with this policy the board is pleased to propose 20% bonus shares against Company's paid up share capital for the financial year ended 31 December 2013 which is subject to approval of shareholders. This will be the fifth consecutive year of distributing dividends/bonus since the company recovered its past losses in 2009. Share price and dividend history for the last six years is shown in the table below–

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Share price at year end (RO)	0.370	0.400	0.520	0.478	0.510	0.430
Cash Dividend	-	20%	40%	25%	25%	-
Bonus shares	-	30%	-	10%	10%	20%*

* Proposed

Corporate Governance
Company is committed to adopting best corporate governance practices and be a model corporate citizen. It has consistently complied with the corporate governance regulations and management criteria issued by the Capital Market Authority. The interests of all stakeholders is safeguarded by prudent risk management, developing sound internal controls and by adopting best corporate practices. Reference may be made to the Management Discussion and Analysis Report and Report on Corporate Governance which reflect Company's commitment to the principles of sound corporate governance.

Human resources
Company believes in promoting employees' welfare and growth and motivates them to perform better through proper training, regular appraisal and reward systems. Company also encourages employees' participation in sports activities. Company is fully compliant with Omani labor regulations and has already implemented the directive of the Ministry of Manpower for minimum salary increments for the current year. Company is proud to maintain a high percentage of Omanization in line with the directives of the government of His Majesty's Sultan Qaboos bin Said for increasing the employment opportunities for Omani people. As at 31 December 2013 your Company has employed 144 Omani employees out of total 329 employees amounting to 44% Omanization.

Corporate Social Responsibility
Company is committed to making constructive contribution to its environment, society and employees. Company is working in close cooperation with MECA for shifting its composting plant to another location. Company has a policy of granting donations to support regional schools, municipal and social activities. Company provides free medical facility to all its employees and also supports special medical treatment of needy employees. Company is also supporting the weaker sections of society by providing job opportunities to unskilled workers.

Outlook
The hospitality sector is set to further expand both in Oman and in the surrounding region in view of several mega projects including airport expansions, star hotels and integrated tourism projects nearing completion or in the pipeline. The awarding of two global events in the region to be held over the next decade will also ensure long term fresh investments and growth in the hospitality sector which augurs well for the Company. Your company is confident that it will continue to achieve high volumes of consistent production and retain its market share despite closure of its composting facility and will achieve higher levels of performance and deliver returns with growth to its shareholders once its new compost facility becomes operational.

Acknowledgements
On behalf of the Board of Directors, I take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Said for leading the country along the road of growth and prosperity even during times of turbulence across the globe by his wise leadership and progressive vision. We thank his wise government for its strong support and assistance to the private sector. The Board of Directors would like to express its deep gratitude for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Affairs and Capital Market Authority and the Higher Council for Planning & Development for their guidance and support extended to the Company. I thank the respectable shareholders for their steady confidence in the Company. I would also like to thank the management team and the staff of the Company for their dedication and sincere efforts towards achieving the goals of the Company.

Chairman of the Board of Directors

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

	2013 RO	2012 RO
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	**5,225,756**	5,507,830
Current assets		
Inventories	**650,554**	856,490
Trade and other receivables	**990,412**	1,035,235
Cash and bank balances	**468,931**	226,641
Total current assets	**2,109,897**	2,118,366
Total assets	**7,335,653**	7,626,196
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	**2,265,120**	2,059,200
Legal reserve	**551,780**	500,661
Special reserve	**12,405**	12,405
Revaluation reserve	**1,099,316**	1,099,316
Retained earnings	**784,620**	1,045,237
Total equity	**4,713,241**	4,716,819
Liabilities		
Non-current liabilities		
Government soft loan	**1,095,184**	1,122,641
Deferred government grant	**72,556**	260,096
Deferred tax liability	**338,920**	388,439
End of service benefits	**141,373**	108,209
Total non-current liabilities	**1,648,033**	1,879,385
Current liabilities		
Government soft loan - Current portion	**565,000**	450,000
Trade and other payables	**316,605**	424,532
Taxation	**92,774**	155,460
Total current liabilities	**974,379**	1,029,992
Total liabilities	**2,622,412**	2,909,377
Total equity and liabilities	**7,335,653**	7,626,196
Net assets per share	**0.208**	0.229

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	2013 RO	2012 RO
Sales	**5,901,758**	5,767,916
Cost of sales	**(3,430,286)**	(2,774,365)
Gross profit	**2,471,472**	2,993,551
Selling and distribution expenses	**(455,462)**	(436,818)
Administrative expenses	**(884,694)**	(884,946)
Other income	**51,106**	43,155
Profit before depreciation and finance costs	**1,182,422**	1,714,942
Depreciationand impairment on property, plant and equipment	**(577,784)**	(474,740)
Operating profit	**604,638**	1,240,202
Finance costs net of government grant	**(58,793)**	(65,874)
Profit before tax	**545,845**	1,174,328
Income tax	**(34,655)**	(368,248)
Profit for the year	**511,190**	806,080
Earnings per share – basic and diluted	**0.023**	0.036

The complete accounts of Gulf Mushroom Products Co. SAOG will be delivered to any shareholder or other interested party who requests them, in either Arabic or English, as requested, within 7 days of receipt of written request.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I welcome you to the Eighteenth Annual General Meeting of your Company to present and discuss the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended on 31st December 2013.

Financial Results and Company Performance:
During the year 2013, your Company has incurred a loss before tax of RO 0.599 Million as compared to previous year's profit before tax of RO 1.040 Million. The Sales Revenue for year 2013 stood at RO 7.453 Million against RO 7.310 Million during year 2012 (increase in sales by 1.96%). The net Loss after tax is RO 0.786 Million as against profit after tax RO 0.918 Million in the previous year 2012. Production for year 2013, stood at 53,304 MT of Empty Glass Containers against production of 53,249 MT during year 2012 (increase in production by 0.10%) and Sales Volume at 43,643 MT as against Sales Volume of 40,503 MT during year 2012 (increase in sales volume by 7.75%).

The drop in the profits during the year under review, were on account of the following

1. Loss of production and sales due to fire incident on 16 October 2013. The loss is covered by insurance and is under claim. The claim submitted to the insurance company is amounting to RO 736K covering loss of profits. However the claim is expected to be realised in the year 2014 but the loss has been booked in the year 2013.
2. Stock damages resulting from stock kept in open yard, salvaging activities resulting in physical movement during the fire and also on account of frequent unpleasant weather conditions. The company had to culletize stocks which could not be salvaged/ retrieved as a result of the above two reasons. This also slowed down the selling activity of the company as the company had to physically recheck all its stocks and in certain cases repack the same to facilitate despatches.
3. Reduction in sales realization due to competition in the markets to obtain greater market share which has resulted on account of newer capacities coming into the market and resulting in excess supply v/s lesser demand. Our margins have also been eroded on account of higher transportation charges to KSA and Qatar in comparison with our competition as we are restricted to using only Omani trailers at a higher cost.
4. Increase in minimum basic salary of Omani employees resulted in increase in direct labour cost.
5. Higher depreciation charges as compared to last year
6. Income tax payment of RO 197k for the AY 2007 for which company had earlier raised an objection had been rejected by the tax authorities is included in the tax amount shown above.

Dividend:
After taking in to consideration the financial performance of the company the Board of Directors do not recommend payment of any dividend for the financial year ended 31st December 2013.

Customers and Suppliers:
The Company caters to major domestic demand for Empty Glass Containers and has a substantial market share of GCC Market for Glass Containers. The Company has a very wide Customer base and a varied Product range. The Company has exported its Finished Products to various countries.

The Management has been taking conscious and continuous measures to lower all input costs at the most optimum level. The Company has proper procurement policy in place under which it sources its material requirements from various Suppliers and is not dependent on a sole Supplier. Silica Sand and Soda Ash are the major Raw Materials for which the Company currently has multiple suppliers and is procuring Materials at very competitive rates on Annual Contracts. Our company is one of the lowest cost glass producers in the middle east as we have been taking conscious decisions to keep the cost of production down.

Future Outlook:
In order to meet future challenges to cater to various export markets and also with a view to offering our customers a better comfort level and confidence , the company has invested into fully automated state of art non-touch camera vision based inspection equipments in order to comply with the international quality standards and standards prescribed by its premier customers, while simultaneously replacing its inspection equipments from previous years. This will help to ensure meeting highest quality standards successfully and will make our plant fully automotive. The equipment is expected to be installed for commercial use by the mid of February 2014. This will satisfy the requirements of its premier customers who will stay with the company with enhanced volumes but also enable the company to expand in to newer markets like USA and Europe.

Corporate Social Responsibility:
Company believes that giving back to society is extremely important for us. Company provides monetary as well as moral support to the organisations that are dedicated to improve the quality of life for the less privileged people in the society and will continue in future also.

Company contributed in 2013 in different sectors of the community/organisations and society related to children and people with special needs e.g. cancer awareness associations and organisations working for uplift of disabled children.

Internal Control:
The Management is regularly reviewing the effectiveness of internal controls in discussion with the Audit Committee, statutory auditors and Internal Auditors in line with the approved company policy and the charter. The company is having an in-house internal audit department which keeps on reviewing internal controls in various areas of operations under the guidance of the Audit Committee. The Board of Directors are pleased to inform the shareholders that in their opinion an adequate and effective internal control system is in place.

Omanisation:
The Company is committed for recruiting and providing training to Omani employees so as to enable them to undertake responsibilities in various areas of Operations and Administration. There has been an unprecedented high labor turnover and scarcity of Omani employees during the year 2013. The company has submitted it's requirement to the Ministry of Manpower many times and is trying it's best to recruit more and more Omani nationals. The company has been organizing various training programs to increase the knowledge of employees on various relevant area of operation.

Acknowledgement:
On behalf of the Board of Directors and Management of the Company, I once again express my sincere gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Said Al Said and his Government for their continuous assistance and kind support extended to the company over the years.

The Company also acknowledges continuous support, confidence and commitment from its Shareholders, Customers, Suppliers, Bankers and also the efforts of the Management & the Employees.

Anwar Ali Sultan
Chairman
Dated: 11th February, 2014

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31st DECEMBER 2013 (AUDITED)

	For the year ended on 31st December 2013 RO	For the year ended on 31st December 2012 RO
Sales	7,453,284	7,310,107
Cost of sales	(6,449,089)	(5,176,141)
Gross Profit	1,004,195	2,133,966
Other income	65,737	36,844
Selling and distribution expenses	(360,773)	(313,587)
General and administration expenses	(1,222,001)	(574,520)
Impairment on assets written off	-	(209,349)
	(512,842)	1,073,354
Finance charges	(85,726)	(33,739)
Profit Before Tax	(598,568)	1,039,615
Income tax expenses	(187,342)	(121,126)
Net Profit	(785,910)	918,489

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2013 (AUDITED)

	31st December 2013 RO	31st December 2012 RO
ASSETS:		
Non-current Assets		
Property, Plant & Equipment	10,089,102	11,015,821
Current Assets		
Inventories	4,269,825	3,638,335
Trade & other receivables	2,063,672	1,824,172
Receivables from related parties	296,665	383,274
Bank balances & cash	3,740	5,991
	6,633,902	5,851,772
Assets held for sale	69,104	69,104
	6,703,006	5,920,876
Total Assets	16,792,108	16,936,697
Current Liabilities		
Term loan / Bank overdraft - current portion	2,485,508	894,818
Trade & other payables	1,521,832	1,637,050
Payables to related parties	80,262	35,322
Income tax payable	-	306,866
	4,087,602	2,874,056
Non-current Liabilities		
Employees' end of service benefit	184,322	145,451
Term loan	200,000	400,000
Deferred / provision for Income tax	491,558	520,624
	875,880	1,066,075
Total Liabilities	4,963,482	3,940,131
Net Assets	11,828,626	12,996,566
Shareholders' equity		
Share capital	4,202,330	3,820,300
Statutory reserve	1,273,305	1,273,305
Retained earnings	6,352,991	7,902,961
Total shareholders' equity	11,828,626	12,996,566

Notes: 1. Previous year figures are regrouped /rearranged wherever required.
2. The complete Financial statements of the Company would be made available to any shareholder or interested party on request in Arabic or in English within 7 days from the date of request. The request applications can be sent on the above mentioned address.

COMMENTARY

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These are certainly the darkest days in Kiev

Left unchecked, the turmoil gripping Ukraine has the makings of what could be Europe's most dangerous moment since World War II. The crisis has already claimed the lives of more than 50 people in clashes in Kiev. Perhaps a new truce between protesters and the authorities can be established, as a platform for negotiations for a more lasting compromise. The fate of Europe's seventh most populous country is hanging by a thread. In part, the crisis is the latest episode in the tug-of-war between Russia and the West for the country's identity that has been in progress since the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1991. In fact, it is more complex, fuelled by disgust for the the regime of President Viktor Yanukovych and by the frustrations of Ukrainians, especially the young, at the direction in which their country is heading. The resentment, by some accounts, has spread into the eastern Russian-speaking regions that have been Yanukovych's powerbase, and where some of his traditional supporters are now deserting him.

But in the heat of events, such nuances are consumed by Ukraine's ancestral division and growing evidence of a breakdown of central control. In Lviv — bastion of the historically nationalist, Ukrainian-speaking west of the country — the regional assembly has effectively declared independence from the Yanukovych regime. Such developments render talk of possible civil war as anything but overblown. Making matters worse, Ukraine is a touchstone of a sharpening East-West confrontation. Both sides accuse each other of meddling. Vladimir Putin's Russia, determined to re-assert itself as a great power and keep Ukraine within its orbit, is Yanukovych's strongest supporter. Moscow charges the opposition with mounting a coup on the streets, and draws dark comparisons with the Nazi rise to power in 1933.

The West, meanwhile, has sided with the protesters. The US has already announced sanctions against Ukrainian officials allegedly responsible for the Kiev bloodshed; and the EU, three of whose foreign ministers are in Kiev to try to broker an agreement, is now bringing in sanctions of its own. A truce is essential. Thereafter, the answer — if answer there is — is trite, but no less true for all that. Only a political solution, devised by Ukrainians for Ukrainians, can end the agony now threatening to tear the country apart. Former national leaders, relatively untarnished by the current crisis, will probably play a part in this process; so too will Ukraine's powerful business oligarchs, reportedly appalled by what is happening.

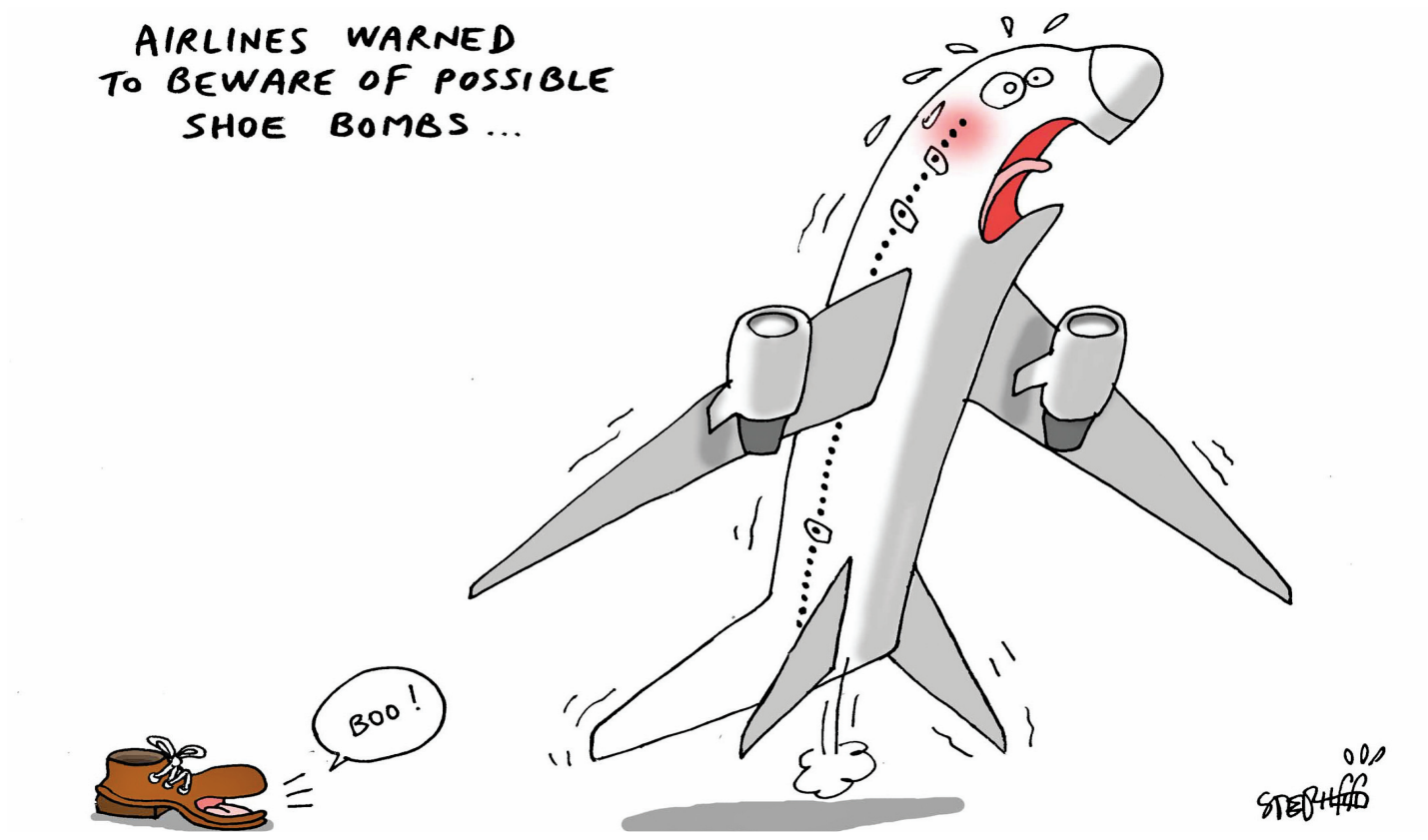
It is hard to see how this solution will not involve the departure of Yanukovych and new elections. The alternative however could be far, far worse: the deployment of the armed forces against the population, a descent into civil war, and direct confrontation between the great powers, across Europe's deepest geopolitical fault line. - **The Independent**

Where genocide looms

The Central African Republic is on the verge of being torn apart by the rampages of militias and civilian mobs. Since French and African Union troops arrived there in December with a United Nations-sanctioned mission to prevent mass murder, the situation has degenerated alarmingly. The United Nations estimates that 2.5 million people, more than half the population of the country, need help, but killings are making it impossible to reach them. France pledged to add 400 troops to its force of 1,600 that is now working with about 5,500 African Union peacekeepers. These troops are overwhelmed by the scale of the violence. Disturbingly, some Chadian forces among the African Union peacekeepers are colluding with a section of fighters, which include mercenaries from Chad and Sudan, who prey on the civilians.

In Bangui, a section of the population has largely fled. Militias have taken advantage of the chaos to engage in horrific ethnic cleansing. The United Nations secretary general, Ban Ki-moon, warned last week that genocide and the partition of the country are real risks. Catherine Samba-Panza, who became interim president of the republic on Jan. 20, has vowed to keep the country whole. Of late, some militias showed interest in beginning to talk about security.

The European Union has pledged 500 troops to help establish a safe haven in Bangui. The United Nations has released an additional $10 million from its emergency humanitarian fund. These efforts are hardly enough. Donor countries pledged $207 million in humanitarian aid at a meeting last month, though only 28 per cent of the money has been committed or disbursed. The United Nations' $551 million strategic response plan is only 13 per cent funded. Donors need to fulfil their pledges immediately. Rogue members of the peacekeeping forces must be held accountable. The International Criminal Court has opened a preliminary investigation into war crimes. Far more international peacekeepers must be deployed quickly to avert a catastrophe and to let President Samba-Panza prepare for elections by next February. - **The New York Times News Service**



MATTER OF FACT

Jayalalithaa exposes nadir of her politics

DEBASISH MITRA

Indians in general did not share either the feeling or the sentiment of Rahul Gandhi. Rahul, the scion of Gandhi family and son of the assassinated former Indian prime minister Rajiv Gandhi was told to have felt a sudden surge of sadness when he learnt about Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa's decision to set free his father's assassins. Jayalalithaa's decision rudely jolted India, shocked the Indians and angered them beyond measure. Shock and rage poured forth in social media. Indians, irrespective of their political beliefs and allegiance, felt numbed by Jayalalithaa's cynical populism.

And more painful was the fact that almost all political parties in Tamil Nadu, barring of course the Congress, supported the move Jayalalithaa should never have taken. DMK patriarch, M Karunanidhi, hailed the decision forgetting that till yesterday the party was in alliance with the Congress. Even the Left parties joined the cacophony of paean singers for Jayalalithaa. As the Tamils showed how despicably anti-national they are their politicians redefined the political ethics in perhaps the worst possible manner painting the contours of Tamil politics in the darkest of hues. "For Jayalalithaa and Karunanidhi, the freedom of Rajiv Gandhi's killers (was) merely a political tool, not a philosophical issue regarding the ethics of retributive justice."

Astonishingly, even the Tamil civil society justified the chief minister's move to release the terrorists saying "twenty-three years is a long time to be in prison, and, three of them had lived in the shadow of the gallows for a long time." They and their politicians "were willing to forgo the fact that these men were convicted in a case of terrorism, involving the murder of a former prime minister."

Therefore, when Congress described Jayalalithaa's decision as "irresponsible, perverse and populist" Indians, other than the Tamils, expressed solidarity with the party. Evidently, Amma (Jayalalithaa) was ill advised. She was never told that there still remained some fundamental differences between commutation of a sentence and total remission.

Or, perhaps, Amma lacks the wit to realise and understand the simple truth. Could be even that in a fit of megalomania she tried to score a brownie point.

The haste with which she announced in a matter of fact manner her decision to release all seven convicts in the Rajiv assassination case showed that there were much more than just playing politics with terror. She showed utter insouciance for the national aspirations to weed out terrorism and criminal insolence for each and every one in the country who fell fighting terrorism.

How ethical was her decision is the question that India asks her today. She has not answered the nation as yet and will never for sure. Jayalalithaa's decision will go down in footnotes of history as the worst example of political populism in a country where politics has never been ethical and has always survived on propitiating voters.

Jayalalithaa's move to set free Rajiv's assassins was a disgraceful effort to propitiating voters with Parliamentary elections just about three months away from now. Many among the Tamils have always been sympathetic towards the LTTE and cause of Elam the terrorist outfit has been fighting for. They were immeasurably enraged by the manner in which LTTE was crushed and at the reports of atrocities army in Sri Lanka committed during the civil war.

Jayalalithaa obviously sought to harness this Tamil sentiment by stooping down to the level where none in the past dared. She sought to make India lose in its fight against terrorism; she attempted to play the ethnic card in perhaps the most despicable manner; she transgressed her limits and stepped over the red line pandering to the local sentiments.

Providentially, she has been restrained by the Supreme Court of India.

To our dismay and disbelief Jayalalithaa showed the nadir to which our politicians in India can go down just to trump rivals. DMK has been a traditional sympathiser of the Elam and LTTE and Jayalalithaa and her party, AIADMK, sought to steal the wind out of DMK's sail. She was in need to harness the support of the LTTE sympathisers. And what could have helped her to do that than announcing release of Rajiv's killers.

She may have played with the sentiments of millions of Indians. But, in her Machiavellian objectives Jayalalithaa is a winner. She has succeeded in making a big issue ahead of the elections and has killed two birds with a single arrow. As D. P. Satish says, she will now blame the Congress-led Central government for opposing the release in the Supreme Court and try to portray herself as somebody who did everything she could for the Rajiv Gandhi killers release on humanitarian grounds. It is expected to polarize votes in her favour and all opposition parties including the DMK and the BJP will be left with no issue to attack her during the election campaign.

Her move may have put her dream to become prime minister of India into jeopardy. But, considering the gains she lapped up this now seems a small sacrifice. In Tamil Nadu she has emerged stronger than ever undercutting all her rivals. She would not mind playing the strongest regional satrap for she knows if she can win 40 seats in the Parliament she would hold the balance of power in the next government.

Yet she would remain for long the sole cause of shame for India. Her politics was simply abhorrent and punctured India's moral stand against terrorism once and for all. She, with her nasty politics, would always remain a bad advertisement for the nation.

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Age is...wisdom, if one has lived one's life properly

MIRIAM MAKEBA

His courage to speak out the truth defined Essa

They say that time is the best healer, and with time, everything changes. It may be true but there remain certain matters, certain issues, certain memories and certain losses that even time fails to heal or alter. They remain hidden deep somewhere within ourselves. One such loss is the loss of the founder chairman of *Times of Oman* Essa bin Mohammed Al Zedjali, who left us forever a year ago. Twelve months have passed by but his loss remains unhealed — a vacuum that still haunts me. His boldness, his courage to speak out the truth and in standing by what he deemed right, always defined Essa as an individual, entrepreneur and most importantly as the Editor in Chief of *Times of Oman*. Essa became in his own right the most endearing voice of the Arabs to the world. His weekly column, *Viewpoint*, soon after it was first published on April 15, 2000, became one of the most keenly awaited columns not only in Oman, but also beyond its shores across the Arab world.

Anu Shaikh
Wadi Kabir

Essa was always in quest of perfection, precision

Few journalists have had so much of an impact on the society and nation in such a little time as the founder chairman of MPPH Essa bin Mohammed Al Zedjali did. Quintessentially a quiet man gifted with an amazing sense of humour and full of respect for fellow human beings, Essa, was a man always in quest of perfection and precision — traits and qualities that created the foundations of every enterprise that he set up. But never ever did Essa compromise with objectiveness in voicing his opinions. And that was the character which made his column, *Viewpoint*, stand out unique in the multitude. As a journalist, he was second to none and was a newsperson par excellence encouraging colleagues to scratch the surface and peep beyond the apparent with a keen devotion to ethics and principles. Essa was undoubtedly a pioneer with a unique ability to shape and reshape, define and redefine the phases of evolution of media industry in Oman. He was the pioneer and architect who made the others emulate him.

Ramachandran Nair
Ruwi

World remains poorer by keeping people stateless

Statelessness of millions has cost the world dearly. Rough estimates and random studies suggest that the global economy is denied of at least four per cent growth because the stateless persons do not contribute. Former US secretary of state Hillary Clinton appeared too well aware of the problem. She said, "When you deny a population the opportunity to participate you deny them the opportunity to contribute." She was right. The world's most prominent stateless population include the Palestinians, the Romas, the Tibetans, the Kurds and the Bidoons. And by denying them to participate in the economic activities, the world has not become any richer

Minu Dutta
Muttrah

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PERSPECTIVE

Which way will the trial of Pervez Musharraf go?

KAMRAN REHMAT

Special to Times of Oman

The special court that has been tasked to hear a high treason case against retired General Parvez Musharraf Friday dismissed the defence's plea against its jurisdiction and transferring the case to a military court.

The former strongman is facing charges under Article 6 for suspending, subverting and abrogating the Constitution, imposing an emergency in the country in November 2007 and detaining judges of the superior courts.

Musharraf's lawyers had argued that the three-member bench formed by the government after the Supreme Court sent it a list of five judges from which to appoint them did not have jurisdiction over the trial because when Musharraf imposed the sweeping Emergency, he was still the army chief.

Moreover, the defence counsel felt the presiding judge, Justice Faisal Arab, could not override "inherent bias" since he had refused to take oath under the Provisional Constitutional Order (PCO) from Musharraf after he declared Emergency. The PCO was declared ultra vires of the Constitution by the Supreme Court in 2009.

Justice Arab dismissed the plea on the grounds that a treason trial, according to law, can only be heard by a special court and that the accused was no longer in military uniform.

After Friday's ruling, Musharraf has been summoned before the special court on March 11 when a formal indictment will be made.

The trial is historic alone for the fact that it marks the first time a former army chief will be held accountable for extra-constitutional measures.

The military has directly ruled Pakistan for half of its existence and despite considerable progress down the democratic path since Musharraf was ousted from power following a popular revolt in 2007, the army retains its clout as an interventionist force.

If evidence was ever needed, even a glimpse into how the Musharraf drama has unfolded so far is instructive.

In the interim, his road to the court remained mired in 'too clever by half' diversions: twice explosives were found outside his palatial residence in Chak Shahzad on the outskirts of the Pakistani capital Islamabad, and last month, he developed a "heart condition" on the way, and was swiftly taken to a military hospital with a route lined up remarkably quickly by security personnel from the military.

Musharraf's subsequent attempts to seek "timely" medical treatment abroad for health issues outlined by a report deemed by his previously decorated medical specialist in the US as requiring urgent attention — but dismissed by independent specialists as easily and expertly treatable in Pakistan — helped reinforce the perception that putting an army chief on trial will remain a red line.

Not until the court ruled after hearing and concluding, on the basis of medical opinion, that the former general can undergo treatment in Pakistan, and hence appear before it, was Musharraf forced to accept the trial as fait accompli.

Regardless, the pomp with which he arrived at, and left, the court the past week — a cavalcade of 17 vehicles under the protection of Rangers and paramilitary personnel going past a 1000-strong police presence on the roads to and from the court — have only reinforced perceptions about the outer limits of a democratic order.

Even though the court has stuck it out gamely, and the ruling Pakistan Muslim League of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif insists the case will take its logical course, the strong undercurrents of a fragile civil-military relationship is at the heart of where the trial will go from here.

Even though speculation is rife that the government will align itself with the military amid mounting pressure for an offensive against the Taliban, the duration — and fallout — of undertaking such action could very well impinge on the Musharraf trial.

In the event of a full scale operation against terrorists, the military establishment will be loath to "diversions" like the Musharraf trial and both the federal government, which initiated the trial, and the court, may find themselves thrown into a tailspin.

An article in the *New Yorker* the other day purports that General Raheel Sharif, the current army chief, has a family connection with Musharraf going back to his war decorated brother's time, and pertinently, that he reportedly ordered that Musharraf be taken under army's protection!

Also, interesting is the theory doing the rounds in private circles at the highest level in the government. The buzz is that old nemesis Sharif is only interested in a conviction on paper, which he will then use for a pardon, and pave the way for the former general to take everyone out of their respective miseries and fly out of Pakistan.

The writer is a freelance contributor based in Islamabad. All the views and opinions expressed in the article are solely those of the author and do not reflect those of Times of Oman.

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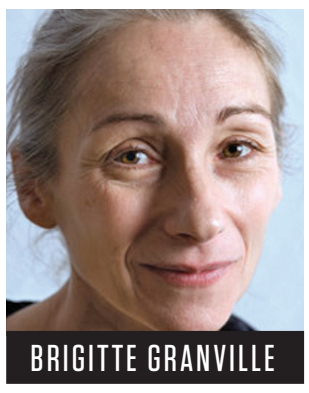
Poking the eurozone bear



BRIGITTE GRANVILLE

The conventional wisdom is that, when confronted by a bear, you should lie motionless until it loses interest (or assumes that you are dead) and leaves you alone. But there are different species of bear, with some more likely to be deterred by bold, purposeful action. The question is how to determine the right approach when terror incarnate is staring you in the face.

This scenario is helpful for thinking about the eurozone as it attempts to survive its next round of trials – beginning with the European Parliament election in May. Can it continue simply to "lie still," hoping that no new shocks arise that diminish its economic health, if not threaten its survival?

Some take the sanguine view that the current "lie still" approach is adequate to ensure that the eurozone economy does more than avoid decline. From their perspective, Germany's decision over the last three years to permit actual and prospective transfers just large enough to prevent financial meltdown will somehow be enough to enable the eurozone finally to begin to recover from a half-decade of recession and stagnation.

But the fact is that these transfers – that is, European Stability Mechanism-financed bailout programs and the European Central Bank's prospective "outright monetary transactions" (OMT) bond-buying scheme – can do little more than fend off collapse.

They cannot boost economic output, because they are conditional upon recipient countries' continued pursuit of internal devaluation (lowering domestic wages and prices).

Reinvigorating the eurozone economy requires a more radical effort to resolve the interlinked sovereign-debt and banking crises. Specifically, it demands sovereign-debt mutualisation through Eurobonds, and thus the elimination of eurozone countries' fiscal sovereignty, and a full-fledged banking union with recapitalization authority and shared deposit insurance – a far cry from the arrangement that has been agreed.

If Europe's leaders continue to choose mild palliatives over bold tactics, the best-case scenario is a lacklustre recovery, with GDP growing at a 1-2 per cent annual rate.

Unfortunately, this best case probably is not enough to prevent future sovereign-debt defaults in countries like Italy, Spain, and eventually even France. In other words, at some point, lying still will no longer be an option.

In fact, eurozone leaders might be spurred into action even sooner. While the prospect of OMT seems to be keeping financial shocks at bay, at least for now, a political shock seems increasingly likely, with voters reacting against the internal-devaluation policies that are fuelling high unemployment and undermining living standards. The upcoming European Parliament election could be just such a shock.

As it stands, Europe's political class is committed to internal devaluation in all of the troubled eurozone economies. The alternative approach – dismantling the eurozone to allow for external devaluations – has thus become the playground of hitherto marginal political parties, which are now surging ahead in opinion polls.

In France, the groups concerned – the National Front and the Union of the Left – represent political extremes. In Italy, a more ideologically neutral anti-establishment force may arise, with a much sharper anti-euro focus than Beppe Grillo's populist Five Star Movement, which emerged last year to become the country's third-largest political force.

As these parties gain traction, the euro's chances of survival diminish.

The predicament of Europe's political establishment stems from a combination of irrational fear and vain ambition. This is particularly apparent in France, where the monetary union has often been viewed as a tool for harnessing Germany's economic strength to project power worldwide.

Given that dismantling the eurozone would mean the end of the French establishment's European project and would weaken Europe's ability to advance its interests vis-à-vis global powers like the United States and China, "monetary anti-union" is unthinkable.

France's global ambition is apparent whenever its mainstream politicians discuss the euro. For example, in 2011, Edmond Alphandéry, a former economy minister, declared that a eurozone exit by a member country was as likely as a dollar exit by Texas or California.

Here, on full display, was the wishful thinking that brought the euro into existence in the first place: its French architects dreamed of a Europe that could equal the US. That was always an illusory ambition, but it continues to cloud European leaders' judgment.

- Project Syndicate

Exploiting NGOs for profit

ZAHRAH NASIR

The going gets tougher by the day for those struggling to alleviate, via legitimate NGOs, the myriad ills faced by those fighting to survive in our increasingly blighted nation: a nation under siege on so many sides at once that not a day passes without a disaster — manmade or environment-related — hitting someone, somewhere, below the belt with yet another vicious blow.

As funding gets harder and harder to obtain, quite a number of NGOs are either being kept afloat by those in charge using their own, personal income or stagnating until scarce donors can be tracked down and projects, be these educational, environmental or otherwise, get — through the dint of extremely hard work and dedication — up and running in their intended direction. A direction in which profit is not the name of the game.

Under the sneaky guise of 'social entrepreneurs' though, a new venture, one directly aimed at exploiting these very NGOs is being put together right now: the fact that if this blatantly exploitative initiative destroys, for financial gain of course, the credibility of the already languishing NGO sector, does not appear to be of the slightest concern to the ' foreign' investors whose 'brainchild' this despicable idea is.

Their idea — the male consortium includes a couple of British born and based Pakistanis, a British Kashmiri and a rather dubious American 'character' dripping gold chains and a Middle Eastern background — intends putting fund-seeking NGOs through a 'reality' television contest, with those able to 'sing for funding' the loudest, winning the donation stakes and making a disgusting mockery of all that remains of charitable and good works in a country — make that 'world' — fuelled by downright greed.

It may sound like a harmless, entertaining idea but the mass-market appeal result promises to be an extremely debilitating affair which, despite the scores of viewers voting by phone or computer, will be marked with inevitable claims of rigging at each and every stage.

Well established internationally known NGOs would, one anticipates, have far more sense than to allow any remaining shreds of priceless dignity and valuable integrity to be exploited to death this way. But the well baited trap, for this is exactly what it is, could prove to be the nail in the coffin for less experienced NGOs struggling to alleviate, for example, poverty and malnutrition in rural or urban areas as, having been made fools of on live television, they are then highly unlikely to be taken seriously when going about their invaluable work: the resultant loss of credibility and perhaps years of precious experience, may be just a part of the 'gamble' by the projected programmes' organisers but could mark the end for the NGO concerned itself, potentially denying assistance to a segment so desperately in need and a segment set to increase by leaps and bounds if prevailing, nationwide circumstances, continue to degenerate with alarming speed.

Profiting from the vulnerable charity section, making 'more' out of the few to the long-term cost of the many, is not — or most certainly should not — be classified as 'entertainment' and 'tasteless' as current societal trends are, it is sincerely hoped that someone in the relevant position takes serious note and, no matter the financial 'enticements', draws a very firm line at this utterly disgraceful, disrespectful and destructive greed. -

The Express Tribune

Ukraine deal

Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych and opposition leaders have signed a deal to end three months of unrest.

- 2004 constitution – which limits presidential powers and gives more authority to parliament to be restored within 48 hours.
- Government of national unity will be formed within 10 days.
- Constitutional reform balancing powers of president, government and parliament will be started immediately and completed by September.
- Presidential election will take place following adoption of new constitution, but no later than December 2014.
- .Independent investigation into violence and human rights abuses of recent months to take place. Government puts death toll from violence this week at 77.

Source: Associated Press

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TODAY IN HISTORY

303 *Emperor Diocletian orders the general persecution of Christians in Rome.*

1516 *The Hapsburg Charles I succeeds Ferdinand in Spain.*

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1846 *Liberty Bell tolls for the last time, to mark George Washington's birthday.*

1898 *Emile Zola is imprisoned in France for his letter J'accuse in which he accuses the French government of anti-semitism and the wrongful imprisonment of army captain Alfred Dreyfus.*

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GHAZALI STRESSES KEENNESS TO BOOST FACILITIES AT SEEB AIRPORT

MUSCAT: Salem bin Abdullah Al Ghazali, minister of communications, yesterday stressed the keenness of the government in modernizing Seeb International Airport and ensuring all facilities to passengers. Speaking to Oman News Agency, Ghazali said the ministry is striving for developing further the service sectors, including technological backup for the navigation sector. He added that Seeb Airport witnessed a sharp growth in passenger movements during the year 1998.

