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HM sends greetings to Guyana, Brunei

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said has sent a cable of congratulations to President David Arthur Granger of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana on the occasion of his country's National Day.

In his cable, His Majesty the Sultan has expressed his sincere congratulations and best wishes to President Granger and his country's people.

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said has also sent a cable of congratulations to Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei Darussalam on the occasion of his country's National Day.

In his cable, His Majesty expressed his sincere congratulations along with his best wishes of good health and happiness to Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah and his country's people further progress.-ona

NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE

HM receives thanks from Albania

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said has received a cable of thanks from President Bujar Nishani of the Republic of Albania in reply to His Majesty's greetings cable on the occasion of his country's National Day.

In his cable, President Nishani expressed his thanks and appreciation for His Maiestv the Sultan's greetings and best wishes to him and the people of his country. He wished His Majesty good health and wellbeing, and the Omani people further progress and prosperity. He stressed the importance of good relations between the two countries - ONA

Thousands to get their work benefits cut

The Ministry of Finance is slashing a number of benefits at all institutions which receive 50 per cent or more state funding

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MUSCAT: Thousands of expat and Omani employees working at state-owned institutions, run with 50 per cent government funding or more, are to have a number of benefits slashed, according to a decision from the Ministry of Finance.

The circular (5/2016) signed by Darwish bin Ismail bin Ali Al Balushi, Minister Responsible for Financial Affairs, stated that the decision has been made to cushion the economy which is struggling due to the oil price crunch.

Speaking to Times of Oman, Anwar Al Abri, public relations officer of the ministry confirmed the decision, saying it was taken on Sunday.

According to the decision, privileges such as health insurance for employees and family. life insurance allowance, car insurance allowance for staff and family members, loans, bonuses. incentives during Ramadan or Eid and increments not related to employee's Key Performance Indicators (KPI) will be stopped.

Additionally, allowances for school fees, mobile phones and



bills, annual medical check-up for employee and family, provision of private car to senior managers, annual leave tickets, housemaid allowances, house rents. furniture allowances. credit cards for CEOs, hospitalisation fee and other allowances will also be stopped temporarily.

The decision reads that it was issued according to the Royal Decree 47/98 Article 6 which regulates the government investexpenditure and regulates the public expenditure.

committee, said that it was not part of the decision which comes under the responsibility of the Ministry of Finance.

However, he added that this is a step from the government side to control its expenses under the current financial situation.

"There is a huge financial support provided by the government to such companies and it's the time to rethink about it," the member added.

'The Finance Committee at the Shura has formed a team to study the semi-government companies with regards to their income and support allocated by the government. Such companies need to be monitored by the government. The team is studying their status and the progress they make with government grants," said the member.

He added that the team would come out with results to explain if the government support is contributing to state finances or costing the public purse.

A finance advisor in a semigovernment institution said that they are aware of the decision, however, but have not yet got the copy from the ministry through the official channel. "We will be approaching the ministry tomorrow, to check about it," the finance advisor said.

Another official in a semigovernment institution also confirmed that discussions were going on in their office about the decision.

Meanwhile, an economist ment, keeps a tab on government in Muscat said the circular is intended to rationalise the salary payment and the number of A Majlis Al Shura member, items/classifications and to rewho is also part of the finance strain out of turn payments. >A4

Fuel prices were reduced on February 1 but a number of gas stations were found charging higher prices. Here is a sample on how much extra money they are taking Price per litre 0.160 0.966 Super If you are filling the tank of a big vehicle 0.414 Regular 0.137 like Toyota Land 0.160 capacity of 138 litres 0.146 Source: Oman's Public Authority for Consumer Protection

PACP cautions fuel stations charging extra from motorists

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MUSCAT: Gas stations that are overcharging consumers must be reported, said Oman's Public Authority for Consumer Protection (PACP), urging drivers to check the fuel rates while refuelling their vehicles.

A number of gas stations were found charging higher than the administered petrol and diesel rates.

On January 28, the Oman government had announced revised petrol and diesel prices.

Since February 1, the cost of super grade petrol has been 153 baisas per litre (against 160 a litre in January), 137 baisas for regular grade petrol (against 140 a litre), and 146 baisas for diesel per litre (against 160 a litre).

"The PACP has caught a number of gas stations in the Muscat governorate overcharging unaware motorists," said Khalid Al Rashdi, head of the media department at PACP.

If the violation is repeated, gas stations may face harsher pun- hope to squeeze extra money ishments, which could include shutting down the stations and refused to implement the newer withdrawal of commercial regis- and cheaper prices," he said.

tration, Khalid Al Rashdi added. So far, violators have only been

fined and sent to the public prosecution for further investigations. While all the violations

that were reported in Muscat, Al Rashdi assured that the crackdown would be carried out by PACP officials across the Sultanate. "We are expecting that many

other petrol pumps inside and outside the capital are still cheating their customers and using false rates, which were hiked in January," said Khalid, while urging drivers to check the rate difference between regular and super petrol prices.

The PACP also called on citizens and residents to keep an eye on the monthly updates released by Oman's Oil and Gas ministry regarding the revised petrol prices so that they are not taken for a ride by the fuel outlets.

Al Rashdi added that some petrol pumps workers had even refused to refuel vehicles for eight hours, waiting for the ministry's decision to amend the price, in from their customers. "Others

Austrian cyclist wins first stage of Trans Hajar Mountain Bike Race

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN

Turning hazardous waste into tiles

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materials. >A2

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OMAN

Public sector staff can own business, job too

Public sector staff will now be allowed to establish small or $medium \ businesses \ without$ having to resign from their jobs, according to a circular uploaded on the official Twitter account of Riyada, the Public Authority for Small and Medium Enterprise Development. The staff will be entitled to unpaid leave for one year, which can be extended up to four years. >A3

MARKET

Omantel plans mega network expansion

Omantel has signed a formal memorandum of understanding with Ericsson to enhance network capabilities and services according to the company's new transformation strategy. Talal Al Mamari, CEO of Omantel said, "At Omantel, we see ourselves as innovators and early adopters of new technology. So it is vital that we partner with companies." >B1

Escaping death at times, globe-trotting is a passion for this expat



Times News Service

MUSCAT: He is a vagabond by nature, a traveller by passion and a corporate employee by choice. Meet Indranil Chowdhuri, who is going places, because for him sky is the limit.

"I have already visited 102 countries across the world and plan to visit at least 150 countries in the next few years," he told the Times of Oman.

"The passage of being a rolling stone spans from loafing about in the Caribbean, through the historical, geographical and evolutionary splendours of the planet, to a regime-escorted tour in North Korea. Being witness to amazing things, events extraordinary, and circumstances are simply too exciting. It has been an eventful a journey until now," said the 51-year-old, who works





AROUND THE WORLD: Indranil Chowdhuri at Kangerlussuaq in Greenland and at the Great Wall of China. - Supplied photo

at a Sohar company.

Chowdhuri's other passion is his collection of more than 1,000 shot glasses and 500 fridge magnets

from various parts of the globe.

lose oneself in the wilderness of New Zealand or see the sun setting on the Pacific sipping a drink in Chile; or try a hand in archery with the descendants of Genghis

Ukraine; to a never-ending journey across Asia on the Trans-Siberian Express; playing with penguins in Antarctica is what keeps the heart

the Potemkin steps in Odessa, drop by in Argentina to remind them that their Selecao neighbours are better with the ball than them. Post that, if I can manage to escape alive, immerse myself "But still the heart cries out to Khan in Mongolia. Walking down beating still. While at it, may be in the fascinating Central Asian

countries, which were once a part of the great USSR," he added.

Wonderful experiences

When asked to cite some wonderful experiences, he said that while on a vacation in Moscow, he had met the ex-president of USSR, Mikhail Gorbachev, while walking on the streets of Moscow.

"I was in the first aircraft, which the LTTE blew up when they attacked the Colombo airport some 15 years ago. So I have missed death by a whisker many times," he narrated.

He describes the planet as an "extraordinary conglomerate of things beyond description."

"And life is beautiful, since it gives one an opportunity to savour it all," he explained. But one of his most prized possessions is a World War II helmet that he procured from Albania.

"I was in Tirana, the capital city, and while roaming in the cobbled streets, I met this old lady near a fort, who was selling war artefacts that her husband had collected,"

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Hazardous waste to useful tiles

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MUSCAT: With millions of tonnes of waste being dumped every day from Oman oil refineries, Siham Said Al Siyabi, a young Omani girl decided to re-use the hazardous waste and turn it into beautiful, yet environment friendly cement tiles.

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al hazardous waste, that causes environmental risks and economic losses (financial) to a product that offers environmental, economic, industrial and social benefits for the community," Al Siyabi stated. A report, which was published on www.bioenergyconsult.com, pointed out that Oman produced about 1.6 million tonnes of solid

Opportunity

highest in the world.

"This problem gave me an opportunity to conduct a study on how to treat and reuse such waste by using a new and innovative technique," she said.

waste in 2010. The per capita

waste generation is more than

1.5 kilogram per day, among the

Recently, Al Siyabi's cement tiles bagged the second spot for the ject is not ready to go commercial Entrepreneurship Award given by the General Authority of small and medium enterprises (Riyada) in the category of the Best Project Idea 2015. The project has won a number of awards internationally sisting," Al Siyabi concluded.

and locally, and was adjudged the fifth winner as the best innovative project idea to be applied globally in a competition set up by the British magazine International Journal of Engineering Research and Technology in 2013. Al Siyabi was also declared the second winner in the in a competition held by the Caledonian College of Engineering for innovative student projects in 2013. Recently, she became the first winner of the Omantel Excellence SME Award in the category of the best project idea in 2015.

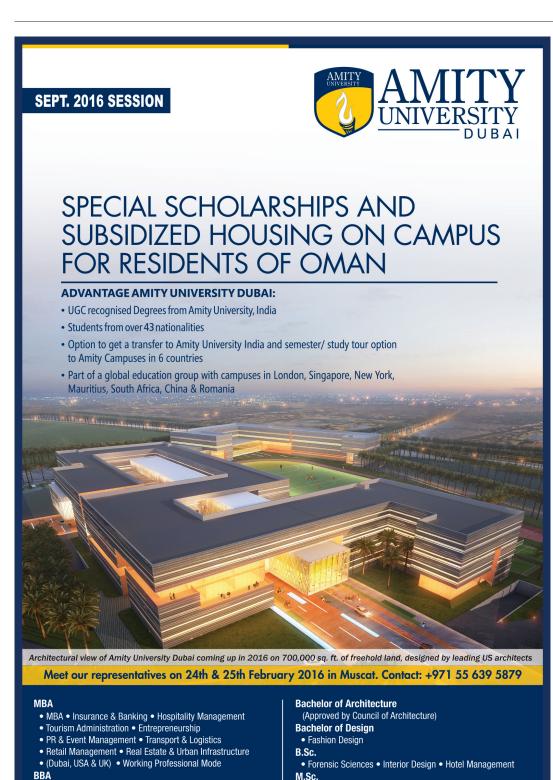
Nevertheless, Al Siyabi said her greatest award would be when her idea is implemented in Oman, which will be her biggest motivation to produce more innovative ideas. The tiles are made in Oman at a local factory. However, the proas it needs finanical support, according to Al Siyabi.

"When you reach deep to find the meaning of the word success, you find that it simply means in-





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University of Nizwa tests students' competitive edge



FUTURE READY: The eight projects presented by the students were judged by a panel of prominent academics and the three best Final Year Projects have been chosen and have received awards, certificates and prizes. - supplied photo

Times News Service

MUSCAT: In order to develop the competitive edge of students a unique and exciting competition on Information Systems and Technology (CIST 2016) was hosted by the University of Nizwa's College of Economics, Management and Information Systems at the university campus recently.

The students of Final Year Projects from the Department of Information Systems, Computer Science and Computer Engineering participated in two events organised by the Department of Information Systems on the theme of "Moving towards innovations in technology to build knowledge society."

Eight teams were shortlisted and presented their projects and 15 teams shortlisted presented their posters during the competitions at the event.

The event was inaugurated by Dr. Ahmed Al Kindi, dean of the College of Economics, Management and Information Systems, who said, "The main mission of The project named, "Intelligent Car parking System using Arduino" was selected for the first prize in Best Final Year project competition

to the society in the field of Information Systems and by educating students to become competent, resourceful and ethical Information System specialists with creative and research capabilities in the field."

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and prizes. The examiners evaluated these projects, based on originality, creativity, methodology, technology, and relevance to the theme of the competition. In conjunction with the technical competition, a poster competition on the Final Year Project was also conducted and the best three posters were chosen for the awards.

The project named, "Intelligent Car parking System using Arduino" was selected for the first prize in Best Final Year project competition. The Project "Car Accidental Warning System" was chosen for the first prize in the Poster competition category.

The Chairperson of CIST 2016, Dr. Arockiasamy explained, "This event is organised to develop the competitive edge of students working in this field, as that is what will make the difference as the students move from the academic environment, into the workplace. They will be required not only to be more knowledgeable, but wiser, and sharper, to be better than those competing in







ITALIAN HONOUR FOR AL MAHROUQI

Salim bin Mohammed Al Mahrouqi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Heritage and Culture for Heritage Affairs received at the General Diwan of the ministry yesterday the Order of the Star of Italy, which is granted by the Government of Italy to Al Mahrouqi. Al Mahrouqi got the award when he received in his office Paola Amadi, Italian ambassador to the Sultanate. The honour comes in appreciation to the efforts made by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Heritage and Culture for Heritage Affairs in promoting the bilateral relations between the two countries in areas of heritage and culture particularly in the museums and antiques sector and exchanging expertise to serve both the sides according to the best practices for the sustainability of the cultural heritage. -ONA



Public sector staff allowed to own business, keep their job

The employees will be entitled to unpaid leave for one year, which can be extended up to four years in a move to encourage Omani youth to establish their own businesses in the future

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MUSCAT: Public sector employees will now be allowed to establish small or medium businesses without having to resign from their jobs, according to a circular uploaded on the official Twitter account of Riyada, the Public Authority for Small and Medium Enterprise Development.

In a move to encourage Omani youth to establish their own businesses in the future, the employees will be entitled to unpaid leave for one year, which can be extended up to four years.

Cabinet Council had taken a de-

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cision to allow government sec- exceed 45 years. tor employees to resign or take unpaid one year leave in order to better run their own business. The decision was taken during a cabinet meeting held on the 19th of last month.