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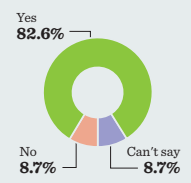

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PAKISTAN

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> **Asif Iqbal,** Senior police official

Identify men traded for bounty: Court

A three-judge bench ordered the additional attorney general of Pakistan to identify the names of 369 Pakistanis who were handed over to the US and submit a report on March 6

OPENING A PANDORA'S BOX: Pervez Musharraf

> Citing the Council of European Union 2006 report, the Additional Attorney General for Pakistan Tariq Khokhar told the bench that the CIA had kidnapped people from Afghanistan and Pakistan and they were detained in different internment centres, which were known as 'black sites'. 'According to the EU Parliament's report 2007 about torture flights, the CIA has conducted 1,245 flights, many of them to destinations where suspects could face torture, which is the violation of United Nations Convention,' he further stated

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court on Friday asked the government to share the names of 369 Pakistanis who were handed over to the United States for bounty, as claimed by former army chief General Pervez Musharraf in his 2006 book.

A three-judge bench headed by Justice Jawwad S Khawaja ordered Additional Attorney General for Pakistan (AAGP) Tariq Khokhar to identify the people from relevant quarters and submit a report on March 6.

Earlier in compliance with the court's February 18 order, the AAGP submitted the relevant portions of Musharraf's book 'In the Line of Fire' before the bench.

'Manhunt'

Referring to the chapter 23 titled 'Manhunt', Khokhar presented the passage which said: "We have captured 689 and handed over 369 to the United States. We have earned bounties totalling to millions of dollars."

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Khokhar said people were transferred from one country to another country through extra ordinary rendition, which was illegal. "Enforced disappearance is a crime against humanity", he added. The bench asked him to tell the court from where the names of these persons, handed over to USA, could be got.

"My understanding is that the author of the book (Pervez Musharraf) claims these names were given to him by an institution and this institution should have the particulars of these people," Khokhar replied as he assured the bench he would contact the concerned authorities to acquire the names.

Meanwhile, the court also directed the defence ministry to submit till March 6 the affidavits of Colonel Habib and two retired Lieutenant Generals Shafat Ahmad and Nadim Taj regarding the enforced disappearance of Masood Janjua.

Earlier, the AAGP told the bench that the defence ministry has submitted that these three officers had retired and it was not its responsibility to find out their whereabouts.

The bench, however, rejecting the ministry's reply and directed it to file affidavits of three army officers, warning that otherwise the pension of these army officers would be stopped

For recording the statement of Imran Munir in Masood Janjua case, Advocate General Punjab Mustafa Ramday said Punjab government had decided to depute SP Potohar Town Haroon Joya for recording the statement of witness, who is living in an UNHCR camp in Sri Lanka as an asylum seeker.

Dr Imran Munir, in his statement to Joint Investigation Team (JIT) on December 5, 2009, claimed that he had seen Janjua under the custody of Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) Brigadier Mansoor Saeed Sheikh during the period between July 28, 2006, and second week of March 2007 in a cell near Zakria Masjid, Rawalpindi.

Missing brothers

Meanwhile, Khokhar told The Express Tribune that the ministry of defence had sent him a fresh report on two missing brothers – Mulazim Hussain and Obaidullah –who have been traced out to be detained in Lakki Marwat Internment Centre. These brothers were allegedly picked up by intelligent agencies.

"Five persons namely Atiq ur Rehman, Khawar Mahmood, Hamad Aamir, Hafiz Muhammad Jamil and Hadaitullah have already been traced in the last ten days," he added. — Express Tribune

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TALKS

Impose sharia for peace, Taleban outlines its term

UNDISCLOSED LOCATION IN WAZIRISTAN: The Pakistani Taleban told the government there was no chance of peace in the country unless Pakistan changed its political and legal system and officially embraced sharia.

The government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif wants to find a negotiated settlement to years of fighting with the militants but talks broke down this month after a string of attacks.

Rare meeting

In a rare face-to-face meeting with journalists on Friday in an undisclosed location in Waziristan, a region on the Afghan border, main Taleban spokesman Shahidullah Shahid said there was still hope negotiations might resume.

"Despite recent bombings in North Waziristan and killing of our 74 men by the security forces during the peace talks, we are still serious about the talks," he said, wearing an AK-47 bandolier across his chest.

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"If talks are to be held it would be only under sharia. We have made this clear to the government committee. We are fighting for the enforcement of sharia and we are holding talks for the same purpose."

Sharif came to power last year on promises to persuade the Taleban to stop fighting, effectively proposing to legalise the banned group as a political entity. He previously tried to introduce sharia in the late 1990s just before he was toppled in a military coup.

This year started with a surge of violence in Pakistan, with Taleban insurgents staging almost daily attacks and the army responding with force in the volatile tribal areas on the Afghan border where most militants are based.

The Taleban organisers asked reporters not to identify the location of the meeting. The area appeared tense and gripped by fear, with many shops and houses damaged by recent shelling. People at an open air bazaar appeared too frightened to speak frankly to visiting journalists. — Reuters

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NORTHWEST

Bomb attack kills leader in Buner attack

PESHAWAR: A roadside bomb targeting a local leader of a nationalist party in northwest Pakistan killed three people and wounded two others yesterday, police said.

The incident took place in Buner district in the troubled northwestern province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, close to Swat Valley.

Police said the remote-controlled bomb hit the vehicle of Adalat Khan, a local leader of nationalist Qaumi Watan Party, killing him along with two associates.

"Adalat Khan and his two associates have been killed. Two others in the car were critically injured," Asif Iqbal, a senior police official said.

No militant group has yet claimed responsibility for the attack, but a local intelligence official said that Khan had supported an Anti-Taleban village militia in 2009.

The head of that militia was later killed in a suicide attack in November 2012.

Separately, at least nine militants were killed yesterday when gunship helicopters pounded Taleban hideouts in Thall village in Hangu district, near the tribal areas where militants linked to the Taleban and Al Qaeda have strongholds, a security official said. — AFP

The peace and stability of this country has an impact on the security of western China, and more importantly, it affects the tranquillity and development of the entire region
Wang Yi, China's Foreign Minister

WORLD

Italy gets its youngest PM as Renzi sworn in

The 39-year-old leader faces a huge challenge with the eurozone's third largest economy struggling to emerge from its worst slump since World War II

FRESH START: Newly appointed Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi rings a silver bell to signify the start of his first cabinet meeting, at Chigi Palace in Rome, yesterday. — Reuters

ROME: Italian centre-left leader Matteo Renzi took office yesterday as his country's youngest prime minister, facing pressure to show immediate results after he forced out his predecessor over the slow pace of economic reforms.

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Average age of cabinet

With an average age under 48, the 16-member cabinet is one of the smallest and youngest in recent Italian history. Half its members are women, the highest proportion ever, underlining the image of a fresh start on which Renzi has built his reputation.

But he faces a huge challenge with the eurozone's third largest economy struggling to emerge from its worst slump since World War II, weighed down by a 2 trillion euro ($2.75 trillion) public debt and an industrial base that has crumbled over the past decade.

Business and union leaders have repeatedly warned that the government must take urgent action to save Italy's ailing industry with tens of thousands of companies going out of business and millions put out of work.

'Enormous responsibility'

"The responsibility is enormous and this must not fail," said Rocco Palombella, secretary general of the UILM union, which represents workers in the engineering sector. "If it does, there will be no appeal," he said in a statement.

Renzi, who won the leadership of the centre-left Democratic Party (PD) only in December, forced his party rival Enrico Letta to resign last week after repeatedly attacking him for not moving more quickly on economic reforms.

The new prime minister has laid out an ambitious agenda for his first months in office, promising a sweeping overhaul of the electoral and constitutional system to give Italy more stable governments in future and reforms to the labour and tax systems as well as the bloated public administration.

However, the unwieldy coalition with the small centre-right NCD party on which he will depend for a majority remains unchanged from the one which hampered Letta's efforts at reform and he faces a fractious parliament which has proved difficult for past governments to control.

The newly installed cabinet met for the first time yesterday and Renzi is expected to go before the Senate tomorrow for the first of two parliamentary confidence votes next week where he will give more detail on his policy programme.

Mayor of Florence

The new prime minister's main experience in government has been as mayor of the city of Florence and many of his ministers will also be learning on the job.

But media commentators and opposition politicians were quick to point to similarities between the new and old governments — five of ministers have remained in the cabinet and another, Graziano Delrio, has become Renzi's chief of staff.

The oldest member of the cabinet, 64-year-old Economy Minister Pier Carlo Padoan, former chief economist at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, will play a key role in maintaining the confidence of partners ranging from the European Central Bank to foreign investors.

The other main economic ministers, Industry Minister Federica Guidi, a former official at employers' association Confindustria, and Labour Minister Giuliano Poletti, former head of the cooperative association Legacoop, will face pressure on industrial policy. — Reuters

RARE VISIT

Beijing urges Kabul to opt for inclusive political solution

KABUL: China urged its neighbour Afghanistan yesterday to embrace an inclusive political solution to its long-running conflict during a rare visit by a top Chinese official, who said the very security of his own country's western regions depended on peace.

Foreign Minister Wang Yi was due to meet President Hamid Karzai during his visit, which coincides with preparations by US and allied troops to draw down their forces after more than 12 years of fighting Taleban extremists.

China, which shares a short border with Afghanistan in the country's mountainous northeastern corridor, has become increasingly concerned about security in its western region of Xinjiang, where it says Muslim extremists receive help from militants in neighbouring countries.

"The peace and stability of this country has an impact on the security of western China, and more importantly, it affects the tranquillity and development of the entire region," Wang told a news conference alongside his Afghan counterpart, Zarar Ahmad Osmani.

"We hope to see a broad-based and inclusive political reconciliation in Afghanistan as soon as possible, and China will play a constructive role to facilitate that...A divided country will have no future."

Wang last visited Kabul in early 2002 when he was vice foreign minister and reopened China's embassy after the fall of the Taleban government.

Afghan elections

His visit coincides with a time of transition for Afghanistan, ahead of both the year-end deadline for the pull-out of foreign troops and an April presidential election.

Eleven candidates, representing different ethnic, tribal and religious groups, are competing to replace Karzai, who has served two terms as Afghanistan's elected president. All pledge to end decades of civil war and insurgent conflict.

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>
> Beijing-based diplomat

Stepping up engagement

China has been stepping up its engagement with other regional players in recent months in Afghanistan, Beijing-based diplomats say, mainly out of concern that the Nato-led force's pullout may spawn instability that could spill into Xinjiang.

"They're taking a lot of initiative," said a Beijing-based diplomat who follows China's relations with Afghanistan, speaking on condition of anonymity. "They're worried about what will happen in Xinjiang."

Plans by the United States and its allies to keep a small force in Afghanistan to bolster Afghan forces against the Taleban have run up against Karzai's refusal to sign an accord.

The Taleban and its Pakistan-based leadership show no signs of renouncing their guerrilla campaign to regain control of Afghanistan. Karzai's government has had little success pursuing peace talks with the Taleban to produce a political solution. — AFP

BIDDING ADIEU

Park Yang-Kon, right, of South Korea bids farewell to his brother Park Yang-Soo, left, of North Korea as he prepares to depart the North Korean resort area of Mount Kumgang on the third and final day of the first group of family reunion between North and South Korea, yesterday. North and South Korean families held a final farewell after they were reunited for the first time since war divided them 60 years ago, knowing they will almost certainly never be together again. — AFP/YONHAP

STIR

Thai protestors shun SIM cards linked to PM's family

BANGKOK: Some Thai anti-government protestors followed the advice of their leader yesterday, shunning products of firms linked to the family of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and handing back cellphone SIM cards.

The protestors have blocked main Bangkok intersections with tents, tyres and sandbags, seeking to unseat Yingluck and halt the influence of her billionaire brother, Thaksin Shinawatra, an ousted former premier regarded by many as the real power behind the government.

This week, they targeted businesses linked, or once linked, to the Shinawatra family, sending stock prices tumbling and yesterday some answered protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban's call to return their SIM cards belonging to mobile phone company Advanced Info Service Pcl (AIS).

The company promptly sent a text message to clients saying it no longer had any connection with the Shinawatra family.

> Premier Yingluck's supporters denounced the targeting of business when the protests have already taken a toll on the economy, on tourism in particular

"AIS is not involved in politics and is not a pipeline for any side," it said. "Dr Thaksin and family have already sold all shares in the company since 23 January, 2006, and from then are no longer connected with the company."

Aunjit Wongsampan, 65, lined up in central Bangkok to hand in her SIM card. "I think the signal is poor and I am changing it because the company is too wealthy," she said.

When shown the company's text message, she said: "I don't believe them any more. I have made my choice."

Yingluck's supporters denounced the targeting of business when the protests have already taken a toll on the economy, on tourism in particular, with arrivals in Bangkok sharply down.

'Move away'

"What we don't like right now is their involvement in threatening companies on the stock exchange that is not involved with government," Tida Tawornseth, chairwoman of the United Front for Democracy against Dictatorship (UDD), said.

"It's a move away from government into business." — Reuters

WORLD

The events witnessed by our country and the whole world are an example of a coup d'etat
Viktor Yanukovych, Ukraine leader

Yanukovych removed from office

The Ukrainian parliament, which abandoned Viktor after loyalists defected, declared the president constitutionally unable to carry out his duties and set an early election for May 25

KIEV: Ukraine's parliament voted yesterday to remove President Viktor Yanukovych from office, hours after he abandoned his Kiev office to protestors and denounced what he described as a coup.

The Ukrainian parliament, which decisively abandoned Yanukovych after loyalists defected, declared the president constitutionally unable to carry out his duties and set an early election for May 25.

Deputies in the assembly stood, applauded and sang the national anthem.

In a television interview shortly beforehand, which the station said was conducted in the eastern city of Kharkiv, Yanukovych said he would not resign or leave the country, and called decisions by parliament "illegal".

"The events witnessed by our country and the whole world are an example of a coup d'etat," he said, comparing it to the rise of the Nazis to power in Germany in the 1930s.

He said he had come under fire. "My car was shot at. I am not afraid. I feel sorrow for my country," he told UBR television.

Despite his defiance, the dismantling of his authority seemed all but complete with his cabinet promising a transition to a new government, the police declaring themselves behind the protesters and his jailed arch adversary expected to go free.

Among a series of acts aimed at removing his government, parliament voted to free jailed former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko.

Her daughter said Yulia was already free under Ukrainian law but still in the hospital where she has been held for treatment.

The newly-installed interior minister declared that the police now stood with demonstrators they had fought for days, when central Kiev became a war zone with 77 people killed.

At the president's headquarters, Ostap Kryvdyk, who described himself as a protest commander, said some protestors had entered the offices but there was no looting. "We will guard the building until the next president comes," he said.

"Yanukovych will never be back." The grounds of Yanukovych's residence outside Kiev were also being guarded by "self-defence" militia of protestors.

"The cabinet of ministers and ministry of finance are working normally," the cabinet said in a statement. "The current government will provide a fully responsible transfer of power under the constitution and legislation."

'No coup'

Polish Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski, who had negotiated concessions from Yanukovich with other European foreign ministers in a deal on Friday, tweeted: "No coup in Kiev. Gov. buildings got abandoned. Speaker of Rada (parliament) elected legally." Military and police leaders said they would not get involved in any internal conflict. The interior ministry responsible for the police said it served "exclusively the Ukrainian people and fully shares their strong desire for speedy change".

"The organs of the Interior Ministry have crossed to the side of the protestors, the side of the people," new Interior Minister Arsen Avakov told Ukraine's Channel 5 TV.

Yanukovych, who enraged much of the population by turning away from the European Union to cultivate closer relations with Russia three months ago, made sweeping concessions in the deal brokered by European diplomats on Friday. — Reuters

APPEAL

Rival camps urged to respect deal

BERLIN: Germany and France yesterday urged the Ukrainian government and the opposition to respect a peace deal agreed a day earlier.

'Building trust'

"It is now up to the two sides in the conflict — the government as well as the opposition — to stick to what was agreed and to begin building a relationship of trust," German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said in a statement.

"The situation remains extremely fragile," Steinmeier said.

"It is perhaps the last chance to come to a peaceful development for the future of Ukraine," he warned.

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius meanwhile called on both sides "to refrain from violence and adhere to the agreement they reached", according to a ministry spokesman.

— AFP

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NEW DAY

'VICTORY': (Top) A man celebrates as anti-government activists stand outside the Parliament in Kiev, yesterday. (Bottom) Yevgenia Tymoshenko, centre, reacts as the Parliament voted to free her mother, Ukrainian opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko, during a session in Kiev. — AFP/Reuters

Eastern Ukraine leaders vow to take control of their territories

KIEV: Leaders of mainly Russian-speaking regions of eastern Ukraine that are loyal to President Viktor Yanukovych challenged the legitimacy of the national parliament yesterday and said they were taking control of their territories.

The move appeared to increase the possibility of a split in the sprawling former Soviet republic of 46 million, despite denials by the leaders that this was their intention.

Mikhaylo Dobkin, Governor of Kharkiv region in northeast Ukraine, told regional leaders meeting in the city: "We're not preparing to break up the country. We want to preserve it."

But a resolution adopted at the meeting said: "The decisions taken by the Ukrainian parliament in such circumstances cause doubts about their ... legitimacy and legality."

It added: "The central state organs are paralysed. Until the constitutional order and lawfulness are restored ... we have decided to take responsibility for safeguarding the constitutional order, legality, citizens' rights and their security on our territories."

One speaker urged the creation of civilian patrols to restore order.

Another said those gathered should fear reprisals if anti-Yanukovych protestors in Kiev seize power in the whole of the country.

With people at the meeting chanting "Russia! Russia!", the atmosphere contrasted with the mood in the capital Kiev.

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> **Mikhaylo Dobkin**
> Governor of Kharkiv region

The regions represented at the meeting — Kharkiv, Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Lugansk and Crimea — have a population of 14.4 million. Most are important industrial centres and Russia's Black Sea fleet is based in the Crimean port of Sevastopol.

Some Ukrainians are also worried by calls in Crimea for the region to again become Russian territory. "The revolution has been won in Kiev, in part of Ukraine, but not in the whole of Ukraine. We still have many risks," said Volodymyr Fesenko, a political analyst at the Kiev-based Penta think-tank. — Reuters

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The Facebook deal for WhatsApp drew attention for its whopping price tag, but has also brought out fresh criticism over security for the billions of messages delivered on the platform. >B4

PHASE II EXPANSION

Railway project vital to our plan, says Sohar Freezone CEO

BUSINESS REPORTER

MUSCAT: Planning for the second phase of Sohar Freezone will begin later this year after phase one attained incredible occupancy with nearly 80 per cent of the space that was available for business activities having been already occupied.

In an exclusive interview with the *Times of Oman,* Jamal Aziz, CEO of Sohar Freezone, outlined the plans for the future and the reasons for this incredible success story. Jamal averred, "Following the success of phase one of the Freezone, we are already into planning the phase two, which will be based on certain essential factors.

"One such factor is the new rail infrastructure set to be in place in the coming years. It is vitally important to plan for our second phase of Freezone activity to take into consideration and optimise the opportunities that the rail infrastructure will bring for both the industry and the business units as we move forward."

Aziz also stated that phase two would also, more or less, have the same extent of area and similar packages as phase one had.

On attracting more international players to Sohar Port and Freezone, Jamal Aziz said, "International players at the port, including Hutchison from Hong Kong, Vale from Brazil, Jindal from India, Steinweg from Holland, Oiltanking/Odfjell from Germany/Norway are already doing brisk business.

"We already have marketing offices in the United Arab Emirates and China and very soon, we will open an office in India. Alongside this, in collaboration with our partner Port of Rotterdam, we have representation in Europe, Brazil and China, all of which strengthens our global reach further."

He observed, "Our partnership and work with Rotterdam port provides us with a great opportunity to be recognised on a global scale and attract companies from around the world."

He continued, "We have been attracting FDI in Sohar since 2002 when we started developing the Port. Our superb location, the connectivity between Sohar and the rest of the GCC, the future rail and expressway infrastructure, and of course, the feeder network by the sea that exists in this region, have all been instrumental in attracting global players to the Sohar Port and the Freezone.

Win-win factors

"In addition to these win-win factors, investors are also looking at the available energy resources to set up manufacturing or processing units," he added.

He further said, "Feedstock is also crucial; we now have many industries in Sohar that manufacture, which in turn, has had a knock-on effect for further manufacturing activity and is beneficial for downstream activity in the Freezone. There is a huge potential for investment in steel and already we have a strong base upstream for the iron industries."

"Through the aromatic plant, we have a similar situation for plastics; we're continually attracting more and more operators which will lead to investments in downstream plastic-related activities in the Freezone."

On logistics, Jamal said, "Trade and logistics form the core of any commercial hub and that is one of our core strengths. As far as logistics are concerned, firms can bring in goods into Sohar and set up a distribution centre tapping into the consumer market around us."

He further stated, "We cater to the oil and gas industry through the large distribution centre in the Freezone of pipes and other equipment to serve Oman's gas and oil fields. This can grow to become a distribution hub for the region."

Jamal Aziz. — Supplied picture

G20 looks to support faster global growth

Opening the two-day meeting of the Group of 20, Australian Treasurer Joe Hockey said support was building for setting a firm goal for growth

WARM WELCOME: Janet Yellen, chairman of the US Federal Reserve (right), shakes hands with Joe Hockey, ahead of a G-20 meeting in Sydney, Australia, yesterday. — Bloomberg News

SYDNEY: The world's top economies may agree to set an ambitious target for faster global growth at a weekend meeting in Sydney, where major central banks are also being urged to coordinate policies to avoid "surprises" that could further roil emerging markets.

Opening the two-day meeting of the Group of 20 finance ministers and central bankers yesterday, Australian Treasurer Joe Hockey said support was building for setting a firm goal for growth.

"I have a great sense of hope that this G20 meeting will be able to lay down a real and tangible framework for an increase in the growth of the global economy over the next five years," said Hockey, who is hosting the Sydney gathering.

If adopted, the plan would be a departure for the G20, as previous attempts to set fiscal and current account targets have faltered. And while Canada's central bank chief Stephen Poloz called the goal "aspirational" and doubts remain about its implementation, it would give the group fresh focus and mark a sea change from recent meetings where the debate was all about growth versus budget austerity. France's finance minister, Pierre Moscovici, welcomed a goal of lifting world growth by a total of 2.5 percentage points over five years, calling it ambitious but "not unrealistic".

A G20 source said Germany had dropped its opposition to setting an overall target, as long as there were no goals imposed for individual states.

However, not all the German camp seemed to be happy, with Jens Weidmann, head of the country's central bank, calling quantitative targets "problematic". And Nhlanhla Nene, South Africa's Deputy Finance Minister, said the target would be meaningless unless issues faced by emerging economies such as inequality, high unemployment, and volatile global financial conditions were addressed.

IMF plan

The plan borrows wholesale from an International Monetary Fund paper prepared for the Sydney meeting which estimated that structural reforms would raise world growth by about 0.5 percentage point per year over the next five years, boosting global output by $2.25 trillion.

The IMF has forecast global growth of 3.75 per cent for this year and 4.0 per cent in 2015.

The laundry list of reforms run the usual gamut of liberalising product and labour markets, lowering barriers to trade, attracting more women into the workforce and boosting investment in infrastructure.

Still there were no details on how or whether the G20 would police each country's progress on the reforms, many of which would likely be politically unpopular at home. — Reuters

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Panel to investigate dumping issues in Sultanate set up

MUSCAT: Khalid bin Said Al Shu'aibi, Director General of Organisations and Trade Relations at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, said that a specialised department has been set up at the Ministry to take over the task of investigating the dumping issues faced by the local industries. The department was set up as a result of the Ministry's view that it is important to raise awareness among Omani industrialists about dumping and subsidy issues.

In a statement to the Oman News Agency (ONA), he said the department was set up under the Directorate General of Organisations and Trade Relations after six claims were filed against the Sultanate alleging that Oman was dumping petrochemicals, steel pipes and marble, after the global financial crisis experienced by many countries of the world.

He added that the department was set up after the last visit of the Director General of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) to the Sultanate and the discussions he had with the Minister of Commerce and Industry about the issue. He added that the Ministry appreciated this idea a year ago since the Sultanate was facing a growing number of dumping allegations. Al-Shu'aibi added that the department aims to combat the dumping issues faced by the local industries and handle the cases filed against the local industries outside the Sultanate.

He also said that the department will promote the dumping and protective procedures. It will also raise public awareness among the local industry to prepare them to address any future cases. It will also provide technical support to the local industries facing dumping issues.

Besides appointing specialized human resources at the department and developing its strategy, a national action team has been set up to investigate such allegations. This team comprises representatives of the Royal Oman Police (ROP), represented by the Directorate General of Customs, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Ministry of Legal Affairs, the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI), the Directorate General of Industry at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Directorate General of Organisations and Trade Relations. — ONA

MARKET

CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

Ministry of Oil and Gas expected to sign six new contracts this year

MUSCAT: Eng. Salim bin Nasser Al Oufi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Oil and Gas said that the Sultanate's crude oil production is expected to be 940,000-950,000 barrels per day at the end of this year due to the good results achieved by the end of 2013.

He told the Oman News Agency (ONA) that gas production is currently stands at 80 million cubic metres, additional 5-7 million cubic metres of gas are imported from the Dolphin project to cover domestic needs.

He noted that the Ministry of Oil and Gas continuously signs drilling and exploration contracts, as it is expected to sign six contracts in 2014 in open areas and offering some other areas for marketing.

In response to a question about the cost of producing per barrel of oil, Eng. Al Oufi said that it costs $23 last year, noting that the price is not necessarily affected by the world oil prices, but is affected by high inflation as a result of higher prices of services, materials and mechanism of extraction.

Regarding Omanisation, he said that most of the companies in the oil and gas sectors are committed to employ Omanis, and that the rate has reached 80 per cent and some has gone beyond that figure, noting that the number of Omanis working in the Petroleum Development Oman is 6000 out of 7,500 workers at the company. — ONA

Apple, Samsung again fail to settle lawsuit

The two have spent hundreds of millions of dollars in legal fees on claims of copying each other's features in a battle to dominate market

SAN FRANCISCO: Apple and Samsung Electronics told a judge they again failed to settle their dispute over smartphone technology, with their next trial in federal court in California set to begin March 31.

Apple CEO Tim Cook, Samsung mobile chief Shin Jong-Kyun and other executives from both companies attended a full-day session with a mediator in the first week of February, and representatives from both sides had several follow-up phone calls with the mediator, according to a joint status report filed late yesterday.

"Notwithstanding these efforts, the mediator's settlement proposal to the parties was unsuccessful," Apple and Samsung said in their report to US District Judge Lucy Koh in San Jose, who had urged them to pursue settlement talks before the trial. "Parties remain willing to work through the mediator jointly selected by the parties."

The world's top two smartphone makers have spent hundreds of millions of dollars in legal fees on claims of copying each other's features in a global battle to dominate the market.

"Even though Apple seems to be winning across the board" in courtrooms, "they're not winning in the marketplace," Stanford Law School professor Mark A. Lemley said in an interview before the report was filed. Favorable verdicts, rulings and even court orders blocking the sales of Samsung products "don't seem to be slowing Samsung's momentum very much," he said.

Smartphone shipments

Samsung accounted for 28.8 percent of global smartphone shipments in the three months ended Dec. 31, down from 29.1 percent a year earlier, Framingham, Massachusetts-based market researcher IDC said in a Jan. 27 statement. Apple's share fell to 17.9 percent from 20.9 percent.

Apple and Samsung previously tried and failed to reach an agreement in court-ordered settlement negotiations. In 2012, in their first patent-infringement case in San Jose, U.S. Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero handled negotiations. The companies also met at least twice in 2011 to discuss settling their dispute before the U.S. International Trade Commission, according to an Apple filing. — Bloomberg News

MANAGEMENT CHANGE

New GM takes charge at Voltamp Power

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Voltamp Energy has appointed Ganesh Nadgouda as General Manager of Voltamp Power, a state-of-the-art 220KV power transformer company at Sohar.

With 22 years of experience in the power transformers industry, Ganesh has been with Voltamp for the last six years — initially with the Qatar Joint Venture and lately as General Manager of Voltamp Transformers Oman at Rusayl, in addition to being the Acting GM for Voltamp Power for the last few months.

Speaking on the new appointment, Alok Bhargava, the CEO of Voltamp Energy, stated that "The Power Transformers factory at Sohar will lead Voltamp's future growth and this appointment reflects the importance Voltamp attaches to this world class facility."

After taking charge, Ganesh briefed on his strategy saying, "The focus will be to offer world class products at competitive prices, as well as train as many Omanis as possible to take up this challenge."

Voltamp Energy is an Omani public company engaged in the manufacture of a wide range of transformers and switchgears through its four factories, all located in the Sultanate of Oman.

BRIEFS

Nawras board approves 38% dividend payment

MUSCAT: The board of directors of Omani Qatari Telecommunications Company (Nawras) has decided to recommend to shareholders a dividend payment of 38 baisas per share. The dividend payment is subject to approval of shareholders at the annual general meeting on March 27, 2014. The board of directors also approved the audited financial statements.

Muscat Thread Mills board proposes 10% stock dividend

MUSCAT: The board of directors of Muscat Thread Mills proposed a stock dividend of 10 per cent of the issued capital. This will increase the issued capital to OMR1.34 million from OMR1.22 million now. The declaration of dividend is subject to approval of shareholders at the annual general meeting on March 13.

Oman National Engineering bags OMR6.94m contract

MUSCAT: Royal Court Affairs has awarded Oman National Engineering & Investment Company the contract for facilities management services for the sum of OMR6.94 million for a period of four years.

Sultanate to attend Gulfood 2014 Exhibition in Dubai

MUSCAT: The Sultanate, represented by the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates (PEIE), will take part for the second consecutive year in the Gulfood Exhibition 2014 due to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Sunday. Through participating in this four-day event, PEIE seeks to achieve objectives of the national campaign promoting for the Omani products (Omani) through familiarising with the Omani products abroad, as well as finding new outlets and consumers for such products at the regional and international levels. PEIE will take part with a pavilion as a number of Omani companies and factories operating in the food industry will display their products before the visitors, besides viewing the international products and the modern technologies used in their industry. PEIE officials will also familiarize businessmen and representatives of the companies and factories in the exhibition with the investment opportunities in the PEIE industrial estates in particular and the Sultanate in general, as well as inviting them to localize their new projects to contribute in supporting the Omani economy. It is worth mentioning that the exhibition is considered the world's biggest annual foodservice, hospitality and retail event that hosts 120 pavilions including nine new pavilions representing countries around the world. More than 4,500 exhibitors representing global companies and commercial brands are taking part for the first time in the event of which area is more than one million square metre.

Central Bank of Oman issues tenders worth OMR287m

MUSCAT: Certificates of deposit tender was held at the Central Bank of Oman (CBO) this week. The total amount allotted for issue No. 855 was OMR287 million. A bulletin issued by the CBO stated that the average interest rate of these certificates was 0.13 per cent while the maximum accepted interest rate was 0.13 per cent. The tenor of these certificates is 28 days, so their maturity date is on March 19. The certificates of deposit issued to licensed banks by the Central Bank of Oman as a monetary policy instrument aimed at absorbing excess liquidity at the banking sector in particular and maintaining stability of the interest rate and the money market in general. The Repo rate during February 19 till 25 is 1.0 per cent.

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MARKET

Microsoft likely to cut price of Windows by 70%

Manufacturers will be charged $15 to licence Windows 8.1 and pre-install it on devices that retail for less than $250, instead of the usual fee of $50

SEATTLE: Microsoft is cutting the price of Windows 8.1 by 70 per cent for makers of low-cost computers and tablets as they try to fend off cheaper rivals like Google's Chromebooks, people familiar with the program said.

Manufacturers will be charged $15 to licence Windows 8.1 and pre-install it on devices that retail for less than $250, instead of the usual fee of $50, said the people, who asked not to be named because the details aren't public. The discount will apply to any products that meet the price limit, with no restrictions on the size or type of device, the people said.

Stronger competition from Apple and Google cut revenue last quarter at Microsoft's devices and consumer licensing division, which includes Windows software, as the computer industry posted its biggest annual decline on record. By offering incentives for PC makers to sell cheaper models, Microsoft may be able to increase its share of the growing $80 billion tablet market and stave off Chromebooks, notebooks that run Google's operating system.

Microsoft, which named Satya Nadella as chief executive officer earlier this month, is seeking to speed up development and introduction of new devices. It won't require products that use the cheaper licensing to complete logo certification, a process that verifies hardware compatibility, one of the people said. Devices aren't required to be touch-screen compatible, they said. Julia Kelly-Echeverio, a spokeswoman for Microsoft, declined to make any comment on Friday.

Slower adoption

Microsoft said earlier this month that it has sold more than 200 million licences of Windows 8 since the program went on sale in October 2012, a slower rate of adoption than the previous Windows 7.

While the regular Windows list price was $50, some of the largest global computer makers paid closer to $30 after incentives such as marketing funds provided by Microsoft, the people said. Products that receive discounted license fees won't be eligible for such marketing support and incentives, one of the people said.

Global computer shipments fell a record 10 percent last year and are forecast to continue to decline this year as tablets and smartphones lure consumers away from traditional desktop and notebook designs, according to data from leading market research firm IDC. — Bloomberg News

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Victorian government leads trade mission to Middle East

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Over 200 leading Victorian companies along with senior state government ministers will visit the Middle East, Turkey and India to explore new trade and investment opportunities as part of two major trade missions.

Led by Minister for Employment and Trade, Louise Asher, a delegation of more than 110 organisations will visit the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Oman and Turkey.

Ms Asher will then lead more than 100 organisations to Mumbai, Trivandrum, Bangalore, Delhi and Ahmedabad. For the first time, a Victorian-led Indian mission will also visit the State of Kerala the following week.

Ms Asher said the 65 Victorian Coalition Government led trade missions to key markets since 2011, including China, India, South East Asia and the Middle East, have generated over $4 billion of export opportunities over a two year period.

Louise Asher. — Supplied picture

"The Middle East and Turkey mission will build on this success by seeking new business opportunities in food and beverage, agriculture, education, urban design, marine and fashion. We are determined to expand our presence in this market," Ms Asher said.

"The Super Trade Missions to the Middle East region in 2012 and 2013 combined generated anticipated export sales of more than $445 million over a two year period.

Big infrastructure projects across the Gulf Cooperation Council, such as new freight and passenger rail projects worth about $200 billion will also have prospects for Victorian design and construction companies.

Accompanying Minister Asher on the Middle East mission, Minister for Agriculture and Food Security Peter Walsh said Victoria was already Australia's largest supplier of food and fibre to the Middle East and this Super Trade Mission would provide exporters with more opportunities to either increase sales or begin exporting to the region for the first time.

Minister Asher will be joined by Minister for Technology Gordon Rich-Phillips for the India mission, the tenth mission to the area since December 2010.

MEDIA REPORT

India imported 1.83 million tonnes of urea from Omifco

Times News Service

MUSCAT: India has imported 1.83 million tonnes (MT) of urea from Oman India Fertiliser Company (Omifco) in the first 10 months of 2013-2014 financial year, said an Indian newspaper.

This is part of India's 6.79 million tonnes total imports of urea valued at $1.92 billion in the first 10 months of this financial year to meet domestic demand as the cost of inward shipments eased, the *Economic Times* said in a report.

Also, the country had imported 8.04 million tonnes of urea in the entire 2012-13 fiscal, out of which 1.83MT of urea was from Omifco — a joint venture between Oman Oil Company, Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative and Krishak Bharati Cooperative.

Fertiliser Ministry data

Remaining 6.21MT was imported by state trading enterprises, according to Fertiliser Ministry data. "There was decline of average $50 per tonne in the prices at which urea was imported this year to at $340 per tonne, while the last year average year price stood at about $389 per tonne," Indian Potash Chairman P S Gahlaut, was quoted as saying by the paper. State trading enterprises Indian Potash, MMTC and State Trading Corporation of India has procured the 4.96MT of urea on behalf of the government.

The country produces about 22MT of urea against an annual domestic demand of 30 metric tonnes. Urea imports are expected to rise in this financial year as farmers increased sowing due to the good monsoon, said a Fertiliser Ministry official.

In 2012, urea demand was subdued due to a drought in Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan.

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MARKET

Experts raise flags over WhatsApp

Security firm Praetorian said in a blog post that WhatsApp security and encryption are not ideal, citing vulnerabilities in the way it handles SSL, the secure socket layer protocol for communications

FRESH CRITICISM: WhatsApp, which is to be acquired for $19 billion, said on its website that 'communication between your phone and our server is fully encrypted'. — Bloomberg News

SAN FRANCISCO: The Facebook deal for WhatsApp drew attention for its whopping price tag, but has also brought out fresh criticism over security for the billions of messages delivered on the platform.

WhatsApp, which is to be acquired for $19 billion, says on its website that "communication between your phone and our server is fully encrypted."

The company warns users need to be aware that when they send messages, the recipient's device may not be secure. But it says it does not store any chat history and that messages are wiped off its system after delivery.

Yet security researchers and others point out that there may be vulnerabilities in the system used by some 450 million people globally.

Paul Jauregui at the security firm Praetorian said in a blog post on Thursday that WhatsApp security and encryption are not ideal, citing vulnerabilities in the way it handles SSL, the secure socket layer protocol for communications.

The group's mobile security test "picked up on several SSL-related security issues affecting the confidentiality of WhatsApp user data that passes in transit to back-end servers," Jauregui said.