The decision stipulates that certain conditions needed to be met by the employees in order to be relieved from service. The government employees can go for one of the two options. Either they resign to establish their business or they go on leave, according to the circular. It also noted that in order to resign, employees have to meet certain conditions. An employee has to give a threemonth notice in advance once they submit the resignation letter.

Resignation letter

Moreover, the resignation letter should be attached to the document that provides an approval from the authorities concerned to establish a business.

The circular also explained that the employee should have completed at least three years in service and not have completed The circular said the Oman more than 15 years. Besides, the age of the employee should not

On the other hand, the resignation letter should be responded to within a period of not more than 30 days or otherwise it would be deemed approved.

The employee can get a full year's salary at the end of service, the circular noted, as the person cannot apply for any public sector jobs until he completes three years after the end of his service.

The employee can also benefit from an unpaid year's leave on the condition of applying for that leave three months before the leave starts. For this option, the employee should complete only one year in service and is entitled to get a response for a period of 30 days.

In case an application is rejected, the authorities concerned should explain the reason behind their decision to the employee. This is a one-time chance for government sector employees as the one year can be extended to four years on condition that the employee applies for it three months before his leave ends.

The employee can also work in the government sector during the period of his unpaid leave, but on certain conditions.

FUNDING SCHOLARSHIPS

Dar Al Atta'a organises first International Food Fair



Times News Service

MUSCAT: An International Food Fair (IFF) was organised by Dar Al Atta'a Association in the InterContinental Hotel gardens on

The IFF aimed to raise money to fund partial scholarships to underprivileged college/university students that are enrolled in the association's Student Care

Dar Al Atta'a sought to give a global unity feeling to the event where 14 embassies and residents of different communities in the Sultanate took part in the event through selling traditional food and showcasing crafts and folkloric performances.

In addition to the communities, five bakers and The American International School of Muscat (Taism) set up tables with assorted baked goods in support for the charity and its programmes. Fifty volunteers helped the organisers throughout the event with locations set up, visitors guidance, coupon selling and event gate control.

The IFF had a complete Omani-Corner and children's play area provided by Titan Events for party supplies and a (Dar Al Atta'a passport) was handed to children on the entrance gate to be stamped by the countries they visit in the event which encouraged the while serenity clinic had set up an

awareness corner in the event.



GLOBAL FLAVOUR: Dar Al Atta'a sought to give a global unity feel to the event where 14 embassies and residents of different communities took part in the event. - supplied photo

the event where vouchers of various restaurants and two flight tickets were given as a prizes.

"Let's popcorn" mainly sponsored the event, while "Al Dhahabi" flour mills were the event golden sponsor and Tunes stood as a Silver sponsor.

"Dar Al Atta'a would like to extend its gratitude to InterContinental Hotel for being their strategic partner and thanked HiFM & Hala FM, City Cinema, Muscat Media Group and Apex Press and Publishing for covering the media of the event and Al Waha water supplies, Pepsi the countries and their culture, bottles, juices and soft drinks," a press release said.

Raffles were drawn at the end of Jawad Sultan Group and Canary in November 2016."

Travel and Tourism for their contribution of tickets to the raffle draw.

Maryam Al Zadjali, Chairperson of the association, said "Dar Al Atta'a expresses thanks to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for making the event possible and the great efforts of the participants of the International Food Fair brought people together in a heartwarming evening. Thank you to the sponsors and volunteers who have dedicated their time and effort to make this event a successful one. The event raised a total amount of OMR7,684, that children to know more about and Enhance for donating water will be used to cover partial scholarships for eight students. And this motivated us to start planning The organisers also thanked for the next one which will be held

ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

Oman Tourism College signs pact with American university

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by the Oman Tourism College with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) to facilitate academic collaboration.

Chartered in 1869, UNL is a comprehensive public land-grant university, ranked as a Carnegie Research 1 institution. Oman is one of the eight priority countries identified by UNL for international engagement.

The MoU establishes a general partnership between the institutions to facilitate collaborations in following academic activities: teaching, research, student ex-

change, faculty exchange, technology transfer, publication, curriculum development, joint projects and training.

Abdulkarim Sultan Al Mughairi, dean of Oman Tourism College, signed the MoU and noted that "Developing mutually beneficial collaborations with academic and industry partners are vital in achieving the College's mission of supporting Oman's tourism industry."

University of Nebraska-Lincoln was represented by a delegation led by Dr. Timothy Carr, chairperson of the Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences, who handed over the document signed by UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman.

Chancellor Perlman on an earlier visit to the College had said, "Our students and faculty will benefit from the educational opportunities, professional development activities, and joint programme development initiatives we envision to enhance capacity at both institutions."

Since 2013, UNL has hosted Omani students sponsored by His Majesty the Sultan Scholarship Programme.

Currently, there are approximately 120 students studying in UNL. The students have formed an Omani student organisation with the goal of helping other UNL students to learn more about Oman and its culture.

Diversity on show at International School of Choueifat event

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Celebrating the wonder that it is, the multi-cultural International School of Choueifat-Muscat (ISC-Muscat) held its annual International Day event recently.

People from various nationalities from all over the world participated with high enthusiasm, showcasing diverse aspects of their culture and traditions.

Exceeded all expectations

The SABIS Student Life Organisation exceeded all expectations in making this wonderful event happen. Organisers had set up International Day stalls, and provided tables and tents, for each country, based on request.

The participants, including staff members, students and their

cultural display items and popular dishes of their respective countries. A beautiful blue sky and cool weather marked the International Day event at ISC-Muscat.

Sea of people

This year's event was held in the school's football field, which saw a sea of people thronging the venue donning traditional attire, captivating students, families and staff alike. Visitors and participants enjoyed their afternoon circulating around the field, indulging themselves as they tried out various delicacies and admiring what each of the stalls had on offer.

The International Day celebrations commenced with the Omani National Anthem, followed by a speech by the bubbly host, Nawaf Al Lawati (Grade 11S). He deliv-

charge of bringing traditional and unity and togetherness, and then came the wonderful performances prepared by the staff members, students, and their families.

The ISC-Muscat International Day event consisted of a range of great performances that included several songs performed by the school's choirs, the "Tanoora" dance from Egypt, a Jordanian and a Palestinian "Dabkeh", Omani, Iranian, and Indian dances and even poetry recitations.

Fashion show

The event concluded with an adorable fashion show, performed by the students of all ages where the colourful and beautiful traditional attire of several countries was on display.

It was clear that a lot of hard work and effort had gone into this event to make it all come together friends and families, were in ered a powerful message about and run as smoothly as it did.



FUN DAY: The ISC-Muscat International Day event consisted of a range of great performances that included several songs performed by the school's choirs, the 'Tanoora' dance from Egypt, a Jordanian and a Palestinian 'Dabkeh', Omani, Iranian, and Indian dances as also poetry recitations. - supplied photo





Oman is at the crossroads of different regions. It could be a great re-export platform if you provide the right soft infrastructure to complement the excellent road infrastructure found here

Habib Turki, Habib Turki, IRU project coordinator for Africa and Middle East

'Simpler customs' procedures can boost Oman's logistics potential'

Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Salim Al Futaisi, Minister of Transport and Communications. told reporters that Oman is interested in joining global transport convention TIR

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MUSCAT: Simplifying customs procedures for traders that transport goods over land will save a lot of time and money and give a boost to Oman's potential as a logistics hub in the region, the International Road Transport Union (IRU) said.

The IRU, which hosted a workshop with the Ministry of Transport and Communications at the Oman Chamber of Commerce's headquarters on Sunday, stressed the benefits of the TIR (Transports Internationaux Routiers, International Road Transport) system to ease trade and transit of goods in the Sultanate.

Based on the United Nations' TIR Convention, the TIR system is currently in place in 69 countries.

It is the only global customs transit system and includes mutual recognition of customs controls, among other features. In the Gulf region, only Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates have joined.

For Oman, it would be very beneficial to join the TIR as well, Habib Turki, project coordinator for Africa and the Middle East at IRU, told the Times of Oman.

"Oman is at the crossroads of different regions. It could be a great re-export platform if you provide the right soft infrastructure to complement the excellent road infrastructure found here. You need to offer the right procedures to make the country more attractive for transit and re-export, so it can act as a bridge between Africa, the Arab states and Central Asia," he said.

Ahmed bin Mohammed bin prove our ranking among the logis-



BRAINSTORMING: The IRU, which hosted a workshop with the Ministry of Transport and Communications at the Oman Chamber of Commerce's headquarters on Sunday. - Jun Estrada

system," he said.

Transport and Communications, told reporters that Oman is interested in joining TIR.

"Oman would like to start exploring the possible benefits of being a member of this system. It will definitely ease the transport of goods from Oman to neighbouring countries and beyond and will im-

Salim Al Futaisi, Minister of tics indices. It will also benefit our trade with Central Asian countries and China. There is a direction among other GCC countries to adopt the system. We are looking forward to being a member of this

> During the presentation by the IRU, the audience was eager to know more about the practical implications this might have.

Samir Al Balushi, supply chain manager at the Oman Refreshment Company, said he was not so sure about the benefits of the system.

"It will not help in avoiding any queues or getting priority when carrying the right documents. It is only the customs work, which will be unified, not the customs checks at the border," he pointed out.

not solve all issues, but is designed to ease the transit of goods.

"By streamlining customs procedures and ensuring shorter waiting times, the system will ease transit, but it cannot solve all problems. Some operators are not trusted by customs and physical inspection of all cargo is still carried out at checkpoints. This system facilitates transit of goods, not imports," he noted.

The cost-benefit equation is also a concern for businesses. Al Balushi said he would face practical issues.

"Since a lot of modifications to our trucks will be needed, the third parties, which provide us with trucks and containers, will resist modifying the fleet, as they will have to invest in modifying the trucks and containers, but the resulting benefits will be nil," he added.

Rani Wehbe, senior advisor for the Middle East at IRU, said the IRU "is looking forward to cooperating with the relevant authorities and stakeholders for the accession and implementation of the TIR system in Oman for the multiple economic benefits it provides to the Sultanate."

He also underscored Oman's strategic location and the value the TIR system offers for improving IRU's Turki said the system will its logistics performance.

SQU, UK law school to boost relations

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Sultan Qaboos University and School of Law at the University of Reading are in talks to promote academic ties.

Prof. Susan Carolyn Breau, Head of the School of Law at the University of Reading, UK, visited the College of Law at Sultan Qaboos University today.

She was received by Dr. Rashid Hamed Al Bulushi, Assistant Professor, Khamis Ali Almoharbi, Administrative Director, College of Law at SQU and other academicians from the college. The two sides discussed ways to promote academic and research ties between the two institutions.

Research intensive

The School of Law is part of the world-ranked University of Reading, rated among the UK's most research intensive institutions and one of the UK's largest, best-known and most successful campus universities.

Prof. Susan Breau invited the College of Law at SQU evinced



MAKING A POINT: Academicians from the College of Law at SQU evinced interest to learn from the experience of the School of Law at the University of Reading in pro bono projects and other practical experiences for law students. - supplied photo

to collaborate with the School of Law at Reading, which offers inclusive, dynamic, and thriving research environment where individual researchers are stimulated to undertake significant and highquality work.

The academicians from the

faculty members in Law at SQU interest to learn from the experience of the School of Law at the University of Reading in pro bono projects and other practical experiences for law students.

> Prof. Susan Breau opined that collaboration with a law school in Oman is very important for her Omani students are pursing higher school, considering the importance of Oman as a mediator in at the University of Reading.

resolving the crisis in the Middle East and the Arab region.

She said it is the first time in the world that the Reading School of Law is offering a postgraduate programme in Global Crisis, Conflict and Disaster Management. Many studies in law at the School of Law

Omantel to support innovation at SQU

Times News Service

MUSCAT: To support innovation and research in the field of telecommunications, Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) and Oman Telecommunications Company (Omantel) yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU).

SQU was represented by Vice-Chancellor Dr. Ali bin Saud Al Bemani while Omantel was represented by Chief Executive Officer Talal bin Said Al Mamari,

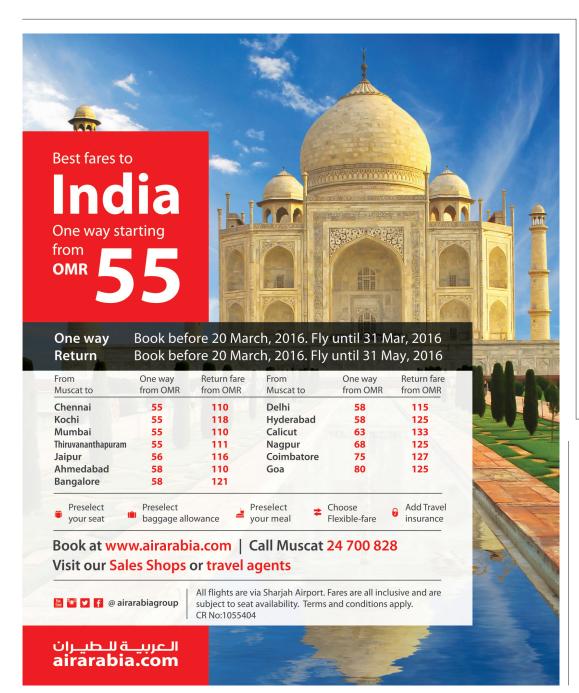
The MoU aims to promote and develop cooperation in the fields of innovation, research and facilitate exchange of studies, research, skills and experience in the field of telecommunications.

As per the MoU, Omantel will support innovation and research through bilateral agreements between the two sides. SQU will encourage its academic departments and students to conduct research and innovate in the tel-

ecommunications fields. The two sides will conduct specialised lectures, workshops and exchange experiences, and will provide support to carry out the proposed programmes. The duration of the MoU is two years.

The two sides also signed a Letter of Agreement (LoA) to train university graduates in the field of communications. The agreement will help promote cooperation and partnership between SQU and Omantel in order to serve public interest. The two parties agreed to find a general framework to support the higher education field, especially the field of communication technology education.

As per the LoA, Omantel will offer two modules for threemonth training courses in telecommunications to SQU students. The targeted category for graduates is Communication Engineering and students with scientific excellence.



Decision affects privileges not within basic rights

"I don't think the ministry aims to do away with the basic privileges like house rent, medical facilities given to employees," the economist added.

Official statistics show that Oman has lost \$14 billion worth of revenues in 2015 compared to a year earlier due to low oil prices.