"This is the kind of stuff the NSA (National Security Agency) would love. It basically allows them — or an attacker — to man-in-the-middle the connection and then downgrade the encryption so they can break it and sniff the traffic. These security issues put WhatsApp user information and communications at risk."

Jauregui noted that Praetorian would need authorisation from Facebook and WhatsApp to do a more thorough security evaluation. He added that it would be "not very difficult" to patch the security flaws.

Serious privacy concerns

Meanwhile in Germany, the data commissioner in the state of Schleswig-Holstein, said in a statement this week the deal raises serious privacy concerns and that WhatsApp does not comply with European data protection rules.

The official, Thilo Weichert, said in a statement that people should opt out of WhatsApp for more "trusted services."

Last October, Dutch security researcher Thijs Alkemade posted a blog saying that the encryption can be circumvented, making it feasible "that anyone who is able to eavesdrop on your WhatsApp connection is capable of decrypting your messages, given enough effort, he added.."

WhatsApp did not respond to an AFP query on the security claims.

But some rival services say the Facebook-WhatsApp tie-up is likely to hurt confidence in the messaging app.

Nico Sell, co-founder of the security-focused app Wickr said that it has seen "thousands more people than normal" downloading its app since Facebook's announcement.

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WhatsApp free texts seen siphoning $33b from carriers

SAN FRANCISCO: Facebook's $19 billion purchase of mobile-messaging start-up WhatsApp is a stark reminder of how much money phone carriers are losing out on as competitors let users text and chat at no charge.

Free social-messaging applications like WhatsApp cost phone providers around the world — from Vodafone Group to America Movil and Verizon Communications — $32.5 billion in texting fees in 2013, according to latest research from Ovum. That figure is projected to reach $54 billion by 2016.

As more customers have switched to smartphones with better Internet access, people are relying more on applications such as WhatsApp to communicate. Instant-messaging services have taken off outside the U.S. where carriers don't throw unlimited texting into voice and data plans. The rise of these applications has offered a cheaper source of communication, especially for correspondence between different countries, undercutting the texts that had once been a key source of income for carriers worldwide.

"The trend has been that messaging is eating away into that revenue, in some countries more than others, and that trend will continue," Chetan Sharma, an independent wireless analyst in Issaquah, Washington, said in an interview. "The impact of free messaging has been felt worldwide. WhatsApp has clearly been the cream of the crop," he further added.

Representatives for Newbury, England-based Vodafone, Mexico City-based America Movil and Overland Park, Kansas-based Sprint didn't respond to requests for comment on the impact from free messaging applications. A representative for Dallas-based AT&T also declined to make any comment.

WhatsApp growth

Facebook, the world's largest social network, said this week that it's buying WhatsApp in a deal that values each of its 450 million active monthly users at $42. Free for the first year and 99 cents annually thereafter, WhatsApp is almost always cheaper than texting, especially across national borders.

With a particularly strong following in Europe, India and Latin America, the service is rapidly displacing traditional text messaging as the preferred method for young people to stay in touch on mobile devices.

— Bloomberg News

WALL STREET WEEK AHEAD

S&P 500 may stall near high; focus on monetary policy

NEW YORK: After the S&P 500 slipped on Friday and broke a two-week rally, stocks may find tougher sledding in the coming week as investors may be unwilling to push the benchmark index to a record high.

The Standard & Poor's 500 has risen three per cent over the past three weeks, as investors have largely been willing to forgive a flurry of soft economic data due to harsh winter weather.

The main focus will be Part Two of Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen's semi-annual monetary policy testimony before the Senate Banking Committee on Thursday.

Ironically, Yellen's congressional testimony before US lawmakers was rescheduled after a Senate panel previously cancelled the original hearing date due to a recent snowstorm in Washington, DC.

Yelena Shulyatyeva, an economist at BNP Paribas in New York, said investors and economists will pay attention to Yellen's answers on "questions about the weather, how much does she think the weather is impacting economic activity and how much will (the Fed) pay attention to that."

Market participants will also monitor Yellen's statements for any signs regarding the central bank's plans as it tapers its stimulus measures. As the US unemployment rate nears the Fed's 6.5 per cent target, the debate has grown over whether interest rates should be raised.

St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank President James Bullard said on Friday that the US economy is headed for a good year of growth, and he expects the central bank to continue to pare its massive bond-buying stimulus.

Consumer confidence

Next week's economic calendar includes consumer confidence, new home sales and several other reports on the housing market, durable goods orders, the preliminary data on gross domestic product and the final February reading on consumer sentiment from Thomson Reuters and the University of Michigan.

While the housing data is likely to be discounted as a result of weather issues, the consumer confidence data may still provide insight to investors as to whether economic growth remains on track. Earnings season will also wind down, with retailers in focus as the weather has added to the sector's many other challenges. Retail earnings set for release next week include Home Depot, Lowe's Companies, Target, Macy's, TJX Companies, JC Penney Company, Best Buy and Gap.

Even if the data falls short of expectations and is downplayed once again by investors, a lack of catalysts may prevent the benchmark S&P 500 from convincingly breaking its all-time intraday high of 1,850.84 set on Jan. 15. That level has acted as resistance. One potential hurdle to continued gains will come the day after Yellen's testimony with a preliminary reading on gross domestic product (GDP). — Reuters

INDIAN STOCKS

Sensex snaps three-week losing streak

MUMBAI: Markets snapped three-week losing streak by jumping 334 points as investors cheered the interim budget proposals coupled with Finance Minister P Chidambaram's announcement that the fiscal deficit will be contained at 4.6 per cent of GDP for the year ending 31 March 2014.

Buoyant global cues after the US manufacturing activity, which hit its highest in nearly four years, also boosted investor sentiment in domestic market. Positive comments by IMF about India's growth outlook also aided buying.

The S&P BSE benchmark sensex resumed at 20,438.87 and shot up further to a high of 20,750.52 before settling the week at 20,700.75, showing a gain of 333.93 points or 1.64 per cent from its last weekend's level.

The NSE 50-share Nifty also rose by 107.10 points or 1.77 per cent to end at 6,155.45.

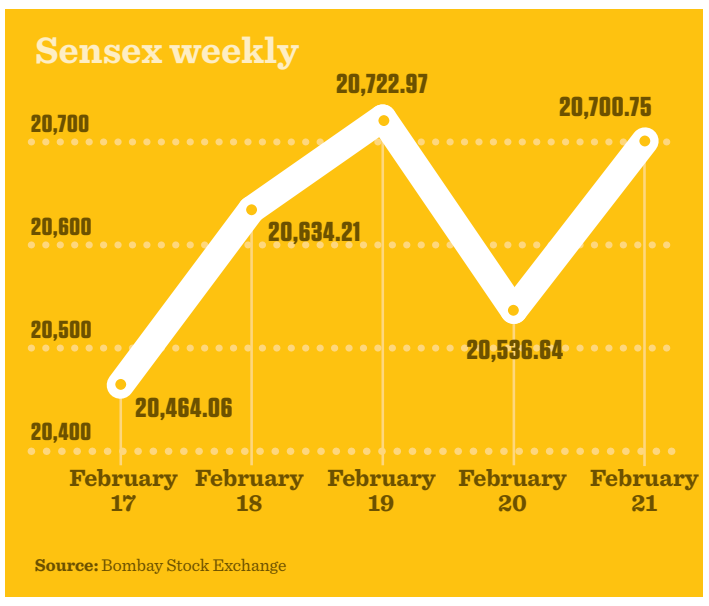
The Finance Minister said that fiscal deficit for the ongoing financial year will be contained at 4.6 per cent, current account gap will be capped at $45 billion and net borrowing for 2014-15 would be lower than FY'14 revised estimates.

On GDP growth, he further commented that the economy is more stable than what it was two years ago following several steps taken by the government and that the growth will be higher in the second half of the fiscal.

Excise duty cuts in sectors such as Auto and Capital Goods also led to renewed buying," said Rakesh Goyal, Senior Vice President, Bonanza Portfolio.

Small-cap and Mid-cap shares also firmed up good demand from retail investors as its indices rose by 1.81 per cent and 1.75 per cent.

In last three-week, the sensex had plunged by 766.74 points or 3.63 per cent while CNX Nifty by 218.40 points or 3.48 per cent.



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Asain stocks closed higher after China's new credit increased to a record in Jan, boosting optimism the world's second-largest economy can maintain its growth momentum.

Banking stocks lead the upsurge on rising hopes that improving economic growth would boost lending business, traders said. As many as 20 scrips out of the 30-share Sensex pack ended higher while 10 scrips finished lower.

Major gainers were Axis bank (7.89 per cent), Tata Power (6.57 per cent), Larsen (5.90 per cent), Dr Reddy's Lab (5.72 per cent), ICICI Bank (3.68 per cent), HDFC (3.46 per cent), M&M (3.26 per cent), Infosys (2.91 per cent) and Tata Motors (2.01 per cent).

However, Bharti Airtel dipped by 5.37 pct, Coal India 3.51 pct, Hindalco 2.40 pct, SSLT 2.11 per cent, RIL 1.42 per cent, Cipla 1.29 per cent and HUL 1.12 per cent.

Among the S&P BSE sectoral indices, CG rose by 4.66 per cent followed by Bankex 3.36 per cent, Power 2.83 per cent, IT 2.19 per cent, HC 2.14 per cent and Auto 1.67 per cent.

Forex

The Indian rupee fell back by 19 paise to close the truncated week at 62.12 against the Greenback following fresh dollar demand from importers, breaking two-week of rally.

The Forex market was closed on Wednesday, February 19, in view of "Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti". However, recovery in local equities and sustained capital inflows capped the rupee fall, a forex dealer said.

The US manufacturing activity, which hit its highest in nearly four years, supported the dollar, ultimately weighing on the rupee.

At the Interbank Foreign Exchange (Forex) market, the domestic unit commenced slightly lower at 61.96 a dollar from last weekend's close of 61.93 and moved in a wide range of 61.83 and 62.45 before settling at 62.12, revealing a fall of 0.19 paise or 0.31 per cent.

In last two weeks, it had risen by 75 paise or 1.20 per cent.

Pramit Brahmbhatt, CEO, Alpari Financial Services (India) said,"After gaining for two consecutive weeks, Rupee closed on a weak note taking cues from strong dollar index as yesterday US dollar jumped against the Australian dollar after a weaker-than-expected reading of a Chinese manufacturing estimates were released."

"The dollar demand from local oil importers further dented the rupee movement. Expect Rupee to depreciate further in coming days as despite of mixed data released yesterday which has raised the concerns about the economic growth, Investors have chosen dollar over the safe havens which will force rupee to trade weak. The trading range for the USD/INR pair is expected to be within 61.50 to 63.00. — PTI

ROUND-UP

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Bank Sohar holds seminar in Salalah on retail products

MUSCAT: In order to provide an insight of the retail offerings and to highlight key features of its numerous retail products, Bank Sohar conducted a special seminar in Salalah for its corporates, government and PSUs, HNIs and VIP customers, entitled as 'Retail Business Opportunities'.

The Retail Banking Division of Bank Sohar offers an extensive range of products and services many of which are unique and unparalleled in the Omani market. The seminar took place at the Hilton Hotel Salalah recently and was attended by over 100 participants. The meeting was inaugurated by R. Narasimhan, DGM and head of Retail Banking who gave an overview of the bank's overall growth in the retail business across the Sultanate as well as tremendous progress made in Dhofar region.

The main retail Salalah branch will be relocated to new premises with better amenities like more spacious customer business area, better parking facilities and with good access to the clients being positioned in the prestigious 18th July Street. The Salalah Branch Head, Amur Al Amri welcomed the invitees by giving an overview of the agenda and purpose of the gathering.

After the inauguration address, Narasimhan invited one of the senior clients from Salalah, Ram Santhanam who is the chief finance officer of Salalah Trade Zone to share his Bank Sohar experience with the audience.

Santhanam appreciated the excellent service provided by Salalah branch since inception. The inputs from Santhanam were very much appreciated on the need for competitiveness in products, pricing and delivery in the current market scenario to stay ahead.

The seminar agenda included a presentation by the Retail Banking product Head, Sr. AGM, Nandakumar and Sandeep Soni, head, Retail Sales & Distribution which covered Non Resident and expat banking including all other retail products as well as the technological capabilities of the bank in extending customised solutions. There was a presentation by Redha Al Lawatia, chief manager, Retail Liabilities on the Savings and Deposit products and on the prestigious prize draw scheme by the bank including the unique hourly prize draws which is a runaway success in this market.

There was an exclusive presentation for the top end customers for alternate investment products such as mutual funds which was presented by AGM – Investment & Correspondent Banking, Mohammed Own Dohadwala and Sr. Manager – Investment, Ibrahim Moosa Ibrahim.

After the useful presentation from the bank, there was a very lively interaction session with the clients who very much appreciated the bank's efforts in updating the valuable retail product knowledge to them.

Commenting on the seminar, Narasimhan said, "We take pride in providing customised products and services to meet the various needs of our valued customers. This was the first time we have conducted a seminar of this kind for such a varied audience where bank has a repository of product offerings suiting the need of each segments." In addition to highlighting key features of Bank Sohar's retail products, the seminar also offered participants a better understanding of the bank's approach to NR and expat banking.

"The seminar was a definite success as reflected in the attendance of key players in large numbers and active participation by the invitees. Following its success, we are planning to organise such seminars in other major cities as well as large establishments later in the year," added Narasimhan.

Khamis Masoud Al Rahbi, AGM-Branches summed up adding, "The bank's assurance is to provide hi-tech services and remains a key objective to meet the desire of our clients in all segments.

"He further urged the audiences for their support that would lead to strong business links which will be mutually beneficial."

Nawras offers WiFi Professional bundles

To offer customers with an enhanced and more flexible business connectivity suite, Nawras are now providing more options for their professional WiFi packages

MUSCAT: Nawras is giving new business customers the chance to experience superfast broadband connection at a competitive price with an enhancement to their Nawras WiFi Professional (NWP) product.

To offer customers with an enhanced and more flexible business connectivity suite, Nawras are now providing more options for their professional WiFi packages, including a reduction in price for the existing 1 Mbps and 2 Mbps packages and the introduction of a new 4 Mbps connection to give all new customers a greater and more flexible business connectivity suite.

Mazin Habib Al-Muaini, Nawras Business Wi-Fi Product Manager, said, "Our re-vamped Wi-Fi Professional packages give business customers a complete broadband solution to help keep their business moving. The service is available in a range of contract lengths to give more options and suit different budget and usage needs.

"The new generation of customers, be it whilst shopping, dining or even taking a stroll in the park, expect WiFi to be available on the go, and this carrier-grade WiFi service will help increase footfall to destinations where WiFi is available. It will also help businesses to enhance their own customer experience and loyalty."

The professional WiFi packages are available in 1 Mbps, 2 Mbps and 4 Mbps options with contracts from one year to three years, starting from OMR99 per month. The service can be activated through Nawras account managers, after conducting a free personalised feasibility study.

Nawras also assists new business customers with marketing and communications materials to promote the service, along with providing customised scratch-cards and a customised landing page with their own branding and roll-up banners for use at their WiFi locations.

They also provide a full after-sales service — all part of their focus on the customer experience.

Mazin added: "We also provide up to two access points per location for the price of one. The access points are arranged as a part of our free feasibility study, which indicates the number of access points needed per location to ensure a great customer experience. For more than two access points and higher speeds, Nawras can provide a customised solution; Nawras WiFi Enterprise (NWE)."

OMR1,000

ahlibank announces MyHassad daily winners

MUSCAT: ahlibank announced the names of the MyHassad daily prize draw winners.

Sulaiman Mohammed Salim Al Shuaili from Nizwa branch, Rashid Ali Hamed Al Malki from Barka branch, Waged Faiz Harib Khamas Al Abri from Nizwa branch, Sharifa Achooh Lalooh Al Zadjali from Al Khoudh branch and Salim Said Al Bakhet Fadhil from Salalah branch, were the lucky winners of OMR1,000 each for the week.

MyHassad savings account continues to successfully satisfy the existing customers and attract new ones.

MyHassad Saving Scheme was introduced in July 2008 as an extension of the bank's tradition of product innovation. Opening MyHassad Savings account is simple and easy.

Customers need only to open their MyHassad account with OMR100 for their chance to win OMR1,000 in the next working day's draw hence their chance to "open today and win tomorrow" continues. Further enhancements in March 2009 allows customers to participate in the OMR10,000 monthly draw, by maintaining a minimum OMR250 during the month.

ITP GROUP AWARDS 2014

Financial services category award for Lulu Exchange CEO

DUBAI: In a glittering ceremony held at The Westin Dubai Mina Seyahi Beach Resort & Marina on February 17 evening, Adeeb Ahamed, chief executive officer of the Lulu Financial Group, was conferred with the Indian CEO of the Year Award in the 'Financial Services' category in the ITP Publishing Group's Indian CEO Awards in the 2014 edition.

Lulu International Exchange and its affiliates won the accolade on account of its impressive growth and strategic objectives that have propelled it to the top positions within the industry and the region. The annual event in its third edition, the Indian CEO Awards 2014 recognise good commercial leadership of the NRIs in the Middle East. This year's panel of judges were unanimous in their decision that Adeeb Ahamed's credentials were unmatched in the financial services category.

Under Adeeb's stewardship, Lulu International Exchange Group has achieved a number of firsts for the region. Since taking on the role of the CEO of Lulu International Exchange in 2009, he has led the six-year old company towards rapid growth. His efforts to reach out to his customers by creating a service oriented culture focused on customer satisfaction and integrity eventually paid off and now the company operates in seven countries with over 80 global branches.

In addition, Adeeb's management style was highlighted for his ability to drive teams and colleagues to deliver their best. The panel of judges were most impressed with Lulu Exchange's exponential rise to amazing heights within a short period of time and its efforts to operate a business based on sustainable and responsible corporate practices.

"It is an honour and a privilege to be recognised for one's effort by such respected business stalwarts in the industry. The award will help me reassert my commitment to set management benchmark standards in the region's financial industry," Adeeb Ahamed said in the sidelines of the award ceremony.

He further added, "It is with the support of an incredible team of associates at Lulu International Exchange Group, we have modified our organisational structure and business processes to embrace a more unified, customer-centric business model and improve company performance. I dedicate this award to all my associates at Lulu International Exchange Group."

Many other noted industry peers also received their Indian CEO Awards in different categories. Renowned Indian lawyer Ashish Mehta walked away with the coveted 'Outstanding Contribution' prize at the Indian CEO Awards 2014, while DM Healthcare chairman Dr. Azad Moopen won the CSR Award. Dubai Islamic Bank CEO Dr Adnan Chilwan was voted Banking CEO of the Year, while the Philanthropy award went to K .V. Shamsudhenn. Al Tayer Motors CEO Ashok Khanna won Motoring CEO of the Year, and Eros chief executive Deepak Banbani bagged Electronics CEO of the Year.

CLASSES III AND IV

ISM holds annual sports day for primary class students

MUSCAT: The Annual Sports Meet and PT display for the students of standards III & IV of Indian School Muscat (ISM) was held on recently at the Indian School Muscat grounds.

More than 1,450 students of Classes III and IV put up an exciting display of events for the meet. The event was a spectacular display of unity and team spirit. The students of the afternoon shift also participated in various events.

The chief guest for the evening was Raiya Al Habsi who holds the honour of being the first Arab woman to compete in Britain's famous FASTNET Race. She declared the meet open with the release of balloons which symbolised the vibrant and positive hopes of the student participants.

The guest of honour for the evening was Jignesh Surti — vice president of the school management committee, ISM.

This was followed by the torch run and march past. The students carried banners depicting qualities of a sportsman such as hard work, perseverance, enthusiasm, etc. The racquet drill performed by the students of Class III was an absolutely colourful performance in which the students coordinated brilliantly amongst themselves to display the formation of the word 'hope'. This performance added to the extravaganza of the evening.

Spell bound

The students of Class IV followed this up with a formation of the Indian national tri-colour with great confidence and grace in perfect synchronisation with the drum beat and the music. It symbolised the message of peace, vibrance and unity. It kept the audience spell bound.

The grand finale for the evening was the chorus song composed by Avinash Mathur and performed by the students of Classes III and IV. The melodious soulful lyrics awakened the spirit of national integration and patriotism which enthralled the crowds greatly.

A large gathering of parents and well wishers attended the function and applauded the spirit of the students. The chief guest and the guest of honour gave away the medals to the winners.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks leaving thrilling and long lasting memories in the hearts of the spectators.

SPACE QUIZ

ISM student emerges winner of NSO

MUSCAT: Johan John Cheriyan, Class IX- F of Indian School Muscat made the school proud by emerging one of the three national winners of National Space Olympiad (NSO) 2013-14, conducted by Cochin University of Science and Technology (Cusat), Kerala, India.

He was ranked third after three challenging elimination rounds of Space Quiz. Cusat had conducted an online exam on January 19 to select students of Classed VIII –X for the National Space Olympiad. Thousands of students from all over India and Gulf countries participated in the online exam.

Johan John Cheriyan was one of the 50 students who had been selected. He represented Indian School Muscat in the National Space Olympiad at Cochin on February 8.

LEADING PAY TV FIRM

MSE launches beIN during dealer meet

MUSCAT: Mustafa Sultan Electronics - Pay TV Division (MSE) organised a dealer meet to launch the new beIN Sports HD Set Top Box (STB) for viewing World Cup 2014 recently.

Around 100 beIN Sports Sub-Dealers from all corners of Sultanate came to witness the launch event held on February 11.

At Sur Ballroom, Muscat Holiday Hotel, MSE Directors Noorjehan M. Sultan and Shabir M. Sultan launched the new beIN sports HD digital satellite Set Top Box (STB). beIN Sports HD STB is a multi satellite receiver with access to all Free To Air Channels, 1080P and Dolby Digital plus sound with HDMI connectivity.

Al Jazeera Sports which is a leading provider for sports channels in broadcasting all live action of global sport events has recently renamed as beIN Sports and all its channels as beIN Sports HD1, beIN Sports HD2 beIN Sports HD3 beIN Sports HD4 beIN Sports HD5 ...beIN Sports HD15. Every single match of World Cup 2014 Brazil will be broadcast live in HD and Dolby Digital surround sound with the new beIN HD Humax STB.

'Change the game' is the new tag line of beIN Sports. Now the World Cup matches will broadcast in English, Arabic, French and Spanish in total four languages.

During the launch, MSE Pay-TV also announced the benefits of migrating customers from Old standard definition viewing to HD, various subscription options for existing and new subscribers to watch WC2014 Brazil packages.

Mustafa Sultan Electronics, the leading Pay TV Company in Oman, is the distributor of beIN Sports in Oman.

ROUND-UP

All-new Audi A3 sedan now in Oman market

The dynamic 4-door car offers all of the strengths of the A3 model series — with low weight thanks to lightweight design, powerful and highly efficient engines

MUSCAT: With the launch of the A3 sedan, Audi Oman, represented by Wattayah Motors, the official dealer for Audi in Oman, is entering one of the fastest growing market segments in Oman, the premium class of compact sedans.

The dynamic four-door car offers all of the strengths of the A3 model series — with low weight thanks to lightweight design, powerful and highly efficient engines and numerous high-end solutions for infotainment as well as driver assistance systems.

Commenting on the launch of the A3 sedan, Ahmed Sharifi, general manager of Wattayah Motors, said, "This is the right car at the right time for Audi. Premium compact sedans are one of the fastest growing segments in the Sultanate thanks to their compact dimensions, sporty dynamics and attractive pricing; and the A3 sedan epitomises these characteristics. With Audi's renowned engineering and performance expertise behind it, we strongly believe the A3 sedan has tremendous potential in the market and expect it to contribute substantially to Audi's sales in the country. It will no doubt be a valued addition to Audi Oman's product portfolio." Audi's first notchback model in the premium compact class, the Audi A3 sedan's sporty character is easily noticeable. It starts with a curb weight of just 1,250kg for the four-door 30 TFSI with S tronic, thanks to Audi's lightweight design mastery. Some 4,460 mm in length, the design of the Audi A3 Sedan combines classic notchback styling with the dynamics of a convertible. Audi can optionally fit this new model with all-LED headlights; taillights boasting light-emitting diodes are standard (option in attraction line).

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Audi brings the A3 sedan to the Middle East with a 30 TFSI and 40 TFSI engine featuring power outputs of 122 hp and 180 hp respectively. Both engines have been overhauled to combine robust power with astonishing fuel efficiency. Both engines are paired with a S tronic dual-clutch transmission. The 40 TFSI is optionally also available with quattro permanent all-wheel drive.

As a standard Audi fits the A3 sedan with Audi drive select (optional in attraction line) and a sports suspension (dynamic suspension in attraction line). The S line sports suspension is available as an option. Wheels measure 17 inches in diameter (16 inches in attraction line).

Audi offers its A3 sedan customers a comprehensive range of infotainment modules; top-of-the-line options include a Bang & Olufsen sound system and MMI navigation plus. The sleek 7-inch screen extends electronically from the instrument panel. The turn/push control is designed as a "touch-wheel" with MMI touch – its surface is a touch-sensitive pad for inputting letters and numbers.

The Audi connect system ideally complements the MMI navigation plus. A3 sedan passengers can use their mobile devices thanks to a WLAN hotspot integrated within Audi connect. The driver benefits from navigation via Google Earth images.

A broad assortment of assistance systems also bolsters the A3 sedan. They range from adaptive cruise control to Audi side assist, Audi active lane assist and the park-assist system with surround-view camera to the safety system Audi pre sense.

The driver information system with rest recommendation is standard. Individual options such as Audi adaptive light and a panoramic glass sunroof are taken directly from the luxury class.

Audi's top-of-the-line version, the Audi S3 sedan, with its 2.0 TFSI engine produces 280 hp and 380 Nm of torque. The sprint from 0 to 100 km/h takes just 5.0 seconds with the six-speed S tronic. Speed is electronically capped at 250 km/h. Its four-cylinder turbocharged engine averages just 6.9 litres of fuel per 100 km.

Launch control delivers the engine's power to the road via quattro permanent all-wheel drive with defined tire slip upon driving off. The S sports suspension lowers the body by 25 millimetres. Large brakes are mounted behind the 18-inch wheels. 19-inch wheels are available in conjunction with Audi magnetic ride. Progressive steering is standard for the S3 sedan.

INDIAN CEO AWARDS 2014

Dr Azad Moopen honoured with special CSR award

DUBAI: Dr Azad Moopen, chairman and managing director of Aster DM Healthcare, the leading healthcare conglomerate in the Middle East and India, has been honoured with a special Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) award at the Indian CEO Awards 2014 ceremony organised by ITP, the leading publishing and corporate events group in Dubai.

The Indian CEO Awards 2014 recognises business and social responsibility efforts of outstanding Indian entrepreneurs based in the Mena region.

The coveted award has been conferred upon Dr Moopen in recognition of his active involvement in numerous philanthropic activities across the Gulf countries, the Indian subcontinent, the Philippines, Afghanistan and the African continent. He drives his charitable and CSR activities through Dr Moopen's Foundation, the not for profit arm of Aster DM Healthcare.

Focusing on healthcare charities, education and social philanthropy, Dr Moopen's Foundation has undertaken various community good health programmes. The foundation supports the society by hosting several health awareness campaigns and philanthropic activities in line with the 'Healing Touch' initiative, routed through the 'Care Beyond Boundaries' programme.

Dr Moopen's Foundation rolled out several CSR programmes including free and subsidised surgical care like adult and paediatric cardiac surgery programmes, establishment of a network of standalone community dialysis centres, early detection and cancer screening centres, standalone radiation oncology centres, mobile clinics, subsidies for advanced surgical treatments for underprivileged people, village adoptions and local empowerment programme for women and children, etc.

The foundation has also ventured into creating a network of health clinics in India under the banner of 'Healing Touch' programme, identifying the acute shortage of facilities in backward regions. With commitments to support the society through its Giving Back Initiative initiative, the foundation regularly runs medical camps, health and safety awareness programmes.

FELICITATION CEREMONY

TTC Rental honours its employees

MUSCAT: TTC Rental, part of Technical Trading Co. felicitated their employees for their outstanding performance and dedication shown in 2013. Haitham Al Fannah, chief operation officer, Al Sulaimi Group Holding felicitated the employees with a trophy and a certificate of excellence.

Speaking during the programme, Formose Pereira, divisional manager, Equipment Rental said, "The employees we honour today have made extraordinary contributions to our company. Their innovative ideas and bold thinking are transforming TTC Rental and helping to lead our industry forward. I applaud their success, including the tremendous commitment they have shown.

"We have exceptional talent within our company and we thank our award winners and the whole TTC Rental team for their dedication and commitment." TTC Power Rental has distinguished itself from the rest of the market by providing quality equipment to its clients all over Oman backed by a 24 x 7 service team. TTC Rental offers generators, welding equipment, portable compressors, bunded fuel tanks, load testing services and mobile light towers.

The division became the leading equipment rental team within a span of two years.

VALEDICTORY FUNCTION

ISN bids adieu to Class XII students

MUSCAT: The valedictory ceremony for students of Class XII (academic year 2013-2014) was conducted at a glittering function in multi-purpose hall of Indian School Nizwa (ISN) recently.

The programme was hosted by the students of Class XI. The occasion was graced by the presence of parents and the school management committee members. The grand entry of the students of Class XII in their colourful attire was the highlight of the function.

Dr S. Arockiasamy, the president of SMC stressed on the importance of one's attitude towards studies and life. He blessed the children to achieve success in their life.

Dr Ved P. Narang, the treasurer of SMC also blessed the children with his best wishes. Lalitha Justin, member of SMC reminded the parents to help children in time management, proper study plan and keeping themselves healthy during the exam period.

The Principal, M. P. Shukla blessed the students for their forthcoming exams. The Class teacher, Ampili Sundaresan shared the fond memories with children and blessed them.

The valedictory function was made more special by the lighting of candles. The function came to an end with the blessing and best wishes of teachers for the forthcoming CBSE Board exams.

'DESIGN ME' CONTEST

Oman Oasis felicitates Muscat Festival 2014 limited edition label winners

MUSCAT: Oman Oasis recently launched Muscat Festival limited edition label at Bait Al Zubair Museum. The launch included the announcement of Oman Oasis being the 'Official Water' of Muscat Festival.

The special edition label is designed by Nofel Al Dughaishi and Al Shafei Al Farsi who are the winners of the 'Design Me' competition, an initiative launched while ago by Bait Al Zubair Museum, Oman Oasis Water and Bandera Events.

Bait Al Zubair Museum with Oman Oasis and Bandera Events announced while ago a competition to design water label for Oman Oasis. Many artists and graphic designers participated in the competition and it was the design of Nofel Al Dughaishi and his colleague Al Shafei Al Farsi that won the first place. Their designs are now produced as a limited edition for Muscat Festival and are being distributed all over the country.

Hamad Al Rasbi, the director of Revenue and Investment of Muscat Municipality, commented "Muscat Festival 2014 welcomes such initiatives that aim to support the Omani youth. Muscat Festival is a great opportunity for such creativity to shine and find its right audience.

Speaking on the occasion, Abdullah Al Zubair said "We wanted to do more than just creating a competition and announcing winners. Therefore, producing the label is an important move as it creates an opportunity for such talents to reach the Omani society. I would like to thank Muscat Festival officials and Oman Oasis management for their cooperation and hard work to support the talents of the Omani youth."

He adds, "This initiative is not just to strengthen the winners of the competition. It is also to help us find new creative ways to support the Omani youth and to create new opportunities for them to deliver their creativity to the society."

As part of its corporate social responsibility, Oasis Water Company has participated in this prestigious national event to build a strong emotional bonding with the local community and the residents of Sultanate of Oman. During this event, Abudulla Mohammed Al Zubair has officially handed over the bottle to Hamad Al Rasbi, director of Revenue and investment of Muscat Municipality, in a function attended by municipality officials and Oasis Water Company representatives.

As 'Official Water' for the Muscat Festival 2014, Oman Oasis has offered exciting consumer offers and an opportunity to win big prizes at festival venues in Amerat and Naseem gardens.

NEW LAUNCH

Dr Shibu Mohammed, consultant dermatologist, Badr Al Samaa hospital talked in a CME meet about the new Daivobet gel introduced in the Sultanate for various skin disorders. The meet was conducted on February 18 at the City Seasons Hotel by Leo Company.

COMMERCIAL LAUNDRY

Snowhite celebrates 40th anniversary of operations in Oman

MUSCAT: Snowhite, a commercial laundry company, was established in 1974 and today, as a subsidiary company under Yahya Group Holding, is the oldest and largest commercial laundry and dry cleaning operation across the Sultanate of Oman.

The company noted that they were able to maintain their position as the market leader in the laundry and dry cleaning industry of Oman during the past 40 years.

Snowhite's roots started in Ruwi, as Oman International Trading Company, with a small factory and two retail outlets. They achieved phenomenal growth since, with the main factory, now in Bausher, and three satellite processing factories in Sohar, Nizwa and Salalah. Retail outlets has grown to 42 outlets across the country and will continue to establish more outlets strategically located for greater service to a growing market. They have also won corporate laundry contracts in the military and hospital sectors during the 1990's and since 2005 expanded their service operations into the hotel and construction industries. Through dedicated service and quality performance Snowhite have maintained all contracts from the date of inception.

Oman International Trading Company (Services), as a laundry operation, was established by Yahya Mohammed Nasib in 1974 and became Snowhite Laundry (Sole Proprietary) in 1983. During the 1900's they grew substantially which led to the registration of the operation as Snowhite in the year 2000, now a subsidiary under Yahya Group Holding.

State-of-the-art facility

Snowhite's expansion will continue by relocating its main factory in Bausher by end 2015/mid 2016 to Rusayl Industrial Estate where a new state-of-the-art laundry facility will be established to provide laundry services to a rapid developing market and to meet the growing needs of the customers.

Snowhite affirmed that they will continue to strive in meeting the high expectations of the customers through continuous improved technology, innovation and customer satisfaction with the emphasis on quality, service, safety and the environment.

ROUND-UP

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Majis Industrial Service organises blood donation camp

MUSCAT: Under the slogan 'Your blood life to others', Majis Industrial Services organised a three-day blood donation campaign along with Sohar Port and Freezone and Veolia Environment, and in collaboration with the Blood Bank of the Sohar Hospital, Sohar.

It was attended by a large number of the company's employees in addition to the many employees of the industrial companies in Sohar Port Area. The blood drive campaign was part of the social responsibility efforts pursued by Majis to achieve more constructive communication with the community.

Commenting on this humanitarian initiative, Chief Executive Officer of Majis Industrial Services Eng. Rahma Al Musharafi said, "Blood donation is a good initiative from the company aimed at supporting the efforts to save the lives of others." Eng. Rahma added that the campaign was part of Majis' long-term vision and strategy based on community support, and also a consolidation of a culture of volunteerism among employees and workers in the area. Drives like this encourage them to contribute to building a healthy society, effectively reducing the suffering of others. She expressed thanks to all those individuals and industrial companies located in Sohar Port Area who contributed to the success of the campaign.

Fatima Fathi, in charge of the Blood Bank in Sohar Hospital said, "The blood donation campaign organised by Majis Industrial Services collaborating with Sohar Port and Freezone and Veolia Environnment was a great success. In all more than 90 units of blood were donated. This will help save the lives of so many people who need blood as a result of accidents or surgery. Such campaigns play an important role in achieving a sufficient stock of blood in the governorates of North Al Batinah."

Majis Industrial Services organised closing ceremony of the blood donation campaign under the auspices of Sheikh Said bin Humaid Al Harthy, the wali of Liwa. He thanked all the employees of the company and also all the industrial companies for their contribution and participation and making the campaign a big success.

He extended special thanks to the main sponsors Majis Industrial Services, Sohar Port/Free Zone and Veolia Environment for their humanitarian project.

Majis Industrial Services was established in 2006 to provide seawater for cooling purposes to the tenants of Sohar Industrial Port Area. It has since grown to become an integrated water utilities solution provider not only for Oman's growing industrial port but also for other special economic areas in Sohar.

McDonald's announces first Big Match winner

With one winning code announced daily, the competition offers 42 GCC customers and a guest to win an all-expense paid trip to the world's most anticipated football tournament

MUSCAT: McDonald's Oman (Al Daud Restaurants LLC) announced the first lucky winner from Oman who will be travelling to the 2014 Fifa World Cup TM live in Brazil, as part of the highly anticipated McDonald's Big Match competition. With one winning code announced daily, the competition offers 42 GCC customers and a guest to win an all-expense paid trip to the world's most anticipated football tournament.

Beyond the 42 World CupTM packages, millions of instant win prizes are on offer during the competition, including McDonald's food and Coca-Cola merchandise; the Sony Play Station 4 (PS4); the Sony PS Vita; Adidas-branded bags and caps; and a replica of the Brazuka, the official 2014 Fifa World Cup TM ball. Every eligible participant is a guaranteed winner.

Ali K. Daud, development licensee and president of McDonald's Oman, said: "As the official partner and restaurant of the 2014 Fifa World CupTM, McDonald's is delighted to be sending 42 lucky GCC winners and their guests to attend the world's most highly anticipated football tournament. Of these 42 customers, a lucky football fan from Al Khuwair has already been selected. We are astounded by the level of excitement over this competition, and look forward to announcing the remaining winners as the Big Match continues."

Of his recent win, Yassar Abdul Jabbar Khokar from Oman commented: "I honestly cannot believe I won. I had to keep checking my confirmation letter to make sure I haven't just imagined this. I am a massive football fan, and this is a once in a lifetime experience for me and my friend. I have always been a little sceptical about competitions like this; I never thought I had a chance at winning, but I won, and I couldn't be happier right now. I'm so grateful to McDonald's for this opportunity."

McDonald's is offering game cards with the purchase of every large extra value meal. To participate in the daily draw, customers should simply register their daily draw code, printed on specific game pieces on the McDonald's Arabia website — McDonald'sArabia.com — where they will be entered into a daily draw, across the GCC for their chance to win a trip to Brazil.

STUNNING COLLECTION

'Stud & Drops Festival' at Malabar Gold & Diamonds

MUSCAT: Malabar Gold & Diamonds, the prominent retail jeweller, announced the details of its unique campaign — 'Stud & Drops Festival' in the entire GCC countries & Singapore showcasing an extensive collection of studs and drops from over 20 countries in gold, diamond and platinum. The festival runs from February 20 to March 25.

A woman's jewellery collection is incomplete without the right pair of earrings, which speaks about her personality. The biggest hassle the customers go through during jewellery purchase is with the choice of studs and drops that suits them.

This exclusive festival gives their customers a unique chance to choose from a stunning collection of earrings designed and handcrafted by skilled artisans around the world, ranging from lightweight daily wear to heavy party wear in traditional as well as international designs to suit every occasion.

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Their branded jewellery, Era-uncut diamond jewellery, Ethnix-hand crafted designer jewellery, Mine — diamonds unlimited, Divine — Heritage jewellery, Precia- precious gem jewellery, Starlet- kids jewellery and D'VA — the youth collection will also be on display during the festival.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds is always at the forefront when it comes to promotions and festivals.

The immaculate collection of studs and drops are available at their outlets in Singapore, UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Oman with their unique exchange offers and buyback policies.

The jewellery chain offers lifetime free repair and maintenance service for all its products. Malabar Gold and Diamonds is the flagship company of Malabar Group, a leading diversified Indian business conglomerate.

RECOGNITION

Toyota Tundra honoured at NAIAS event

MUSCAT: Toyota Tundra — Toyota's powerful pick-up has once again proved its ability to attract attention.

This year at the 2014 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS), The One Club held their first-annual One Club Automobile Advertising of the Year Award ceremony, honouring automobile makers and their efforts to reach out to customers through new and innovative forms of advertising.

The world took notice again of Toyota's campaign that involved a 2012 Toyota Tundra hauling the space shuttle Endeavour to its final resting place at the California Science Centre received top honours in the experiential advertising category.

"It's an honour to be recognised by The One Club for the campaign capturing Toyota Tundra's historic achievement," said Jack Hollis, vice-president of Marketing for Toyota. "The monumental Tundra Endeavour tow truly launched an exciting new direction for Toyota and helped introduce our 'Let's Go Places' movement."

The campaign — which was most prominently broadcast throughout late 2012/early 2013—was devised by Saatchi & Saatchi LA. The effort was the culmination of a more-than-20-year partnership between Toyota and the California Science Centre to expand public education about the space programme through events and exhibits.

At the centre of the campaign was the monumental event; a 2012 Tundra hooked up almost 300,000 pounds worth of space shuttle and towed it across the Manchester Boulevard Bridge and the 405.

The experiential campaign included a series of YouTube videos, a Tweet drive, timeline, virtual tour of the shuttle, photo gallery, and kids' corner.

In Oman, Toyota is a household name...a part of people's lives.

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OFFER

Nissan Sunny attracts customers during Muscat Festival

MUSCAT: From the dynamically sculpted front to the crispy sporty rear, the Nissan Sunny inspires a bold expression of refined driving experience. Interior comfort and stylish edge along with steady performance and handling, clearly defines the Nissan Sunny as a truly modern mode of urban transport.

Muscat Festival offer

This year for the first time customers can avail an exciting Muscat Festival offer on the Nissan Sunny with assured buyback of 50 per cent up to three years or 60,000km. Other benefits include free registration, free insurance, six years extended warranty and free service for one year or 10,000km (whichever comes first) periodic maintenance.

Enticing Sunny

Small on the outside yet big on the inside Sunny breaks new ground for entry-level compact sedans with its blend of smart technology, next-generation efficiency and generous cabin space. The all-new Sunny's interior volume of 90.0 cubic feet and trunk volume of 14.8 cubic feet (104.8 cubic feet total) offers more rear legroom than some mid-size sedans, trumping even some luxury cars.

The car's exterior shape has a strong sense of volume with wide 'shoulders', flowing curves and a smooth silhouette. The front end blends smoothly into the cabin, while design elements such as the shape of the trunk-lid help give the Sunny excellent aerodynamics, as seen by its low drag coefficient of just 0.31.

The Nissan Sunny is the most complete sedan in the mid-size sedan segment, with luxury and comfort close to that of premium sedans and it appeals on a number of levels. Its sophisticated style sets it apart from the rest and its roomy interior and large trunk is ideally suited to families.

The Sunny comes with the world's first dual fuel injectors. It also has high levels of active and passive safety and advanced features designed to enhance both the driving and ownership experiences. Advances safety features such as anti-lock breaking system, electronic break-force distribution, break assist, engine immobiliser and dual airbags are its strengths.

Working in perfect harmony with the engine, the 4-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission provides smooth, precise shifting while simultaneously improving riding comfort for peak performance on any road surface. All these features of Nissan Sunny make it a preferred vehicle for taxi operators too.

The Nissan Sunny design is also distinct from most current compact sedans, both inside and out. Externally Sunny offers a refreshing design character that is both sophisticated and highly aerodynamic while inside it offers five-passenger practicality with a high degree of comfort and refinement. The precisely crafted lines are a result of a thrilling evolution. The sharper taillights energise Sunny's overall posture and its chrome accented grille and door handles elevate its looks.

YOUTH PROGRAMME

OOC, MoE rewards 26 entrepreneurs of 'Ghaytuh' initiative

MUSCAT: Under the patronage of Dr Madeeha bint Ahmed Al Shibaniyah, Minister of Education, Oman Oil Company (OOC) and the National Career Guidance Centre of the Ministry of Education (MoE) rewarded 26 future entrepreneurs from the Governorates of Muscat, Al Dakhiliyah and Al Batinah North, who competed among over 210 participants in three categories of the 'Ghaytuh' programme 'Best Students Company, Most Innovative Product/Service and Best CSR Initiative'.

Concluding its second year, the youth initiative, which is part of OOC's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme for entrepreneurship, is designed to help school students from Grade IX build entrepreneurial skills and develop original business ideas, saw triple participation figures.

"OOC invests in fostering entrepreneurs who will build a promising future for Oman. We are partnering with organisations that can bridge the gap between education and employability, while contributing to the national economy," said Al Mutasim bin Said Al Sariri, Corporate Social Responsibility manager at OOC. "With the strong theoretical and practical structure of the 'Ghaytuh' programme, we worked diligently with the teams from MoE on two main objectives. First, to help students acquire the necessary practical experience to successfully plan and implement their own business ideas early on in their curriculum and second, to empower them to give back to their communities by sharing their new and creative business models," added Al Sariri.

Inspire

"Our partnership with OOC is meant to cultivate an entrepreneurial mind-set among students and inspire those with good ideas to start their own businesses. By bringing enterprises into our schools across different regions in the Sultanate, we are instilling values of financial independence and a sense of pride as the future business leaders of Oman learn ways to contribute to the national economy and overall wellbeing of their community," said Dr Sana bint Sabeel Al Balushi, director-general of the National Career Guidance Centre at MoE.

During its pilot year in 2012, the programme saw the participation of 80 school students in one month training in Muscat governorate, while in 2013, it expanded to cover Al Dakhiliyah and Al Batinah North Governorates, in addition to Muscat with over 210 participants, 50 per cent boys and 50 per cent girls including students with disabilities.

ROUND-UP

Kia 2-door Cerato Koup adds to delight of fans

The 2-door Cerato Koup has taken the ownership experience to dizzying heights. In fact the Cerato Koup boasts features which only higher segment sedans offer

MUSCAT: With its sleek European-inspired styling, the Kia Cerato is designed to offer more room, more performance and more amenities.

Now the 2-door Cerato Koup has arrived to add even more delight to the lives of Kia fans in Oman. Power-driven by a 2.0L, (166 HP), 6 Speed Auto Transmission, the 2-door Cerato Koup packs a solid punch with state-of-the-art features.

"The 2-door Cerato Koup has taken the ownership experience to dizzying heights," says an official. We met a new owner and the exhilaration was apparent in him.

"Just take a look at these ..." he proudly pointed to the leather seats, ventilated on the driver's side and warmed on the co-passenger side. He also showed us the stylish leather flex steering wheel with auto cruise, remote audio, bluetooth-trip computer and paddle shifters.

The ergonomically-designed driver space makes every drive truly comfortable and stress-free. A multi-function 4-spoke steering wheel offers precise fingertip control, together with class-leading comfort. Taking centre-stage is a hi-tech supervision cluster that displays a comprehensive range of vehicle information such as service interval reminders, welcome light, etc.

The touchscreen audio unit, with large central LCD display provides easy finger touch menu changes in audio and bluetooth modes. It offers stunning visibility and features camera imaging, with front and back warning systems. The 2-door Cerato Koup also boasts a dual zone auto air-conditioner with cluster ioniser and auto de-fog, shiny chrome accents, colour TFT audio console with CD/MP3, in addition to dual airbags and ABS.

On the outside, the Cerato Koup turns heads with its night-piercing xenon lamps that also feature daytime running lamps with escort function, 18" machine finished flower design alloy wheels, sunroof.

The list of features goes on with smart key and button system, power folding mirror with LED side repeaters, puddle and pocket lamps, LED rear lamps, sliding centre console with rear AC vent, alloy pedals, cool glove box, power driver lumbar seat, 6:4 split fold rear seats, aeroblade wipers and fog lamps. In fact, the Cerato Koup boasts features which only higher segment sedans offer.

Flex Steer

With a wheelbase of 2,700mm and shorter overhangs, the Cerato Koup provides the maximum cabin, shoulder and leg space in its category. Kia's new Flex Steer system provides three different settings for the steering to match customer preference with Normal, Sport and Comfort modes. The effort required to turn the wheel varies with mode, but the gearing remains the same. Comfort mode is ideal for city driving whereas normal and sports are suitable for high speed and long drive.

Kia Cerato Koup is equipped with some local accessories to enhance its looks, feel and functionality. Customers are welcome to get the full details of these local fitments, by visiting the showroom.

Kia Motors Corporation (www.kia.com) — a maker of quality vehicles for the young-at-heart — was founded in 1944 and is Korea's oldest manufacturer of motor vehicles. Over 2.7 million Kia vehicles a year are produced in nine manufacturing and assembly operations in five countries which are then sold and serviced through a network of distributors and dealers covering around 150 countries.

Kia today has over 47,000 employees worldwide and annual revenues of $42 billion. It is the major sponsor of the Australian Open and an official automotive partner of Fifa — the governing body of the Fifa World Cup.

WORK TRUCK

Take the road less travelled with Ford F-150 FX4

MUSCAT: Ford's powerful and big F-150 FX4 is built to make your every moment exciting. Just put it to the test and you will realise almost instantly that tere are very few vehicles in its category that can match up to it.

Ford Motor Corporation has done an excellent job in manufacturing an over-sized beast like the F-150. One look at it and you will be rest assured that there is no job the F-150 can't undertake both on-road or off it.

The Ford F-150 is loaded with a V8, 5.0 litre engine with 360 HP and 380 lb-ft. of torque and is paired to a six-speed Select Shift automatic transmission.

The F-150 FX4 comes with 5.5-foot cargo bed. It also features a towing package, 20-inch aluminium wheels, front bucket seats, a six-way power driver seat, an auto-dimming rearview mirror, the sync multifunction voice-command system (includes bluetooth and an iPod/USB audio interface), a trip computer, a telescoping steering wheel and a 110-volt power outlet.

The FX4 also includes under-body skid plates and retuned springs/shock absorbers.

Four-wheel antilock disc brakes, stability control, trailer sway control and a full complement of airbags (including front seat side and full-length side curtain) are standard in the F-150.

In US government crash tests, the Ford F-150 SuperCrew received an overall rating of four stars out of a possible five, with three stars for overall frontal impact protection and five stars for overall side-impact protection. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety gives the F-150 SuperCrew a top rating of "Good" in its frontal-offset, side-impact and roof-strength tests.

It offers superb backseat comfort thanks to abundant legroom, a flat floor and a seatback angle that's pleasantly reclined. The F-150 is well suited to life as a work truck. It can be equipped to perform a variety of work- and recreation-related chores and little details like tailgate steps, trailer sway control, box side steps and the work solutions options make life easier for its owner.

INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

CBFS conducts 9th batch of preparatory training course

MUSCAT: In a significant effort to enhance the competencies of investment professionals in Oman, the College of Banking and Financial Studies (CBFS) has been collaborating with Muscat Securities Market (MSM) since 2011 to conduct training for specified categories of staff of banks/other companies operating in securities that are licensed by Capital Markets Authority (CMA).

The training prepares participants to take various on-line examinations of the Chartered Securities and Investment Institute (CISI), UK that have been mandated by CMA and MSM for certain job functions/positions.

The 9th batch of preparatory training was held recently for the 'Introduction to Investments' examination of CISI. The training was conducted by Mohamed Farzan, Faculty Member, CBFS, who is a Certified Trainer of CISI. The training covered the following key topics — Economic environment, financial assets and markets, equities, bonds, derivatives, investment funds, financial services regulation, other financial products.

In the words of Dr Ahmed bin Mohsin Al Ghassani, dean of the college of Banking and Financial studies said that: "The college is committed to providing cutting edge training solutions to the banking and financial sector of Oman through providing quality professional development programs for the employees working in this important industry."

He also mentioned that the college is serious in developing professional programmes in collaboration with the financial and banking sectors.

It is worth mentioning that CBFS has delivered more than 150 training programmes last year covering more than 2,500 trainees.

FIRST EVER

European Motors hosts Peugeot ME meet

MUSCAT: European Motors, the official distributor of Peugeot vehicles in Oman, played host to Oman's first ever Peugeot Middle East convention.

Hosted at Shangri la's Barr Al Jissah Resort and Spa recently, the convention was attended by Peugeot dealerships from across the GCC as well as Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt, including representatives from European Motors and Peugeot's Middle East and Africa regional office.

Held annually, the Peugeot Convention is an opportunity for Peugeot's Middle East and Africa to express their gratitude to its dealers and other affiliates throughout the region as well as providing a forum to reflect on the success of the past year and discuss future business strategies.

Commenting on Peugeot's success in the region in 2013, Phillipe Geze, the director of Peugeot — ME and Africa said, "Last year was an exceptional year for Peugeot in the region, with the brand experiencing a growth of 51 per cent year-on-year. The driving force behind our success was our aggressive marketing strategies coupled with new model launches such as the 301. Not only did these new models exceed their initial sales target, they continue to outperform with every passing month. I am extremely confident in the capabilities of all the group's employees in their ability to drive us towards another successful year in 2014."

Contributing towards Peugeot's overall result in the region, every market in the GCC and Africa also reflected positive growth in 2013. "Oman recorded a growth of 34 per cent as of the end of 2013. Our success in Oman can primarily be attributed to the stellar success of the Peugeot 301. It has proven to be extremely popular with both, corporate clients and the general public," said Gurdeep Singh Multani, Brand manager for Peugeot in Oman.

"Peugeot as a brand has created its own niche in the Oman market, offering cars that are truly unique and with a level of quality, performance and style at a price that is hard to match. It was a great honour to host the first Peugeot Middle East convention, following a very successful year for European Motors in the Sultanate. I am also extremely confident in the capabilities of our team and look forward to driving towards an even more action-packed year," he added.

AUTOMOBILE JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

Lexus IS named 'Best New Luxury Car'

MUSCAT: Lexus' successful model the IS has raced ahead to win the 'Best New Luxury Car under $50,000', by the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada.

The new IS looks fast and powerful, even standing still. From the front, the unique trademark spindle grille is elegant but aggressive. From the side, the lines of the car flow smoothly from the door sill up to the tail-lights in the rear which are angled down and out, with the rear spoiler now integrated into the trunk lid's trailing edge.

This car is definitely sportier. The L shaped LED daytime running lights are positioned just underneath the headlamp cluster drawing the eye to the side and rearwards in a subtle but sophisticated way.

This is 3 dimensional design at its best.

According to Junichi Furuyama, IS Chief Engineer, "We specifically made driving pleasure the major premise behind all aspects of performance."

That means the engineers really did their thing to ensure "fun to drive". For example, new laser welding and adhesive bonding techniques were used to increase body rigidity. New sub frame and cowl side braces improve handling and steering.

The revised front suspension has a 20 percent increase in sway rigidity while the multilink suspension provides better grip and control. The new electric power steering system offers a more authentic road feel, with better feedback.

All these technical improvements add up to one thing – the New IS handles better under all conditions, accelerating, cornering, and in the fast lane. At the wheel, you feel every move really is your move.

The car is a true extension of its driver.

The IS350 is available with a 3.5 litre V6 with D4-S direct and port fuel injection which produces 312 hp @ 6,400rpm, 38.5kg-m/4800rpm torque. And the IS250 is powered by a smooth 2.5 litre V6 providing 207 hp @ 6,400rpm and 25.7 kg-m/4800rpm torque.

Four driving modes

A new Drive Mode Select system features up to four driving modes. The Normal Mode offers relaxing driving performance within the city and on the highway. The Eco Mode offers controlled driving performance for optimum fuel economy while the Sport/Sport S Mode offers a sporty driving feeling and excellent acceleration performance.

A unique and very stylish Electrostatic Temperature Control Switch enables quick, intuitive operation of air conditioning. The Electro Multi Vision Navigation (EMVN) system with Remote Touch Interface (RTI) features Speed Limit Display & Route Trace Registration as well as QR Code for Destination which converts the destination information into QR (Quick Response) code that can be read by a smartphone or similar device.

The 2014 IS also comes with the F Sport version for those who wish to raise the bar on a highly thrilling and rewarding experience.

The IS F Sport's interior and driver's cockpit are reminiscent of the LFA – sporty, ergonomic, yet elegant. Turn on the ignition and it isn't just the meter display that lights up but your excitement to be at the wheel again! The newly designed meters are simply eye-catching.

The spindle grille exudes power. There is a range of exclusive new colours, for all tastes. And we have paid meticulous attention to every detail. The IS F Sport redefines the concept of the modern luxury sport sedan.

It's exclusive spindle grille is eye-catchingly bolder. The bottom corners of the front bumpers feature aerodynamic intakes that not only look great but enhance brake cooling.

The unique 18-inch wheels' Y-spoke design recalls the LFA. Interior trim detailing includes an F Sport steering wheel and shift knob and aluminium pedals and scuff plates with the Lexus logo. Both the front and rear suspension systems and the Electric Power Steering (EPS) are exclusively tuned.

Optional Variable Gear Ratio Steering (VGRS) controls steering angle in accordance with vehicle speed and driver operation to realize better control at all speeds and improve driving feel during lane-changing and navigating winding roads. An additional driving mode, Sport S+ (IS350 F Sport only), uses an Adaptive Variable Suspension (AVS) system and refines the power train, so the driver can fine tune the ride for even more fun when driving.

New benchmarks

From the very beginning Lexus was conceived to set new standards within the automotive world and this pursuit continues today. In a relatively short period of time, Lexus has established a unique place in the automotive world as a manufacturer of premium vehicles that distil breathtaking design, advanced technology, heart-stopping performance, environmental sensitivity and refined levels of luxury into one distinctive package.

Lexus is constantly looking to the future, driven by innovation. The process to create a Lexus vehicle is unique within the automotive industry.

Taking inspiration from fields as diverse as the fashion industry, architecture, the arts and medicine, each vehicle is painstakingly crafted to meet Lexus' exacting standards.

Lexus vehicles are brought to you in Oman by the Saud Bahwan Group. In Oman, every Lexus vehicle comes with several special benefits and privileges such as 6 years unlimited extended mileage protection — Aman Bahwan and Lexus Prestige Club Card that offers 24 hours on-road assistance from AAA.

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AMLA STROKES SA INTO STRONG POSITION

Hashim Amla's blistering stroke-play and Morne Morkel's fearsome bowling put South Africa in control of the second Test against Australia as they closed the third day on 192 for four yesterday. >C2

Froome rules Jabal Al Akhdhar

CROSSING THE WADI: Cyclists compete in the fifth stage of the Tour of Oman, 147.5km from Bid Bid to Jabal Al Akhdhar yesterday. - AFP

Beating Van Garderen and Uran to the line, defending champion and 2013 Tour de France winner Froome became the new overall leader of the event with just a stage to go

TOP FOUR: From right to left, Belgiam's Van Hecke Preben of Topsport Vlaanderen-Baloise team, Britain's Froome Christopher of Sky Procycling team, Germany's Andre Greipel of Lotto Belisol team and France's Bardet Romain of AG2R La Mondiale team celebrate on the podium near officials at the end of the fifth stage of the Tour of Oman. - AFP

TOUR OF OMAN General Classification

This is the general classification of the riders who are leading the tour after the completion of Stage 5.

Leader's time: 18h36'45"

#	Rider	Team	Nationality	Split (in seconds)
1	Christopher Froome	SKY	GBR	00"
2	Tejay Van Garderen	BMC	USA	26"
3	Rigoberto Uran Uran	OPQ	COL	31"
4	Joaquim Rodriguez	KAT	ESP	48"
5	Robert Gesink	BEL	NED	57"
6	Domenico Pozzovivo	ALM	ITA	01'01"
7	Sergio Henao Montoya	SKY	COL	01'19"
8	Roman Kreuziger	TCS	CZE	01'25"
9	Johann Tschopp	IAM	SUI	01'32"
10	Daniel Moreno Fernandez	KAT	ESP	01'34"
11	Arnold Jeannesson	FDJ	FRA	01'50"
12	Vincenzo Nibali	AST	ITA	01'51"
13	Romain Bardet	ALM	FRA	01'53"
14	Daryl Impey	OGE	RSA	01'58"
15	Thomas Lövkvist	IAM	SWE	01'58"
16	Jurgen Van Den Broeck	LTB	BEL	01'58"
17	Leopold Konig	TNE	CZE	02'15"
18	Ivan Santaromita	OGE	ITA	02'21"
19	Frank Schleck	TFR	LUX	02'29"
20	Cameron Meyer	OGE	AUS	02'30"
21	Mikel Nieve Iturralde	SKY	ESP	02'44"
22	Kenny Elissonde	FDJ	FRA	02'45"
23	Lars Ytting Bak	LTB	DEN	02'52"
24	Stef Clement	BEL	NED	02'55"
25	David De La Cruz Melgarejo	TNE	ESP	03'10"

Source: Tour of Oman Stage 5 Official Report, Amaury Sport Organisation — Graphics

MUSCAT: Jabal Al Akhdhar, also known as the Green Mountain has a new master. In an impressive fashion, Christopher Froome proved he was the master of the Tour of Oman, establishing a new record on the climb (18'33).

The title holder and 2013 Tour de France winner powered away from the favourite's group with two kilometres to go. He went on to conquer his first stage win of this edition, his second in Oman. Beating Van Garderen and Uran to the line, Froome became the new overall leader of the event with just a stage to go.

It was said to be the decisive stage of this 5th edition of the Tour of Oman. The 147.5kms from Bid Bid to Jabal Al Akhdar were indeed at the height of expectations. The 141 remaining riders took off under a bright sun and warm temperatures just before noon, under the eyes of Oman's national football coach, Frenchman Paul Le Guen.

After just 3 kilometres, John Murphy (UHC) was the first to break away. The American was soon to be caught by three other men at km 7: Sprengers, Van Hecke (both TSV) and Canola (BAR). The leading four rapidly saw their advantage grow.

At the first intermediate sprint (km 50), won by Van Hecke in front of Sprengers and Murphy, they could enjoy a 4' lead. The gap would actually reach a maximum 4'15 at km 56, before teams Katusha and Cannondale took on the chase.

With 25kms to go, the gap had dropped down to 2'55. While the riders from SKY and OPQS moved up to the front of the pack, the escapees reached the second bonus sprint (km 136), won by Van Hecke ahead of Canola and Murphy, with a 54" lead. While Van Hecke, Sprengers and Murphy were caught by the pack, Canola carried on alone, but his solo effort proved to be vain, as the pack caught him up and took on the climb up Jabal Al Akhdhar at km 140.

On the extremely tough first kilometres of the climb, Green Jersey, André Greipel was among the first to be dropped. Moments later it was Red Jersey, Peter Sagan's turn to stuggle. With 3kms to go, the likes of Nibali (winner at the Green Mountain in 2012), Franck and Andy Schleck (TFR), failed to keep up with the best. A group of 14 men gathered together at the front, including Froome (SKY) and three of his team mates, Rodriguez, Moreno (both KAT), Van Garderen (BMC), Uran (OPQ), Pozzovivo, Bardet (both ALM), Kreuziger (TCS) and Jeannesson (FDJ). After Sergio Henao (SKY) took off with just over 2kms to go, it was then Froome's turn to power away.

The Brit caught up the front man and carried on alone. With just a kilometre to go, Froome had a 12" lead over Uran and Van Garderen, 33" over Pozzovivo and Rodriguez and 1'15 over a group including Nibali (AST).

The 2013 Tour of Oman winner eventually crossed the finish line with a 22" advantage over Van Garderen and 33" over Uran. Froome clocked a record breaking time of 18'33 on the climb, beating the previous record established by Rodriguez last year (19'14). Thanks to his success, the Sky rider captures to overall leader's Red Jersey and has a rather comfortable 26" lead over Van Garderen and 31" over Uran, with only one stage to go.

The Green Jersey remains on the shoulders of André Greipel while Frenchman Romain Bardet (ALM), 8th of the stage, captures the White Jersey for the best young rider. Once again present in the day's long breakaway, Preben Van Hecke takes command of the Most Aggressive rider's classification.

FOOTBALL

OFA distances itself from Legends Cup

SPORTS REPORTER

MUSCAT: The Oman Football Association (OFA) has distanced itself from the forthcoming Legends Cup match between FC Barcelona and Real Madrid, scheduled to take place in Muscat on March 14.

Speaking to *Times Sport*, a reliable source at OFA said that the high-profile match is being held without the 'consent' of the national football body. However, the source confirmed that OFA would not play spoilsport to the much talked game.

"We have been receiving so many calls from fans asking for tickets and details about this match. We would like to inform everyone that the OFA do not have any involvement in this game," said the source at OFA.

"Normally when such matches are hosted, it requires the consent of the national football body but in this case it does not have our support. But with so much of public support garnered for this game we do not want to stop it from happening," he said.

> Oman Football Association has informed that the nation's governing body for football is not involved with the Legends Cup match between Barcelona and Real Madrid

According to the source, the organisers did not approach OFA for prior approval before finalising the game. "None of the organisers came to us to discuss about this initiative. They should have discussed it with us in the first place because that is how it is done normally. Hosting such much by private bodies is certainly a concern for us," he noted.

He also said an official from one of these teams had approached OFA with a similar initiative.

"We told them that the time was not right because of the busy schedule (World Cup qualifiers) for the national team and other commitments so we were not keen to organise anything like this at that point of time. But we told them that we will seriously discuss on this at a later stage but they never came back to us," he said.

When asked if OFA would think of organising such matches in the future, the source had this to say: "Like I said when the time is right we will think about it. As of now we are engaged with many things so not so soon but we will certainly think of a real big game," the source added.

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SPORTS

South Africa in total control

Australia were bowled out for 246 in their first innings, giving South Africa a lead of 177, which they stretched to 369 by the close of play

PORT ELIZABETH: South Africa moved into a strong position on the third day of the second Test against Australia at St George's Park yesterday but lost one of their four specialist bowlers.

Australia were bowled out for 246 in their first innings, giving South Africa a lead of 177, which they stretched to 369 by the close of play, reaching 192 for four. Hashim Amla returned to form with a sparkling innings of 93 not out.

But South Africa will be without left-arm fast-medium bowler Wayne Parnell when they attempt to bowl out Australia a second time.

Parnell, who on Friday took two wickets with his first three deliveries of the match, pulled up with a groin injury after bowling three balls in his ninth over.

Team manager Mohammed Moosajee said Parnell had a strain, not a tear, but would nevertheless be unable to bowl in the second innings. It left South Africa with three specialist bowlers after bringing in a batsman for an all-rounder after losing the first Test in Centurion by 281 runs. Australia found themselves in unfamiliar territory in a dominant southern hemisphere summer, during which they have won six successive Tests, all by wide margins. South Africa, though, looked more like the team that has surged to the top of the international Test rankings as they followed up a solid first innings with aggressive bowling to put Australia under pressure.

The tall Morne Morkel was particularly hostile, peppering the batsmen with numerous short deliveries as he took three wickets for 63 runs. Vernon Philander claimed three for 68.

South Africa were on top from the fifth over of the day when Philander had top-scorer David Warner caught at slip for 70. Nightwatchman Nathan Lyon, after standing up to a bumper barrage from Morkel, chopped a ball from the tall fast bowler into his stumps in the next over.

Steve Smith and Brad Haddin both survived chances as they added 40 for the seventh wicket before Haddin was bowled by Dale Steyn.

Mitchell Johnson hit a quick 27 before he was bowled in the over before lunch by off-spinner JP Duminy. In the previous over Johnson had been struck a heavy blow on the batting helmet by a bouncer from Morkel.

Smith made 49 before he was given out caught behind off a faint edge from Morkel after a review by South Africa. Australia struck back at the start of South Africa's second innings by dismissing both opening batsmen cheaply.

Captain Graeme Smith failed for the fourth successive innings when he was bowled off an inside edge for 14 by Johnson — the eighth time he has been out to the left-arm fast bowler in Tests.

The opening partnership of 20 with Dean Elgar was the highest by either side in seven innings of a series which features two strong fast bowling attacks.

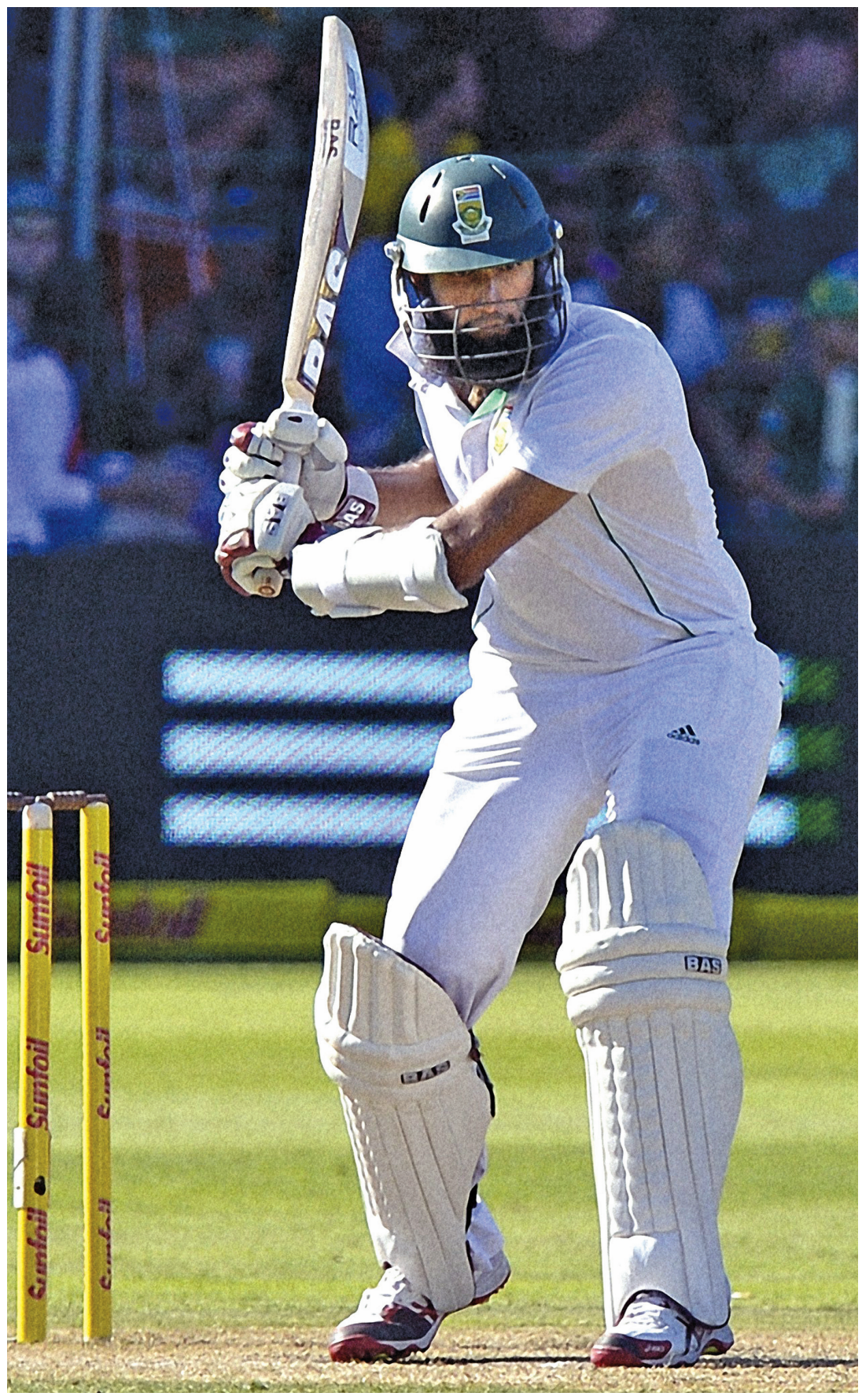
Elgar was caught behind off Peter Siddle for 16.

Amla, who suffered a dislocated left ring finger in dropping a difficult chance from Haddin at gully off Philander, struck the ball with superb timing as he made his first Test half-century in eight innings off 53 balls. He and Faf du Plessis steadied the innings with a third wicket stand of 70.

AB de Villiers helped Amla add 55 for the fourth wicket. By the close Amla had faced 126 balls and hit 12 fours. — AFP

SCOREBOARD

South Africa 1st innings: 423	
Australia 1st innings:	
C. Rogers lbw b Philander	5
D. Warner c Smith b Philander	70
A. Doolan c De Villiers b Parnell	8
S. Marsh c De Villiers b Parnell	0
M. Clarke c Elgar b Philander	19
N. Lyon b Morkel	15
S. Smith c De Villiers b Morkel	49
B. Haddin b Steyn	9
M. Johnson b Duminy	27
R. Harris c Du Plessis b Morkel	26
P. Siddle not out	11
Extras (lb-4, nb-1, w-2)	7
Total (all out, 57 overs)	246
Fall of wickets: 1-7 (Rogers), 2-41 (Doolan), 3-41 (Marsh), 4-81 (Clarke), 5-120 (Warner), 6-128 (Lyon), 7-168 (Haddin), 8-205 (Johnson), 9-209 (Smith)	
Bowling: Steyn 13-3-55-1, Philander 13-0-68-3, Morkel 17-0-63-3 (1nb, 1w), Parnell 8.3-2-31-2, Elgar 0.3-0-1-0, Duminy 5-0-24-1	
South Africa 2nd innings:	
G. Smith b Johnson	14
D. Elgar c Haddin b Siddle	16
H. Amla not out	93
F. du Plessis c Haddin b Siddle	24
A. de Villiers c Haddin b Johnson	29
Q. de Kock not out	9
Extras (b-2, lb-5)	7
Total (4 wkts, 47 overs)	192
Fall of wickets: 1-20 (Smith), 2-42 (Elgar), 3-112 (Du Plessis), 4-167 (De Villiers)	
Bowling: Johnson 12-0-48-2, Harris 10-1-53-0, Lyon 12-2-31-0, Siddle 13-2-53-2	
Toss: South Africa	
Umpires: Kumar Dharmasena (SRI), Richard Illingworth (ENG)	
TV umpire: Aleem Dar (PAK)	
Match referee: Roshan Mahanama (SRI)	



GREAT GOING: Hashim Amla was in full control as South Africa gained strength in the second Test. - AFP

ODI SERIES

Sri Lanka sweep Bangladesh ODIs

MIRPUR: New-look Sri Lanka trounced Bangladesh by six wickets in the third and final One-day International in Dhaka yesterday to sweep the series 3-0.

Seamer Dhammika Prasad claimed three wickets in his first match of the series as the tourists restricted Bangladesh to 240 for 8 after electing to field in the day-night match.

Kusal Perera, a 23-year-old left-handed opener, then hit a maiden One-day century as Sri Lanka surpassed the target with 15 deliveries to spare at the Sher-e-Bangla stadium.

Perera hit a belligerent 106 off 124 balls with six boundaries and five sixes, sharing a third-wicket stand of 138 with Dinesh Chandimal, who scored 64.

Sri Lanka ended the month-long tour on a high, having also won both the preceding Test and Twenty20 series.

But the victory yesterday was sweeter as Sri Lanka took the field without either of their three veterans, Mahela Jayawardene, Kumar Sangakkara and Tillakaratne Dilshan, for the first time in a One-dayer since 2000.

Jayawardene and Dilshan were nursing injuries, while Sangakkara was rested ahead of the five-nation Asia Cup which opens in Bangladesh on Tuesday.

The bowling was also depleted in the absence of pace spearhead Lasith Malinga, who was given a break, and the injured duo of seamer Nuwan Kulasekara and spinner Rangana Herath.

BOOST AHEAD OF ASIA CUP: Sri Lankan players rejoice with the trophy after winning the final ODI. - Reuters

Sri Lankan captain Angelo Mathews said the series provided useful preparation for the Asia Cup, where the other contenders are India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and the hosts.

"It was nice to win even without the senior players," said Mathews. "This was a good test for our bench strength. It will put us in the right frame for the Asia Cup."

Prasad was well-supported by new-ball partner Suranga Lakmal, who finished with two for 24 in 10 overs on the slow pitch.

The hosts missed premier all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan, who was handed a three-match ban for a lewd on-camera gesture during the second one-dayer on Thursday.

Mominul Haque top-scored with a run-a-ball 60, while valuable contributions from Nasir Hossain (38), Naeem Islam (32) and skipper Mushfiqur Rahim (30) gave the hosts their highest score in the series.

Kusal Perera made light of the target as he flayed the home team's attack till the 40th over when he was bowled by Rubel Hossain with 43 remaining for victory.

Rubel dismissed Chandimal in his next over to make it 205-4, but Mathews signalled the win with a six off Naeem Islam.

"We have a lot to work on if we are to do well in the Asia Cup," said Rahim.