Oman had a fiscal deficit of 15 per cent last year and in 2016 the deficit is expected to be 17 per cent as the low oil price eats into export earnings and blows a hole in the country's budget.

With breaking-even crude oil prices of \$75 per barrel for the 2016 budget, Oman will need to

IMF has advised working on long-term economical sustainability plan

dig deep into the reserves to come up with financial discrepancy to wipe out the OMR 3.5b deficit.

The decision mainly aims to halt privileges, which do not come within basic rights associated with the job, which are usually out of framework of normal

expenditure, like allowances for entertainment and others which hit the budgets of the institutions.

Recently, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has already cautioned Oman to make urgent steps to secure the future of its fiscal budget.

It had urged the government to embark on the long-term economic sustainability plans. The IMF had also urged Oman to cut its wages bills on the public sector.

This year, Oman has already shown its commitment to cut costs by reforming the subsidies with hikes in taxation and



TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ministry of Defense invites MOD registered suppliers to participate in the following tender:

Subject	Tender No.	Last Date for Inquiries	Last Date to Obtain Tender	Tender Documnet Price Per Copy (RO)
SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF ORTHOPANTOMOGRAM MACHINES	07/2016	22/03/2016	29/03/2016	34 RO

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

Payment of tender documents to be made by using of any Visa Electron Cards or "Visa credit" Cards or through Smart Card issued from Oman Arab Bank







Light industries city launched in Oman

Sandan, the firstof-its-kind project will be constructed over 250,000 square metres of land. located 5 kilometres away from the Al Mabela exit on the express way



TRAILBLAZER: The Sandan team showcased a six metre-long and three-metre wide model of the city, which attracted the quests to explore the features of the divisions of the project, - Talib Al Wahibai

StaffReporter

MUSCAT: Sandan, Oman's first integrated light industries city, was officially launched under the auspices of Masoud Al Sunaidy, Minister of Commerce and Industry on Monday.

Al Sunaidy praised the massive efforts that helped turn a dream into reality. "This is a very adventurous and pioneering idea and I hope we can see more of such ideas all around the Oman," he said.

"This project is a quality step forward and it will provide the market with many opportunities and pump huge investments," he asserted. The first-of-its-kind project will be constructed over 250,000 square metres of land, located 5 kilometres away from the Al Mabela exit on the express way.

The Sandan team showcased a six metre-long and three-metre wide model of the city, which attracted the guests to explore the features of the divisions of the project. The city will host 2,200 workshops and exhibitions for building materials and automotive, 400 offices and 1,800 residential units for workers.

After the official launch, the Sandan team started offering all units available for sale. Th event saw a big turn out of investors, businessmen, entrepreneurs, traders and the youth, who wanted to take part in a great success story. According to the Sandan team, 50 auto showrooms have been sold before the launch ceremony.

"This project is 100 per cent Omani and has been planned for two years as an integrated project, based on the latest global standards," Naser Al Rashdi, chief executive officer of Sandan Development said.

"Our team had made great efforts to achieve this result," he added. He also said the project management team has been engaged in a dialogue with the concerned bodies and entities to offer special services to entrepreneurs and investors. It aims to help young Omani entrepreneurs establish their businesses in the

Sandan has also given great attention in detail to secure the success of the project, which is strategically located with three frontlines in the middle of the Muscat Expressway and the Al he added. Batinah Expressway.

inlets to allow smooth traffic for all. The park is expected to accommodate 15,000 people, in addition ported by all workshops that are to visitors and customers.

All the units of the project workshops, offices, trade shows and residential units will be offered for direct sale; and buyers will have the opportunity to pay in interestfree instalments extending for 18 months. All facilities are expected to be available for the expected 15,000 people, who will dwell in the city; such as hypermarkets, restaurants, hospitals etc.

"The project is an unprecedented idea that came from the need of the Sultanate to build a modern and integrated city with a particular host of commercial activities in one place and supported by all necessary services for people living there," Al Rashdi said.

launched a study and analysis of the neighbouring markets, such as Al Mabailah and Sagsoug, and had meetings with building materials and auto traders to gather a sufficient idea about their needs,"

As per Sandan, the front line of According to Sandan, it has 10 the project is expected to host 50 auto trade shows, with a capacity of more than 1,000 vehicles supnecessary for auto trade.

> There will be more than 1,200 workshops offering repairing, spare parts and auto requirements. "This, in turn, will make Sandan the biggest and first destination for vehicles customers and lovers," a spokesperson said.

> "The big economic turnout and value of the project will create new opportunities for the youth and new jobs," Saleem bin Hassan Al Baluchi, the assistant director of the Directorate General of Real Estate Development at the Ministry of Housing said.

Al Rashdi said private investors have invested in the land and the project and Sandan will be the developer of the project. "At the mo-"Two years ago, the work team ment, there is no foreign investor in the project," he noted. He added that Sandan has been established to deliver this specific project and may get involved in developing similar projects in other areas of Oman in the future.

First political forum organised at SQU

was organised yesterday by the Political Science Group at the College of Economics and Political Science at Sultan Qaboos University (SQU).

Dr. Said bin Mubarak Al Muharrami, Dean of the College of Economics and Political Science and a member of the State Council delivered a speech in which he explained that the foreign policy of the Sultanate is characterised by neutrality, which provided it with the opportunity to build and develop at the domestic level.

The first session of the forum was titled "Oman's Foreign Policy" in which Dr. Anwar Al Rowas and

MUSCAT: First political forum Dr. Mahmoud Junaid took part.

The session dealt with the concept of the foreign policy of the Sultanate and its foundations, in addition to Oman's political ties with the rest of the GCC countries.

Dr. Anwar Al Rowas explained that the Omani policy foundations are based on the principle of "peace" and that the Sultanate has been pursuing a policy of good neighbourliness.

The second session of the forum discussed the empowerment of women and youth in the political life and hosted Muna Al Mantheriya, a media celebrity, and Dr. Hani Al Basos. -ona



Approval to 40 candidates for Master, Phd

Omar Al Marhoon, Minister of Civil Service yesterday chaired the meeting of the scholarship committee for the post graduate

MUSCAT: Sheikh Khalid bin ernment units who have applied the civil service law and its execufor the civil service law and its executive regulations.

Approval was given to send 40 male and female candidates from level for the employees at the gov- the governmental units that apply ecutive regulation. -ona

tive regulations to get master and PhD degrees as per the standards shown in the scholarships, grants and study subsidy law and its ex-







I was in Tirana, the capital city, and while roaming in the cobbled streets, I met this old lady near a fort, who was selling war artefacts that her husband had collected. Indranil Chowdhuri, Indian expat



RECOMMENDATIONS: The academics made a number of observations about draft laws relating to white collar crimes. - one

Shura panel reviews **Omani Penal Code**

The Shura panel listened to the views and recommendations of the university staff

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Omani Penal Code was reviewed by the Legislative and Legal Committee of the Shura Council and academics from the College of Law at the Sultan Qaboos University on Monday.

views and recommendations of the academics from the university.

This came during the committee's eighth meeting of the first an- to information technology.

nual sitting (2015/2016), chaired by Dr. Mohammed bin Ibrahim Al Zadjali, Chairman of the Committee, in the presence of members of the commission and its staff.

The academics made a number of observations about draft laws relating to white collar crimes, The committee listened to the those focusing on public service, stressing the importance of studying the Penal Code and filling the legal loopholes, especially related

Entrepreneurs Club established

MUSCAT: Announcing the establishment of Entrepreneurs Club in Muscat, Said bin Saleh Al Kayoumi, Chairman of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry said at a press conference yesterday that this has been done for the implementation of the SMEs Development Symposium held in Seih Al Shamikhat in response to the Royal orders of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said.

He added that registration for membership at Entrepreneurs Club in Muscat will be open starting from yesterday and for one month period.

He called upon all Omani entrepreneurs who meet the requirements to register at the club, which will serve as a platform for networking, discussing chal-



NETWORKING PLATFORM: The Entrepreneurs Club will serve as a platform for networking. - ONA

OCCI in a systematic and regularised manner.

establishment of this club is to enhance integration and improve the quality of communication istered member with OCCI.-ONA

lenges and communication with among entrepreneurs, OCCI and other organisations.

It should be noted that to be He also said that the aim of the a member in the Entrepreneur Club, the applicant should be an Omani, owner of an SME and reg-

ISM students honoured

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Eighteen participants of the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Indian School Muscat (ISM) were bestowed with Gold Awards, the highest order of the International Award Scheme, on Sunday.

Principal Srinivas K. Naidu, the Independent Operating Authority of the International Award Scheme at ISM was accompanied by Deep Wilson, vice-principal, Senior Section, who did the honours during a gathering in the school hall. The scheme required the participants to undergo a series of activities, equipping themselves with life skills that are needed for the wider world.

Under the guidance of the principal and the assisting award leaders, the participants emerged as the proud recipients of this award. They were evaluated at all levels of competency.

Highlighting the significance of such schemes, the principal said that in the society, what matters today is the individual who



PROUD RECIPIENTS: The awardees underwent rigorous training in aspects of self-dependency, self-discipline and social service.

can sustain and survive with the various aspects of self-dependhelp of life skills. He encouraged them to be individuals influencing the world.

The Gold awardees are Ayesha Shaheena Peer, Chandini B. Kumar, Feba G. Alexander, Fizaa Luthra, Mitali Sheth, Stuti Kaushik, Susmitha Unnikrishnan, V. Aarthi, Vrinda S. Reji, Wazina Nizar, Alen Jiji Tom, Elzo Jacob, Farhaan Hasan, Kaushal Raja, Mohd. Faizan, Mohd. Rayaan, Rohit Ramesh and Shridev Cherukat. These awardees underwent rigorous training in academics.

ency and self-discipline, social service, interactive sessions and visits to places of social and economic significance.

The award programme, aimed

to equip the young people for life and work, included three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Participants needed to complete all four sections at each level to achieve their award.

Geeta Chauhan, assistant viceprincipal, senior section supervised their journey in association with the award leaders.

SWEETS OF OMAN SAOG

P.O. Box 49, Rusayl - 124, Sultanate of Oman Tel: 24446278 /79/Fax: 24446276

Invitation to The Annual Ordinary General Meeting for Sweets of Oman SAOG for the financial year ended 31st December 2015.

The Board of Directors of Sweets of Oman SAOG takes pleasure in inviting shareholders to attend the the Annual Ordinary General Meeting to be held at 3.00 P.M on Tuesday, 15th March 2016 at Hotel Al Falaj, Ruwi Muscat to consider the following

Annual Ordinary General Meeting:

- To consider and approve the report of the Board of Directors for the Company for the financial year ended 31st December
- To consider and approve the Corporate Governance Report for the Company for the year ended 31st December 2015. To consider the Auditor's Report and approve the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Income account for the year ended 31st December 2015.
- Consideration and approval of the proposed cash dividend of 50% at the rate of 50 Baizas per share, as AGM date. 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. ve the transacti ions entered into by the Company with related parties during the financial year er
- 31st December 2015 To appoint Auditors for the Company for the year ending 31st December 2016 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 form issued by Muscat Clearing and Depository Company attached to the notice. Any natural person appointing a proxy 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. Any juristic person appointing a proxy, proxy form 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 avoid delay.

For further information please contact Mr. S. Balakrishna, Tel: (968) 24446278 / 24446279, Fax: 24446276 email: sweets@omantel.net.om

Chairman

Chartered Accountants

Legal Advisor

NOTICE



MEGA MUSCAT INTERNATIONAL L.L.C. "DARVESH"

Mr. Subash Moothedath holder of Indian Passport No. F6616455 is no longer employed by us, as such Company will not be responsible for any transaction made by above person effective 22nd Feb 2016.

Any claims against above person may please be submitted by email anetco@omantel.net.om or Fax: (968) 24595278 within one week from

A1 Traveller



A travel enthusiast, he would love to go to some more Central Asian countries, which would help him unwind completely, he said.

"But no place would give me the mental peace and satisfaction until and unless my family is around," he finally conceded.



مصانع مسقط للخيوط ش.م.ع ع MUSCAT THREAD MILLS SAOG



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INVITATION TO ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of Muscat Thread Mills SAOG are pleased to invite all the shareholders of the company to attend its Annual Ordinary General Meeting to be held on Wednesday the 9th March 2016 at 3:00 P.M. at the Mills' premises at Rusayl Industrial Estate. The following will be the Agenda.

- 1- To consider and approve the Chairman's Report for the year ended 31st December 2015.
- 2- To study and approve the Corporate Governance report for the financial year ended 31st December 2015.
- To consider the Auditor's Report and approve the Financial Statements (Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account) for the year ended 31st December 2015.
- To approve the sitting fees paid to the members of the Board of Directors and Board Committees for the year 2015 and the fees proposed for the year 2016 as set out on the annexure detailing the sitting fees. (Annexure 1)
- To consider the proposal to allocate RO 5,000 for the community service programs during 2016.
- To appoint external auditors for the year ended 31/12/2016 and fix their remuneration.

In accordance with the company's Articles of Association, every shareholder may delegate any other person, to attend and vote on his or her behalf. The power of attorney should be made on the forms issued by Muscat Clearing & Depository Company (copies of which are enclosed with the invitation). The natural or juristic person should attach with the power of attorney, copy of ID (for adults), copy of the passport (for females and minors) that do not have IDs, residence card or passport copy for Non Omanis. The power of attorney made by the juristic person should be signed by one of the authorized signatories and stamped with the company stamp. You should also attach copy of the CR and samples of authorized signatories signature form.

Please attend at least 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

For further information please contact Mr. Manish Rachh on phone 2444 6806.

Chairman

Auditor

Legal Advisor



P.O. Box: 47, P. Code: 327, Sohar Industrial Area, Sultanate of Oman

Tel.: (968) 26751675, Fax: (968) 267501	186, Email: info@gulfstone-oman.com
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT	AUDITED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBE

ASSETS Myself and on behalf of the board of directors of the company, I am

During the reporting period the total production 252,747 SQM for the year 2015, as compared to last year production was 254,455 SQM during year

Dear Shareholders

The company managed to sell 241,620 SQM and generate revenue R.O 4,929,797 during the reporting period year 2015, as compared to year 2014 sell of 239,824 SQM and revenue RO 4,839,229.

The company has achieved a net profit of RO 120,060 for the year 2015, as compared to 2014 profit was RO 333,941

Shareholder's Equity

The shareholder's equity has reached by the end of the period RO 4,369,788 which is 120% of the paid up capital.