"We need to score big on these wickets, otherwise it puts the bowlers under pressure."

— AFP

SCOREBOARD

BANGLADESH	
A. Haque c Chandimal b Prasad	2
S. Rahman c A. Perera b Prasad	25
M. Haque run out	60
M. Rahim c Senanayake b Prasad	30
N. Islam c Prasad b Senanayake	32
N. Hossain c Priyanjan b Lakmal	38
Mahmudullah c Thirimanne b Lakmal	5
S. Gazi b T. Perera	23
S. Islam not out	15
A. Sunny not out	1
Extras: (lb-2, w-7)	9
Total (for 8 wkts, 50 overs)	240
Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-62, 3-108, 4-130, 5-184, 6-200, 7-201, 8-232	
Bowling: Lakmal 10-3-24-2 (w1), T. Perera 9-0-39-1 (w2), Prasad 10-0-49-3 (w2), Senanayake 9-0-46-1 (w1), Priyanjan 6-0-42-0 (w1), A. Perera 3-0-17-0, Mathews 3-0-21-0	
SRI LANKA	
K. Perera b Rubel	106
Thirimanne c Shamsur b Mahmudullah	18
K. Vithanage b Mahmudullah	9
D. Chandimal c Anamul b Rubel	64
A. Mathews not out	20
A. Priyanjan not out	22
Extras: (lb-4, w-3)	7
Total (for 4 wkts, 47.3 overs)	246
Fall of wickets: 1-44, 2-60, 3-198, 4-205.	
Bowling: Shafiul 4-0-27-0 (w1), Gazi 9-1-47-0, Rubel 10-0-69-2 (w1), Mahmudullah 10-0-38-2 (w1), Nasir 4-1-12-0, Sunny 10-0-42-0, Naeem 0.3-0-7-0	
Toss: Sri Lanka	
Umpires: S. Saikat and Rod Tucker	
TV umpire: Anisur Rahman (BAN)	
Match referee: David Boon (AUS)	

SPORTS

Introduce Hockey 5's in Oman: Ikram

Sultanate will host first round of World Hockey League likely in June or August

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HONOUR: Belu Kuttappa and S.A.S. Naqvi representing Team Coorg and Friends of Naqvi Group presenting a memento to Tayyab Ikram, third from right, as OHA officials and well-wishers look on. - Supplied photo

MUSCAT: The first round of the World Hockey League (WHL) will be held in the Sultanate in the month of August this year.

According to 'Dato' Tayyab Ikram, Director of Coaching and Secretary of High Performance at International Hockey Federation (FIH), the FIH window for the first round of the WHL is from June to August.

Ikram, who is in town to discuss the probability of Oman hosting the tournament, after a meeting with Oman Hockey Association last evening, said it was decided that the nation, which is ranked 23rd by the FIH, will host it during the middle of this year.

"The months of June and July are the peak of summer in the Sultanate, and it was opined to have the first round of the WHL likely in August," said Ikram, who repeatedly said that Oman hockey is in right track and will do all that can be done for the further development of the game.

"June and August are the two options and FIH will decide on it soon," an OHA official added.

Ikram also confirmed that six teams will take part in the first round of the World Hockey League to be hosted by Oman.

"The teams which have confirmed participation are Azerbaijan, Iran, Oman, Qatar, Turkey and the UAE," he said.

Hockey 5's

Meanwhile, the FIH official urged OHA to start introducing the latest format of Hockey 5's to enhance the popularity of the game.

To be recalled the Hockey 5's had a trial run recently in Hong Kong and the immediate response was that a successful formula has been formed.

This format was tested by the FIH in Hong Kong by 25 top flight international players from Australia, Europe and Asia Pacific.

"It is to be used in the next Youth Olympics to be held later this year in Nanjing, China," said Ikram.

While opinions are divided as to whether the 5's or 6's format is the way forward, the rules for the Youth Olympics have already been issued by the FIH.

When hockey veteran S.A.S. Naqvi suggested the idea of introducing an open inter-school hockey tournament, Ikram advised to introduce the latest format and also assured that the FIH support will be there.

"I will also send across the new set of rules for the Hockey 5's," said Ikram.

Future development

This explosive short format for field hockey played on a half-regulation size hockey pitch, is seen as a possible way for the future development and growth of the sport worldwide.

The objective of Hockey 5's is to allow flexibility so that it can be played on any surface, on different sized pitches and to have or not to have side restraining boards.

Ikram also urged the OHA to introduce the new format in the junior league, which is scheduled to begin next month.

Meanwhile, Ikram also lauded the efforts of Team Coorg and Friends of Naqvi Group for keeping the interest in hockey alive.

During a ceremony yesterday afternoon Ikram was felicitated by S.A.S. Naqvi on behalf of the two units who are promoting hockey in a big way. Also present on the occasion were Mohie Saad Al Zaghlool, Mohammed Shambeh Al Raisi, Bellu Kuttappa (Team Coorg) and Abdulrahman Al Raisi.

WINTER GAMES

Third doping case hits Sochi

Away from the slopes, the Olympics were hit by a third doping case after Ukrainian cross country skier Marina Lisogor tested positive for the banned substance trimetazidine

SOCHI: Austria's Mario Matt became the oldest winner of an Olympic Alpine skiing gold medal yesterday when he edged out team mate Marcel Hirscher in a thrilling slalom at the Sochi Games.

The 34-year-old held his nerve to win by 0.28 seconds over two legs down a Rosa Khutor course that proved too difficult for many of the medal contenders.

World champion Hirscher put down a superb second run to climb from ninth to first with only Matt of the top 30 left to ski, but could only watch as the veteran squeezed home.

Norway's Henrik Kristoffersen, 19, took the bronze medal to become the youngest man to win an Olympic medal in Alpine skiing.

Meanwhile, the penultimate day of the Games witnessed a third positive dope test.

Positive test

Away from the slopes, the Olympics were hit by a third doping case after Ukrainian cross country skier Marina Lisogor tested positive for the banned substance trimetazidine.

The Ukrainian Olympic Committee said Lisogor, 30, told a disciplinary hearing that she had unwittingly consumed the banned substance in a medicine.

"I ask forgiveness from those who will see this and be disappointed or upset. But there was no intent or desire to take a banned substance," she said.

"It is stupid, accidental. I am sorry there is a scandal but there was no bad intent."

The case came a day after news of failed tests for German biathlete Evi Sachenbacher-Stehle and Italian bobsledder William Frullani.

Meanwhile, South Korea want the International Skating Union (ISU) to review whether the decision to award women's figure skating gold to Russia's Adelina Sotnikova rather than national heroine Kim Yu-Na was accurate.

Defending Olympic champion Kim was relegated to the silver medal position by the Russian 17-year-old in Thursday's free skate despite putting in an error-free performance.

It was a decision that prompted accusations of judges being influenced by the passionate support of the crowd.

"The South Korean team in Sochi has politely requested the Korean Skating Union to ask ISU president Ottavio Cinquanta to review the women's figure skating singles (to see) if it followed the rules of ISU standards," said a statement from the South Korean body.

HURRAH: Austria's Mario Matt reacts at the finish area after winning the men's alpine skiing slalom event. - AFP

Medal record

Norwegian cross country skier Marit Bjoergen won the women's 30km mass start, taking her sixth Olympic gold and equalling the record number of medals for a woman at Winter Games.

In a clean sweep for Norway, Bjoergen showed her usual supremacy in the sprint finish, coming home ahead of Therese Johaug and Kristin Stoermer Steira.

Bjoergen has now equalled the record of Soviet speed skater Lidia Skoblikova and Russian cross country skier Lyubov Yegorova in taking six golds at Winter Olympics, the most by any female athlete.

She has also equalled the record of 10 medals overall held by cross country skiers Stefania Belmondo of Italy and Raisa Smetanina of the USSR.

Russia's American-born snowboarder Vic Wild claimed his second gold in Sochi as he stormed to parallel slalom victory while Austria's Julia Dujmovits took the women's title.

The Dutch won both men's and women's team pursuit titles in a fitting end to a dominant showing in Sochi.

The Netherlands won 23 of the 36 medals on offer in men's and women's speed skating, bagging eight of the 12 golds.

Three biathletes, Ole Einar Bjoerndalen and Norwegian compatriot Emil Hegle Svendsen as well as France's Martin Fourcade, will be going for their third gold medals in the men's 4x7.5km relay.

Bjoerndalen on Wednesday won a record 13th medal at the Winter Olympics by taking gold in the mixed event.

The 40-year-old holds the record outright after overtaking his compatriot, the cross country ski legend Bjoern Daehlie, who won 12 medals. – AFP

UNDER-19 WORLD CUP

England set up semifinal showdown with Pakistan

DUBAI: The 1998 champion England earned a semi-final date with two-time former winner Pakistan when it held its nerve to beat defending champion India by three wickets in the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2014 yesterday.

England overhauled India's 221 for eight with five balls and three wickets to spare, but not before it required 15 off the last two overs and then eight runs off the final seven deliveries.

Man of the match Ben Duckett scored 61 off 64 balls with seven fours, wicketkeeper-batsman Joe Clarke chipped in with 42 off 45 balls with six fours and Rob Jones contributed 28 not out after England had slipped to 41 for three and then 148 for six after having recovered to 117 for three in its run-chase. Duckett added 76 runs for the fourth wicket with Ed Barnard (24).

Earlier, fast bowler Matthew Fisher took three wickets as India was reduced to 24 for four in 8.1 overs before Deepak Hooda, Sarfaraz Khan and Vijay Zol helped it to 221 for eight.

Hooda and Vijay, who were both dropped every early in their innings, added 87 runs for the fourth wicket. Hooda, who was finally run-out, hit six fours in a 99-ball innings while Zol hit three fours in a 85-ball innings.

However, it was a 46-ball cameo by Sarfaraz that got India to 221 for eight. Sarfaraz hit four fours in a 52 not out. It was Sarfaraz's intelligent stroke-play that allowed India to score 74 runs in the last 10 overs, including 44 off the final five overs. At its happy hunting ground, Pakistan produced a clinical performance to defeat Sri Lanka by 121 runs after captain Sami Aslam and Imam-ul-Haq produced their third opening wicket century partnership in four matches.

Sami scored 95 (121b, 8x4, 2x6) and Imam contributed 82 (107b, 7x4, 1x6) as the two left-handers put on 177 runs for the first wicket in 37 overs. In turn, Zia-ul-Haq destroyed the stumps behind an in-form Hashan Dumindu on the very first ball as Sri Lanka was soon reduced to 44 for three and Sri Lanka crashed out for 158 in 42.3 overs.

Tomorrow's semifinals between England and Pakistan will be played at Dubai International Cricket Stadium. – ICC

SPORTS

The Wave move up on dramatic day

In the final race of a tumultuous day, Leigh McMillan and his crew swept to their third and final win, making it seven out of 21 races so far in this remarkable contest

TOP OF TH GAME: The Wave, Muscat swept to their third and final race in Singapore yesterday. - Supplied photo

SINGAPORE: Cool heads on board The Wave, Muscat allowed the defending champions to stay on top of their game at the 2014 Extreme Sailing Series Singapore as the day's racing was dominated by one of the worst crashes in the history of the event.

In the final race of a tumultuous day, Leigh McMillan and his crew swept to their third and final win, making it seven out of 21 races so far in this remarkable contest. It also moved them into second place behind Alinghi and came just moments after a spectacular pile-up at the end of Race 20 where Aberdeen Asset Management, powered up by a sudden gust, landed on top of Franck Cammas' Groupama causing a dismast – the crew leapt into the water.

No one was injured and safety boats were soon disentangling the two vessels, which were quickly craned out to be repaired – hopefully in time to resume racing today.

"We could feel the conditions getting fruity and were massively relieved to have got through the finish line," McMillan said afterwards.

"The wind was coming in so fast and there was this bottleneck with nowhere for the boats to go. When these gusts hit, you lose control and there is nothing you can do. We were extremely concerned about everyone's safety and were very happy to hear that everyone was ok. Even in the last race there were plenty of close moments on the race course when things could have gone horribly wrong, there has got to be some consideration for the safety of the crew."

The results reflect an evolving team that is bonding by the day and is determined to go from strength to strength, McMillan added.

"It's a new team and we knew it would take a few races to get to the stage where we have an unquestioning understanding of what needs to be done.

"Things happen so quickly in these races, as everyone saw today, and there is no time for discussion. Every race sees an improvement in the communications and dynamic in the team and when you see who else is in the line-up this year - it's a tough field to be beating - we are pretty happy to be putting in some good results."

Sarah Ayton, the British Olympic gold medallist, who is making her debut on The Wave, Muscat this year, is taking the dramas in her stride, grateful that there is so much experience on board their boat.

"It was a really tough day in terms of the changing wind strength – going from 8 knots to gusts of 18 knots," she said.

"But these were conditions that rewarded experience and we were lucky to have so much experience in our boat. I felt in very good hands and what the guys were doing in terms of boat handling and positioning was impressive." After racing, Ayton then went to talk about her own experiences with The Wave, Muscat and her career as an Olympic sailor with more than 60 children from Singapore Sailing Federation as part of a "Chat With Champions" event at the Extreme Club in Singapore.

Two-time Extreme champion McMillan has spent years refining a template for success in Extreme 40 racing with consistency always featuring high in his priorities and Rob Greenhalgh is on that same learning curve with his new crew on Oman Air.

One podium place and a fourth were mixed in with some lower placings that put Oman Air in 10th place overall but according to Omani crew Musab Al Hadi, communications on board are improving race by race and after such a dramatic day, they were thankful to finish in one piece.

"We think we are improving all the time, making progress towards working as a team" he said. "Our communication is getting better onboard. With the breeze so up and down we have seen a few crashes this week, ourselves included, but fortunately it wasn't our turn today. When I saw the crash between Aberdeen and Groupama, it was a big reminder that we have to be very, very careful and keep a close eye on everything on the race course – we are just very thankful that everyone onboard is unhurt."

LONGEST LEG

SATT fleet enter on final stretch

DIBBA: For the elite crews of EFG Sailing Arabia the Tour (SATT) 2014, a day of relaxing after the challenging104-nautical mile leg from Ras Al Khaimah to Dibba, was followed by another series of in-port races, but this time it was exhibition racing for spectators and guests.

The glorious setting off Zighy Marina – a large natural harbour at the northern tip of the eastern Arabian Peninsula on the Gulf of Oman – was the perfect playground and, although the wind was light, it was a great opportunity for crews to tune up and prepare for the start of Leg 6 from Dibba to Al Musannah.

Speaking in one of the most spectacular settings the tour passes, David Graham, CEO of Oman Sail, said: "For the world-class crews and regional sailing talent taking on this Arabian challenge the last few days have been a welcomed change of pace and scenery and there could be few better places to recover and prepare for the longest leg.

"It's all part of the unrivalled race experience EFG Sailing Arabia the Tour offers with beauty as breathtaking as the competition is fierce. With Omani waters ahead I'm sure the entire fleet feels they are entering the final yet tough stretch of the tour. With weary bodies the closing legs are bound to be very interesting."

The prize-giving ceremony for Leg 5 was held along the beach from the Zighy Marina in the sumptuous and exclusive setting of the Six Senses Zighy Bay Resort. Teams were graced with the honour of Sayyid Mardas Al Busaidi, Governor of Musandam who was among the special guests at the presentation.

At 139 nautical miles, this leg from Dibba to Al Musannah, Oman is one of the longest of The Tour and, with light winds forecast, it is going to be one of the most tactically challenging for the six teams.

The Musandam coast is also scattered with fishing nets that extend metres from their floating marks so, this will be the main concern for the crews for the 20-hour race down the coast.

Race Officer, Abdulaziz Al Shidi said the wind will be light and shifty but thankfully there is less tidal current.

"It is one of the longest legs and the wind is light so it will take 20 hours or so to complete the course. The main concern along the Musandam coast are fishing nets and fishing boats, plus like the first leg of the course from Bahrain, there are shallow areas of concern, so crews will have to be vigilant."

Ibtisam Al Salmi, one of the young Omani girls on Al-Thuraya Bank Muscat, says she is looking forward to Leg 6 but it will be tough in more ways than one.

"Because it is going to be light, we have to be thinking about the decisions we make tactically, and also about our weight and where we position ourselves in the boat. This will be key on this long leg. Plus, we also have to be aware of the constant threat of snagging a fishing net."

Mahfoodh Mohammed Al Abri, crew member on Royal Navy of Oman, said that since they know the area well, they are hoping for a better performance.

"We are confident because we know this area really well. We know exactly what the conditions will throw at us and hopefully our local knowledge will help us on the leg. The aim is a podium position."

Mohsin Al Busaidi, one of Oman's most successful sailors, is the skipper of the Oman's Team Renaissance. He said the team is looking to repeat their performance of Leg 5 when they enjoyed their most competitive race yet.

"Our intention is to continue where we left off and put our local knowledge into practice. It will be light, so we are preparing for that. There will be some wind from the land in the morning, then a sea breeze in the afternoon, so our strategy is to keep in close to the shore to pick up the breeze.

"Although we need to keep an eye out for fishing nets, we are fortunate to have three fishermen on our crew and they know exactly how the nets are positioned, so we are hoping that will give us an advantage."

COMING OUT OF COMA

Schumi showing 'responses', says Massa

BERLIN: Formula One legend Michael Schumacher, who is slowly being brought out from a coma following a ski accident, showed several responses during a recent visit, a friend was quoted as saying yesterday.

"He is sleeping, he looks normal and he showed a few responses with his mouth," the German *Bild* daily quoted Schumacher's friend and former teammate Felipe Massa as saying.

"I was very happy to be able to spend some time with him," said Massa. "I spoke with him a lot, about how the team was doing, about the new car."

"I tried to give him the best possible energy," he said. "He is a very strong person and I really hope that he will again be able to enjoy life."

Brazil's Massa, who raced with Schumacher as a member of Ferrari team in 2006 and currently drives for Williams-Mercedes, did not say when he visited his friend. - AFP

SPORTS

Abdullah, Cathy emerge winners

Sheikh Abdullah Al Qassimi and Cathy Derousseaux clocked a total time of 01:10:15 to win the first round of Oman Rally Championship

HECTIC WEEKEND: Top three finishers pose for a group photo after the conclusion of the first round of Oman Rally Championship. - Supplied photo

MUSCAT: Sheikh Abdullah Al Qassimi and co-driver Cathy Derousseaux took top honours in the first round of Oman Rally Championship organised by the Oman Automobile Association (OAA) during a hectic weekend of motorsports action at the headquarters of the Sultanate's motorsport governing body.

In the first round of rally championship, the duo from the UAE Al Qassimi and Derousseaux clocked a total time of 01:10:15 to clinch the title ahead of Khalid Al Minji and Saif Al Aisri (01:12:07) and Faisal Al Rashdi and Humaid Al Waili (01:14:35). Qassim Al Zadjali and Hussain Al Zadjali (01:27:59) finished in fourth place.

The first round of the rally season saw participation of seven teams but there were a few withdrawals owing to technical problems including Hamid Al Qasimi/ Amur Al Zadjali, Said Al Minji/ Nasser Al Minji and Khalid Somar/Taha Al Zadjali.

Meanwhile, the OAA informed that Sheikh Abdullah Al Qasimi, who is impressed by the stages, has confirmed his participation in all rounds of Oman championship

Meanwhile, 40 drivers including six from the UAE took part in the third round of the Oman Autocross Championship.

In the AWD class, Allan Nawfal came first ahead of Ahmad Arafat and Dave respectively.

In the RWD modified class, Youssif emerged the winner while Alaa Eshtiwa and Zaher Al Shaqsi won the second and third places.

In the RWD stock class, Zakaria Al Aufi was the champion while Saleh Al Adawi and Mohammed Al Balushi settled for second and third places.

In the FWD modified class, the top honours went to Mohammed Al Tarifi with Anas Al Raisi and Ahmed Al Raisi winning the second and third positions.

In the FWD stock class, Mannan Al Rawahi was the winner. Hammam Al Kindi and Raddad Samir took second and third places.

Al Rawahis on top

The 5th round of Oman Rotax Max Challenge saw participation of 32 participants in various categories, including three from outside the Sultanate.

In the DD2 class, Sanad Al Rawahi timed 43.582 sec to emerge the winner ahead of

Edward Stanley (44.167) and Ammar Al Baluchi (44.274).

In the senior category, Sanad's brother Abdullah finished on top in 44.127 seconds. Al Faisal Al Zubair (44.788) took second place with Wadih Al Kharusi (45.404) settling for third.

In Micro Max category, which attracted just two contestants, Shehab Al Habsi finished first in 46.355 seconds.

Mohammed Al Habsi, the other participant, timed 50.260 seconds.

In the junior category, Khalid Al Wahaibi was the winner in 45.968 seconds while Wahib Al Kharusi (46.156) and Marcus Lee (48.987) finished second and third respectively.

In the 5th round of the Honda Challenge competition, Ali Al Moosa (56.601 sec) won first place in "SWS 390" category while Al Faisal Al Zubair (56.867) and Ismail Al Barwani (56. 837) finished second and third respectively.

In the 270 CC class, Haitham Al Hadidi won the top honours in 58.266 seconds. Qais Taha (59.772) and Qais Al Zubair (1: 00.435) won second and third places respectively.

In the 6th round of Oman Motocross Championship, Hood Al Busaidi won the first place in Pee Wee category with 69 points ahead Faisal Al Busaidi (65) and Kasper Bjerkestrand (47).

In the junior category, Eugene Nolan emerged the winners with 72 points with Simen Bjerkestrand (69) and Tian Nolan (60) finishing second and third respectively.

In the clubman category, Billy Doyle won the first place with 27 points followed by Rodney Blizzard (69) and Chantei Nolan (56).

In the expert class, Daryl Hardy was the winner with 72 points. Richard Russell (66) and Azzan Hameed (60) took second and third places.

CRICKET LEAGUE

D DIVISION: Muscat Electronics celebrate after their runners-up finish. - Supplied photo

Irtaza inspires Stars Light to victory over HJB

STARS LIGHT HEROES: Mohammed Khalid, left, Irtaza Ahmed, centre, and Omar Sarfraz.

LANDSCAPE'S STAR: Laiju Jose. - Supplied photos

MUSCAT: Irtaza Ahmad claimed four wickets to help Stars Light record a 98-run win against Hasan Juma Backer (HJB) in a Khimji Ramdas-sponsored 30 overs-a-side B Division match.

Batting first, Stars Light piled up 247 for the loss of nine wickets in 30 overs. In reply, HJB lost wickets at regular intervals and were bowled out for 149 in 22.5 overs.

Brief scores: Stars Light 247 for 9 in 30 overs (Khalid Latif 48, Omar Sarfraz 45, Kashif Khalil 37, Attique Ahmad 25; Jeevan Amanna 3/15, Syed Mohammed 2/46, Waleed Younas 2/56) bt **HJB** 149 all out in 22.5 overs (Jibran Yousuf 27, Jeevan Amanna 27, Mohammed Ahmad 22; Irtaza Ahmad 4/32, Bharat Barmeda 3/53, Sherbaz Safdar 2/35). **Points:** Stars Light - 5 (7 games, 18 pts), HJB – Nil (7 games, 18 pts).

Fair Trade out E&Y

Fair Trade trounced Ernst & Young by five wickets in a Raha Poly Products-sponsored D Division Twenty20 match.

Batting first, E&Y were bowled out for 147 in 20 overs. Fair Trade in reply raced to 149 for the loss of five wickets in 15.3 overs.

Brief scores: Ernst & Young 147 all out in 20 overs (Mohamed Nayaz 59, Vikram Verma 35; Madusoodanan Gopi 4/23, Aneesh 2/14) lost to **Fair Trade** 149 for 5 in 15.3 overs (Pradeep Nair 59, Aneer Mon 34; Alkesh Joshi 3/30). **Points:** Fair Trade - 2 (8 games, 10 pts), Ernst & Young - Nil (8 games, 4 pts).

Muscat Electronics second

Muscat Electronics recorded a 69-run win against Atkins and earned a runners-up position on a better net run rate in the Raha Poly Products-sponsored T20 D Division tournament.

Batting first Muscat Electronics piled up a mammoth 227 runs for the loss of three wickets at the end of the 20 overs. Atkins in reply were restricted to 158 in 17.1 overs.

Brief scores: Muscat Electronics 227 for 3 in 20 overs (Melwin Mathew 62, Vijeesh C.V. 49, Wasim Al Balushi 38 n.o., Wajid Ali Mohammed Sulaiman 25 retd. hurt; Jayapraksah 2/48) bt **Atkins** 158 all out in 17.1overs (Shahbaz 35, Qasim 34, Javed 29 n.o., Shamas 23; Nowfal Raymarakkar 2/17, Vijeesh C.V. 2/31, Sujith Kumar Raj Gopalan 2/36). **Points:** Muscat Electronics - 2 (8 games, 12 pts), Atkins - Nil (8 games, 12 pts).

Landscape Architecture win

Landscape Architecture defeated Tile Marine but had to be content with the runners-up position behind Sarco in the F Division T20 tournament. Both teams concluded their engagements with equal points but Sarco won the title thanks to their superior run rate.

Brief scores: Landscape Architecture 154 for 7 in 20 overs (Moaaz Juned 46, Prasad Peruli 31, Laiju Jose 30; Nishant Bhavsar 2/24, Jerrin George 2/33) bt **Tile Marine** 124 all out in 17.5 overs (Yogendra Rajput 34, Samson Babu 21; Laiju Jose 5/15, Mudassar Mohd Shaukat Ali 2/30). **Points:** Landscape Architecture - 2 (7 games, 12 pts), Tile Marine - Nil (7 games, 8 pts).

Al Nahda Overseas unbeaten

In G Division T20 tourney, Al Nahdha Overseas remained unbeaten with a 39-run win against Al Bahihi.

Brief scores: Al Nahdha Overseas 200 for 7 in 20 overs (Imran Nasir 62, Rouf Khan 46, Zia Mustafa 24; Rakesh Sudhakar 2/38) bt **Al Bahihi** 161 for 8 in 20 overs (Kishor Krishnan 40, Prashant Tavdi 33, Satisha Achary 26). **Points:** Al Nahdha Overseas – 2 (7 games, 14 pts), Al Bahihi – Nil (8 games, 11 pts).

A DIVISION

Assarain A down Enhance to keep title hopes alive

MUSCAT: Assarain A registered a 51-run win against Enhance Cricket Team to stay in contention for top honours in the Muscat Pharmacy & Stores -sponsored A Division league.

Opting to bat first, Assarain A were 102 for the loss of four wickets at the end of the 23rd over but recovered to reach 250 for the loss of seven wickets in 50 overs.

This was made possible thanks to a 99-run fifth-wicket partnership between No. 6 batsman Mohammed Nadeem (60) and Sindo Michael (50). Other useful contributors were opening batsman Zeeshan Maqsood (29), skipper Arif Hussain (28) while Vinu Kumar played a 11-ball cameo for an unbeaten 28.

Nester Dhamba took three for 32 while Mazhar Alam ended with two for 45.

ASSARAIN A TRIO: From left, Sindo Michael, Vinu Kumar and Mohammed Nadeem. - Supplied photo

In reply, Enhance were bowled out for 199 runs in 46.1 overs. Vishnu P.M. top scored with 53. Vinu Kumar and Mohammed Abbas claimed three wickets each while Zeeshan Maqsood picked up two.

Brief scores: Assarain A 250 for 7 in 50 overs (Mohd Nadeem 60, Sindo Michael 50, Zeeshan Maqsood 29, Arif Husain 28, Vinu Kumar 28 n.o.; Nester Dhamba 3/32, Mazhar Alam 2/45) bt **Enhance CT** 199 all out in 46.1 overs (Vishnu P.M. 53, Unnikrishnan G.P. 26, Kunal Pandya 23, Khawar Ali 21, Nester Dhamba 21 n.o.; Vinu Kumar 3/35, Mohd Abbas 3/51, Zeeshan Maqsood 2/48). **Points:** Assarain A - 5 (9 games, 40 pts), Enhance CT – Nil (10 games, 18 pts).

SPORTS

Arsenal, City stay on Chelsea's tail

Chelsea's victory momentarily gave them a four-point lead, but Arsenal closed the gap to a point by overwhelming Sunderland 4-1 and City are three points back with a game in hand after edging Stoke City 1-0

FREAK GOAL: Chelsea's John Terry, centre, challenges Everton's goalkeeper Tim Howard during their English Premier League match at Stamford Bridge in London yesterday. - Reuters

LONDON: Arsenal and Manchester City replied in kind after John Terry scored an injury-time winner against Everton to preserve Chelsea's position as English Premier League leaders yesterday.

Chelsea's victory momentarily gave them a four-point lead at the summit, but Arsenal closed the gap to a point by overwhelming Sunderland 4-1 and City are three points back with a game in hand after edging Stoke City 1-0.

Arsenal had been dealt a dispiriting 2-0 defeat by Bayern Munich in the Champions League on Wednesday and they reacted in style by outclassing third-bottom Sunderland at the Emirates Stadium.

Left on the bench against Bayern, Olivier Giroud was restored to the starting line-up to face Sunderland and the Frenchman responded with a brace of goals in the first 31 minutes. The former Montpellier man also played a role in the glorious move that led to Tomas Rosicky chipping in Arsenal's third goal before half-time, with Laurent Koscielny heading home a fourth in the 57th minute.

Emanuele Giaccherini claimed a late consolation for Gus Poyet's side, who face City in next weekend's League Cup final.

City also tasted Champions League disappointment in midweek, losing 2-0 at home to Barcelona, and their return to winning ways was not quite as straightforward as Arsenal's.

Manuel Pellegrini's side toiled in front of goal against Stoke at the Etihad Stadium and there was a sense of relief when Yaya Toure broke the deadlock from Aleksandar Kolarov's cut-back in the 70th minute.

Earlier, Terry's last-gasp winner allowed Chelsea to hold onto top spot as they snatched a 1-0 victory against Everton at Stamford Bridge.

With Everton goalkeeper Tim Howard in sparkling form, Chelsea looked set to drop points until Terry marked his return to the team after a three-game absence by toeing home a Frank Lampard free-kick in the 93rd minute.

"When you score in minute 90-something, you could speak about being lucky, but the reality is that the boys chased it," said Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho.

"I feel sorry for Everton because a point would have been fair, but we were the team that was trying to win."

Terry's strike was a bitter blow for an enterprising Everton side, who squandered an opportunity to close the eight-point gap that currently separates them from fourth-place Liverpool.

Meanwhile, Felix Magath saw victory snatched from his grasp in his first game as Fulham manager after a 1-1 draw at West Bromwich Albion. Fulham were on course to climb off the foot of the table thanks to Ashkan Dejagah's 28th-minute goal, only for Matej Vydra to plunder an 86th-minute equaliser with a shot that squirmed past Maarten Stekelenburg.

Vydra's goal meant that Cardiff City remained second from bottom after they were crushed 4-0 at home by Hull City, who prevailed through a Nikica Jelavic brace and strikes from Tom Huddlestone and Nikica Jelavic.

Hull are now six points above the relegation zone and West Ham United are a point better off in 10th after goals from Matt Jarvis, Carlton Cole and Kevin Nolan set up a 3-1 win at home to Southampton. - AFP

One goal and three scorers

LONDON: Confusion reigned at Stamford Bridge yesterday after Chelsea's winning goal in their 1-0 English Premier League victory at home to Everton was credited to three different players.

Chelsea scored the game's only goal in the third minute of stoppage time, when John Terry challenged visiting goalkeeper Tim Howard for Frank Lampard's free-kick and the ball popped into the net. Lampard had whipped the ball into the Everton area from wide on the left and the decisive touch seemed to come from either the boot of the stretching Terry or the left hand of Howard.

The goal was initially attributed to Lampard, before being categorised as a Howard own goal, and then finally going down as a goal for Terry.

Asked if he had got the final touch, Terry told BT Sport: "Great ball from Lamps. I just managed to get a touch on it and I think it came off Howard in the end as well." - AFP

LA LIGA

Bale beauty guides Madrid to victory

MADRID: A stunning long-range strike from Gareth Bale helped Real Madrid moved three points clear of title rivals Barcelona and Atletico Madrid as they beat Elche 3-0 at the Santiago Bernabeu yesterday.

After an unconvincing start, Asier Illarramendi's deflected effort had given the hosts a half-time lead.

Bale then made the game safe 19 minutes from time when he collected possession midway inside the Elche half and blasted the ball in off the underside of the bar.

And Isco rounded off a 15th win in 16 games in all competitions for Real when he slammed home the third from Karim Benzema's pass nine minutes later.

Madrid were once again without the suspended Cristiano Ronaldo as he completed a three-game ban after having a final appeal rejected yesterday morning.

With star performer in recent weeks, Luka Modric, also banned and Sergio Ramos rested as he was only one yellow card away from missing next weekend's Madrid derby away at Atletico, it took the hosts some time to find their stride.

Angel di Maria was the main threat early on as his in-swinging corner clipped the top of the bar before the Argentine fired over after drifting past three Elche challenges on the edge of the box.

Jese Rodriguez then slotted wide after more good work from Di Maria, but when the opener did come it was from an unfamiliar source as Illarramendi registered his first-ever La Liga goal.

A corner from the left fell to the Spanish under-21 international midfielder just outside the area and his low drive was deflected past the helpless Manu Herrera.

Benzema then had a low effort parried by Herrera as Carlo Ancelotti's men looked to make the game safe before half-time.

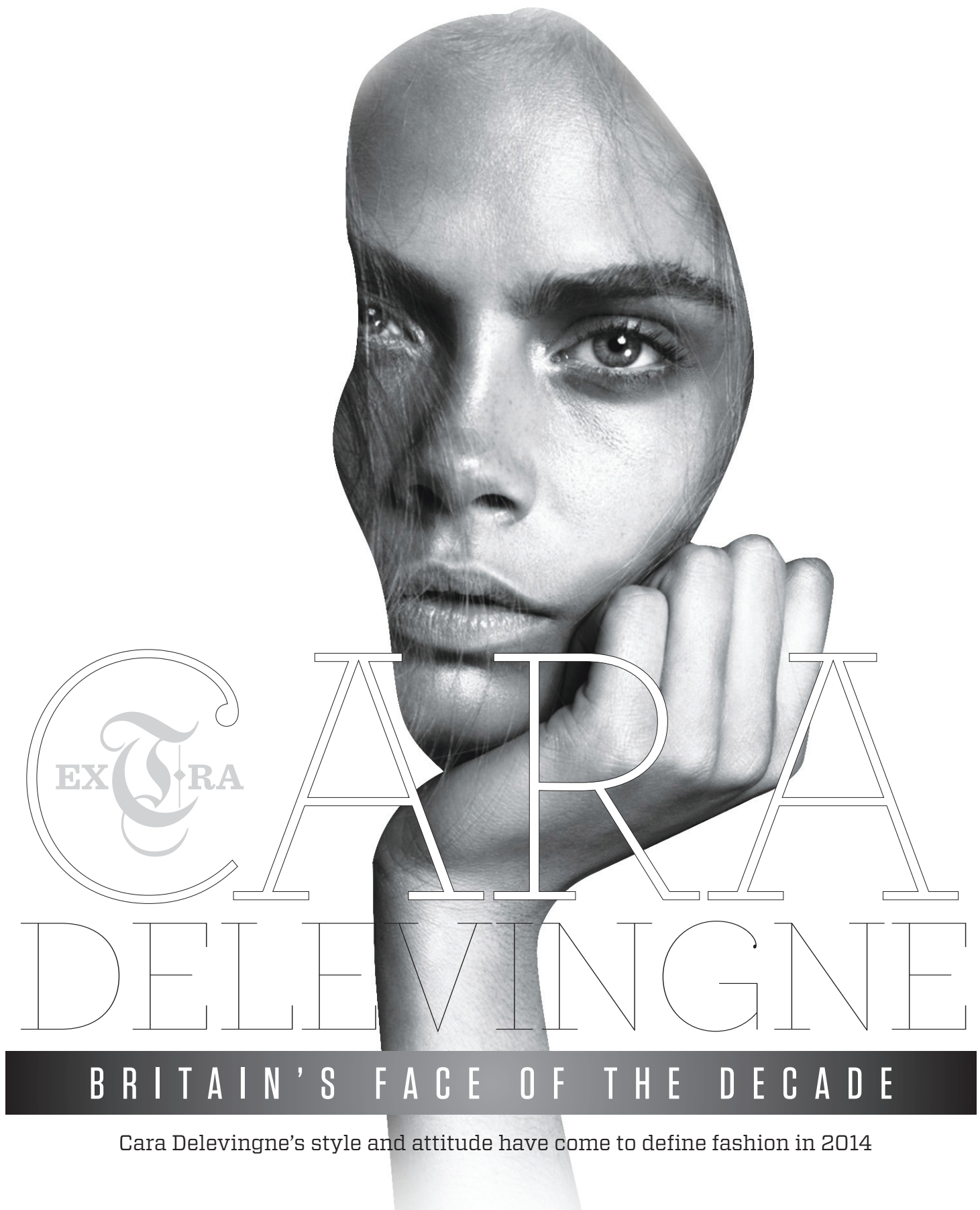
However, they started the second period slowly and Dani Carvajal had to be alert to prevent Carles Gil heading home at the back post before Javi Marquez fired wastefully over from the resulting corner.

Elche were lucky to not be reduced to 10 men just after the hour mark when Alberto Botia chopped down Jese as he burst clear on goal and could easily have been interpreted as denying a clear goalscoring opportunity.

Bale then headed just wide from Xabi Alonso's drilled cross.

However, the Welshman's moment was to come just moments later when he uncorked a piledriver in off the underside of the bar from fully 35 yards for his 12th goal of the season.

Isco was then introduced for Jese and the former Malaga man needed just seven minutes to add his name to the scoresheet with a smart finish from a narrow angle. - AFP



EXTRA

CARA DELEVINGNE

BRITAIN'S FACE OF THE DECADE

Cara Delevingne's style and attitude have come to define fashion in 2014

They say that the eyes are the window to the soul. But nobody said anything about the eyebrows. Yet history has proven distinctive eyebrows to be a surprisingly marketable commodity. Frida Kahlo put hers out to work. Groucho Marx made a living from his, while Denis Healey, Alistair Darling and Ataturk followed theirs all the way to high political office. The latest in this long line of happily hirsute notables is the model and party girl Cara Delevingne. During this London Fashion Week just passed, 21-year-old Delevingne re-established herself as Britain's most successful model of the moment.

She walked for Giles Deacon and Burberry, launched a new Mulberry bag named in her honour, and was papped at a minimum of two parties per night. Add to this her contracts with Burberry, H&M, Chanel, La Perla and DKNY and it becomes impossible to flick through a copy of any magazine or newspaper without seeing her face and, particularly, those eyebrows.

Until recently, Cara Delevingne's brows — heavy, bushy and in surprising contrast to the rest of her delicately pretty face — were the most cited reason for her success. Then she did something even more tantalising. She began a relationship with Rodrigues. According to tabloid reports.

The two were first photographed together snogging at a basketball game in New York in January, and have since been seen together on numerous occasions, sometimes holding hands. This week they made it official, at least according to a report in the *Mirror* (Rodriguez's publicist has since denied her client ever gave an interview), and to some interpretations of an interview Delevingne gave at the *Elle Style Awards* on Tuesday night. "I don't know what you're talking about," said the model when asked about Rodriguez by a reporter.

Whether or not these two women are lovers, it's fair to say that Cara has is around in the broader sense of the phrase.

While she has been linked romantically to One Direction singer Harry Styles (haven't we all?), the relationships for which she is best known are with other people as well. She once shared a flat with rock princess and fellow model Georgia May Jagger; pop star Rita Ora is her "wifey", and her nights out with Rihanna are the stuff of legend.

This private social whirl is public knowledge not because of intrusive paps, but because some relationships are performed on the social media stage. When Cara wished Rihanna a happy birthday two days ago, she did so in the view of her 1.38 million Twitter followers and 4.4 million Instagram followers.

Perhaps it's just hard to take modelling seriously as a career, when it all came so easily. Cara's elder sister Poppy Delevingne was already working as a model when Cara signed up to the same agency, Storm. Sarah Doukas, the founder of the agency and the woman who signed Kate Moss, had a daughter attending the same boarding school as the younger Delevingne girls and spotted the potential in both of them. In fact, the professionally prescient Doukas was a bit late on this one. Cara had already done her first shoot, aged 10, modelling Philip Treacy hats for the photographer Bruce Weber in *Vogue Italia*. She has since appeared several times on the cover of *British Vogue* and various international editions. Her godfather is Nicholas Coleridge, president of *Vogue's* publishing house Condé Nast International.

No, modelling holds no challenge for Cara Delevingne. She's often said she'd rather do something more creative — and less irritating to her psoriasis. "I want to make music. I want to act. I want to sing. I want to do something that doesn't make my skin erupt," she told *W magazine* in a 2013 interview.

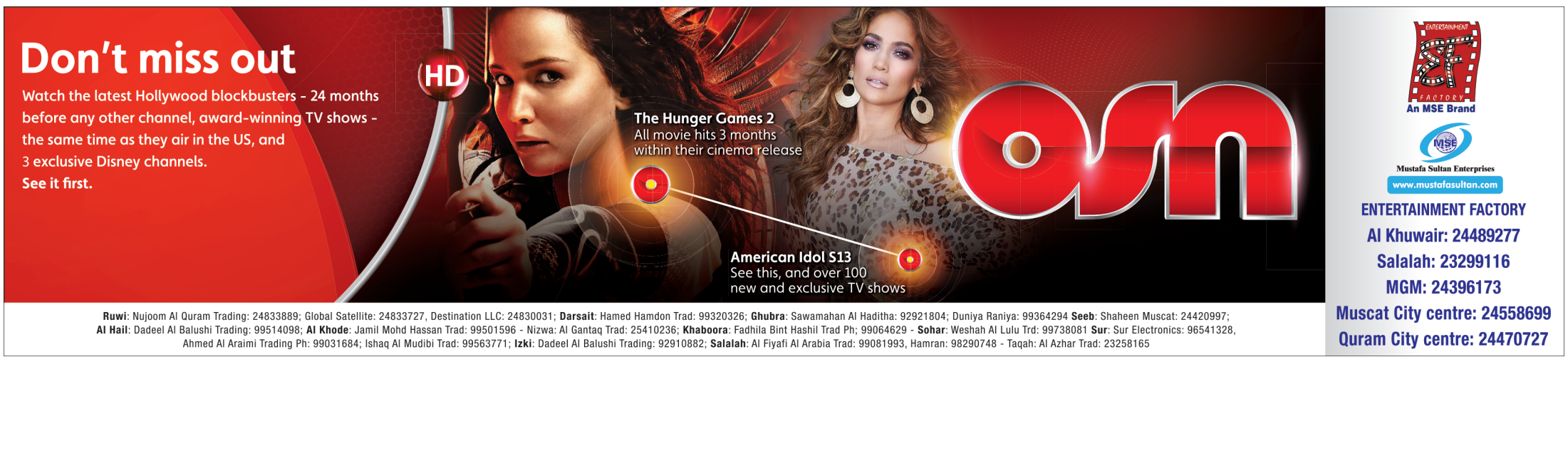
A talented drummer and a half-decent singer, Delevingne recorded some music under the aegis of Spice Girls manager Simon Fuller, before sacking it off to focus on the modelling. (Fuller's management company 19 Entertainment owns a controlling stake in Storm.) Rumours of a collaboration with Rita Ora and Pharrell Williams have swirled persistently since last year, but as yet no tracks of her music have materialised.

Then there's the acting. She is following up a small role as Princess Sorokina in Joe Wright's 2012 version of *Anna Karenina* with a role in the fairly obnoxious-sounding British indie Kids in Love. According to reports from the set, it's a Notting Hill-set tale of rich kids who love to party. Handily, the director Preston Thompson's father also owns the key shoot location, Ealing Studios.

Her biggest role to date will be in Michael Winterbottom's controversial new film, *The Face of an Angel,* based on the story of Amanda Knox. It's a more intriguing film, but Delevingne's character, Melanie, is still someone she can easily relate to. As she told the *Daily Mail:* "The idea I had of her is that she's like me and a lot of my friends who are 21 and travelling around Europe."

Delevingne wouldn't be the first British model to attempt to add a string to her bow, but perhaps she will be the first to use it to pick out a tune.

-Ellen E Jones/The Independent



EXTRA

HOW FAR CAN SCIENCE GO?

As the effort to understand the world has advanced, the low-hanging fruits (like **Newton's apple**) have been plucked. Scientists are reaching higher and deeper into the tree, but with finite arms in an infinite universe. Could there be limits — physical and mental?

Armed with a stopwatch and a perfume atomizer, Robert Millikan embarked in 1909 on a landmark discovery in physics. Squirting out a mist of oil drops and timing how quickly they fell in the presence of an electrical field, he ultimately showed that the world is awash with tiny, identically charged specks of matter — subatomic particles called electrons.

His apparatus could fit on a tabletop, and his findings were recorded in notebooks. One can be read — if you can decipher his handwriting — on the Web.

Those were simpler days. By the time a century passed — and protons, neutrons and quarks had been discovered — the Large Hadron Collider, a particle accelerator 17 miles in circumference, was making its first runs. In 2012, after analysing petabytes of data (the electronic equivalent of billions of notebooks), researchers laid claim to discovering a long-sought particle called the Higgs boson. So many people were involved that together they would constitute the population of a small town.

That is how science has changed in 100 years. As the effort to understand the world has advanced, the low-hanging fruits (like Newton's apple) have been plucked. Scientists are reaching higher and deeper into the tree. But with finite arms in an infinite universe, are there limits —physical and mental — to how far they can go.

Hoping for more triumphs, physicists will keep parsing the Higgs data and will fire up the Large Hadron Collider again. Webs of computers will scan for phenomena that challenge the current understanding — things like supersymmetry and extra dimensions that might peel back another layer of reality.

But lying somewhere ahead is a wall. An upgrade to the collider is planned, and there is talk of eventually building a larger one. But breaking through to the bedrock of matter - the hypothetical superstrings — might require a particle accelerator of absurd proportions, at least the size of the Milky Way.

Hovering closer are subtler limits, those imposed by the human mind. The detection of a Higgs is a rare event — it takes about 4 billion particle collisions to produce just one — and the desire to make the discovery was immense. Scientists had to be especially wary not to fall prey to confirmation bias, the tendency of the brain to filter information in a way that supports what it longs to see.

No one was about to replicate the discovery by building another LHC. Instead two experiments were done at the site simultaneously — a pair of particle detectors built from different blueprints and operated by independent teams.

But those were just the initial precautions. A Higgs particle exists far too briefly to be observed before it disintegrates. Instead, physicists look for its decay products, a particular configuration of debris that implies that a Higgs was probably there. But with so many particle collisions to sort through, the same patterns can also pop up randomly in the data.

The phenomenon is called the "look elsewhere effect." Suppose you have it in your head that extraterrestrials are beaming, in binary code, some particular signal — the opening notes of Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony.* You aim your radio telescope at a point in the sky and find nothing. So you look elsewhere, trying one spot after another until finally you hear the triumphant sound. Was it broadcast deliberately or was it a random signal — space monkeys banging on xylophones?

In screening the multitude of data from the LHC, the Higgs seekers were also casting a vast net. To reduce the likelihood of false positives, they had to be sure that the standard for evidence was very high — what is known as five sigma, a one-in-3.5 million chance of being fooled by monkey noise. Throughout much of science, experimenters are satisfied with two sigma, a much less stringent standard. But they are generally not looking for such exceedingly scarce events.

Even small science, like Millikan's, is vulnerable to confirmation bias. His oil-drop experiment, as many physics students learn, is brutally difficult. Sitting on a chair in my office, a Millikan apparatus I bought several years ago continues to gather dust. Though I've watched the experiment performed successfully by experienced hands, I couldn't come close to repeating it. According to my measurements, electrons were as diverse as snowflakes.

After Millikan died in 1953, some historians examining his notebooks accused him of tossing out data that contradicted his expectations — an issue revived in a recent Op-Ed essay in *The New York Times*. Other scholars, however, read the evidence in a different way. The results that were discarded, they concluded, came during trial runs, or when Millikan knew a droplet was too large or too tiny for him to make a trustworthy measurement. He was exercising his judgment — a crucial part of the scientific method.

There can be a thin line between that and confirmation bias. Millikan's discovery has been vindicated countless times.

But his initial result — the precise charge of the electron — was a little low, because he had an incorrect figure for the viscosity of the air. The physicist Richard Feynman later noted that other laboratories went on to publish similarly flawed results.

"When they got a number that was too high above Millikan's, they thought something must be wrong — and they would look for and find a reason," Feynman said. "When they got a number closer to Millikan's value they didn't look so hard."

"We've learned those tricks nowadays," he continued, "and now we don't have that kind of a disease."

But the cure, even with five sigmas, can never be complete. As science keeps moving into more rarefied terrain, a bigger part of each triumph is disentangling the patterns that are out there from the ones inside our heads.

— George Johnson/The New York Times News Service

ENTERTAINMENT

CINEMA SCHEDULE

CITY CINEMA

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SHATTI

RoboCop (Action/ Sci-Fi) (PG12)
Cast: John Kinnaman, Douglas Urbanski
9:15pm; CP No:1455
The Lego Movie 3D (Animation/Adv/Com) (PG)
Cast: Chris Pratt, Elizabeth Banks
2:45pm; CP No:1445
American Hustle (Crime/Drama) (18+)
Cast: Christian Bale, Amy Adams, Bradley Cooper
7:00pm; CP No:1482
The Monuments Men (Act/ Bio) (PG)
Cast: George Clooney, Matt Damon
4:45, 9:30, 11:45pm; CP No:1517
3 Days to Kill (Action/Drama) (12+)
Cast: Kevin Costner, Hailee Steinfeld, Connie Nielsen
2:45, 9:30, 11:45pm; CP No:1507
Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (Comedy) (18+)
Cast: Will Ferrell, Christina Applegate
7:00pm; CP No:1513
Oggy and the Cockroaches (Animation/Comedy/Family) (U)
1:30, 3:15, 5:15pm; CP No:1521
Pompeii 3D (Action/Adventure) (PG12)
Cast: Keifer Sutherland, Kit Harrington, Carrie-Anne Moss
5:00, 7:15, 11:30pm; CP No:1521

MUSCAT GRAND MALL
Gold Class

American Hustle (Crime /Drama) (18+)
8:30pm; CP No:1483
The Monuments Men (Act/ Bio) (PG)
4:00pm; CP No:1518
3 Days to Kill (Act/Crime) (12+)
1:45, 11:00pm; CP No:1508
Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (Comedy) (18+) 6:15pm; CP No:1514

RoboCop (Action/ Sci-Fi) (PG12)
Cast: John Kinnaman, Douglas Urbanski
3:00pm; CP No:1456
The Lego Movie 3D (Animation) (PG)
Cast: Chris Pratt, Elizabeth Banks, Will Arnett
11:15am, 1:15pm; CP No:1446
American Hustle (Crime/Drama) (18+)
Cast: Christian Bale, Amy Adams
7:00pm; CP No:1483
The Monuments Men (Act/ Bio) (PG)
Cast: George Clooney, Matt Damon, Bill Murray
5:15, 9:30pm; CP No:1518
3 Days to Kill (Act/Crime/Drama) (12+)
Cast: Kevin Costner, Hailee Steinfeld
9:30, 11:45pm; CP No:1508
Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (Comedy) (18+)
Cast: Will Ferrell, Paul Rudd
5:00 pm; CP No:1526
Oggy and the Cockroaches (Animation) (U)
11:30am, 1:15, 3:15pm; CP No:1522
Pompeii 3D (Act/Adv) (PG12)
Cast: Keifer Sutherland, Carrie-Ann
7:30, 11:45pm; CP No:1526

RUWI

PLAZA 1
Highway (Hindi-Rom/Dra) (TBA)
Cast: Alia Bhatt, Randeep Hooda
3:30, 9:30pm; CP No:1534
Gunday (Hindi- Crime/Drama) (PG)
Cast: Ranvir Singh, Arjun Kapoor, Priyanka Chopra
6:30pm; CP No:1500
PLAZA 2
Gunday (Hindi-Crime/Drama) (PG)
Cast: Ranvir Singh, Arjun Kapoor, Priyanka Chopra
3:30, 9:30pm; CP No:1500
Highway (Hindi-Rom/Drama) (TBA)
Cast: Alia Bhatt, Randeep Hooda
6:30pm; CP No:1534

PLAZA 3
Hasee Toh Phasee (Hindi-Com/Rom) (PG)
Cast: Sidharth Malhotra, Parineeti Chopra, Adah Sharma
3:30, 9:30pm; CP No:1461
Jai Ho (Hindi-Action) (PG12)
Cast: Salman Khan, Tabu
6:30pm; CP No:1385

SOHAR

RoboCop
(Act/Crime/Sci-Fi) (PG12)
Cast: John Kinnaman, Douglas Urbanski
4:00pm; CP No:1457
The Lego Movie 3D
(Anim/Adv) (PG)
Cast: Chris Pratt, Elizabeth Banks
3:30pm; CP No:1447
Gunday
(Hindi -Crime/Drama) (PG)
Cast: Ranvir Singh, Arjun Kapoor, Priyanka Chopra
8:45pm; CP No:1496
Punyalan Agarbathis
(Malayalam- Comedy/Drama) (PG)
Cast: Jayasurya, Nyla Usha
4:00pm; CP No:1501
The Monuments Men
(Act/Drama) (PG)
Cast: George Clooney, Matt Damon
6:30, 11:30pm; CP No:1519
3 Days to Kill
(Action/Crime) (12+)
Cast: Kevin Costner, Hailee Steinfeld
7:15, 9:30, 11:45pm; CP No:1509
Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues
(Comedy) (18+)
Cast: Will Ferrell, Paul Rudd, Christina Applegate
7:15pm; CP No:1515
Oggy and the Cockroaches
(Animation-Family) (U)
3:15, 5:30, 6:15pm; CP No:1523

Pompeii 3D
(Act/Adventure) (PG12)
Cast: Keifer Sutherland, Kit Harrington, Carrie-Anne Moss
5:00, 9:15, 11:15pm; CP No:1527

BURAIMI

The Lego Movie 3D (Animation/ Adv/Com) (PG)
Cast: Chris Pratt, Elizabeth Banks
3:45, 5:30 pm; CP No:1448
Code Red (Horror) (15+)
Cast: Paul Logan, Velizar Binev
4:00, 10:00 pm; CP No:1491
Gunday (Hindi-Crime/Dra(PG)
Cast: Ranvir Singh, Arjun Kapoor, Priyanka Chopra
10:30 pm; CPNo:1497
3 Days to Kill (Action / Drama) (12+)
Cast: Kevin Costner, Hailee Steinfeld
3:15, 5:15, 9:30, 11:45 pm; CPNo:1510
Pompeii 3D (Action /Adventure) (PG12)
Cast: Keifer Sutherland, Kit Harrington, Carrie-Anne Moss
7:30, 11:45pm; CP No:1528
Punyalan Agarbathis
(Malayalam / Drama) (PG)
Cast: Jayasurya, Nyla Usha, Aju Varghese
7:30 pm

SUR

3 Days to Kill (Action/Drama) (12+)
Cast: Kevin Costner, Hailee Steinfeld
5:00, 9:30pm; CP No:1511
Pompeii (Action /Adventure) (PG12)
Cast: Keifer Sutherland, Kit Harrington, Carrie-Anne Moss
5:00, 11:45pm; CP No:1529

Code Red (Horror) (15+)
Cast: Paul Logan, Velizar Binev, Forbes KB
7:00 pm; CP No:1492
Gunday (Hindi-Crime/Drama) (PG)
Cast: Ranvir Singh, Priyanka Chopra
11:30pm; CP No:1498
Punyalan Agarbathis (Malayalam-Comedy /Drama) (PG)
Cast: Jayasurya, Nyla Usha
7:00 pm; CP No:1503
Idhu Kathirvelan Kadhal (Tamil/Comedy) (PG) CP No:1533
Cast: Nayantra, Santhanam, Sunder Ramu
8:45pm

SALALAH

RoboCop (Action/Sci-Fi) (PG12)
Cast: John Kinnaman, Douglas Urbanski,
4:30 pm; CP No:1460
Gunday (Hindi-Drama) (PG)
Cast: Ranvir Singh, Arjun Kapoor, Priyanka Chopra
9:00 pm; CP No:1500
The Monuments Men (Act/ Bio) (PG)
Cast: George Clooney, Matt Damon,
12:15, 6:45, 11:30pm; CP No:1520
3 Days to Kill (Action/Crime) (12+)
Cast: Kevin Costner, Hailee Steinfeld,
5:30, 9:30, 11:45 pm; CP No:1512
Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (Comedy) (18+)
Cast: Will Ferrell, Christina Applegate
2:15, 6:45pm; CP No:1516
Oggy and the Cockroaches (Animation) (U)
11:45am, 1:30, 3:45 pm; CP No:1524
Pompeii 3D (Action /Adventure) (PG12)
Cast: Keifer Sutherland, Kit Harrington
2:30, 7:30, 11:45 pm; CP No:1530
Punyalan Agarbathis (Mal- Com) (PG)
Cast: Jayasurya, Nyla Usha
4:15 pm; CP No:1504

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3 Days to Kill (Act/Cri/Dra) (12+)
Cast: Kevin Costner, Hailee Steinfeld
2:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 & 11:55pm; CP No:468

Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (Comedy) (18+)
Cast: Will Ferrell, Christina Applegate
3:00, 5:00, 7:00 & 11:55pm; CP No: 469

The Legend of Hercules (Action)
Cast: Kellan Lutz, Gaia Weiss, Scott Adkins
1:30pm; CP No: 223 (12+)

Gunday (Hindi-Crime/Drama) (PG)
Cast: Ranvir Singh, Arjun Kapoor, Priyanka Chopra
9:00pm; CP No: 399

Winter's Tale (Drama /Mystery)
Colin Farrell, Jessica Brown Findlay, Russell Crowe
4:00pm; CP No: 400 (12+)

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Film information 24791641 / 24786776

Idhu Kathirvelan Kadhal
(Tamil/Comedy) (PG)
Cast: Nayantra, Santhanam, Udhayanidhi Stalin
3:00, 6:15 & 10:00pm Cinema Main
Bramman (Tamil) (Act/Rom)
Cast: Sasi Kumar, Lavanya Tripathi and Shantanam
3:30, 6:30 & 9:30pm at Cinema -2
Aaha Kalyanam (Tamil) (Romance)
Cast: Nani and Vaani Kapoor
3:45, 6:45 & 9:45pm at Cinema-3
Punyalan Agarbathis (Mal) (Com)
Cast: Jaya Soorya, Nyla Usha and Innocent
3:15pm & 9:30pm Cinema-4
Drishyam (Mal) (Family) CP No: 29
Cast: Mohanlal, Meena and Siddique
6:30pm at Cinema - 4

For More Information 24789032, 24786776
Website: www.isurf.co.om

ACES ON BRIDGE

One last visit to the counting table

North
♠ 7 6 3
♥ 8 7 5 2
♦ 9 5 4
♣ K Q J

West
♠ Q J 10 9
♥ 6 3
♦ A 7 2
♣ 10 8 5 2

East
♠ 8 5 2
♥ A 4
♦ 10 8 6 3
♣ A 9 4 3

South
♠ A K 4
♥ K Q J 10 9
♦ K Q J
♣ 7 6

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

THIS week, we are looking at counting — arguably the most important factor for success at the game. And when you are on defense, you will sometimes need partner to give you a count signal so that you can work out how many cards declarer has in the suit — as in this deal.

In three no-trump, declarer starts with only five top tricks: three spades and two diamonds. He needs to get the rounded suits going. So, after taking the first trick with his spade king, he leads the club king.

East wants to take his club ace when South is playing his last club. So West must give a count signal. Since West has an even number of clubs, he should go high-low, playing first the five (or eight, but I like second-highest from four), then the two. This will tell East to take the second club trick. (If West has only two clubs, South has four and holding up twice would not help.)

East leads back his second spade to declarer's ace. South, needing to get into the dummy, leads the heart king. West plays his nine, starting a high-low with a doubleton. East, aware of what is happening, holds up his ace.

South will probably try a low heart to dummy's queen, but East wins with his ace and shifts to the diamond jack (or leads back the heart 10), and the contract is dead.

Finally, note that at trick one, East should play his spade three, a discouraging signal denying help in spades. But a defender does not signal attitude when declarer leads a suit (except perhaps to play the top of touching honours).

By Phillip Alder

SUDOKU

	5			4	1	6		
1	4		6	2	3	5		9
3		6			8		1	4
			9		4		3	
			2	8			6	
	8			3		4	5	
	1	2		6	9			
					2	3		
				1		8		6

HOW TO PLAY

Fill the empty cells with the numbers 1 to 9, so that each number appears once in each row, column and area.

— Seven Galaxies

8	5	2	6	9	4	3	7	1
3	1	7	5	2	8	6	4	9
6	9	4	3	7	1	5	2	8
1	8	3	2	4	6	7	9	5
7	6	9	8	5	3	2	1	4
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Previous puzzle Solution

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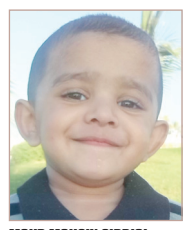
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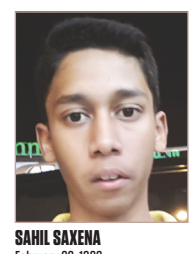
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CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4	■	5	6	7	■	8	9	10	11
12				■	13			■	14			
15				■	16			17				
18				19			■	20		■	■	■
■	■	■	21			■	22			23	24	25
26	27	28			■	29			■	30		
31				■	32			■	33			
34			■	35			■	36				
37			38			■	39			■	■	■
■	■	■	40		■	41				42	43	44
45	46	47			48			■	49			
50				■	51			■	52			
53				■	54			■	55			

ACROSS

1 Fluctuate (hyph.)
5 Half a candy?
8 Pick up and go
12 Software purchaser
13 Mr. Vigoda
14 Russian range
15 Actor — Lowe
16 Affairs
18 Bar sing-along
20 Three-toed sloth
21 The thing's
22 Standing by (2 wds.)
26 Regular hangout
29 Bout enders
30 Yes, in Tokyo
31 Moose kin
32 Long-handled implement
33 Splendor
34 Caviar, actually
35 Ramble
36 Tikal dwellers
37 Bagel choice
39 Ad — committee
40 After yr. 1
41 Fond of reading
45 Light fog
49 Pro — (in proportion)
50 Exiled Roman poet
51 Oz. or lb.
52 Thickening agent
53 Cribbage items
54 Ms. Hagen of films
55 Voice mail prompt

DOWN

1 Ick!
2 Worker's safety org.
3 Wine label info
4 Decrees
5 Stops short
6 Drama award
7 PBS funder
8 — of the spheres
9 Galleon cargo
10 Delivery truck
11 Loop trains
17 Fleming and Smith
19 Slugger Mel —
22 Dinny's rider
23 Shout from the bridge
24 Prayer-wheel turner
25 They may be sealed
26 The lady's
27 Lotion additive
28 Luau guitars
29 Down for the count
32 Fannie —
33 Hoarder (2 wds.)
35 Feds (hyph.)
36 Cattle call
38 Etching fluids
39 Shade-loving plant
41 Cellar, briefly
42 Othello's frenemy
43 Getz or Musial
44 Cottontail
45 Gym dance
46 Broad st.
47 Quick turn
48 — de cologne

D	A	T	E	■	T	S	P	S	■	S	T	U
O	M	I	T	■	A	L	E	E	■	A	H	S
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Answer to previous puzzle

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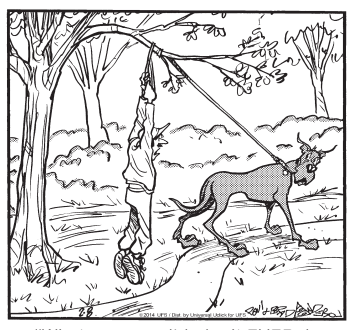

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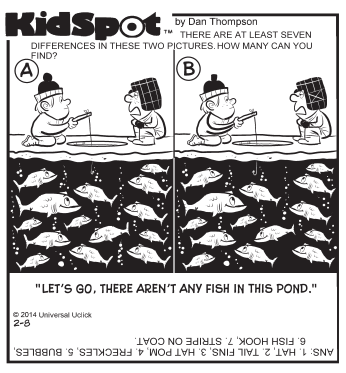

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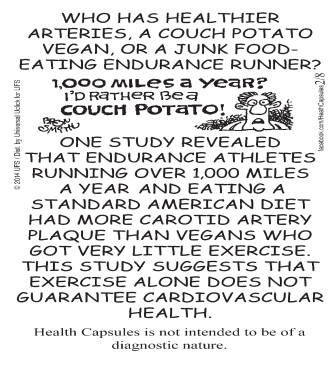

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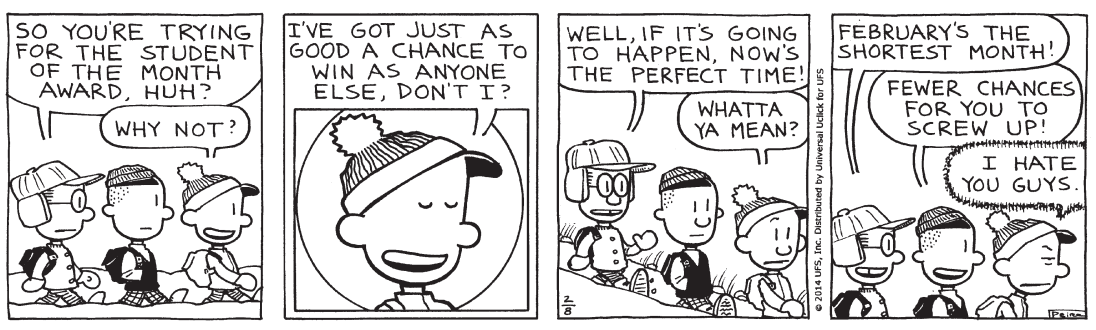

BORN LOSER

FIND-IT-ALL

PRAYER TIMINGS

Dhuhr	12.25pm
Asr	3.44pm
Maghrib	6.11pm
Isha	7.22pm
Fajr (Tomorrow)	5.19am

Sunset	6:06pm
Sunrise (Tomorrow)	6:34am

High tide	2:51pm	1:55am
Low tide	7:57pm	8:23am

YOUR BIRTHDAY

BORN today, you are known for starting things, but you don't always finish what you start. For some, this would be a serious liability, but for you, it is all a part of culling possibilities and choosing the endeavours to which you are most suited by nature and temperament — those few that can lead to the kind of success you want in life. You think nothing of abandoning one project in favor of another that shows greater potential, and it is even better if someone else takes up your cast-offs and makes something of them. You are not envious, jealous or covetous; you are proud of others when they succeed.

There may be some who think they can size you up quickly, but they are likely to be surprised when you prove to be something very different from what they assume. It is nothing intentional on your part, but rather the result of misinterpretation on the part of others.

Also born on this date are: Dakota Fanning, actress; Emily Blunt, actress; Peter Fonda, actor; Kelly MacDonald, actress; George Frideric Handel, composer; Howard Jones, singer-songwriter; Victor Fleming, director.

PISCES
[Feb. 19-March 20]

You may not know where something influential originates, but that's not necessary to wrapping your head around its impact.

ARIES
[March 21-APRIL 19]

You may have to get yourself ready for some social interaction no matter what kind of mood you're in.

TAURUS
[APRIL 20-MAY 20]

Quality and quantity may end up duking it out, but a balance serves you best in most situations.

GEMINI
[MAY 21-JUNE 20]

In the time it takes you to prepare for a major effort, the competition may be far, far ahead unless you rethink your game plan.

CANCER
[JUNE 21-JULY 22]

You may not be fully ready for something that is coming your way, so now is the time to get cracking.

LEO
[JULY 23-AUG. 22]

Now is the time for you to express yourself openly and honestly. You're not going to be punished for being yourself.

VIRGO
[AUG. 23-SEPT. 22]

You may be gaining a reputation for being somewhat difficult to work with under certain circumstances. Is it a reasonable opinion?

LIBRA
[SEPT. 23-OCT. 22]

You may find it difficult to convince a boss that the plan you have formulated is appropriate to the times.

SCORPIO
[OCT. 23-NOV. 21]

Sacrifice may be unavoidable, so be sure that you are giving up something you can regain when the time comes.

SAGITTARIUS
[NOV. 22-DEC. 21]

Overindulgence may cost you a great deal; do your best to toe the line and avoid overdoing it in any one area.

CAPRICORN
[DEC. 22-JAN 19]

You're in no mood for the same old thing, but you may find it difficult to put your finger on what it is you do want.

AQUARIUS
[JAN. 20-FEB. 18]

A promise kept is worth far more than any other meaningful gesture you can make. Be sure its significance is understood.

WEATHER

Mainly clear skies and stable weather over most of the Sultanate. Chances of late night to early morning low clouds or fog patches over governorates of Al-Wusta and southern Al-Sharqiya .

EXPECTED WIND: Over costal areas of Oman Sea wind will be northeasterly light to moderate becoming variable light at night and northwesterly light to moderate over the rest of the Sultanate.

SEA STATE: Slight along most of the Sultanate's coasts with maximum wave height of 1.25 metres.

HORIZONTAL VISIBILITY: Good over most of the Sultanate and poor during fog.

THE NEXT 48 HOURS OUTLOOK: Mainly clear skies and stable weather over most of the Sultanate. Chances of late night to early morning low clouds or fog patches over governorates of Al-Wusta and some parts of south Al-Sharqiya.

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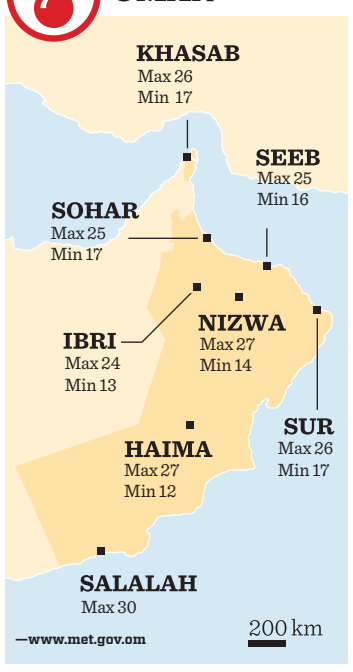

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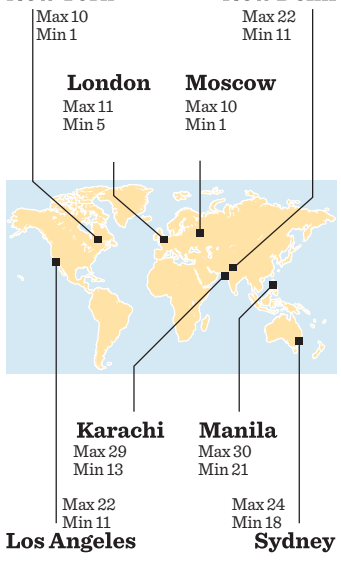

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Abu Dhabi	25	17
Doha	23	16
Dubai	24	17
Kuwait	22	16
Manama	26	14
Riyadh	27	13
WORLD		
Athens	17	9
Baghdad	26	11
Beijing	8	-2
Berlin	9	3
Boston	8	-1
Cairo	22	12
Colombo	31	24
Frankfurt	11	0
Hong Kong	20	19
Istanbul	11	6
Johannesburg	28	17
Kuala Lumpur	36	21
Lisbon	16	10
Paris	11	6
Perth	35	21
Singapore	31	24
Tokyo	9	3
Toronto	-3	-10

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FROM MUSCAT (RUWI)

QURIYAT - SUR - JAALAN (Route 36)

Dept Time	Destination	Arrival Time	Operating Days
15:00	Quriyat	16:30	Daily
15:00	Sur	18:00	Daily
15:00	Jaalan	19:30	Daily

TO AL BURAIMI (Route 41)

06:30	Sohar	08:50	Daily
06:30	Buraimi	11:00	Daily
08:00	Buraimi	14:30	Daily via Ibri
13:00	Sohar	15:45	Daily
13:00	Buraimi	17:40	Daily
16.00	Sohar	18.35	Daily
16.00	Buraimi	20:20	Daily

TO SINAW (Route 52)

17:30	Sinaw	20:50	Daily

To Yanqul (Route 54)

14:30	Nizwa	16:50	Daily
14:30	Yanqul	19:30	Daily

TO IBRI (ARAQI) (Route 54)

08:00	Nizwa	10:20	Daily
08:00	Al Araqi	12:30	Daily

TO SUR (Route 55)

07:30	Sur	12:00	Daily
14:30	Sur	18:45	Daily

TO FAHUD - YIBAL (Route 62)

06:30	Fahud	10:30	Daily
06:30	Yibal	11:15	Daily

TO MARMUL-SALALAH (Route 100)

07:00	Salalah	20:00	Daily
10:00	Marmul	20:30	Daily
10:00	Salalah	23:30	Daily
19:00	Salalah	07:40	Daily

TO MARMUL (Route 101)

06:00	Marmul	16:50	Daily

SALALAH TO DUBAI (Route 102)

15:00	Dubai	07:00	Daily

TO DUBAI (Route 201)

06:00	Sohar	08:30	Daily
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13:00	Sohar	15:30	Wed,Thur
13:00	Dubai	18:30	Wed,Thur
15:00	Sohar	17:35	Daily
15:00	Dubai	20:55	Daily

TO DUBAI VIA FUJIRAH & SHARJAH (Route 204)

Dept Time	Destination	Arrival Time	Operating Days
07:00	Fujairah	11.45	Daily
07:00	Sharjah	13.30	Daily
07:00	Dubai	14.00	Daily

TO MUSCAT (RUWI)

FROM JAALAN-SUR-QURIYAT (Route 36)

Dept Time	Destination	Arrival Time	Operating Days
05:30	Sur	06:45	Daily
05:30	Quriyat	08:30	Daily
05:30	Ruwi	10:00	Daily

TO AL BURAIMI (Route 41)

07:00	Sohar	08:55	Daily
07:00	Ruwi	11:40	Daily
13:30	Ruwi	20:20	Daily via Ibri
13:00	Sohar	14:55	Daily
13:00	Ruwi	17:40	Daily
13:00	Sohar	19:20	Daily
17:00	Ruwi	22:15	Daily

TO SINAW (Route 52)

07:00	Ruwi	10:25	Daily

To Yanqul (Route 54)

06:00	Nizwa	08:40	Daily
06:00	Ruwi	11:00	Daily

TO IBRI (ARAQI) (Route 54)

15:40	Nizwa	17:55	Daily
15:40	Ruwi	20:20	Daily

TO SUR (Route 55)

06:00	Ruwi	10:45	Daily
14:30	Ruwi	19:00	Daily

TO YIBAL - FAHUD (Route 62)

12:30	Fahud	13:15	Daily
12:30	Ruwi	17:30	Daily

TO SALALAH -MARMUL (Route 100)

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10:00	Marmul	13:15	Daily
10:00	Ruwi	22:30	Daily
19:00	Ruwi	07:30	Daily

TO MARMUL (Route 101)

06:00	Marmul	16:30	Daily

DUBAI TO SALALAH (Route 102)

15:00	Salalah	07:00	Daily

TO DUBAI (Route 201)

07:30	Sohar	10:50	Daily
07:30	Ruwi	13:40	Daily
13:00	Sohar	16:15	Thur-Fri
13:00	Ruwi	19:10	Thur-Fri
15:30	Sohar	18:45	Daily
15:30	Ruwi	21:35	Daily

FROM DUBAI VIA FUJIRAH & SHARJAH (Route 204)

Dept Time	Destination	Arrival Time	Operating Days
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16.00	Fujairah	18.15	Daily
16.00	Ruwi	23.00	Daily

LISTINGS

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Al Musafir Specialised Medical Clinic: 24706453
Hatat Polyclinic LLC, Ruwi: 24563641, Azaiba: 24499269, Sohar: 2683006
Al Raffah Hospital: 24618900/1/2
Al Massaraat Clinic & Laboratory: 24566435
Al Makook Medical Coordinance Centre: 24499434
Apollo Medical Centre, Hamriya: 24787766, 24787780
Capital Polyclinic: 24707549
Badr Al Samaa Polyclinic, Ruwi: 24799760/1/2
Capital Clinic, Seeb: 24420740
Ceregem National Raak: 24485633
Dr Harub's Clinic: 24563217
Elixir Health Centre: 24565802
Emirates Medical Centre: 24604540
1st Chiropractic Centre: 24472274
Hamdan Hospital: 23212340
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Kims Oman Hospital: 24760100
24 Hrs Emergency: 24760123
Lama Polyclinic, Sohar: 26751128, MBD: 24799077, Al Khuwair: 24478818
Magrabi Eye and Ear Hospital: 24568870
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Al Falaj Hotel: 24702311
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Natural History Museum: Al Khuwair, Tel: 24604957, Open from Saturday to Wednesday: 8am to 1:30pm; Thursday: 9am to 1pm
Museum of Omani Heritage: (former Omani Museum), Madinat Al Alam, Sat-Wed 8am to 1:30pm, Thursday - 9am to 1pm, Tel: 24600946
Armed Forces Museum: Bait Al Falaj, Tel: 24312651, Open from Sat to Wed: 8am to 1:30pm; Thurs 9-12pm and 3-6pm; Fri 9-11am and 3-6pm. Al Hoota Caves 24498258; Turtle Beach 96550606/96550707
Children's Science Museum: Shatti Al Qurum, Tel: 24605368, Open from Saturday to Wednesday: 8am to 1:30pm, Thursday: 9am to 1pm
Oman-French Museum: near Muscat Police Station, Tel: 24736613, Open from Sat to Wed: 8am to 1:30pm, Thurs: 9am to 1pm
Bait Al Zubair, Muscat: Tel: 24736688, Al Saidiya St., Muscat museum@baitalzubairmuseum.com Open from Sat to Thurs: 9:30am to 6pm.
National Museum Ruwi: Tel: 24701289, Open from Saturday to Wednesday: 8am to 1:30pm, Thursday: 9am to 1pm
Sohar Fort Museum: Tel: 26844758, Open from Saturday to Wed: 8 to 1:30pm Thurs: 9am to 1pm
Muscat Gate Museum: at Al Bahri Road, Muscat open from Sat to Wed 8am to 2pm

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EXTRA

New drugs offer more than hope for patients with advanced disease

In the summer of 2012, a year after his wife had died of lung cancer, Michael Harris scraped open an old mole on his back and it would not stop bleeding. The doctors said he had stage 4 melanoma, with a virtually inoperable tumour, and that patients in his condition typically lived about eight months. By last June, the cancer had spread to his liver and lungs.