The Board will raise to the AGM a suggestion to distribute 5% of the capital as cash dividend to the shareholders for the financial year ended 31/12/2015 (5 Bz per share).

Human resource and Omanization Policy

The company has been continuing its Omanization Policy and reached up to 36% of total staff. The company has also continued to provide training programs for Omani workers to improve their technical skills and appointing them at various positions.

Transactions with Related Parties Transaction with related parties are out in Note #11 in the financial statements are transactions within the company's normal activity with the Board of Directors and the shareholders who own more than 10% of the

On behalf of Board of Directors I wish to thank all employees for their efforts and performance.

We are very grateful to his Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said for his wise leadership. We are also grateful to the Government of His Majesty for their support and encouragements for the industrial sector.

Ahmed Mohammad Al Rasbi Chairman of Board of Directors

Gulf Stone Co (SAOG)

ER 2015 Non-current assets 6,201,579 3,078,969 6,112,177 2,735,197 First, thanks to Almighty Allah the company was able to achieve positive 3,122,610 3,376,980 rade and other receivables 3,944,887 4,047,475 Total assets 7,067,497 7,424,455

> EQUITY AND LIABILITIES Retained earnings / (accumulated losses) Current year profit / (loss) after taxation is 231,524 108,054 4,369,788 Non-current liabilities Provision for end of service indemnity Deferred tax & Income Tax liabilities 386,456

Total non-current liabilities Current liabilities rade and other payables rovision for income tax rerm ioans Working capital facilities Total current liabilities

Net assets per share (RO)

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3,630,000 388,204 594,524

4,612,728

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AUDITED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2015						
	2015 RO	2014 RO				
Net Revenue Cost of sales	4,929,797 (4,015,479)	4,839,229 (3,805,589)				
Gross profit General and administrative expenses Selling and marketing expense Other income	914,318 (360,526) (323,283) 1,847	1,033,640 (315,972) (253,881) 3,472				
Profit from operations Financing costs	232,356 (98,350)	467,259 (91,997)				
Profit for the period before taxation ncome tax (Expense) Income	134,006 (13,946)	375,262 (41,321)				
Profit for the period	120,060	333,941				
Earnings per share (RO)	0.003	0.009				

US, Russia ceasefire plan for Syria to begin on Saturday

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomes Syria ceasefire deal, urges its implementation

WASHINGTON: The United States and Russia announced plans for a cessation of hostilities in Syria would take effect on Saturday but exclude militants from the IS militant group, Nusra Front and others the United Nations deems as terrorist groups.

Parties would indicate their agreement to the United States and Russia by noon on Friday Damascus time (1000GMT), and the truce would go into effect at midnight, the two countries said in a joint statement issued by the US State Department.

Under the terms of the deal, Syrian government and allied forces will cease attacks against armed opposition forces, and vice versa, with any weapons including rockets, mortars, anti-tank guided missiles.

However, the US-Russian plan leaves a loophole by allowing continued attacks, including air strikes, against IS, Nusra and other militants. Because of the mingling of forces, this could result in



CELEBRATIONS: Syrian volunteers and their relatives wave the national flag as they celebrate at the end of a paramilitary training conducted by the Syrian army in Al Qtaifeh, 50kms north of the capital Damascus on Monday. - AFP

continued attacks against armed opposition members who are parties to the cessation of hostilities.

"Military actions, including air strikes, of the Armed Forces of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Russian Armed Forces, and the USled Counter IS Coalition will continue against IS, 'Jabhat Al Nusra' (Nusra Front) and other terrorist organisations designated by the UN Security Council," the joint statement said

It added that Russia, the United States and others would work together to delineate the territory held by IS, Nusra Front and other groups deemed terrorists by the UN Security Council which are excluded from the truce.

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed the US-Russian announcement and called on all warring parties to implement it, Ban's spokesman said.

A cessation of hostilities is

meant to be "a first step towards a more durable ceasefire," UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric told reporters about the agreement. "The Secretary-General strongly urges the parties to abide by the terms of the agreement," he said. "Much work now lies ahead to ensure its implementation, and the international community, the ISSG (International Syria Sup-

port Group) and the Syrian par-

their resolve."

Syrian National Coalition president Khaled Khoja, a member of the opposition High Negotiations Committee said the truce would be for an initial two weeks, with the possibility to extend it.

"The length of the proposed truce is two weeks, but it could be extended indefinitely if the parties commit to it," said Khoja, Meanwhile, IS attacked the

Syrian government's main supply route from Damascus to the northern Syrian city of Aleppo on Monday.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said fighting and air strikes continue unabated across ties must remain steadfast in the country.

IS said it had taken control

of a number of villages along an important road which connects government-held areas of Aleppo with the cities further south. A Syrian military source confirmed

the attack but said it was repelled. "They tried to attack this road, they were repelled and suffered big losses," the source said. "After their great losses, they are seeking any propaganda operation." The Observatory's director, Rami Abdulrahman, said government forces had reclaimed one of four positions seized by IS on the road, which it has cut in previous attacks. "The regime has recovered one of four positions that IS took on the road," Abdulrahman said.

A UN-backed panel said that war crimes in Syria's five-yearold conflict are widespread and Syrian government forces and IS militants continue to commit crimes against humanity in the face of inaction by the international community. "Flagrant violations of human rights and international humanitarian law continue unabated, aggravated by blatant impunity," the UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry said in its latest report. "The stipulations of relevant Security Council resolutions... remain largely unheeded and unimplemented," it said. "Crimes against humanity continue to be committed by government forces and by ISIS (Islamic State). War crimes are rampant."

The UN inquiry, composed of independent experts, has long denounced the use of starvation by both sides in the Syrian conflict as a weapon of war. - Reuters

Terhan holds talks with Russia to buy S-300 system

DUBAI: Iran negotiated with Russia at the weekend over buying an upgraded version of the S-300 surface-to-air missile defence system, which it requires to meet its military needs, a foreign ministry spokesman in Tehran was quoted as saving.

Iran was blocked from obtaining the S-300 before it reached a deal with world powers last July on curbing its nuclear programme, with Russia having cancelled a contract to deliver an older version of the system in 2010 under pressure from the West. Russia now hopes to reap economic and trade benefits from the nuclear deal and the lifting of sanctions on Iran last month. Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu visited Tehran on Sunday. Commenting on the visit, ministry spokesman Hossein Jaberi Ansari told state news agency IRNA: "Iran is negotiating with Russia for providing its military needs... One of the main issues is buying the next-generation S-300 missile system."

Defence Minister Hossein Dehghan was quoted as saying by the Fars agency on February 10 that Iran would start taking delivery of the S-300 within two months.

Iran has also shown interest in buying the more advanced S-400 system, though no negotiations were being conducted at the moment, Russia's RIA news agency reported last week. It was not clear if by "next generation" Ansari was referring to the S-400, which Russia says can hit missiles and aircraft up to $400~\mathrm{km}$ (250 miles) away. - Reuters

ABSENCE OF GOVERNMENT

Libya's NOC head warns of more IS attacks on oil facilities



HARD TALK: Mustafa Sanalla, the head of the National Oil Corporation (NOC), speaks during an interview with Reuters at the headquarters of the NOC in Tripoli, Libya on Monday. - Reuters

are likely to suffer further attacks unless a United Nations-backed unity government is approved, the following an uprising that toppled has faced opposition from hardlin- to prevent authorities in eastern head of the National Oil Corporation (NOC) told Reuters in an interview on Monday.

Mustafa Sanalla also said suspected IS militants had staged their latest attack against Libya's oil infrastructure last Thursday or Friday, setting fire to one production tank and damaging another at the Fida oil field

Fida lies south-west of the oil terminals of Es Sider and Ras Lanuf, where militants launched repeated assaults and inflicted major damage last month.

"If there is no new government I think the situation will get worse. I

TRIPOLI: Libya's oil facilities believe there will be more attacks as the House of Representatives tic consumption, with the rest on the oil facilities," Sanalla said.

Libya has been mired in conflict veteran leader Muammar Gaddafi five years ago. Two rival governof armed groups, are now vying for power and a share of the OPEC member's oil wealth.

Security vacuum

IS militants have taken advantage of the security vacuum to establish a foothold in Libya, seizing Gaddafi's hometown of Sirte and launching attacks in several other cities. A unity government is trying to win approval from Libya's internationally recognised parliament in eastern Libya, known

(HOR). But the government remains plagued by divisions and in Tripoli faced a "daily battle" ers on both sides of Libya's politi- Libya from selling oil through cal divide. "We are urging the HOR ments, backed by loose alliances to approve this government to put an end to these troubles we have mistic" that Libya's total producregarding security in the oil indus-

try," Sanalla said. Total current production generally stands at 360,000-370,000 barrels per day, Sanalla said, rara and El Feel in south-western though sometimes production Libya. Sanalla said a unity governdrops to around 300,000 bpd because of technical problems.

That is less than a quarter of the 1.6 million bpd that Libya was producing before the 2011 protests. About 100,000 barrels per the area around Ras Lanuf and Es day are refined locally for domes-

exported. Sanalla said the NOC parallel structures.

But Sanalla said he was "optition could recover quickly under a unity government, with an additional 400,000 bpd or more coming on stream from fields at El Shament should set up a unified security force to protect facilities. This could incorporate the Petroleum Facilities Guard (PFG), a largely independent brigade that controls Sider, he added. - Reuter



Ministry of Housing

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Ministry of Housing - (Directorate General of Housing at Al-Dhahira Governorate - Administrative and Financial Affairs Department) - announces refloating the following tenders:

Tender No.	Tender Description	Location	Last date for obtaining documents	Last date of tender submission
67/2012	Completion of construction of a residential unit	Ar-Rawdhah / Yanqul	03/03/2016	10/03/2016
15/2013	Completion of construction of a residential unit	Kabarah / Ibri	03/03/2016	10/03/2016
22/2013	Completion of construction of a residential unit	Ibri Heights / Ibri	03/03/2016	10/03/2016
61/2013	Completion of construction of a residential unit	Kabarah / Ibri	03/03/2016	10/03/2016

Companies specialized in the above-mentioned works, having valid registration certificate from the Tender Board, may obtain the tender technical specifications from the Directorate General of Housing at Al-Dhahira Governorate in Wilayat Ibri (Administrative and Financial Affairs Department - Financial Affairs Section), against payment of a non-refundable RO 25/for each copy, during official working hours, from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm as of 23/02/2016. Bidding companies shall provide copies of their valid company documents.

Each tender shall enclose a Tender Bond in the form of a Bank Guarantee issued by a local Bank for 1% of the tender value and valid for 90 days from the date of tender submission addressed to Eng. the Chairman of the Tender Sub-Committee at the Directorate. Tenders submitted without bank guarantee shall not be considered.

Tenders shall be submitted in closed envelopes sealed with red wax addressed to Eng. the Chairman of the Tender Sub-Committee at the Directorate, bearing the tender number and subject with no indication to the name of the tenderer. Tenders shall be valid for at least (60) days from submission date.

Tenders shall be deposited in the tender box at the Directorate's premises not later than 10 a.m. of the date of tender

The lowest or any other tender shall not be binding to the Directorate.



WALJAT COLLEGE OF APPLIED SCIENCES In academic partnership with **BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, INDIA**



REQUIRES

Waljat College of Applied Sciences (WCAS), a leading College in Sultanate of Oman offering programs in Engineering, Computer Applications and Business Management requires **OMANI NATIONALS** for the following positions:

	Job Title	Qualification	Work Experience		get of oyment
				Male	Female
1-	Library Manager	Bachelor\ Master of Libraries and information systems	5 years	1	
2-	Guard	Third secondary school , any course in related subject	2 years	2	1
3-	Office Clerk– General	Third secondary school or Diploma Management/ IT and any course in related subject	2 years	1	1
4-	Secretary	Diploma Management/IT	2 years		1
5-	Full Time Teaching Staff (English) For Foundation Program	Bachelor/ Master's Degree in ENGLISH	2 years	1	1

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This was a counter offensive so that we do not go on the offensive. It is not that we are on the defensive. We submit to the Prime Minister that please rein in your party leaders Ghulam Nabi Azad, Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha

Pampore encounter ends, three terrorists shot dead

The operation, which began on Saturday saw five security force personnel including two Captains of elite commando units laying down their lives while battling the terrorists

SRINAGAR: The 48-hour fierce gunbattle on the outskirts of Srinagar ended on Monday evening with the killing of three heavily-armed terrorists holed up in a government building situated along the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway.

"The encounter has ended and three militants who had taken ref-



SMOKE BILLOWS: Smoke billowing out of the Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI) building where militants were holed up during an encounter with the security forces at Sampora in Pampore on Monday. - PTI

uge inside the building have been killed," a police official said about the incident in Pampore.

An Army official, overseeing the operation, also said that three terrorists were killed in the five-storey building of Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI) and

'war-like' stores, including arms five security force personnel inand ammunition had been recovered. A combing operation was which has 44 rooms plus lobbies, washrooms and a restaurant on the top floor. The operation, which began on Saturday evening, saw

cluding two captains of elite commando units laying down their underway to sanitise the building lives while battling the terrorists, suspected to be of foreign origin.

A civilian was killed in the crossfire between the two sides while 120 civilians were evacuated safely. As the operation entered the third day on Monday, the Special Forces of the army maximised the force, using mortar shells to flush out the terrorists, the officials said.

During the intense gunfight, the top floor of the building caught fire which forced the ultras to shift towards one side of the complex where they were nuetralised, the police official said.

The terrorists were suspected to be foreigners and apparently a "suicide squad", said Major-General Arvind Dutta, General Officer Commanding of Victor Force, who was overseeing the operation.

The identity of the slain attackers, however, was not immediately known, he said.

In Delhi, Central Reserve Poloce Force Director General Prakash Mishra said the attack "appears to be" the handiwork of Lashker-e-Taiba (LeT) terror outfit.

Major-General Dutta said the building appeared to be a predetermined target where they rushed into after attacking a Central Reserve Police Force convoy.

"They were carrying a large quantity of arms and ammunition... They were seen running into the building with big bagpacks," the army officer said. - PTI

COMBING OPERATION

Two Maoists killed in gun battle with security forces

VISAKHAPATNAM: Two Maoists were killed in an encounter with police in an agency area of the district, police said on Monday.

The gun battle took place for about 15 minutes between Valakapudi and Devulapadu areas under Koyyuru police station limits of the district on Sunday when a team of police personnel and the rebels came face-to-face, Superintendent of Police (Visakha Rural) Dr Koya Praveen said.