At that point Harris joined a clinical trial at Georgetown University in Washington, one of scores that have sprung up around the country to test a new class of cancer drugs called immune-checkpoint inhibitors. Two weeks after his first infusion, Harris' primary tumour was fading, along with the black cancerous beads around it. A month later, his liver and lungs were clean.

"This stuff was like vanishing cream," says Harris' daughter, Rhonda Farrell. Today, Harris, a sun-leathered 66-year-old Vietnam veteran from Waldorf, Maryland, (US) is back at work. And though his doctors won't declare him cured, he says, "I feel like a normal person."

Because it can be so inexorable and deadly, cancer tends to inspire hopes of miracle cures. Because of all the failed miracle cures, cancer doctors are a cautious lot.

Immune-checkpoint blockade, a form of immunotherapy, is gaining ground in the US in the fight against cancer. The therapy helps the patient's own immune system to fight cancer

"It's a breakthrough," says oncologist Michael Atkins, who recruited Harris to the trial at Georgetown's Lombardi Cancer Centre. "We're still in a bit of shock," says Suzanne Topalian, a cancer immunologist at Johns Hopkins University who has been a key player in bringing the substances into clinical trials.

Immune-checkpoint blockade is a form of immunotherapy, meaning it aims to help the patient's own immune system fight cancer. It uses substances called monoclonal antibodies, which are designed by drug companies to target extremely specific molecules on cell surfaces. In this case, the antibodies unblock a reaction that stops the immune system's natural attack on invading cancer cells.

Although a range of new cancer treatments, such as targeted chemotherapy for breast cancer and cell-signalling inhibitors for leukaemia, have shown positive effects over the past two decades, the checkpoint inhibitors seem to be providing uniquely long-term benefits. At least seven drug companies are testing the antibodies.

Topalian's husband, Drew Pardoll, also a Hopkins cancer immunologist, predicts that five years from now, half of the 600,000 Americans who receive diagnoses of advanced cancer each year will receive checkpoint inhibitors or other immune-related therapies.

Medical, commercial and patient interest in the new drugs is intense. "Research activity is just going through the roof," Topalian says. The checkpoint inhibitors may also have uses in battling some chronic infections. Trials using the antibodies against hepatitis B, HIV and even the blood infections are underway or in planning stages.

Skeptics

Not everyone, though, is convinced that the checkpoint inhibitors are quite so tide-turning. Stephen A. Rosenberg, who has led immunotherapy research for decades at the National Cancer Institute and has studied the checkpoint inhibitors, is a skeptic.

"Because the antibodies take advantage of natural immune reactions, they only are likely to work in a small number of cancers," Rosenberg says. "The path to treatment of cancers that — kill 90 per cent of cancer patients is likely to be through genetic manipulation of the immune system." Rosenberg is the pioneer in such genetic treatments. He has had 40 per cent cure rates in some small melanoma trials.

One way our bodies deal with infections, and with cancer is by activating immune cells, called T-cells, which recognise foreign agents and marshal various parts of the immune system to clear or control them. Certain types of T-cells infiltrate tumours and release chemical signals that tell other parts of the immune system to attack. But one of these signals, a chemical called interferon-gamma, tells tumour cells to produce a molecule that actually blocks the T-cell response.

This inactivation switch probably evolved to keep our immune systems from going haywire — overreacting and damaging organs. In dealing with cancer, however, the mechanism is a Catch-22, because it allows the cancer to grow.

In the mid-1990s, scientists began designing monoclonal antibodies to short-circuit the immune switch-off. Most of the checkpoint inhibitors under development target a protein on T-cells that scientists in 1992 named "Programmed Death Receptor 1" (at the time they knew only of its role in the natural death process of cells); it is now called PD-1.

About 3,000 American and European patients have received nivolumab, the anti-PD1 drug that Michael Harris is receiving, according to Michael Giordano, global director of oncology and immuno-science for Bristol-Myers Squibb. Roughly half of the kidney cancer or melanoma patients in PD-1 trials have seen their tumours shrink significantly or disappear, according to Pardoll. Cures are difficult to speak of in drugs this new, but about 24 percent of lung cancer patients receiving the drug, for example, have survived at least two years. With previous treatments, which rely on chemotherapy, only about 5 per cent of such patients survived two years.

The most enthusiastic supporters of the checkpoint inhibitors acknowledge that about half their patients have not benefited. They don't entirely know why, but many of those who don't respond to the antibodies lack the PD-L1 molecule on their tumour cells. Their tumours may be using other molecules to switch off the immune response.

- Arthur Allen/The Washington Post

STUDY

Statins may prolong heart attack survival

TREATMENT with high-potency statins offers a significantly improved chance of survival compared to those taking normal statins, suggests a study. Patients who switched to a high-potency statin had a 28 percent lower risk of death compared to those who received normal statins.

The study, led by the University of Dundee, also found a combination of statins and the drug ezetimibe showed no improved survival rate.

"There is presently a lot of interest in ezetimibe as a potential treatment for heart patients," said Professor Chim Lang from University of Dundee in Scotland. "The key question really is whether it is better than statins, especially high-potency statins such as rosuvastatin or atorvastatin," said Lang. The study, looking at the data from thousands of patients in Britain, showed that patients who switched from normal statin treatment to high potency statins lived longer.

"Those who had ezetimibe added did not appear to have a better outcome. So for the moment, the data supports the use of high-potency statins and one of which, atorvastatin, is now off patent and is cheap and effective," said Lang.

The results were published in the journal *Heart*.

HEALTH NOTES

Pink bark helps in fitness, recovery: Study

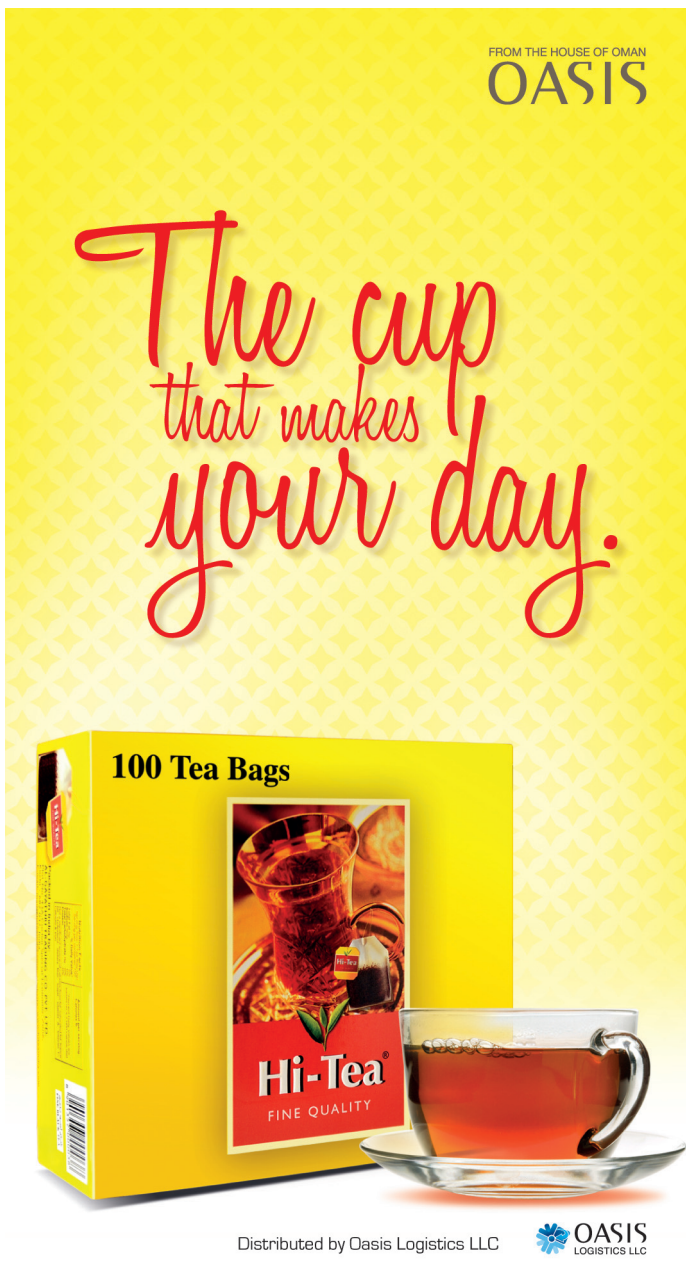
A SCIENTIFIC study, published in a recent issue of *The Journal of Sports Medicine and Physical Fitness*, shows that the extract is effective in reducing muscle soreness and cramping and also in improving performance and endurance.

Drug-free compound can ease arthritis pain

PEOPLE SUFFERING from arthritis can reduce pain by 90 percent with a drug-free compound derived from rose-hip, the fruit of the rose plant, new research indicates. Human trials suggest a compound called GOPO, found in the rosa canina species of rose-hip, could provide a breakthrough for six million people blighted by joint pain.

Carb-rich diet may affect brain

EVEN SMALL increases in blood sugar caused by a diet high in carbohydrates can be detrimental to brain health. Medical literature link carbohydrate calorie-rich diets to a greater risk for brain shrinkage, dementia, Alzheimer's and other disorders. —IANS



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Indian female B.Com 9 yrs seeks suitable placement in Purchase / accounts, currently on visit visa can join immediately. Contact 92934863

Accts, Manager Sr. Accountant have 10 yrs exp in Oman capable to finalization of accounts, knowledge of oracle lli, focus, tally & good command over letter of credit looking for suitable placement.
Contact 98041207

Indian male 27 yrs, B.Com MBA, Graduate having 4+ years experience as an Accountant, seeking suitable placement. Residing in Muscat on visit visa.
Contact 92347431
Email akhilrajan3247@gmail.com

Account or Secretary 25 years experience 6 yrs in Muscat worked in Focus, 7sys. bus. Contact 96734936
Email : nair@jenefelequipments.com

Accountant, Indian male 27, MBA finance, 2 years experience.
Contact 91195850

Accounts Manager/ Senior Accountant /Chief Accountant, M.Com 16+ yrs experience.
Contact 97768565

23, female ACCA Finalist with 1.6 years of works experience, looking for a suitable placement in reputed firms. Contact 96920322

Urgent job required as an Assistant Accountant experience 3 years in Audit firm. Contact 99189441,
Email : softcircle95@gmail.com

B.Com, Computer application, 1 years experience of ACC + Admin.
Contact 93388736

ACCA finalist, CAT qualified Pakistani age 22 looking for well reputed firm for audit and accounts having permanent visa of Oman.
Contact 92462350
Email: fuadiftikhar786@yahoo.com

Indian male MBA Graduate specialized in Finance Marketing with Saudi driving license, looking for relevant placement.
Contact 93197431

Pakistani male, 23 yrs MBA in finance 3 years experience and basic computer knowledge looking for suitable placement. Contact 97002825 / 98237387
Email: hamidcu_686@yahoo.com

B.Com having 15 years experience in accounts, audit general administration and insurance seeking suitable position in Muscat presently in Muscat on visit visa for 3 months.
Contact 93985253
Email: avinash_jsh@yahoo.com

Indian male Accountant, M. Com, MBA, having 7 yrs experience presently working in Oman, having valid driving license looking for suitable placement. Contact 97126707

10 years experience Accountant looking for suitable position Indian male 30 years last 5 years in Oman.
Contact 98042943
Email: cb3415@gmail.com

Sr. Business Development Manager
Having 15+yrs Oman & GCC exp in Business Development Sales & marketing with MNC, Groups & International Companies. Looking for challenging position
Contact: 95499501

ACCOUNT. & FINANCE

Indian female 22yrs, B.Com with-Diploma in Financial Management, having 1.5 year experience as Account Assistant looking for suitable placement in Accounts/Audit. #94434435.

Indian male, 28 yrs, B.Com with over 8 years experience (4 years in Oman) in accounting up to finalization, experience in Tally Erp9, fox pro, smart pos and expert in MS Office, D/L seeking suitable placement.
GSM : 93069890
Email : ammuknpy007@gmail.com

Accountant, 7yrs. experience upto finalisation, With D/L. seeking suitable placement. Contact 99522293

Senior Accountant, 05 Years Experience in Oman, With Driving License and Release Letter, #99012980

Srilankan Accountant male 27 B.Sc with Chartered intermediate 5 years experience (2 years in Oman) experience up to account finalization, admin and purchase having experience in accounting packages tally, QuickBooks etc. Contact 95692988
Email: ifasinfo@yahoo.com

Indian male M.Com ICWA, 16 years experience (13 years in Oman) in accounts, finance & costing up to finalization seeking suitable placement. Contact 92917574
Email: gsmaiti@rediffmail.com

Indian male 27 yrs,B.Com, MBA, 5 years experience having valid oman driving license seeks suitable placement in accounts & admin.
Cont:97743563

Indian male 28 yrs BBA tally ERP 9, 1 yr exp as accountant asst admin (hardware maintenance) seeking suitable placement. #96004525.
Email: mushaffeq@gmail.com

Indian Male 34, B.Com PGDBA (UK) Experienced in Accounts/ Marketing / Stores with valid D/L.
Contact 97498495
Email : danishgomez@gmail.com

CMA/CA(Inter) Indian male with 10 years experience in ACCT. Finance, audit and admin working as manager seeking suitable placement.
Contact 93252667 Email ID: ajayakumaroox@yahoo.com

Indian male B.COM having 7 yrs Oman experience with Oman D/L seeks suitable placement.
Contact 99203706
email: mohdshakir52@yahoo.co.in

Accountant cum administrator: Indian male 13 years experience, 7 years Gulf experience.
Contact 92809302 Email : dineshnambiar50@gmail.com

MBA (PGDM) professional experienced in accounting and international Banking, seeking suitable placements in Accounts/ Finance.
Contact 91385635 Email sandeepas9290@gmail.com

Indian male 24 yrs MBA Finance fresher on visiting visa, looking for suitable placement.
Email shaju843@gmail.com
Contact 96302156

Indian male 25 years MBA finance B. Com seeks placement.
Contact 91162271

Sri Lankan Accountant male 26 with professional qualifications having +3years experience, seeks suitable placement in Accounting or Audit. Contact 93556320 Email niloahamed@yahoo.com

Indian male Accountant 29 yrs with 9 yrs experience (8 yrs in India) in accounts & finance seeking placement in accounts, audit & admin.
Contact.97743509

MBA with experienced in Marketing, Indian male, good communication & computer knowledge, Transferable visa with NOC.
Contact 97365695 Email : sangeethvengalath@gmail.com

Asst. Acct, MBA having 2yrs exp in Accts, tally 7.2, strong command in written /spoken English, seeking suitable job. Contact 97629229
Email: jaguvakarthick@gmail.com

Indian male Accountant 8 years exp in Oman with Omani driving license, seeks job. Contact 91169487

Senior Marketing professional
With Mechanical Engineering Degree, presently working in a reputed organization as marketing head.
Total 27 years experience.
Seeking suitable change in Oman/UAE. Total Oman exp is 9 yrs.
Please contact: 98188767 / tmdy.taurus@gmail.com

Indian male 24 years M.B.A (finance) having 3 years of experience in accounts, strong command in Oracle (finance) tally & M.S Office currently on visit seeking for suitable placement urgently. Contact 99650349/ 92344600 Email: abdul.raheem074@gmail.com

Sr. Accountant 33 yrs Indian male B.Com with tally ERP9, SAP, MS Office etc, 11 yrs experience (4 yrs GCC exp) up to finalization. Contact 96936315 Email: sijomathew2014@gmail.com

M.Com in Accounting and Finance, Indian male 26 years having 5 years exp in Auditing, Accounting and Finance seeking replacement. Contact 92056154

Indian male fin & actts professional 16 yrs GCC experience (manufacturing, construction, hospitality) with B.Com, MBA seeks suitable placement. Contact 97742101
Email: geojoe.joseph@gmail.com

ACMA, Pakistani having 12years of experience can handle accounts independently up to finalization on visit visa. Contact 92216355

Indian female, MBA Finance looking for suitable placement, 6 years experience in tally, ms office in accounts up to finalization. Contact:93475578, Email:prasanthi.bandi@gmail.com

Chief Accountant with 15 years Hospitality experience 5 years in Oman exp ERP, MS Office finalization looking for suitable opening.
Contact 97741748
Email: jerish70@hotmail.com

Indian male Accountant, Looking for a suitable placement in Salalah. More than 20 years experience in Accounting job (up to the finalization of Accounts). 8 years working experience in middle east in Dubai, Muscat & Salalah. Contact 91325029
Email mitra_deepu@yahoo.com

Chief Accountant well experienced with reputed Group, seeks placement. Contact 95598477 / 99013963

Chief Accountant Indian, B. Com, CA (final 1st group), with 20+ yrs exp (10 yrs.in GCC) in accounts, audit & finance seeks placement.
Contact 92145625.
Email: vsnkumar1996@gmail.com

Accounts works up to finalization on fulltime/part-time basis.
Contact 96247295

An expatriate Indian female, graduate with 4 years experience in e-learning and ITes and 3 years experience in financial consulting and analysis seeks suitable placement.
Email : write2nishanair@gmail.com.
Contact 97216963

British male 28 years experience as Banking and Finance sector, Now in Oman looking for suitable placement (Immediate joining).
Contact 96635116
Email: ianbrown13@hotmail.com

An Indian male, B.Com Graduate with 9 years experience as an accountant, looking for an accountant or admin related job for immediate placement. In visit Visa.
Contact 9109 2311

Accountant presently working in Muscat, Tally, MS Office, having driving license seeks placement.
Contact 96287767

M.Com 35 years Gulf experience in Senior financial position in reputed firms, seeks suitable position.
Contact 91360810

Indian Male 26 yrs, B.Com with tally having 3+yrs experience as an Accountant, seeking for suitable job.
Contact 98201244

M.Com MBA Finance, Oracle financials completed 25 years experience as Finance Manager, seeks suitable position. #98096644

M.Com in Accounting and Finance, Indian Male 26 years having 5 years exp in Auditing, Accounting and Finance seeking replacement.
Contact 92056154

ACCOUNT. & FINANCE

Indian Female, Senior Accountant, B.com , CA Articles 10 + years Exp. in Oman, Accounts & finalization Etc.Immediate joining,Local release available,having, Omani driving license. Contact – 95054843

24yrs indian male with BBA and tally, experience in accounts and office co-ordination looking for suitable placement Contact 99156804

Indian Male PGDM (MBA) Finance, having 1 years of experience in Accounting & Banking, Seeking suitable placements in the field of Finance and Accounts.#:91385635
Email- sandeepas9290@gmai.com

M.Com Sr. Accountant male Indian 45 yrs 20 yrs exp in accounts & finance 6 yrs in Oman, having Oman D/L seeking suitable placement for immediate joining. #99128618

Accountant, 6 Years Experience, With Omani Driving License and Release Letter, Seeking Suitable Placement, Contact 91266101

Indian Male 23 Years MBA Finance, B.Com, Currently on visit visa, Seeks placement. Contact 98848369
Email athulpashok@gmail.com

Finance Manager (Group) 25 years experience including 20 years in Oman C.A.INTER (India) MBA (U.K), CMA (Canada). 95631834 / 96920328 / 91335205

Indian Male Age 23 B.Com 1 year exp, looking for suitable job in Accounts / Admin/ operations. Contact 97251113 on visit visa

Accounts works up to finalization on part-time/fulltime. #96247295

Indian male 34 yrs , M.com with M.B.A (Finance) having 5years experience as an accountant in Oman with valid D/L. #95990145
Email: kumarkeezhillam@gmail.com

Accountant Indian male, 28 yrs , MBA, B. Com having 5+ years exp & D/L seeks immediate placement .
Contact 93397327
Email: rijurenuka@gmail.com

Indian male, 39 M.Com having 12years experience in accounts with Oman driving license need placement. Contact 99809910
Email: rsrajesh04@gmail.com

An Indian Male graduate MS Office, tally ERP.9 4 year's exp seeking a suitable post of Accounting, Administration. Contact 97401389

Accountant B.Com with 20yrs exp 5 yrs gulf exp ERP, MS office Finalization looking for suitable opening-
Contact 96768708

Chartered Accountant, Female, Bsc. Accountancy (Special) Graduate with 8 years of experience seeking suitable opportunities. #93957919

Indian female 23 yrs, MBA (Finance & HR), PGPFM, currently on visit, looking for suitable placement.
Contact 95931988

Indian Male 23 years, MBA (Finance & HR) B.Com currently on visit visa, Seeks placement. #95832138
Email anulashok@gmail.com

Indian male 37 years, B.Com Graduate having 10 years experience in Oman Indian handling up to finalization, having driving license.
Contact 92258853

37 yrs Indian male having more than 14 years experience (10 years in the UAE) in the field of accounting and having proficiency in tally and MS office, with valid GCC driving license is looking for a suitable placement; # 91335026 /92697695.

Accountant Indian Male 8+ years experience in India and Oman having handful of experience in accounting auditing and finance knows Tally ERP9 and other accounting software's holding valid Oman driving license, looking for suitable placement. #96704613

Indian Female, B.Com. with 5 years experience currently on family visa seeks suitable placements preferably in Accounts or Admin. #99725061

Part time Accountant available.
Contact 98803439

Pakistani Female, ACCA with 1 year Banking experience looking for suitable placement in Audit, Accounts and Finance. Email jlohano@gmail.com

Finance Manager-Sudani Male, 27 years experience in Oman, 15 years with Brokerage Company listed in Muscat Securities Market.
Contact 99761826

ARCH/ INTERIOR

Architect Site Engineer more than 15 yrs exp. in Saudi Arabia & Egypt, fluent in English.
Contact 99856859

The Business Development Manager, Iraqi, Experience 14 Years Inside and outside Oman following activities: tenders, real estate, construction, marketing projects, investments, transportation, Marine services, companies management& develop business.
Contact: - 93240027

Interior Designer, Egyptian, 40 months experience in Gulf, professional at AutoCAD, P.S., 3D- . Max, fluent in English. Contact 92673380

Architect, B.Sc Architectural Engineering and Environmental Design (Egyptian/Male),3 years experience, Handling 3Dmax projects, printings, rendering, isometric views, designs for villas and multistory buildings, interiors and exteriors, municipality submissions, looking for good placement, Holding Omani license.
Contact 96132130

Architect & Urban Designer with 5 yrs experience in gulf looking for a job in Oman Contact 00968-93711714 / 00965-99417905 till 5 Dec Email : anand.ridhima@gmail.com

Indian female Diploma Architect having 3 years exp in Engineering consultancy Oman, looking for suitable placement . Contact 96683293 / 97750870

CATERING

Arabic Cook, 9 yrs exp. Contact 94238840

DRAUGHTSMAN

Civil Draughtsman GCC exp.
Contact 98728807

Electrical Draughtsman Total experience. 5years (3 years in Oman), seeking suitable placement.
Contact: 91253541
Email:shinusreyass@gmail.com

Land Surveyor : Indian Male (23) 2 years experience in Oman and 1 year in India, using total station, Auto Level and AutoCAD. Valid Oman driving license, seeking suitable placement.
Contact 95140761/ 99208290
Email binu.brijiv@gmail.com

Indian male 24years, (M.Tech) structures fresher seeking design job in a reputed company currently available on visit visa. Contact 91345502

MEP Draughtsman, 4 years experience in Oman, Seeking suitable placement. Contact 96250818

DRIVER

14 years exp L/D Driver.
Contact 93015630

PAKISTANI MALE Driver with 4 years experience in Oman seeking suitable placement. Contact : 93906973

Driver available with new car for full time or part time.
Contact : 95199733

Light Motor exp 10 years Bangladeshi Driver available. #93668172

Pakistani have light driving license, looking for job. #92439315

Indian male driver job, with Qatar 11 years experience.
Contact 97469283

38 Years male looking for part time job as Driver or Cook.
Contact 99092372

Nationality Bangladeshi experience KSA 7 years Oman 2 years Education HSC expecting visa from sponsor as well. Contact 93940319

Available car with driver. Contact 98154274

22 year male looking for heavy driver visa. contact: 92365619

Light vehicle Driver with 3 years exp knows English, Arabic, Hindi, education B.A. Contact 98522914

Light Driver looking for job. Contact 94248627 / 96356004

Driver want job.
Contact 95891174

Driver looking for job, Any duty with 3 years experience.
Contact 95246976

DAILY GUIDE

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Tel. **24726666 Ext: 413 / 430 431 / 456 / 461**
Fax: **24812624**

SITUATION WANTED

DRIVER

Driver 6 years Malayali. Contact 98798153

Light Driver with car is looking for job. Contact 92481082

DOMESTIC HELP

Housemaid. Contact 99744533

Philiphino Housemaid, Seeking part time job. Contact 95248509

DESIGNER

Multimedia Designer 23 yrs, male young dynamic, hard working with post graduate Diploma in Multimedia, 3y experience in Graphic design, FCP Video editing on visit, looking for suitable placement.
Contact 93389731
Email: swaroopbk_1989@yahoo.com

Looking for suitable job as an IT administrator, web /graphic designer, trainer /teacher having 8+ years experience full time / part time. Contact 97276004

EDU/TRAIN

Indian male, BE. Electronics and Communication, 3 years Industrial experience in a MNC in Germany and India as a Embedded Engineer, looking for suitable placement in education sector, available on visit visa. Contact 91323520

Teacher, Indian male 42 years Masters Degree M.Sc M.Ed biology 12 years experience. Contact 97712366 / 95901923
Email : anudeepur@gmail.com
deepa.deepa.anoop@gmail.com

ENGG. / TECHNICAL

Indian male B.E Mechanical Engineering with 5 years experience as QA/QC engineer currently on visit visa, seeks suitable placement.
Email jshnu_7eng@yahool.com
Contact 96632457

Electronics & Instrumentation Engineer (B.Tech), Indian male, 25 yrs having 3 yrs experience in Electronics & Instrumentation field looking for suitable placement in Oman.
Contact 97833876/ 97643564,
abhilashsasi22@gmail.com.

Indian male, B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering, 15 yrs. experience as Plant Engineer, Quality Control Manager and Factory Manager with valid Oman D/L, seeks suitable placement.
Contact: 91013578

Pakistani male B.Tech Electrical Engineer with 5 years experience in Oman seeking suitable placement
call: 98959708
E-mail: saif464@yahoo.com

Mechanical Engineer BE with 15 years experience in general maintenance , Heavy construction equipments and vehicles , Servicing and repair, Managing workshop etc
Contact : 97458641

B.Tech Mechanical Engineer 27 yrs male, with 4 years experience (including 3 years gulf experience) as Mechanical Engineer in MEP & HVAC field, QC engineer in construction field seeking a suitable placement Contact:94016175
EMail:daleynrocks@gmail.com

BE. Mechanical Engineer and also did PDMS, AutoCAD 23 years visit visa, Looking for suitable placement. Contact 92013757 Email athuljacob@gmail.com

Indian male 29 yrs B Tech (EEE) 7 Years experience having valid D/L, seeks suitable placement as Quantity Surveyor (MEP) / MEP Coordinator. Contact 96505513
Email : abyeee@gmail.com

Civil Engineer Sudani, with 6 years in construction work.
Contact 93399126

Indian male 29 years, Aircraft maintenance Engineer with MBA marketing (UK), 2 Years experience in fire safety & security systems with transferable D/L, looking for suitable placement. Contact 99706715

Civil Engineer 2 years Exp (1 in gulf) as a site & Planning Engineer professional @ P6, AUTOCAD, Sap2000. Fluent in English & Arabic.
Contact no: 91381068

BE Mechanical Indian male 23 years on visit visa, seeking suitable job knowledge in hydraulics pneumatic Hp Soft skill proe robotics.
Contact 92384810
Email: dhanik0027@gmail.com

Civil Engineer 5 years Exp (4 in Oman) as a Site engineer professional @ AUTOCAD, Sap2000 and office. Fluent in English & Arabic.
Contact no: 91164954

Male Mechanical Engineer, 18 moths experience as Quality Control on a visit visa. Contact 998032760
mail: raashidhamza@gmail.com

Indian Electrical Engineering Graduate (male) with 1year experience looking for suitable placement in Oman. Contact: 97351701, 97056853

B-Tech in Electrical 3 years experience, looking suitable job in Oman.
Contact 97056802

Electrical Engineer with 5 years Gulf experience, Electrical design & MEP construction, looking for suitable placement.
Contact 97685140
Email: mepengineer05@gmail.com

Indian, Electronics and communication Engineer having 4 years experience in telecommunication and telecom like CCTV, EPA BX, Networking, seeking job. Contact 92939349 / 93447035 or
Email hameer.ap@gmail.com

B.E in Electrical & Instrumentation plus an advanced diploma in Industrial Automation(SCADA, PLC, DCS, PAC, GSM PLC) etc, & 10 months experience in India, seeks suitable job in Instrumentation fields or associated areas. Contact 91386467

Electronics Diploma Holder with 15 yrs experience in PLC based Industry in trouble shooting maintenance & Production, having valid Oman D/License. Contact 93627279

Srilankan well qualified Quantity Surveyor having 8 yrs experience (5 Yrs in Qatar) with valid GCC D/L, Looking suitable placement.
Contact +974- 66140218
Email : unaisnt@yahoo.com

Mechanical Engineer with 13 years experience in Plumbing & fire fighting works, seeking for job.
Contact 94030886

Electrical Diploma Holder with 15 yrs experience in PLC based Industry in trouble shooting maintenance & Production, having valid Oman D/License. Contact 93627289

Indian female B.Tech Graduate with 1 year experience in Search Engine optimization, Looking for relevant placement. Contact 97005054

Indian male Electrical Eng having exp in Oman / India seeking suitable job. Contact 92610483
Email: alexpynadath@gmail.com

Mech Engineer with 6years experience and driving license interested in Technical Sales/ Application Engg/Projects-93198128

Indian male 6 years experienced Electrical Engineer in electrical field experience LV and HV system in industrial & high rise buildings seeking for a job. Contact 0091 8943280788/ 97700435/ 00918943280788

Indian male, 24 B.Tech Electronics & Communication with 1.5 years experience as Network Engineer came on visit visa, seeks suitable placement. Contact 93658495

Pakistani Civil Engineers, male 37 & 38 Years having 14+1 year Oman experience, Oman D/L, seeks placement. Contact 94392616 / 94392606

Indian male B.Tech Electrical 10 years Gulf experience in construction field, Looking for suitable placement contracting/ Consultancy field Now on visit visa.
Contact 96798962

B.E Mechanical Engineer NDT level-2 age 25 currently working as Site Engineer from 07 December 2012 till date having Oman driving license. Contact 96221857/ 96724214

Mechanical Engg having Omani driving license, looking for suitable placement. Email devachanmalvin@gmail.com / Contact 93486112 / 24817423 / 99025623

HSE Advisor 10 years in Oman with driving license, seeks suitable placement. Contact 92825053

Indian female, B.Tech Civil Engineering, 3 years experience, attested certificates, valid resident Visa looking for suitable job.
Contact 94127912,
lubnaashi@gmail.com

B.Sc Civil Engineer having 5 years experience in Qatar and Oman-can work in AUTODESK CIVIL 3D & Land Development Desktop, with driving license, looking for a good consultancy. Contact : 95065292 ;
Email: fazee_umer13@yahoo.com

Indian male B.Tech Electrical & Electronics Engineering, 3+ years experience, basically protection & testing, Commissioning substations EHV 220KV Level on visit.
Contact 95539279 / 99626143
Email pvipin100@gmail.com

Indian female Electronics and Communication Engineer fresher, currently on family visa looking for suitable openings. # 95020425

Electrical Engineer (BE.EEE) with 1 year experience Indian male 24 year currently on visit visa seeking suitable placement in Oman.
Contact 93717255
Email: krissh1990@gmail.com

Electrical Engineer with 14 years experience in sales / trading / supply chain/procurement & business development of switchgear/ transformer/ project execution/electrical product valid Oman D/L.
Contact 95994727
Email: qurm340@gmail.com

Indian male 24 years B.Tech Civil Engineer, Draftsman 2 years experience in India. Contact 93412396

Civil Engineer B-Tech Indian 9 years experience valid Oman driving license. Contact 94252650
Email: acb1008@gmail.com

Male B.Tech Biotechnology with D/L looking suitable placement.
Contact 92565309 /
Email: sub-arun@yahoo.com

Diploma in Civil Engineer 4 years experience in Oman now available in Oman, Looking a job.#97415597

BE Elect Eng 9 yrs exp Electrical projects with Oman (NOC) visa/ D, License, join 1 week. #92732744
Email jobluk.om@gmail.com

Indian male, 26 yrs, BE, Mechanical, 4 yrs experience design field, seeking immediate placement.
Contact 92935354,
Email: rizwan_200211@yahoo.com

B .E Civil Engineer 10 years experience, with valid Oman D/L.
Contact 99612163

B.E Electrical Engineer with 12 years experience in LV switchgear, searching a suitable placement. Contact 00968-98126964 / 96170458

Electrical Engineer, 22 years experience, out of 13 years in Gulf experience in construction sector with valid Oman D/L and CEP seeks suitable placement.
Contact 94220631

Indian male B.Tech, Civil Engineering with six years of experience in construction industry with D/L seeking suitable placement Oman experience 4.5 years.
Contact 93604858
Email: ashins4u@gmail.com

Indian male, B.Tech (Mech.), MBA, MLM (Master of Labour Management), more than 15 yrs. experience and 2 yrs. in Oman as Plant Manager with valid Oman D/L. Exposure in Production, Quality Control and Admin seeks suitable placement.
Contact 91301625

Sri Lankan Male Electrical and Electronic Engineering (Telecommunication), looking for suitable placement in Oman. One year experienced. Presently available in Oman for discussion and interview.
Contact 96348904 / 93606162
Email rimazrc@gmail.com

Civil Engineer, has 7 years experience (5years and a one year and a half in Oman), a resident of Oman, has an Omani driving license.
Contact 96545891

Indian Male B.E Electronics and communication engineer with 3 years experience, Knowledge of Automation, PLC, SCADA, Seeking suitable placement, available on visit visa. Contact 91323520/
Email navid005@gmail.com

Indian Civil Engineer (diploma) 36 yrs married, 3 years Oman experience with valid driving license, 5 years Indian experience seeks suitable placement.
Contact 96108786
Email: ryk123459@rediffmail.com

Mechanical Engineer male 23 yrs 1 yr exp in site supervision, seeks job.
Contact 93804130

Civil Engineer, 4 yrs exp. (1.5 in Oman) as a Project Engineer, good user at AutoCAD, Sap, fluent in English & Arabic. Contact 96715969

Pakistani male 3 years diploma in Civil Eng and knowledge in computers (AutoCAD) 3.5 yrs experience.
Contact 93987584
Email: wasim.ali578@gmail.com

Indian male B.Tech Civil Engineer (Project Engineer) 5 years exp with valid Oman D/L, seeks suitable job.
Contact 91174067

Indian male, Degree holder more than 14yrs in qatar as Cable Machine Operator seek sutable placement.
Contact 00919446462680