A group of Maoists entered the area and were on a mission to appeal local youth to join their outfit to fight against the proposed bauxite mining in Vizag agency, police said. The security forces, who were tipped-off about the Maoists' presence in the areas, began massive combing of the forest when the exchange of fire took place in which two Maoists were killed, the SP said.

The deceased Ultras, yet to be identified. The Maoists have been trying to regain their lost ground in Vizag agency, East Godavari region and Andhra-Odisha border areas, and appealing youths to fight against the security forces and the government over bauxite mining and some other issues, police said. - PTI

Opposition debunks Modi's contention of conspiracy to destabilise government

NEW DELHI: Opposition on It is not that we are on the defen-Monday debunked Prime Minister Narendra Modi's contention that a conspiracy to destabilise the government and "defame" him was being launched and said it was a counter offensive to ward off the imminent attack on National Democratic Alliance(NDA) in the hudget session

"This was a counter offensive so that we do not go on the offensive.

sive. We submit to the Prime Minleaders," Leader of the Opposition harlal Nehru University row. in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad told reporters.

He said that there has not been a single instance of any action being taken against anyone of the ruling party, who had made controversial remarks.

"The government and the rul-

ing party should own up," he said frowning upon the debate started ister that please rein in your party about nationalism after the Jawa-

> Accusing the Prime Minister of failing to take any action against such people, he cited an instance of Rajiv Gandhi sacking a party general secretary in 1988-89 when he had made a remark on the Ayodhya issue, which was at variance with the party line.

"BJP leaders shoot off their row in Gujarat and Kapus' agitamouth but no action is taken against them," Azad said.

'Atmosphere of anarchy'

CPI-M leader Sitaram Yechury accused the government of bringing an "atmosphere of anarchy" in the country, in an apparent reference to the way the BJP and its allied government handled the Jat reservation in Haryana, the Patel quota

tion in Andhra Pradesh.

Addressing a farmer's rally in Bargarh in Odisha, Modi had on Sunday said that disgruntled NGOs and black-marketeers were conspiring to destabilise his government and "defame" him and asserted that he will not bow to any machinations.

He said some people were not able to digest the fact that a "chai

wala" (tea seller) has become the prime minister and hence were conspiring all the time to bring him down.

"You would have seen in the recent past, there is attack on me all the time. Some people are continuously at it. They are not able to digest how Modi became the prime minister, how a 'chai wala' became the prime minister, they cannot swallow it," he had said. - PTI

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	D	STATEMENT OF FINA AT 31 DECEMI		N			
	Dear Shareholders,				2015 RO	2014 BO	
	On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself, I am pleased to w present the Annual Report along with the Auditor's Report for the	velcome you all to the 35th Annual General Meeting of The National D year 2015.	etergent Co. SAOG and	Assets Non-current assets	110	110	
١	Highlights of 2015			Property, plant and equipment	15,773,115	14,185,780	
	Your company had managed to attain volume and value sales man by the company like increase in operational costs and severe prid However, our conscious efforts to increase our sales support and sales results.	rginally lower during the year compared to the previous year, despite vice competition in GCC markets. Profit before tax was directly impact our strong brand equity built over the years amongst consumers had to	arious challenges faced ed due to these factors. nelped us to achieve the	Current assets Inventories Trade and other receivables Cash and cash equivalents	2,858,988 5,455,698 1,334,299	4,367,698 5,943,929 1,793,859	
	Due to consistent quality and continued consumers' patronage, yo export markets have registered good growth during the year comp	our company's flagship brand BAHAR has improved its market positio pared to the previous year.	n in Oman. Some of the	Sash and sash squiraishis	9,648,985	12,105,486	
	All the major products have performed well both in local and expc Company was at optimal level during the year. Commissioning of would help us in improving the Company's presence in the detergrant	ort markets during the year 2015. Utilization of capacities in all the manner new non-tower detergent powder plant in Sohar is in progress and ne	unufacturing plant of the aring completion, which	Total assets	25,422,100	26,291,266	
١		ent powder segment in the years to come.		Equity Share capital	1,701,250	1,701,250	
١	Sulphonation Division During the year, Sulphonation division has performed better both	in terms of volume and value sales compared to the last year. The pr	ofitability for the division	Share premium	364,263	364,263	
١	was better during the year compared to the last year, mainly due to in the market place.	to reduced material prices and apt procurement strategies, in spite of s	severe price competition	Legal reserve Revaluation reserve	567,083 7,580,682	567,083 7,228,682	
١	Results for the year 2015			Proposed dividend Retained earnings	595,438 2,808,580	680,500 2,717,156	
١	The sales revenue for the year was RO 22,577,011 compared to F	,,,,,,		g a			
١	The Company's profit from operations for the year was RO 1,029,0	,641 compared to the last year figure of RO 1,133,680.		Total equity	13,617,296 ======	13,258,934	
١	Profit before Tax for the year was at RO 789,916 compared to the manpower cost and other operational costs and increased market	previous year figure of RO 915,415 and the reduction in profitability is	mainly due to increased	Liabilities Non-current liabilities			
١	Omanisation			Long term loans Deferred tax	2,765,640 1,150,551	2,392,684 1,085,919	
١	The Company's efforts to improve the Omanisation at various lev	vels of the organization including the senior and middle levels, with a ployees due to various factors, the Omanisation percentage was maint	dequate training inputs,	End of service benefits	631,095	655,979	
١	above 35%, including senior levels of the company.	noyoco dao to variodo lactoro, trio ornamoanori percentago wao mami	amod at the year ond at		4,547,286	4,134,582	
١	Dividend Resed on the net profit of the year your Roard is pleased to recom	nmend a cash dividend of Bzs. 35 per share of Bzs.100 each, which w	ould mean a navment of	Current liabilities			
١	RO 595,437.500.	illiend a cash dividend of b25. 55 per share of b25. 100 each, which w	ould mean a payment of	Current maturities of term loans	912,134	603,332	
١	Details of the cash dividend paid during the last few years are give	en below:		Short term loans and overdrafts Trade and other payables	2,000,000 4,270,790	4,036,526 4,176,492	
١	Year	Dividend		Taxation	74,594	81,400	
	2014	40%			7,257,518	8,897,750	

Year	Dividend
2014	40%
2013	40%
2012	35%

Compliance with Internal Regulations and Control System
Your Company has in place an internal control system, commensurate with the size and nature of its business. Your Company has utilized the services of M/s.
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an internationally reputed Audit firm, for conducting periodic review of the internal control system and the Audit Committee oversees the process at regular intervals.

Future Outlook
In spite of many challenges like increased manpower cost, other operational costs, volatile oil prices and stiff price competitions in the market place, the Company will endeavor to improve the profitability with effective control on costs, taking full advantage of the softening of material prices and better product mix focus in the coming year. The Company will continue its efforts to improve the sales in local as well as in GCC markets by identifying new market opportunities and expanding the product range. The consolidation of detergent powder production in Sohar will help in reducing operation costs and achieve better cost control and the increased capacity will help us improve our presence in local as well as export markets in the coming years.

The company has made strategic long-term plans to enter into the specialty chemicals business for Industrial & Institutional (I&I) customers. Accordingly, the company is putting up new blending and manufacturing facility for specialty chemicals for Oil & Gas industry and also for Construction Chemicals and Water Treatment Chemicals in Rusayl, which will be ready for operation by June, 2016.

The company always encourages the SME activities in the Sultanate of Oman over the years. The company uses Omani transporters for its logistics activities and gives conscious preference to use the services of Omani nationals to the possible extent. The company also encourages individual Omanis to set up their own enterprise to offer services to the company in the areas of co-packing and other non-core business activities of the company.

The Company's Sales and Marketing team has over the years been encouraging potential Omani nationals and giving them guidance at various stages to set up retail outlets to sell FMCG products and be successful self-employed entrepreneurs, which is yielding results.

Social responsibility finitatives

As a responsible corporate citizen of Oman, the company has been involved in various social initiatives, which are reviewed periodically, and further steps are being taken for enhancing the social responsibility contribution for the Omani society. Regular donations to various Omani associations in cash and in kind are being given, wherever possible, to encourage their activities.

As part of our Corporate Social Responsibility, we initiated a noble campaign, Bahar "Clean Oman", which educates the school students the need for maintaining personal hygiene/cleanliness and the ways to do that. It also emphasizes on keeping their home, school and surroundings clean for a better tomorrow. "Clean Oman" campaign was conducted in association with the Ministry of Education. We have managed to reach more than 25000 Omani school students till date, spreading the message of cleanliness, and we are planning to extend the reach to more schools and students in the coming year across the Sultanate. Our campaign is very well accepted by the school and MOE authorities.

Future initiatives The Company intends to participate in the "Najah" programme in close collaboration with Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry to support Omani students in their educational pursuit in the coming year. The company will continue in recruit and train more Omanis at various levels in the organization. The company will also look at other non-core activities of the business, which can be effectively outsourced to interested nationals in this pursuit.

Acknowledgement
On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself, I thank His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Said for his continuous support and encouragement to the industrial sector in the Sultanate of Oman.

I would like to express our gratitude to all the Ministries and Muscat Municipality for their cooperation. I would also like to thank all the shareholders for their confidence reposed in the Board of Directors, the Auditors for their cooperation and support, and our employees for their dedication and efforts.

I also wish to express our sincere thanks to all our trade partners for their valued patronage and co-operation and to all our customers who have continued to place their trust and confidence in our range of products.

Redha Baqir Al Lawati Chairman, Board of Directors

Property, plant and equipment	========	
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	7,257,518	8,897,750
Total liabilities	11,804,804	13,032,332
Total equity and liabilities		26,291,266
Net assets per share	B 000	Bzs 779

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015 RO	2014 RO
Revenue Cost of sales	22,577,011 (16,659,005)	23,385,726 (18,020,997)
Gross profit Selling and distribution expenses Administrative and general expenses Other operating income	(3,900,931)	5,364,729 (3,253,741) (1,008,269) 30,961
Profit from operations Finance costs Finance income	1,029,641 (221,725)	1,133,680 (200,136) 3,871
Finance costs -net Directors' remuneration	(221,725) (18,000)	(196,265) (22,000)
Profit before tax Taxation	789,916 (103,054)	(106,286)
Profit for the year		809,129
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME Surplus on revaluation of land Deferred taxation on revaluation of land	400,000 (48,000)	
Other comprehensive income for the year	352,000	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	1,038,862	809,129
Basic earnings per share	Bzs 40	Bzs 48

1. The complete accounts will be sent by mail to any shareholder on request either in

Arabic or English within 7 days of receipt of the request.

Shareholders and investors are advised to read the full financial statements.

3. Certain comparative figures have been reclassified in order to conform to the

India is Nepal's 'elder brother', not 'big brother': Sushma



LECTURE: Nepal Prime Minister K. P. Sharma Oli and External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj at the 21st Sapru House Lecture organised by Indian Council of World Affairs, in New Delhi on Monday. - PTI

warmth in ties after the chill caused by the Madhesi agitation, India on Monday said it was an "elder brother" to Nepal and not tion of a Constitution, she said. "big brother" as often described.

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said India will always assist its neighbour and never cerns of the Madhesi commubecome a source of difficulties. Sushma emphasised on the ageold ties between the two countries to make her point and repeatedly praised the Nepalese political leadership and Prime Minister K. P. Sharma Oli for having promulgated the new Constitution.

"I congratulate their (Nepal's) political leadership for showing maturity in difficult circumstances (post earthquake). They said that it was time to create the Constitution all the more and the political leadership came together and did so," Sushma said.

Amendments

"But few issues cropped up. Madhesis thought they have received less than expected political representation. But I want to reiterate my gratitude to the Nepali political leadership that taking their (Madhesis') demand as legitimate they passed two amend-Sushil Koirala.

Swaraj said the Oli government elder brother," she said. - PTI

NEW DELHI: Amid growing "bettered" those amendments and passed them.

Otherwise amendments are not brought soon after promulga-

She hoped that the "political mechanism" put in place by Oli will address the remaining connity and praised him for engaging them in a dialogue.

"This is the power of democracy that we resolve our issues through political dialogue."

Presiding over the 21st Sapru House Lecture of the Indian Council of World Affairs here where Oli delivered the keynote lecture, Sushma stated that "few people" who don't want good bilateral relations between the two say that India maintains a "big brother" attitude towards Nepal.

"The Hindi meaning of big brother is elder brother. But the construct of big brother is a western one. Its Indian translation is elder brother. We view it from a different perspective.

"Big brother is egotist whereas elder brother shows concern. Elder brother tries to assist you in solving your problems. India is that elder brother who will never become the cause of your difficulments under the leadership of ties and will assist you. I welcome you as the elder sister of that



Police cautious in dealing with 5 JNU students accused of sedition

NEW DELHI: Under severe attack for handling of the Jawaharlal Nehru University(JNU) row, police was on Monday cautious in dealing with five students accused of sedition, a day after they resurfaced at the campus even as the varsity authorities were undecided on asking them to surrender before the law enforcing agency.

On their part, the students said they will not surrender as charges against them were false while Delhi Police Commissioner B. S. Bassi asked them to join investigations and prove their innocence.

A meeting of the top JNU officials, chaired by Vice Chancellor Jagdesh Kumar, deliberated on return of the five students to the campus after being in hiding for 10 days but could not take a decision whether police should be allowed to enter the campus to arrest them or the students should be asked to surrender.

The five students, Umar Khalid, Anirban Bhattacharya, JNUSU General Secretary Rama Naga, Ashutosh Kumar and Anant

the campus since February 12 after JNU students union president Kanhaiya Kumar was arrested on sedition charges for allegedly raising anti-India slogans in a controversial event at the campus.

The Vice Chancellor also met a delegation of over 300 teachers from the varsity, who raised four demands including removal of the officiating Registrar Bhupinder Zutshi, for allegedly mishandling

While the students did not meet the Vice Chancellor, JNUSU submitted a memorandum to him, appealing to him to raise the matter with police and "get" the sedition charges dropped against them.

"The police has not issued any summons to us. We were in hiding because of the fear of being sent evidence of their innocence," mob-lynched considering the way Kanhaiya was attacked in court,' Naga said.

Najeeb Jung and briefed him about the JNU row.

"I would say if the police are looking for them then they should Prakash had gone missing from join the police investigation. And if their entry into the campus.



BRIEFING: JNU Students' Union (JNUSU) general secretary Rama Naga talks to newsmen at the campus of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in New Delhi on Monday. - PTI

they are innocent, they should pre-Bassi said.

Police teams were rushed to campus on Sunday night following Earlier, Bassi met Lt-Governor information that the five students were spotted at the varsity premises. However the cops kept waiting outside the main gate for the Vice Chancellor to give a go ahead for

Naga said it was already clear that the video based on which sedition charges were made against Kanhaiya and five others were fake and that they were never involved in anti-India activities

"Why our name has been included in the FIR? Because we have been fighting against the government's policies. The message is clear that if we raise our voice

anti-national." he said.

Another student Umar Khalid said over the last week he got to know things about himself which he never knew.

"People have told me things about me in the last week that I never myself knew. I have been to Pakistan twice even when I have no passport. They think I was planning to hold this event in 17-18 universities when I don't have much of an influence even inside JNU," he said addressing a gathering of over 500 students at varsity's administration block in the wee hours.

Meanwhile, members of the ABVP on Monday alleged that the five students, who have resurfaced now, were hiding in JNU professors' residences and demanded an inquiry into the matter by the university administration.

"We are very certain that these students are hiding in campus residences of professors. We demand an enquiry into the same and the teachers supporting these students should also be penalised

against then, we will be branded by the university," Saurabh Kumar Sharma.

> Joint Secretary of JNUSU, and the lone Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad member said during a press meet.

"Last night, they suddenly emerged on the campus and proudly addressed rallies. A huge gathering of students and teachers even lauded them. We demand that the VC intervene in this regard and direct the five students to surrender before police. We want JNU administration, varsity security and police to devise a strategy on how that could be facilitated without disrupting the peace on campus," he said.

In different communications, foreign scholars have also asked the Vice Chancellor about reasons behind him "jumping to unwarranted conclusions" on the controversy.

The university authorities maintained that the concerns of the teachers are being looked into and the best possible course of action will be decided by the university soon. - PTI

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Jats calls off protests after winning promise of jobs

A Jat leader said protesters had reached a deal with state and federal leaders to end their mobilisation, in which 16 people have been killed and more than 150 injured

BAHADURGARH/NEW DELHI:

Jat leaders reached a deal late on Monday to end protests that paralysed a northern state and cut water supplies to Delhi's 20 million residents, after winning a pledge of more government jobs.

Days of rioting and looting across Harvana by the Jat community had challenged Prime Minister Narendra Modi's promise of better days for Indians who elected him in 2014 with the largest majority in three decades.

A Jat leader said protesters had reached a deal with state and federal leaders to end their mobilisation, in which 16 people have been killed and more than 150 injured.

"The government has promised to meet our demands and we have promised our full cooperation," Ramesh Dalal, convener of the Jat Arakshan Andolan (Jat Reservation Movement), said.



TORCHED: Charred remains of vehicles which were set on fire by Jat protesters demanding reservation, at GT Road near Sonipat on Monday. - PTI

Thousands of troops were deployed to quell the protests, which had flared again on Monday near Sonipat when a freight train was torched. In neighbouring Rajasthan, Jats attacked and burned buses. Disruption has been huge, with 850 trains cancelled, 500 factories closed and business losses estimated at as much as \$5 billion by one regional lobby group.

Appeal

Dalal said he had appealed to the entire Jat community, which makes up a quarter of the population of Haryana, to return home.

A senior officer said state police still faced a challenge to maintain law and order. The army earlier on Monday retook control of a canal that supplies three-fifths of the capital's water.

Delhi's chief minister, Arvind Kejriwal, said the army had reopened the sluice gates of the Munak canal to the north of the city.

Water was expected to reach the metropolis by early Tuesday.

the death toll at 16 while police said earlier that there were tensions in some towns as Jats tried to prevent other communities from reopening their shops.

In Bahadurgarh, to the west of Delhi, Jat protesters turned out in force during the day to express

their anger against Modi and demand written assurances of more iobs for their community.

Many Jats, who number more than 80 million across north India, are farmers whose livelihoods have suffered as families divide farms among their children.

Two years of drought have harmed crops, and they are also The Haryana government put missing out on urban jobs. Their demands for government jobs and student places are based on affirmative action policies that are typically reserved for deprived groups.

> Ramcharan Dekhara, a 52-yearold father of four, has sold his land to pay for his daughter's marriage and now runs a tea shop near Na-

tional Highway 10.

"I am fighting for my sons' future. The boys are sitting at home and there is nothing they can do at the tea shop," Dekhara said.

"They studied hard to make a new life but now they are wasting

time and watching TV all day." The Supreme Court has previously struck down an attempt to classify the Jats as an Other Backward Caste, or OBC, which would formally entitle them to a quota of jobs and student places.

Constitutional barrier

"There is a constitutional barrier in giving Jats OBC status but we will find a way to fulfil their demands," junior agriculture minister Sanjeev Balyan said.

The Jats predominantly voted for Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party in the 2014 general election, when he won the biggest parliamentary majority in three decades.

Months later the BJP won an outright majority in Haryana for the first time.

Although many of the state's chief ministers have been Jats, the current minister is not.

Commentators have faulted him and other BJP leaders for failing to read the social mood and devoting too much attention to issues like cow protection that are a core part of the party's agenda.

In a familiar pattern, Modi completely ignored the protests, instead launching a broadside on Sunday against unnamed conspirators he accused of trying to undermine his government.

"They are now hatching conspiracies every day to finish and defame me," he told farmers in a speech in Odisha. - Reuters

India makes fresh push for CERN membership

NEW DELHI: India on Monday made a fresh push towards seeks associate membership of prestigious European Organisation for Nuclear Research, popularly known as CERN. A high-level delegation of the

Geneva-based scientific body met Union Minister for Science and Technlogy Harsh Vardha and Minister of State for Prime Minister's Office Jitendra Singh.

"We have reiterated our committments towards the CERN and take it forward," Vardhan said.

Indian scientists from the Departments of Atomic Energy and Science and Technology have been actively participating and collaborating with CERN.

The application to become associated member of the body was mooted by the government in August 2015. The delegation also discussed

a wide range of issues of mutual interest including the status of India's application for the associate membership of CERN.

The major advantage of associate membership of CERN is that it will entitle India to become a part of a huge scientific and technological endeavour.

Opportunity

This will also offer an opportunity to Indian industry to bid for CERN contracts for industrial collaboration in advanced technologies.

The delegation was led by Charlotte Warakaulle, Director for International Relations and Task Force Convenor, Olivier Martin, Eckhard Elsen, Rudiger Voss, Maurizio Vretenar and Sue Foffano. - PTI

Find solutions to climate change, energy crisis: Modi

VARANASI: Citing global problems of climate change, energy crisis and deadly diseases, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday asked the Indian students to take up the challenge of finding solutions to these through innovation and research instead of merely doing "cut-paste" work.

Addressing the convocation ceremony of the Benares Hindu University (BHU) here, he asked students to "keep the mind receptive and eager to fresh knowledge" even after their formal education was complete.

"I want to throw this challenge before young men and women of this country. Come up with innovations that may help the world in bringing down temperatures a bit, help the humanity overcome the grave energy crisis it is likely to face if renewable and sustainable alternative sources are not found", Modi told the gathering of BHU scholars and academics.

"Innovation is most important for us... New research, not just to



MAKING A POINT: Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the centenary year Convocation of Banaras Hindu University in Varanasi on Monday. - PTI

obtain PhDs through cut-paste...," he said. As his remarks drew an amused response from the audience, the prime minister quipped he had felt that those at BHU would not be aware of "cut-paste" aspect of research but even if they were, he hoped they did not use it.

He said he had in the past consulted Nobel laureates about the prevalence of "sickle-cell disease in tribal families" which is even worse than cancer.

But, he felt "our own research- nasi for this," he said. - PTI

ers can find a better solution". Talking about global warming with which the world is struggling to cope with, he said Indians believe exploitation of nature is a crime and see God in plants and mother in a river.

"In such a country, can't we find a concrete solution to global warming," Modi asked.

In the context of energy crisis, he said a solution could emerge through research on how ethanol could be effectively used as a fuel, which would benefit sugarcane farmers as well.

He said research is also needed in making renewable energy increasingly viable. "We need technology that can help us realize the goal of increasing our solar energy output," the prime minister said.

Modi, who is Lok Sabha member from Varanasi, went on to add that this temple city has already given him something which no university degree can match.

"I am already indebted to Vara-

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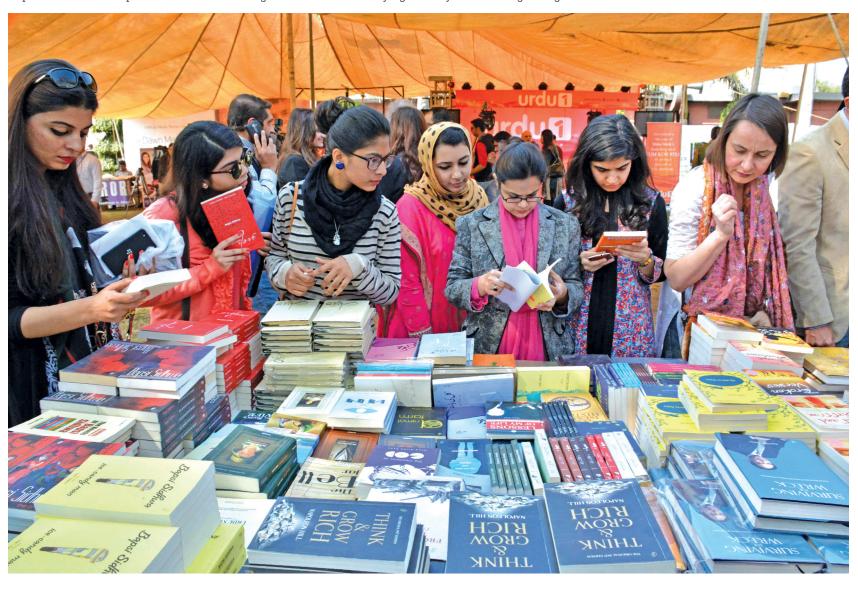
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LAHORE LITERARY FESTIVAL

Women are seen browsing books at the Lahore Literary Festival in Lahore on Saturday in this picture released on Monday. Pakistan's literary scene is seeing a spirited revival with packed festivals attracting tens of thousands defying security threats in a growing cultural renaissance.



UNREST

Curfew imposed across Mohmand

SHABQADAR: The political administration has clamped a curfew in Mohmand Agency, one of the seven quasi districts that make up the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata), citing potential security threats.

"After the recent incidents of violence which included improvised explosive device (IED) attacks and more recently the killing of nine Khasadar officials on last Friday, a curfew has been clamped in the agency," a senior political administration official told The Express Tribune on Monday.

Watchful eye

A local teacher from a government-run school said on the condition of anonymity that they had been told by the authorities not to sit in groups within school premises.

"We have even been asked to keep a watchful eye on the school's non-teaching staff last week," he added.

All education institutions, hospitals and local and government buildings remained shut throughout the day.

Meanwhile, officials of the political administration upheld that the reason behind the curfew was to maintain law and order in the area.

The officials said the curfew will remain imposed for an indefinite period of time. — Express Tribune

CONTROVERSY

Metro train not to affect heritage sites, says Shahbaz

LAHORE: "No heritage site will be damaged during the construction of Orange Line Metro train track," said Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif on Sunday.

He was talking to a UNESCO delegation on matters regarding measures to be taken for conservation of historical sites on the route of Lahore Orange Line Metro

Train Project.

"We have taken the necessary steps to preserve historic sites," he said. He said the project was an addition to the public transport system, which the government wanted to improve through sustained investment and collaboration with international partners.

UNESCO Programme Specialist Jhuny Han told the chief minister that meetings with officials of the Punjab government had been positive.

She said the UNESCO and the Punjab government were on the same page regarding development in the province. — Express Tribune

Security upped for Mamnoon ahead of Taseer killer's plea

Malik Mumtaz Qadri
assassinated former
Punjab governor
Salman Taseer in
Islamabad's Kohsar
Market on January 4,
2011 for his support
to a blasphemy
accused

ISLAMABAD: President Mamnoon Hussain's family has confined itself to the Presidency for fear of a backlash as he is expected to decide the clemency plea of Malik Mumtaz Qadri, the self-



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Malik Mumtaz Qadri

confessed killer of Punjab's former governor Salman Taseer.

Qadri, a former police commando, assassinated Taseer in Islamabad's Kohsar Market on January 4, 2011 for his support to a blasphemy accused. An Anti-Terrorism Court convicted and condemned him to death – a rul-

ing also upheld by the Islamabad High Court and Supreme Court.

A review petition of Qadri was also turned down by the top court on December 14 last year, leaving him with the last option of to file a clemency appeal to the president.

Religious parties have threatened nationwide protests if Qadri

is hanged. In view of a possible backlash, the president's family has been moved from Karachi to the Presidency in Islamabad, sources told The Express Tribune.

Currently, only the president and the prime minister are provided security under the 'Blue Category' – the highest security

protocol for anyone in Pakistan. "Despite these heavy protocols, security of the president has been further beefed up as he is about to decide the mercy appeal of Qadri," said an official privy to the development.

The president has three sons. And the official said last year one of his sons, Salman Mamnoon, escaped a bomb attack on his convoy in Hub, near Karachi. Three people were killed in the attack claimed by a banned separatist group, Baloch Liberation Army.

Another senior security of-

ficial told The Express Tribune that overall security in Islamabad would also be reviewed if Qadri's mercy plea was rejected by the president.

"Security situation will be re-

"Security situation will be reviewed following the decision. And most probably the district administration will impose Section 144 in the capital," he said.

Secretary to the President Shahid Khan refused to comment on the issue. — Express Tribune

SUSPECT'S EXTRADITION

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

No honour in 'honour' killings, says Sharif at screening of Sharmeen's 'A Girl in the River'

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Monday said that there is no honour in honour killing and steps are afoot to bring about legislative and administration changes for women in Pakistan.

"We are proud of Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy's significant achievement and her work is an inspiration for the cause of social change for women worldwide," the premier said.

The premier was addressing a gathering at the screening of Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy's Oscarnominated documentary *A Girl in the River: The price for forgiveness* at the Prime Minister's Secretariat.

Socially challenging

"More than the awards, Chinoy's greater contribution lies in her choice of her themes which are technically difficult and socially challenging," Sharif said.

"She [Sharmeen Obaid] has drawn our attention to the dark side of societal behaviour; something about some of us choose to remain uninformed." he added.