Indian female Diploma in Computer Engineering & B.Tech in computer science & Engineering. Looking for a suitable placement.
Contact 96127190 /
manju.s.sidharth@gmail.com

BE Engineer , Civil, 5 yrs experience, valid Oman D/L. Contact 93523507.
Email : eyousuf04@yahoo.com

Indian male 22 yrs B.E Mechanical Engineer first class with distinction software known Auto Cad 2D,3D, pro-e, solid works degree apostle attested. On visit visa .
Contact 96434857 /
mohdjahangir91@gmail.com

Computer Engineer, two years of experience in CCTV, ACTIVE / passive networks, optical fiber.
Contact 98985072

Safety Officer Indian male 23 years diploma in fire and Safety Engineering 3.5 years exp in India, Technical skill hardware and Networking, looking for suitable jobs.
Contact 96370789
Email abhijith.m.das@gmail.com

Indian B.Tech Electrical Engineer with CAD diploma, 24 years female having two years experience looking for suitable position.
Contact : 99244157,
anjalivalsalamohan@gmail.com

CERTIFIED SAPSD Consultant with 7 years of experience BE(ECE) and MBA(Systems & Marketing) looking for suitable opportunity. Email: mathewpmanoj@gmail.com
Contact: 95269392/93375019

Indian male, Electronics & Instrumentation Engineer having 1 years experience in manufacturing plant with specialization of DCS, PLC, SCADA, and calibration of industrial instruments seeks suitable placement. Contact 99648283

Indian male 25 years, B.Tech in Electronics & Communication Engineering (Automation or Instrumentation Engineer) with 1+ year India experience in Automation PLC, SCADA, DCS, HMI AC & DC Drives, Seeking suitable placement.
Contact 92151143/ 92151143

Civil Eng. , 8yrs, supervision and contracting, construction, roads, drainage, quantities, Autocad, DL,92071051)

Civil Engineer & Manager having 24 years experience with various oil & gas companies & runned A small company independently for 5 years needs suitable placements.
Contact 95620707

Diploma Civil Engineering Indian male with 5+years Oman experience in executing Civil projects, seeking suitable placements.
Contact 97697470

Architect / Engineer male (Filipino), 6 yrs Oman experience immediate placement visit visa.
Contact 96675937

Sri Lankan, Sr. Quantity Surveyor, 15 years experience, working in Intl Company, seeks suitable placement in reputed companies (CAN handle having both civil & MEP),
Contact 92052267
Email: snakeisland1@gmail.com

Civil Engineer looking for safety engineer / safety officer job, having 7+years exp in (Oman & UAE) oil field & construction presently working as a HSE advisor in oil field area, available to join immediately at capital region in Oman. Contact 99121706
Email: mohdkn12@gmail.com

B.Tech Instrumentation & Control Engineer (Indian Male, 27): 4+year experience (2+year in Oman) with valid Oman D/L. Experienced in installation & Commissioning of various Instruments, PLC & SCADA. Seeking suitable job.
Email: renjith1231@gmail.com
Mob: 97048949/93446044

Young Indian post graduate Engineer with two years experience seeks suitable placement.
Contact 99016434

Mechanical Engineer, Master Degree in Mechanical Engineering and Management from UK, Indian male, 24 yrs, having Omani Driving License, presently on visit visa, seeking a suitable placement.
Contact 91162085

Electrical Engineer 2 years Exp (1 in Oman) professional @ Distribution, Etap, Dowcion, AutoCAD, Dilux and Site Management & Fair Exp in Plumbing. Contact 96096837

Civil Engineer Indian female have 4 months experience in Oman looking for suitable position. Contact 91233057/92956291

HOSPITALITY

Advance baking & decoration expert, female, one year exp, cakes baking, sugar craft & confectionaries, on a visit visa, seeks placement.
Contact: 97168300

IATA

Indian Female Graduate 2.5 years experience in Airline field, seeks suitable placement. #93821123

INFORMATION TECH

Indian male, 3yrs of experience as Oracle DBA(OCA), Data Guard, RAC, Shell Scripting, Pl/Sql. Currently in Muscat, seeking for suitable placement. GSM: 97671696

M-Tech Computer science with CCNA 6 months experience male Indian, seeking suitable placement in IT sector. Contact 94460326 / 92572093

Indian female 22, B-Tech computer science CCNA CCNP C C++ html JavaScript, seeking suitable placement, Currently in family visa.
Contact 91226264
Email ash.raimin@gmail.com

Sudanese male IT Graduate, good with software's web/graphic designing /IT Administration, resident, with D/L. Contact 96643878
email: grgosh@gmail.com

Indian male Diploma in Hardware, Networking in computer 5 years experience, Now in visit visa, seeking placement. Contact 98475916

Software Engineer having 5 yrs exp in Java/J2EE development seeking placement. Ph: 96200984

Qualified and experienced network Engineer (B. Tech EC, male 24) with CCNA certification and knowledge in Microsoft server seeking suitable placement. Contact 94356084

Indian 26 yrs computer science & IT engg worked as an administrator total of 4.5 yrs exp 1.5 yrs of UAE exp. seeking suitable opportunity.
Contact: 98798080

CCNA Certified, BE – Computer Science Graduate With Valid Oman Driving License Seeks Placement in an IT SECTOR. #:95043750,
email – nairsreenath91@gmail.com

Experienced Computer Engineer with PHP My SQL C#.net certification with deep IT experience, seeks placement. Contact 95260403

Indian Female, B.Tech(Computer Science Engg.) having 8 years exp. in Oracle Database, Apps(ERP) DBA. Currently in Oman seeking placement. Contact 91170802,
rv.bhavind@gmail.com

Indian female 23 years BE Computer science and engineering, C, C++ Java Web designing, MS Office and Internet application, seeks suitable placement as technical system support or software development and programming.
Contact 95786462

Experienced Hardware and Net working technician with CCTV installation and maintenance looking for suitable placement.
Contact 99035237

Indian male 15 years IT experience share point SQL BI SSRS SSIS VS 2012 ASP.Net C# VB6 Share point portal crystal report. #98017054

Indian male B-Tech IT Fresher having computer knowledge, seeking suitable position in it also, in other related fields. Contact 98498288 / 98658575
Email mir.ali01@hotmail.com

29 Yrs Indian Male IT Network & desktop support engineering with 6 yrs GCC Experience in Saudi Armco and UAE Microsoft certified valid UAE D/L. Contact 95332732 / 96209087

Software Engineer having 5 yrs exp in Java/J2EE development seeking placement. Ph: 96200984

MSc. IT Indian Male 6 years experience in IT Marketing, Software development and office works.
Contact 98991267
Email sanju.arya@gmail.com

Indian female, MCA having 2 years experience computer programmer in. net technologies, seeking suitable placement. Contact 98903204

CCNA Certified, BE – Computer Science Graduate With Valid Oman Driving License Seeks Placement in an IT SECTOR. Contact :95043750, email – nairsreenath91@gmail.com

30yrs Indian male IT professional with 6 yrs experience including GCC in hardware, networking & office administration seeks a suitable placement. Contact 95096961

Indian male (33) with 9.5 yrs of Experience as IT Project Head & SAP HR Consultant, SAP Certified(HR), MCA, MBA looking for a suitable opportunity. Contact GSM : 92801761
E-mail rishhi@msn.com

Indian female, 21 yrs, B.Sc Computer Science, Diploma in PHP, AutoCAD, 3Dsmax, Photoshop & well knowledge in computer application, seeking suitable placement.
Contact 97691862

Indian Female B.Tech with 6 years exp in Software testing, looking suitable opening in IT field, currently family visa. # 96143757
Email shivanimunshi@gmail.com

MEDICAL

Indian lady Dentist with MOH license looking part time / full time placement in Muscat.
Contact 96551186

Indian female Staff Nurse with MOH License 10 years experience, seeking suitable placement. Contact 91135431/ 93839862/
Email: tpiavirah@gmail.com

Indian female MSc Biotechnology, Now on visit visa, looking for suitable placement in research and Pharmaceutical companies. Contact 93103661/ 93094393

Female, B.Sc Nurse with 3 year experience & MOH passed from Oman looking for a job. Contact: 93842109, 92013245

Indian male Nurse with MOH, ACLS & BLS with 4 years experience, currently on visiting visa, seeks suitable placement. Contact: 94071189; email: ren.prakash@gmail.com

Pharmacist with license, 4 years experience. Contact 93878153

An Egyptian Dentist with more than 5 years experience and MOH Licensed is looking for a good job offer, Contact : 91138009

An Egyptian Dentist with more than 5 years experience and MOH Licensed is looking for a good job offer, Contact.: 91138009

Female Staff Nurse with M.O.H license, total 10 yrs exp seek placement in schools college & clinic in Sohar to Barka area.
Contact 92542554

Female G.P (MOH License holder), total 12 years of hands on clinical experience(8 years in Oman) as a General Physician in family medicine, skilled to manage high traffic OPD. With high degree of precision in diagnosis and treatment. Looking for placement in reputed polyclinic or hospital. Contact 92192333.
Email : mkt2mgr4@rediffmail.com

B.Pharm with MOH license seeks immediate placement.
Contact: 99605906
Email: mohan_kawther@yahoo.com

Female Staff Nurse with MOH 4.5 years experience.
Contact 97433251 / 96058403
Email sruthikrish7@gmail.com

Omani GP holding valid MOH license, Looking for better opportunity. Contact 92754806

Indian Female staff Nurse, 9 years experience with MOH license, seeking suitable placement.
Contact 93150503

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SITUATION WANTED

MEDICAL

Nursing caregiver, qualified & experienced **Nurse & Assist Nurse** seeks good placement at home /clinic. Contact 92989109/ SMS 97700963 0091-9555427742 (India) Email: medicoport@gmail.com

Female Nurse with MOH License. Contact 96183295

MISCELLANEOUS

Indian male 35 years, well experience in purchase/imports/exports/ freight/logistics. Presently working in government organization, seeks suitable placement. Contact 99185929

Indian male, 22, MBA graduate with excellent communication & computer skills seeking suitable placement. Has Oman driving license. Please Contact 91001760

Indian male, 35 years, 11 years experience in India, 1.5 years in Oman, employed in Govt. company well experience in purchase /exports/ lc procedures seeks suitable placement. Contact 99185929

29 years, Indian male seeking position as Safety officer, 4 years experience with D/L. Contact 99515981

MSc Bio informatics, MSc Botany Indian female 32 yrs, having research experience in Plant tissue culture and Molecular biology, seeking suitable placement. Contact 97605219 / 99814858 Email miyasmitha@gmail.com

Omani young man looking for a job of guard please call 97784121

Storekeeper and inventory controller from past 10 years Oman exp with valid driving license. Contact 93600795

Safety Officer 5 yrs experience in Muscat, Nebosh holder. Contact 93976280

42 yrs Ex-serviceman Ind, 5 yrs W/H exp in Oman, 16 yrs exp in Ind army looking for suitable placement in W/H /logistic/store having driving license. Contact 94050311 / 94010578

Store keeper Indian male 25 years having 2 years GCC exp looking for suitable position currently on visit. Contact 97463451 / 92989197

Store Keeper Keralite having Gulf experience and Computer knowledge, Seeks suitable post. Contact 92770250

Pakistani Young Male with Omani driving license wanted job. Contact 97058416

MANAGER/ SUPER

ITIL expert with 14+ yrs application Production Support exp in IT service companies and Investment banks. #99202069 email: milelle.mct@gmail.com

Seasoned digital media expert with 7+ yrs exp in media planning, stratergizing, business development and project management #99202069 email: milelle.mct@gmail.com

Ex- IAF Personnel with 6 years Oman experience, looking for logistics/ Ware house/ Camp Manager. Contact 95799011

Freight forwarding /Logistic Manager 8years Oman experience with valid driving license, seeking suitable placement. Contact 93564959

MANAGER/ SUPER

25 Years experience in various fields repair maintenance, heavy vehicles equipments, plant machineries batching plant crusher equipments, rock Blasting machineries, water well drilling, rigs interlock paver, looking for suitable position. Contact 97145088

Experienced Purchase Manager with D/L, release seeks immediate placement. Contact 98942117

Irrigation Supervisor Irrigation Land scope work ,4 years experience in Oman & swimming pool work experience 4 years in Dubai, with Oman driving license. Email sijochakko540@gmail.com Contact 92073587

Post Graduate in Business Management and leadership from UK on visit visa having experience of 3 years in UK Retail Management and Sales, seeking suitable job placement in Retail Industry, Hospitality, Sales and Administration. Immediately available for interview. Contact: 93182582 or asif.mustafa23@gmail.com

Manager, currently working in the media house with 11 years of experience in Business Development, Fmcg, Marketing, Media Sales & Events is looking for the suitable placement. Contact: 99176837 or suji_lic@rediffmail.com

ERP Project Manager with 20 yrs experience in ERP Implementation, Data Centers, Virtualization, Cloud Computing, available immediately. Contact: +968 92233761

Indian male 30, LLB, MBA (Marketing and HR), 3 years experience as sales manager in Dubai Having Valid UAE driving license. Seeking Suitable Placement.GSM:97752844, email: milesh.v.p@gmail.com

SECRETARIAL/OFFICE

Female, Diploma in Secretarial / Public Administration, 8 years working experience as Secretary with computer skills, on a visit visa seeks suitable placement. #97168300.

Young dynamic Indian female Expat 24 yrs B.Com Graduate with up to 2 years back office work experienced, seeking for suitable placement, on visit visa. Contact 91162235 / 91162234 Email jesusathelp@gmail.com

Pakistani male 29 years Graduate, having 5 years experience in store management, security company and supporting staff admin and did safety officers training, with MS Office skills, looking for suitable placement. Contact 95860170 / 92946416

Male over 10 years gulf experience in Office Coordinator, Secretarial, staff Visa procedures and Documentation with good computer skills and valid Oman Driving License. Contact 95538420

B.Com, MBA, Indian Senior Business Executive, 35 yrs experience seeks employment in Administration, Sales, Marketing, Logistics, Supply Chain. Call Menon : 98774861, email : prakashmenon10@hotmail.com

Sales coordinator cum secretary female. Looking job from India. email: oman.manpower@yahoo.com

Receptionist/General Duties Omani Male or Female Required, must speak English fluently, hold a valid Omani driving license. Interested candidates please send CV to: hilalprp@omantel.net.om or Contact 24600688

SECRETARIAL/OFFICE

Female 23 banking experience 2years in Oman. B.com. Looking suitable placement in admin & office work. Contact 968 93771025

Indian Male with MBA 10 years Sales experience in Building Materials. Contact 93543851

Highly qualified senior level Executive with 15+ yrs exp. in Business development, sales & marketing & operations in GCC (6 yrs in Oman) looking for challenging position. Contact 95499501

Indian male, 34 yrs, PGDBA in Operations Management with 14 yrs experience as Manager Administration & Sales Coordination seeks immediate placement. Contact 92769725

MBA in Sales and Marketing having 7yeras experience having Omani driving license, Looking for any suitable job. Contact 94370614

SALES / MARKETING

Sr Business Development Manager: having 10+ years Saudi & India exp in Business development Sales & Marketing with MNC, Groups & International comp, looking for challenging position. Contact 97690411

Fresh Graduate BBA Bedfordshire University, looking for a job in Marketing / Sales. Contact 99202967/ 92822708/ 24811381

Indian male MBA 4 years Marketing experience in Oman having Oman driving license, Looking for suitable placement in Sales, Marketing FMCG or building materials. Contact 93893713

Indian male 29 yrs, 5 yrs experience in Oman sales and marketing sector with valid Oman D/L require suitable placement. Contact 95136784

Indian male 23 years MBA in Marketing with 1 year experience along with computer knowledge, looking for a suitable openings in Oman. Contact 98590547 Email: nayaktilak@gmail.com

Mumbai based Keralite business admin /mech/eng seeking placement - special - in marketing, sales. Contact 96478535 Email: tojo.pappachan@rediffmail.com

Indian male 33 US Educated 8 yrs exp in Digital / Social Media marketing, looking for suitable position, Currently on visit visa. #99113460 Email: aoomatia@gmail.com

Indian Female, M.Com 6years Experience in SAP Sales Module in Mumbai, well versed in computer, looking for Suitable jobs in Accounts / Admin / or as Sales / Purchase Coordinator works, on visit visa. Contact# 96062415 / 99102677

Indian Male, 31 yrs, MBA (UK) having 10+ yrs experience in Sales & Mktg with over 4 yrs Oman experience looking for suitable opportunity, valid Omani D/L. Contact 94480878

Indian male 11 yrs in MCT Sales & Marketing worked different sector, Marine tourism fire protection, Nebosh (IGC) H & S course done, Looking for suitable placement. Contact 92746673 Email pradeepmuscat249@gmail.com

Indian male B.Com 30 years having 6 years of experience in operations and Sales team in a Multinational company in India, Looking for job opportunity in Oman. Email syed_azeem@rediffmail.com Contact +91 7675977344

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Indian male, 30 yrs, having 5 years Oman experience in logistics, commercial & sales support. Currently working as logistics executive with a reputed FMC, looking for a suitable change in Oman valid Oman driving license. Contact 98478224

8 years sales experienced male with driving license seeks suitable placement. Contact 91384938

Male 38 years with sales exp. & valid Oman driving license looking for a job in sales and marketing. Contact 97319573 / 98522914

MBA (HR/ Marketing) Indian male, 27 yrs, having 1 yr exp in India currently on visit visa, seeks suitable placement(any field). Contact 96473104

Indian male more than 12 years experience in sales /marketing with valid D/L seeking immediate placement, visa release available. Contact 98448662

MBA in Finance experience in a Sales and Accounts, 25 yrs. Contact 93594286 Email jostin88@gmail.com

Indian Male, 36 years 14 yrs experience in Shipping Operations looking for suitable placement in Shipping or Logistics. Contact 97497087

A conference producer with 20+years of extensive experience spread across conference & exhibitions, hospitality and business operations including marketing communication, strategy and business development looking for a challenging opportunity currently on visit visa. Contact 93190397 Email: rajan.wilson@gmail.com

Sales Waterproofing 3 yrs exp with D/L. Contact 96087824

Oman-UAE experienced sales guy with computer skills looking for a job. Contact 96914222

Indian Male, Age 27, B.Tech in Computer Science, Valid GCC Driving License, Presently in Oman, 2 year experience in Marketing, Looking for Sales & Marketing. Contact 93468441

Indian male, 29 yrs, MBA Intl (UK) & BE in IT (India), having 4 yrs exp (UK/India). Currently on visit visa, looking for suitable placement. Contact: 94080190 /93091696/ hassanhussain4u@gmail.com.

Indian male 6 years experience in Oman, valid Oman driving license, seeking for suitable job in Marketing and Merchandiser. Contact 97976808 / 99287870

Indian male 29, MBA (International Business) having 6 years experience, Looking for a job in Marketing, accounts, Commercial, operations etc, on visit visa expiry on 17th April 2014. Contact 93073705 Email karthick.keyan29@gmail.com

MBA marketing degree holder having more than five years of experience in the field of sales and operations looking for immediate placement. Contact 91217461

Indian Male with 12 years GCC experience as Salesman, Looking for a suitable placement as Salesman or supervisor. Contact 98659216 Email rajagopaldamodar@gmail.com

Indian Male 18 yrs experience as Customer Care Executive for Leading Courier and Freight forwarding Companies with 5 years Gulf Experience. Currently on Visit Visa. Contact: 98257507

Indian Male, 23yrs, Graduate in Hospitality science, Pursuing MBA in Marketing, 2yrs experience, seeking suitable position, Contact 97613482

Indian male, 8 years experience in sales MIS operation, having Oman D/L position. Contact 93530331

Indian, Female, 25 years, MBA Finance and Marketing having 1 years experience as office assistant and in accounts seeks suitable placement. Contact 99326169

Indian Male MBA having 6 yrs experience in Marketing and Sale, seeks suitable placement. Contact 93747657

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Indian male, MBA in Operations Management & Marketing, B.Tech in computer science with Inventory Management experience in BHEL, Delhi, India. Seeking suitable placement. Contact 91269619, bijoyrevi@gmail.com

Young Indian Hindi teacher, MA, Bed in Hind and Diploma in office Automation. 7 months experience as teacher in Kerala. Languages known – English, Hindi & Malayalam seeks suitable placement. Contact 99036256, Email. umagopan13@gmail.com

Indian Female, M.Tech with 3 years experience as Network Design Engineer/Administrator in a reputed MNC, excellent in C,C++,Java ,CISCO, seeking suitable placement. Contact:96916486, 95293495. shajanaps@gmail.com, sharasaziz@gmail.com

25,male,ACCA finalist and left with 2 papers seeking for Junior Audit Position only,1 yrs accounting and 8 month audit experience, seeking for immediate replacement with 1 month notice, currently working in audit firm,Gsm-97654769,email id-abdullah.nooralam@yahoo.com

Bangladeshi, 36 years old, Microbiologist and having 12 years job experience in Pharmaceutical Microbiology, Food Microbiology, Quality Assurance of Pharma products, food & beverage.I am in Muscat with Family Visa. My cell # +968 91172945

Indian Male, 15 yrs IT experience. SQL 2012/2008, SSRS, SSIS, Sharepoint 2013/2010,SP Portal, VS 2012, C#, VB6, ASP.NET,VB. NET, Crystal Report. Seeking suitable position. Please contact 98017054 or rhbabutla@yahoo.com

Ministry of Health- Medical lab : Technician, retiring Feb. 2014 seeks job in private hospital or polyclinic. Contact 95957073

Mining Engineer and also did NEBOSH (IGC), fire and safety (HABC) 25 year old Pakistani male looking for job and recently on visit visa. Available to join respective firm. Contact # 97412696, Email: shan37yousfani@gmail.com

A management professional (MBA & B Tech) with expertise in the field of business development and risk consulting seeks a challenging role. Contact : +91 9916612121 Email :alexjpanampunna@gmail.com

B.E. ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS, Indian Male 30 yrs HAVING 5 years Indian and 1 year Oman experience in H.T. maintenance, substation erection, AutoCAD. Presently in Oman with valid driving license. #92032727 Email: nish7117@yahoo.com

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Project Coordinator: Indian Male, 29 Years, 6 Years UAE experience in a reputed Interior Fit out company as Project Coordinator, Administration Management with D/L presently working in Oman.Seeking suitable Placement.Contact:+968 92195328 e-mail : jobskrishna14@gmail.com

Indian, presently working as Sales In charge in Kp Chacko Gold Centre & Kidsjewels ,Kothamangalam since Jan,1999, seek suitable position in Oman. Contact 94248775

A gradute having 6 years experience in sales with D/L looking job in sales, coordinator, store, administration. #:93410723

Indian Male 26, 3yrs sales experience in Oman with valid Oman driving license. Seeking suitable outdoor sales job. Ph: 96207616. Email: tittochittilappilly@gmail.com

Indian male 36 yrs Engineer with MBA in supply chain management having 15 Yrs in Procurement /Logistic /specialty buyer in GCC with Valid D/L Contact 97746369 email :vved76@gmail.com

25, male, ACCA finalist and left with 2 papers, seeking for Junior Audit Position only,1 yrs accounting and 8 month audit experience, seeking for immediate replacement with 1 month notice, currently working in audit firm,Gsm-97654769,email id-abdullah.nooralam@yahoo.com

Operation Asst, 27 yrs, exp in Oman seeks placement. Contact : 95045402

Indian female, 28 years Graduate/ computer diploma 5 years work experience administration/ HR in construction and real estate seeks suitable placement on visit visa. Contact : 91191236

Well Experienced and Graduate with Omani driving License. Looking for Sales and Marking Job. # 93290098

Young, hardworking, 25, male, ACCA finalist and left with 2 papers seeking for statutory or internal audit,1 yr accounting and 8 month audit experience, seeking for immediate replacement with 1 month notice, currently working in audit firm,Gsm-97654769, email id-abdullah.nooralam@yahoo.com

Indian Electrical Engineer (Diploma) 28 yrs, 2 years Exp in Oman & 4 yrs in India with valid Driving License seeks suitable placements. Contact:93480510, Email:bcjmct@yahoo.com

Indian Male (40 years) Sr. Quantity Surveyor (Civil) with 14 years of experience in MNC looking for suitable position With Oman D/L Contact 95603159

MBA (Marketing /HR) Indian male with 4-5yrs exp in business development and marketing, seeks suitable placement, presently on visit visa. Contact 97618033, E mail: vjgeorge12@gmail.com

Indian female B. Tech Computer Science exp in PHP/ASP.net programming (6 months) on visit visa, seeking suitable placement. Contact : 98865182. E mail:fshani.90@gmail.com

Indian male 26 yrs B.Com Graduate and 3 yrs exp in import and export good at computer knowledge seeking suitable placement. Contact 99541254

Indian male 50, MBA in finance, presently and Admin Manager looking for change. Contact : 95140332. Email : abdulgafurraut@yahoo.co.in

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Fax: **24812624**

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Draughtsman (Civil) have 8 yrs exp in Oman seeking suitable placement. Contact 98527273

Commercial Asst, 27 yrs, BBM Graduate, 4 yrs exp in Oman seeks placement. Contact: 95045402

Indian male PG in Administration, UG B.Com (computers) & diploma in spoken English with 2 yrs Administration exp seeking job. Contact : 94039606

Indian female M.SC in Zoology and B.Ed with exp in teaching seeks suitable position. Contact : 95694728 / 99048290

Male nurse, Indian, GNM, 27 years, 7 Years Exp. in ICU, Passed Prometric Exam, working in India, Seeking Suitable placement GSM: 96996020

Indian female PhD in Mechanical Engineering M.Phil, M. Sc & B.Ed in Physics having 6 yrs teaching exp in University / College with 1 yr MNC exp seeking suitable placement in Oman. Contact : 93151425/ email : sreejayarejil@gmil.com

Working as Project manager (BE / MBA), Oman- D/L, 8-1/2 years in oman; seeking immediate replacement in purchase, mktg, project, business development. Contact-96040977, kvmssn@gmail.com

Indian female MBA finance & HR, BBA degree 2 & half year exp in Oman, accounting up to finalization, interested in part-time job, exp in Tally ERP 9, expert in MS Office looking for a suitable placement (full time / part time) in finance. Contact : 98670524 , lintapv11@gmail.com

Indian female 28 yrs B.E (Electronics & Communication Engg). 5 yrs exp in the fled of purchase, logistics, Supply chain management, transportation, import, procurement seeks suitable placement immediately. Contact : 96746238

24 yrs male, Computer Engineer, certificates in PHP My SQL, C#.Net, VB.Net, 1 yr exp in NBO, IT depart Department seeks suitable placement in IT on visit visa. #95260403, Email: mbilawal333@gmail.com

Masters in Healthcare Administration (U.S.A) /IND/male 27 yrs on visit visa, 4 yrs exp in admin email: adwait_karajagi@yahoo.com /99415504

Indian male 13 yrs, 10 yrs exp in sales & marketing with Oman driving license seeking suitable placement. Contact :98442690

Indian female, 18 years exp. in accounts/admin, tally ERP 9, 12 yrs in oman, looking for immediate joining with d/l. CONTACT 97260262

Indian male 18 Years Of Experience in accounts, in travel agency,looking for A Suitable position. 98266773

Building maintenance, forman all rounder, gulf,exp,12,years. Contact 99816441

Indian Female 32, M.Phil in ECONOMICS . 10 years in teaching and software industries in India. Looking for job in Colleges and Universities as lecturer/Professor/english accent trainer . Pls contact on my cell:97746369

Software Engineer with 3 years Web & Mobile application development experience in Germany, Switzerland and Asia. Currently located in Bangladesh a 24 years old male seeking for opportunity in Sultanate of Oman. Email: ajkerfaisal@yahoo.com and GSM: +8801912850065

Graphic designer/FCP video editor Indian male,3yer experience Contact -93389731

Mechanical Engineer and did IOSH (Managing safety) 23 year old Pakistani male having at least two year of experience in Power plant on visit visa and available to join respective firm. Contact number#97413055, E-mail:bilal42yousfani@yahoo.com

Indian male graduate 1.5 years experience in logistics & sales seeks suitable opportunities. GSM 92103220, shiraz619@gmail.com

I am working as a project manager -BE(Mech)+MBA, Oman-D/L, with 8-1/2 years in oman; seeking immediate replacement in purchase, Mktg, Project, BDM profile, #96040977, Email: kvmssn@gmail.com

Male, Mechanical Engineer. 18 months experience as Quality Control Engineer, on a visit visa. looking for a suitable position. #98032760 mail:raashidhamza@gmail.com

Indian B.Tech Electrical Engineer, 24 years female having two year experience in India looking for suitable position. Contact : 99244157, anjalivalsalamohan@gmail.com

Indian male over a 14 years experience in Travels field seeking suitable position. Contact: 97424212, ID: sulaimankizhakkayil@gmail.com

Mechanical Engineer and did IOSH (Managing safety) 23 years, Pakistani male having at least two year of experience in Power plant on visit visa and available to join respective firm. Contact number#97413055, E-mail:bilal42yousfani@yahoo.com

Indian Male 13 years experience in Supervising and HR/Admin with valid D/L. Seek Suitable placement. Contact 94056474

Indian Female staff Nurse,8 years experience with MOH license, seeking suitable placement. Contact: 98418006.

Indian female 29 years, MBA, BCom, 10 years experience in Accounts Payables, Receivables, Reconciliations, Marketing & Sales from direct manufacturing industry sees suitable job in Muscat. Currently on family visa, email: sendhema1@gmail.com GSM: +968 96634536

Indian (Kerala) female, 26 years, Diploma in Computer Engineering having 5.5 years experience in computer hardware and software field as faculty and system administrator, seeks suitable placement, now in residence visa. Contact GSM: 92219568, 97320516 email: sharminashamsheer@gmail.com

Indian male 4 years experience in motor vehicle sales man seeks suitable placement. Contact 99421537

Mechanical Engineer and did IOSH (Managing safety) 23 year old Pakistani male having at least two year of experience in Power plant on visit visa and available to join respective firm.Contact#97413055, E-mail:bilal42yousfani@yahoo.com

Indian male 18 Years of Experience in accounts, in travel agency, looking for a suitable position. #98266773

Indian male, BE (Civil Engineering) on visit visa, having more than10 years experience as a 'senior site Engineer' seeks suitable placement. Contact - 98299759, email: khaliq.Idrees@gmail.com

Teacher Indian female M.Sc Mathematics, 1 year exp looking suitable placement. Contact 96423081

Mechanical Engineer and did IOSH (Managing safety) 23 year old Pakistani male having at least two year of experience in Power plant on visit visa and available to join respective firm. #97413055, E-mail:bilal42yousfani@yahoo.com

Indian Male 26, 5yrs hypermarket exp. in Oman, valid Oman D/L, Seeking Merchandiser post in Oman. Contact: 96597937

Indian Male Executive Secretary having vast experience in admin, logistics, well versed with computer seeks suitable placement. Contact: 99514286

Indian Male B.com 3years Experience Pursuing ACCA, good knowledge of Excel and Tally etc looking for suitable job. Contact: 95518126

28 year Indian male with 7yrs of experience in general accounts seeking suitable placement.Kindly Contact 93405942 or moorthy4all@gmail.com

Indian Male B.Com grad with 1 yr exp, ACCA (ongoing), young, dynamic and hard working seeks suitable placement in accts/ finance/ audit. Contact: 99276296 Email - Shahbazsyed8@gmail.com

Mechanical Engineer and did IOSH (Managing safety) 25 year old Pakistani male having at least two year of experience in Power plant as maintenance engineer on visit visa and available to join respective. Contact 97413055, E-mail: bilal42yousfani@yahoo.com

MBA, Sales & Logistics Manager with 18 years of experience seeks key role in reputed organization. Email johnlijoys@yahoo.com

Indian Male 25 yrs, with 5yrs of experience in Admin & HR, \seek suitable placement. Contact 9587 0687, muscatomanjobvip@gmail.com

Office Secretary / Receptionist, Indian Female, BCA with 8+ years experience in handling reception, office administration, back office operations. Looking for opportunities. Contact 95489360. email- emskumar@yahoo.com

Indian Male, M.Com, 30 yrs having 8 years GCC experience in Accounts of Construction and Trading Field with valid Qatar and Oman license, adequate knowledge in ERP and Tally softwares, presently working in Muscat-Oman seeks suitable opportunities in Accounts and Finance Dept. Contact : 98483181 or mails to noushiforme@yahoo.com

Young, dynamic, hardworking, ACCA Finalist, CAT & Advance diploma holder with driving license, seeking for replacement in audit and accounts Contact 97724298 e.mail; s.raza65@yahoo.com

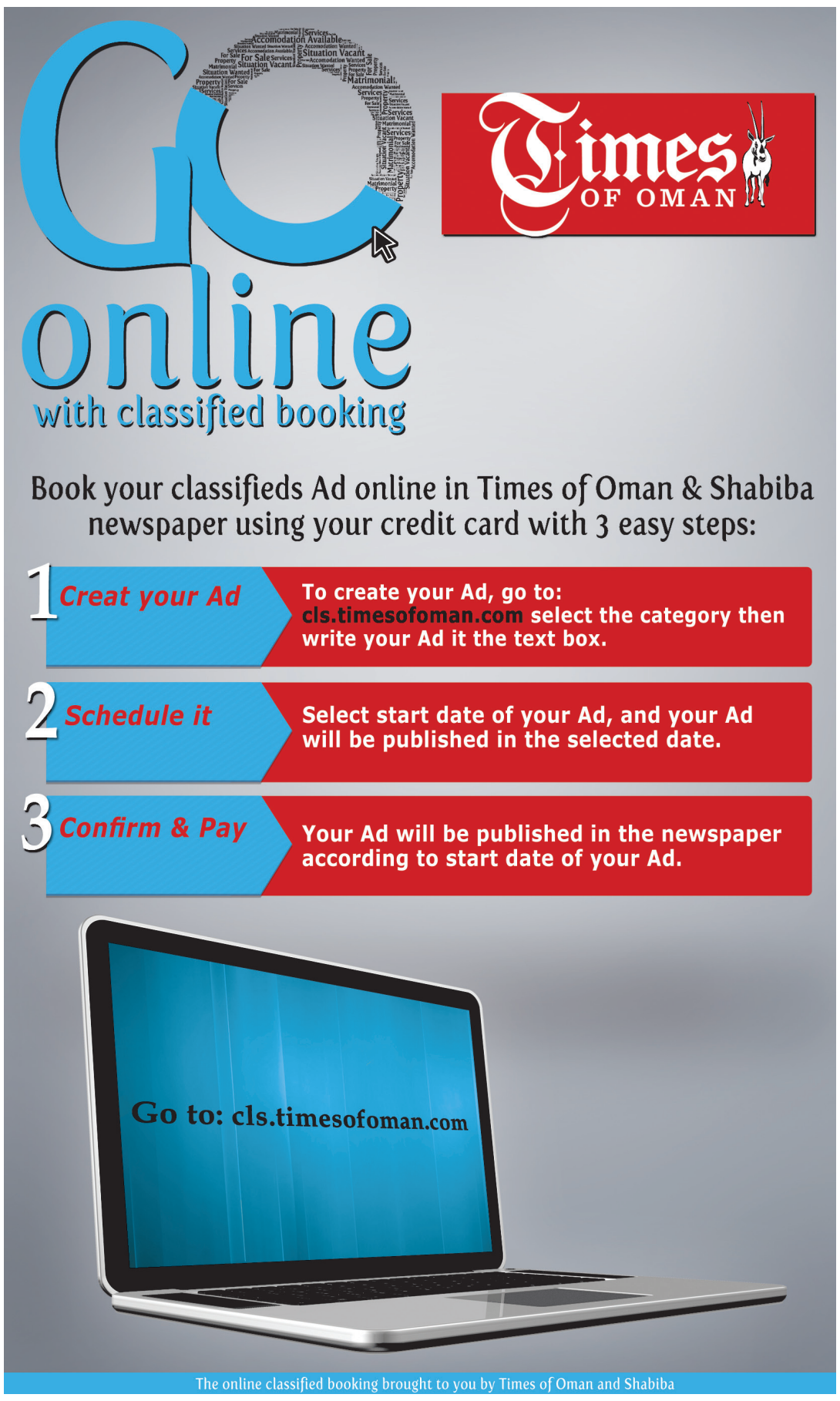
44 year Indian male with 18yrs of experience in accounts is seeking suitable placement in Muscat. Kindly contact me on 98155057 or email at gandhiram.k@gmail.com

Indian Male, BE, Electronics and communication looking for a suitable placement, available on visiting visa. Contact 00968-98753570 Email :seban75667@gmail.com

Young, hardworking, 25, male, ACCA finalist with driving license, seeking for statutory or internal Audit, fast learner & handle accounts independently, 1.5 yrs accounting and auditing experience,currently working in audit firm, Gsm-97654769, Email abdullah.nooralam@yahoo.com

Accountant cum administrator and medical insurance coordinator, above 8 yrs of experience looking for immediate opening. # 95727947.

Indian male, BE(Civil), 1 year experience (Site/QS), now on visit. Contact: 98903608 Email: bobsenp7@gmail.com



SIT. WANTED

A gradute having 6 years experience in sales with D/L looking job in sales, coordinator, store, administration. #:93410723

Indian Male 26, 3yrs sales experience in Oman with valid Oman driving license. Seeking suitable outdoor sales job. Ph: 96207616. Email: tittochittilappilly@gmail.com

CIVIL SUPERVISOR Indian male. six year experience in building construction field seeking suitable jobs mob:95306762 Email: sandeep88Joseph@gmail.com

25,male, ACCA finalist with driving license, seeking for statutory or internal audit or accounts job,1.5 yrs accounting experience and 7 month auditing experience, currently working in audit firm,Gsm-97654769,email id-abdullah.nooralam@yahoo.com

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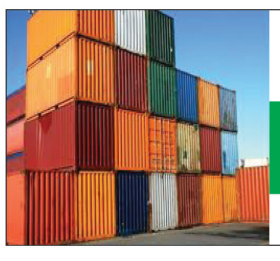
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