"The long struggle for rights of women across culture and ages



has always been challenged by reactionary forces, but nothing can justify oppression."

Such despicable practices are repugnant to the teachings of Islam, and for that matter, any other religion.

Rightful place

"We are striving to give women their rightful place in the soci-



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Nawaz Sharif

ety, both economically and politically and end all sorts of violence against them and bring the perpetrators of attacks on them to justice," Sharif added.

Oscar-winning filmmaker

Pakistan has representation of women in all walks of life and they are even lawmakers, the preSharif also commended the Oscar-winning filmmaker for her remarkable success.

Earlier, addressing the gathering, Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy said, "Speaking the truth is difficult in Pakistan but the courage given by my father enabled me to take the initiative."

Sharmeen said that her father stood with her towards her am-



Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy

bition and she was happy that the film was being screened in Pakistan.

The documentary follows the story of an 18-year-old girl, a rare survivor of an honour killing attempt, who falls in love and lives to tell the tale. Previously, Sharmeen work 'Saving Face' bagged the Oscars for Pakistan for the first time. — Express Tribune

Talks with UK over Farooq's murder case

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to hold a final round of talks with Britain to determine whether it is serious about the extradition of the alleged murderers of Muttahida Quami Movement (MQM) leader Dr Imran Farooq.

Dr Farooq was bludgeoned and stabbed to death in September 2010 near his apartment in the Edgware area of London.

A source privy to the development told Express News that Pakistani authorities will seek the opinion of the UK authorities on any possible extradition within a week.

"The alleged culprits will be prosecuted in Pakistan if the UK authorities are reluctant about extradition," he said.

Less interested

The source said at one point in time the UK authorities were very keen to lay their hands on Dr Farooq's assassins; however, now they seem less interested in pursuing the case. "Pakistani authorities are left in very strange situation by the UK as now they are least bothered about the investigation into the case going on in Pakistan," he added.—Express Tribune

Death toll from Fiji cyclone tops 21 amid health crisis

Aid agencies warned of a widespread health crisis, in lowlying areas where thousands of Fiji's people live in tin shacks, after crops were wiped out and fresh water supplies hlocked

SYDNEY: Fiji began a massive cleanup on Monday after one of the most powerful storms recorded in the southern hemisphere tore through the Pacific island nation, killing 21 people, flattening remote villages and cutting off communications.

Aid agencies warned of a widespread health crisis, particularly hit late on Saturday with winds of in low-lying areas where thou- up to 325 kph (200 mph).



NATURE'S FURY: A remote Fijian village is photographed from the air during a surveillance flight conducted by the New Zealand Defence Force after Cyclone Winston on Sunday. - Reuters

sands of Fiji's 900,000 people live in tin shacks, after crops were wiped out and fresh water supplies blocked.

The Fiji Broadcasting Corp, quoting the country's National Disaster Management Office, said 21 people had died and four were still missing at sea. Almost 8,000 people remained hunkered down in hundreds of evacuation centres across Fiji where they had headed before tropical cyclone Winston

"The death toll from Cyclone Winston continues to rise and reports of widespread damage are coming in from across Fiji," said New Zealand Foreign Minister Murray McCully.

"It is clear that Fiji faces a major cleanup and recovery operation." McCully said a New Zealand

Defence Force C-130 would leave for the Fijian capital, Suva, later on Monday with relief supplies and an emergency response team.

The majority of the fatalities were along the western coast and



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were caused mainly by flying debris and drowning in storm surges, authorities said.

Curfew lifted

A 36-hour curfew was lifted early on Monday, allowing the Fijian military to ramp up efforts to reach the more remote parts of the archipelago of about 300 islands.

"The Fijians are desperately trying to repair severed lines of communication, but they hold grave fears that the news waiting for them will be dire," said Raijeli Nicole, Pacific regional director of aid group Oxfam. "Given the intensity of the storm and the images we have seen so far, there are strong concerns that the death toll won't stop climbing today and that hundreds of people will have seen their homes and livelihoods completely destroyed."

Aerial footage of outlying islands taken by the Royal New Zealand Air Force, and posted on the Fiji government's official website, showed whole villages flattened and flooded. Aid agencies were

told at a meeting of Fiji's National Emergency Operations Centre on Monday of potential "catastrophic" damage to Koro Island, Fiji's seventh-largest island.

"The aerial survey suggested the runway looks OK so they are going to land on this later this afternoon with emergency personal and some supplies," said Anna Cowley of CARE Australia.

Fiji also reopened its main airport at Nadi. Food and water supplies are a growing concern, even for areas such as Suva that did not suffer as much damage as the more remote regions.

The Consumer Council of Fiji has urged traders not to sell food and other perishable items that have gone bad due to the effects of the cyclone.

The Council's chief executive Premila Kumar said supermarkets and other food stores should destroy such items. Survivors spoke of the horror of the cyclone, while aid workers scrambled to help victims.

"The noise was deafening. At one point, I turned to my partner and questioned whether we would actually survive," Sarah Bingham, an Australian on holiday on Tokoriki Island, told Reuters by telephone. - Reuters

China signals no South China Sea backdown

BEIJING: China's South China Sea military deployments are no different from US deployments on Hawaii, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said on Monday, striking a combative tone ahead of a visit by Foreign Minister Wang Yi to the United States this week.

The United States last week accused China of raising tensions in the South China Sea by its apparent deployment of surface-to-air missiles on a disputed island, a move China has neither confirmed

Asked whether the South China Sea, and the missiles, would come up when Wang is in the United States to meet Secretary of State John Kerry, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said Washington should not use the issue of military facilities on the islands as a "pretext to make a fuss".

Abides by promises

"The US is not involved in the South China Sea dispute, and this is not and should not become a problem between China and the US," Hua told a daily news briefing. China hopes the US abides by its promises not to take sides in the dispute and stop "hyping up" the issue and tensions, especially over China's "limited" military positions there, she said. - Reuters

Infant refugee becomes face of tough Australia's asylum seeker policies



SOLIDARITY: Asylum-seeker advocates gather outside Brisbane's Lady Cilento Children's Hospital in support of one-year-old baby Asha in Brisbane, on Sunday. - Reuters

SYDNEY: The significant sympathy generated by the detention and likely deportation of a baby girl born in Australia to Nepalese parents could be a watershed in public opinion about the country's harsh asylum seeker policies.

The infant, known only by the pseudonym Asha, Nepalese for "hone" has humanised hundreds of anonymous asylum seekers who are faced with deportation from Australia to a detention camp on the South Pacific island of Nauru.

The outpouring of public support, including an overnight blockade at a Brisbane hospital where she was treated for severe burns, has been likened by some to the shocking images last year of a young Syrian asylum seeker dead on a Greek beach.

Supporters credited the weeklong protest at the hospital with forcing the hand of Immigration Minister Peter Dutton, who on Monday had Baby Asha and her family moved to a local community detention facility, which allows some freedom of movement.

"What is resonating is that a lot

of people are looking at that baby and thinking that could be my baby," said Kon Karapanagiotidis, chief executive officer of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

People at the blockade carried posters with the pixellated face of the baby girl and the hashtag #Baby Asha was Twitter's fourth highest trending topic worldwide over the weekend when the hospital stand-off reached its climax.

The number of asylum seekers trying to reach Australia is small compared with those arriving in Europe, but border security has long been a hotbutton political issue.

Campaign

The coalition government led by the conservative Liberal Party came to power in 2013 on a campaign to "Stop the Boats", adopting tough measures as a deterrent.

Everyone who arrives by boat is detained and sent to Nauru or Papua New Guinea's Manus Island. The government also conducts tow-backs, or turning a boat back to its origin.

The policies have been widely

criticised by international human rights groups and the United Nations. Medical groups have been particularly critical of detaining children in the offshore camps, where abuse has been frequently reported.

Doctors at the Brisbane hospital had refused to release Asha. Still, Australia's High Court this month rejected a legal challenge to the country's right to deport 267 refugee children and their families brought to Australia from Nauru for medical treatment.

Asha, the first baby born in immigration detention in Australia to be transferred to Nauru, was flown back to Australia last month for medical treatment after she scalded herself with boiling water while learning to walk in a tent at the detention centre.

"In terms of a dramatic shift in community attitudes, there is no going back from this one," Ian Rintoul, coordinator of the Refugee Action Coalition, said of the public support for Asha.

"I think for a large number of people this has been a turning





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Need for traffic cameras at all street junctions

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ence every morning on my way to work at the junction between the Al Maardin Street and Al Jami Al Akbar Street in Ghala where reckless drivers don't wait in the queue like others and rush on the straight lane to the front of the signal to turn left after the signal. If these mindless drivers stick to the lanes there would not be such a traffic every morning. And this happens on almost every big junction in Muscat during rush hours. Why doesn't the ROP install cameras at each and every junction to record the traffic and issue fines later on after they reviewed the tape? - Christoph Claassen, Muscat

Global leaders need to focus on human development not wars

This refers to the report *Toll from cyclone* rises to 21 as Fijians begin clean up drive (February 22). The disasters resulting from

climate change keep increasing yet all that happens are a few events with pledges to increase funding. It is high time the world leaders do something about it. US and Russia should lead the way by focussing on human development rather than wars. - Amr Saad, Ruwi



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HASAN ASKARI RIZVI



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MARGARET CARLSON



At one time, there were close to 20 politicians to follow, but post-South Carolina, it's more like the final rounds of "The Apprentice," with many fewer nervous strivers to keep track of and rising interest from viewers. Does that help Donald Trump? Conventional wisdom says no, the empty suit won't be able to stand the scrutiny





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Virtual education in conflict-hit regions

Gordon Brown

ducating refugees and children in conflict zones is one of the biggest challenges facing the international community. Their schools have been reduced to rubble. Their teachers have fled or are struggling to survive. Their libraries have been looted or burned.

AUSTRALIA SHOWS A VERY
TOUGH ASYLUM-SEEKER POLICIES

Fortunately, solutions are possible. After all, these days, compelling lectures and well-stocked libraries are available at the click of a button. A bold pilot project, sponsored by the Dubai-based MBZ Foundation, reflects this reality. The best coursework on offer — in mathematics, science, foreign languages, and literature — can be loaded onto a mobile phone and placed in a student's hand. If the 58 million children who are currently unable to attend school cannot be brought to a classroom, then the classroom must be brought to them. Aid groups are already blazing the trail, using the Internet to provide Syrian refugees with educational opportunities. The Norwegian Agen- cy for Development Cooperation, for example, is holding an international competition - called eduapp4Syria — to develop smartphone applications that "can build foundational literacy skills in Arabic and improve psychosocial wellbeing for Syrian refugee children aged five to 10."

Similarly, in Lebanon, the Beirut-based nonprofit organisation Sawa for Development and Aid, has developed NaTakallam, a service that offers unemployed Syrian refugees a chance to work as Arabic tutors. And in Egypt, the Nafham platform allows its users to upload educational videos on topics in the country's K-12 public school curriculum.

From abroad, the British Council offers online courses in English, through a programme called "FutureLearn." And the Silicon Valley-based NGO ReBootKAMP and UNICEF's Raspberry Pi coding classes offer young refugees a chance to learn computer programming.

The Internet is being used to help refugees pursue higher education as well.

The European Union is funding a three-year e-learning course to prepare 3,100 Syrian refugees in Jordan and Lebanon for university. And the American nonprofit The University of the People has offered 10,000 Syrian refugees a tutor-supported online university education.

These efforts prove that, with the press of a button and the swipe of a finger, two million refugee children in Lebanon, Turkey, and Jordan could be offered the opportunity to continue their studies. The advantages of online learning are manifold. Prefabricated schools are expensive to ship and often unsuited for real learning. As these become less of a priority, funds will be freed for providing appropriate learning materials and on-site tutors.

This shift in emphasis opens opportunities for contributions by the private sector as well, revolutionising how education is provided in conflict zones and other emergency situations. The Khan Academy, Google, Apple, and roughly 50 other companies have recognised this need, providing some \$70 million in funding, low-cost tablets, online education programmes, and assistance with logistics.

And in September, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg announced that his company would work with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to provide Internet access to all refugees. History shows how much broad coalitions that transverse the private, public, and nonprofit sectors can accomplish.

Private companies are often well positioned to deliver goods more quickly and less expensively than public institutions, allowing the latter to focus their efforts elsewhere.

Examples of this dynamic include the startups and multinationals that have joined the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to help find a cure for Ebola and entrepreneurs using solar panels to provide off-grid electricity to remote villages in Africa. When the library at Alexandria burned in 48 BC, humanity did not crawl back into caves and stop learning.

What went up in smoke was only the physical manifestation of human knowledge; the desire for discovery and progress remained intact. When the flames died down, our ancestors set out to recover the knowledge that had been lost.

That experience has been repeated throughout recorded history, and it should inform our response to the destruction of libraries and schools in Syria. Instead of asking the country's children to accept the end of their education, we must help them rebuild — with the most modern tools at our disposal. - Project Syndicate

CLIPPINGS



FEBRUARY 2001

MUSCAT: His Highness Sayyid Faisal bin Ali bin Faisal, national heritage and culture minister, opened the Sixth Muscat International Book Fair at the Oman International Exhibition Centre in Seeb yester-

Faisal opens book fair with increased titles, participants

day. Present at the inauguration ceremony were members of the royal family, the president of the Majlis Al Shura, ministers, members of the Majlis Al Shura and the Council of State, ambassadors of sisterly and friendly countries accredited to the Sultanate and literary personalities. A total of 266 publication houses from 17 Arab and foreign countries are taking part in the fair, which continues until March 2.

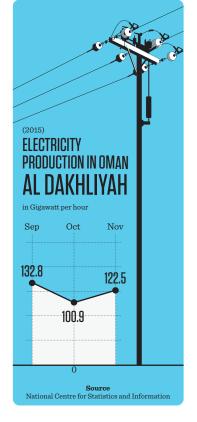


1861: Texas becomes the seventh state to secede from the

1904: Japan guarantees Korean sovereignty in exchange for military assistance.

1950: New York's Metropolitan Museum exhibits a collection of Hapsburg art. The first showing of this collection in

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MUGABE CELEBRATES 92ND BIRTHDAY

Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe, centre, flanked by his wife Grace Mugabe, left, and daughter Bona, right, blows candles on his cake during a suprise party hosted by the office of the President and Cabinet at State House in Harare, on Monday to celebrate his 92nd birthday. Zimbabwean President becomes the world's oldest leader with no plans to step down as feuding over his successors threatens to tear his ruling ZANU-PF apart. - AFP



Turkey presses operation against Kurdish militants

ISTANBUL: Turkey's military said on Monday it had killed 14 militants in a drive against the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) in the southeast as an envoy from the European parliament denounced what she said were rights abuses by Ankara.

Four PKK militants were killed on Sunday in the Sur district of the mainly Kurdish region's largest city Diyarbakir, much of which has been under a round-the-clock police curfew since early December, the army said in a statement.

Ten others were killed on Sunday in the Idil district of Sirnak province, neighbouring Syria, it said.

A round-the-clock curfew was imposed in some parts of Idil last amount of ammunition were week as it become a new focus for seized, it said. the security operations.

Ceasefire breakdown

Violence has surged across southeast Turkey following the breakdown of a two-year ceasefire between Turkish security forces and the PKK last July.

The PKK, which says it is fight-



ing for autonomy for Turkey's large ethnic Kurdish minority, has sealed off entire districts of some towns and cities in the southeast and declared autonomy, prompting the security forces to step up their operations.

The army also said the bodies of five PKK militants had been found during a search in Cizre, a town by the Syrian border that was the focus of military operations for weeks. Home-made explosives, hand grenades, rifles and a large

The PKK, considered a terrorist group by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, launched a separatist armed rebellion against the Turkish state more than three decades ago and more than 40,000 people have been killed in the conflict.



Julian Assange

Assange asks Sweden to overturn arrest warrant

STOCKHOLM: Lawyers for Julian Assange have asked a Swedish court to overturn an arrest warrant for the Wikileaks founder following a ruling by a UN panel that his stay in Ecuador's London embassy amounts to arbitrary detention.

Assange, 44, took refuge at the embassy in June 2012 to avoid extradition to Sweden, where he is wanted for questioning over allegations, which he denies, that he committed rape in 2010.

He says accusation is a ploy that would eventually lead to his extradition to the United States, where a criminal investigation into the activities of WikiLeaks is still open. "We consider that there have arisen a number of new circumstances which mean there is reason to review the earlier decision," Thomas Olsson, one of Assange's lawyers, said on Monday. - Reuters

GRAFT PROBE

Macedonia tightens controls trapping migrants in Greece

About 5,000 people massed at two locations in northern Greece, close to the border with Macedonia, while aid groups urged another 4,000, who arrived on the Greek mainland from outlying islands

ATHENS/MORAHALOM (HUNGARY): Thousands of mi-Greece on Monday after neighbouring Macedonia demanded additional identification from people seeking to cross the border and head to Western Europe, wit-

nesses said. European leaders are concerned that migrants passing through austerity-hit Greece to more prosperous countries could end up stranded if Greece's northern neighbours tighten border controls.



grants were stranded in northern NO ENTRY: A man from Afghanistan carrying a baby cries as he pushes against the fence at the Greece-Macedonia border during a demonstration near the village of Idomeni, northern Greece, on Monday, against Macedonia's refusal to allow Afghans to pass the border. - AFP

after Macedonia demanded additional identification from people seeking passage.

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people across the border slowed mainland from outlying islands, tieres (Doctors Without Borders). not to head to north for fear of creating a bottleneck.

"Our biggest fear is that the 4,000 migrants who are in Athens head up here and the place will become overcrowded," said Antonis Rigas, a coordinator of the medical relief charity Medicins Sans Fron-

Balkan states straddling the migrant route to western and northern Europe have begun denying passage to individuals not coming from the conflict regions of Syria

of Aleppo, said Macedonian police did not let him cross the border because he did not have a passport.

"I lost everything in the war, I have no documents," he said, declining to give his name. He said he had obtained Greek registration papers at the island of Lesbos.

Macedonia has erected a metal fence topped with razor wire at the main crossing point for migrants along its southern border with Greece.

Greek migration minister Yannis Mouzalas criticised his neighbours for shirking their responsibilities amid the crisis.

"Not only have Visegrad countries not taken in one refugee, they didn't even send a blanket or a tent," he told the TV channel of Greece's parliament, referring to the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary and Slovakia.

Meanwhile, police detained 501 migrants over the weekend who cut their way through Hungary's steel border fence.

Prime Minister Viktor Orban has boosted his public support with a tough stance on migration. His right-wing government has put up a fence on the borders with Serbia and Croatia to keep out the mostly Middle Eastern migrants. The fence diverted the flow of migrants away from Hungary toward Croatia and Slovenia last year when hundreds of thousands One migrant in his mid-30s, who crossed the Balkans towards Aussaid he was from the Syrian town tria and western Europe. - Reuters

Brazil police launch crackdown, target Dilma's campaign chief

RO: Federal investigators on Monday launched a round of arrests and raids targeting the manager of President Dilma Rousseff's election campaigns and Brazil's largest engineering group in the latest stage of the nation's

Prosecutors said in a statement they were also looking into possible bribes paid off contracts signed by state-run oil company Petrobras and shipbuilder Sete Brasil with Keppel Fels, the Brazil unit of Singapore's oil rig builder Keppel Corporation Ltd.

biggest corruption probe.

Receiving bribes

The statement said Joao Santana, Rousseff's campaign manager, was suspected of receiving bribes in offshore accounts. TV station O Globo said he was currently out of the country. Santana and his lawyer could not immediately be reached for comment.

Nicknamed the "maker of presidents", Santana, 63, also advised Rousseff's predecessor Luiz Iná-

zuelan President Hugo Chavez in his re-election bid in 2012.

His involvement in the investigation is a further blow to embattled President Dilma Rousseff, who is not being investigated in the scandal but has seen her popularity. The former ruling Workers'

Party Treasurer and a top aide to former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva have also been arrested.

Police said they had court orders for eight arrests without giving names in the ongoing "Operations Car Wash" corruption investigation that started nearly two years ago.

Brazilian engineering giant Odebrecht SA, one of the main companies at the centre of the scandal, said its offices in Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and in Salvador were searched by police and that it would collaborate with authorities.

Prosecutors said the 23rd phase of the two-year-old investigation had brought more incrimi-

SAO PAULO/RIO DE JANEI- cio Lula da Silva and late Vene- nating evidence against Marcelo Odebrecht, the former CEO of the engineering group who has been jailed since June.

Keppel Corporation said in October it may face an investigation into deals with Petrobras and Sete Brasil.

A spokesperson for Keppel in Brazil strongly rejected any allegations of bribery.

Searches, arrests

More than 300 officers conducted searches and arrests in the cities of São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Salvador, the federal police said.

The nationwide Car Wash operation began uncovering kickbacks in state companies nearly two years ago. Dozens of executives and politicians have been arrested or are under investigation on suspicion of overcharging Petróleo Brasileiro SA, as Petrobras is formally known, and other state firms on contracts and using part of the proceeds to bribe members of Rousseff's ruling coalition. - Reuters



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SINGAPORE: A view of the Singapore Flyer observatory wheel and the National Stadium among public and private residential apartments in Singapore, on Monday. — Reuters



INDONESIA: Four of eight confiscated Vietnamese fishing boats are destroyed in Mempawah Regency, West Kalimantan, Indonesia on Monday. The Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, together with the Indonesian Navy, destroyed 30 foreign fishing vessels in different locations across the country, which were seized earlier for illegal fishing in Indonesian waters. — Reuters/Jessica Helena Wuysang/Antara Foto



Botanical Gardens in memory of those lost in the 2011 Christchurch earthquake during the fifth anniversary of the Christchurch earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand, on Monday. — AFP



GREAT BRITAIN: A car fitted with tyre snow socks drives on a snow covered road near the Lawers Dam in Scotland, Britain, on Monday. – Reuters



SPAIN: A boy takes a selfie photo as he tests the 'Oculus VR' virtual device, at the stand of Deutsche Telekom during the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, Spain, on Monday, during the first day of the world's biggest mobile fair that runs to Wednesday. — AFP



CHINA: People are seen people walking through an exhibition of lanterns in a square in Handan, in China's northern Hebei province on Saturday, in this picture released on Monday. — AFP



CHINA: Soldiers from a special unit of People's Armed Police in Xinjiang attend a training session in Kashgar, Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region, China, on Saturday, in this picture released on Monday. — Reuters/Stringer



Boris Johnson, one of Britain's most popular politicians, announced on Sunday he supported leaving the bloc, dealing a blow to Cameron who struck a deal to reform Britain's relations with the EU last week.

Apple wants panel on encryption

Apple Chief Executive Tim Cook also sent a letter to employees, making clear the company's hardline stance addresses broader issues, not just the phone in question

SAN FRANCISCO: Apple Inc on Monday urged the creation of a government panel on encryption to help resolve a standoff over national security and data privacy that began last week after the technology company refused a US government demand to unlock an iPhone used in a mass shooting in California in December.

It was the latest move in a public and symbolic showdown between the US government and technology companies, both of which are keen to set a precedent over how far US investigators can dictate how tech firms handle their customers' data.



DATA SECURITY AT STAKE: This file photo taken on February 17, 2016 shows people walking outside the Apple store on the Fifth Avenue in New York. - AFP/Files



"Apple would gladly participate a broader legislative solution - is in such an effort," the company wrote in a post on its website entitled "Answers to your questions about Apple and security".

The idea of setting up a commission - which may be a prelude to

not new, although a political resolution of the data privacy and encryption debate has proven elusive for many years.

A digital security commission comprising technology, business shootout with police.

and law enforcement experts has been proposed by Democratic Senator Mark Warner and Republican Representative Michael McCaul, who chairs the House Homeland Security Committee, to help break the impasse over encryption.

The bipartisan pair is scheduled to unveil details of legislation that would create a panel at a Washington event on Wednesday.

Apple Chief Executive Tim Cook also sent a letter to employees Monday morning, making clear the company's hardline stance addresses broader issues, not just the phone in question.

"This case is about much more than a single phone or a single investigation, so when we received the government's order we knew we had to speak out," Cook said in the email to employees, seen by Reuters. "At stake is the data security of hundreds of millions of law-abiding people, and setting a dangerous precedent that threatens everyone's civil liberties."

The US Federal Bureau of Investigation is seeking the company's help to access Syed Rizwan Farook's phone by disabling some of its passcode protections, which the government says are "non-encryption barriers."

Farook and Tashfeen Malik attacked a holiday party in San Bernardino, California on December 2, killing 14 people and injuring 22. The pair were killed later in a is technically possible to bypass the security features of the iPhone by building a new operating system, such a move would set a dangerous precedent.

New legal precedent

FBI Director James Comey published an article on the national security legal blog Lawfare late on Sunday, arguing the case was not about setting a new legal precedent but "victims and justice".

"Fourteen people were slaughtered and many more had their lives and bodies ruined," Comey wrote. "We owe them a thorough and professional investigation under law. That's what this is."

Apple said it has not unlocked iPhones for law enforcement in the past but has extracted data from an iPhone running older operating systems under a "lawful court order".

The US Department of Justice filed a motion on Friday seeking to compel Apple to comply with a judge's order to unlock Farook's iPhone, though it admitted the move was "not legally necessary" since Apple had not yet responded to the initial order. "We've handed over all the data we have, including a backup of the iPhone in question," Apple said in its post. "But now they have asked us for information we simply do not have."

In its post, Apple added that "the best way forward would be for the

Apple has argued that while it government to withdraw its demands" to unlock the phone. The company could not be immediately reached for further comment.

The case has revived interest on Capitol Hill over how to deal legislatively with what law enforcement calls "going dark" where tight digital security locks them out of accessing the data of criminal suspects.

But legislating how a tech company should safeguard its customer data has long proven politically unviable. The White House backed down from a push for legislation last year amid stiff opposition from tech firms and privacy advocates. Bipartisan leaders of the US House Energy and Commerce Committee late Friday invited Apple's Cook and FBI Director James Comey to testify at an upcoming hearing on encryption, though no date was set.

Senators Richard Burr and Dianne Feinstein, the top Republican and Democrat of the Senate Intelligence Committee respectively, have long said they intend to introduce legislation that would force a company to be able to grant authorities access to a suspect's data, though a bill has not yet materialised.

Some victims of the attack will file a legal brief in support of the US government's attempt to force open to unlock the phone, a lawyer representing the victims told Reuters on Sunday. - Reuters

Cameron tries to sell EU deal after Boris backs Brexit

LONDON: Prime Minister David Cameron will try to sell his case for Britain remaining in the European Union to parliament on Monday, facing hostility from his own lawmakers and an exit campaign energised by the backing of London Mayor Boris Johnson.

Johnson, one of Britain's most popular politicians, announced on Sunday he supported leaving the bloc, dealing a blow to Cameron who struck a deal to reform Britain's relations with the EU last week. The mayor's announcement, widely regarded as increasing the chance of a British EU exit, saw sterling on course for its biggest one-day loss against the dollar in 11 months while British bond prices also fell.

"I'm delighted that he's come out for leaving the European Union," former finance minister and chairman of the Vote Leave campaign Nigel Lawson told BBC radio. "He is a superb campaigner so he's a great asset.'

While Cameron's most senior Cabinet colleagues have stuck with him, five others have said they would campaign for a British exit, highlighting the deep divide in Cameron's Conservative Party over Europe, dating back to the days of Margaret Thatcher in the 1980s. However, Johnson's intervention is seen as significant, giving the "out" campaign a de facto figure head.

Betting odds of a British exit rose to a 33 per cent chance from about 29 per cent after his announcement, according to bookmakers. Johnson, 51, a political the prime minister as a matter showman whose eccentric persona masks a fierce ambition to succeed Cameron, said on Sunday he did not want to go against Cameron but believed the EU project was in danger of getting BBC radio. "I can't think of any out of democratic control.

On Monday, Johnson declined to elaborate further, saying he was focusing on his last budget as London mayor, a post he has held since 2008. "There will be plenty of time to talk about Europe and the great future that Britain can have outside the European Union in the next few weeks," Johnson, who is also a Conservative member of parliament, told reporters.

Sterling was on course for its biggest one day loss in 11 months, falling to \$1.4175 after the start of European trade, down 1.5 per cent on the day. The pound also fell against the euro on concern before Johnson's move showed that Britain would quit the bloc it joined in 1973. The cost of hedging against sharp weakness in have fluctuated widely and surthe sterling exchange rate shot up to its highest in more than four years. The six-month implied volatility in sterling/dollar in helping them decide which -- a gauge of how sharp investors believe currency moves will be showed. - Reuters



Cameron. - Reuters



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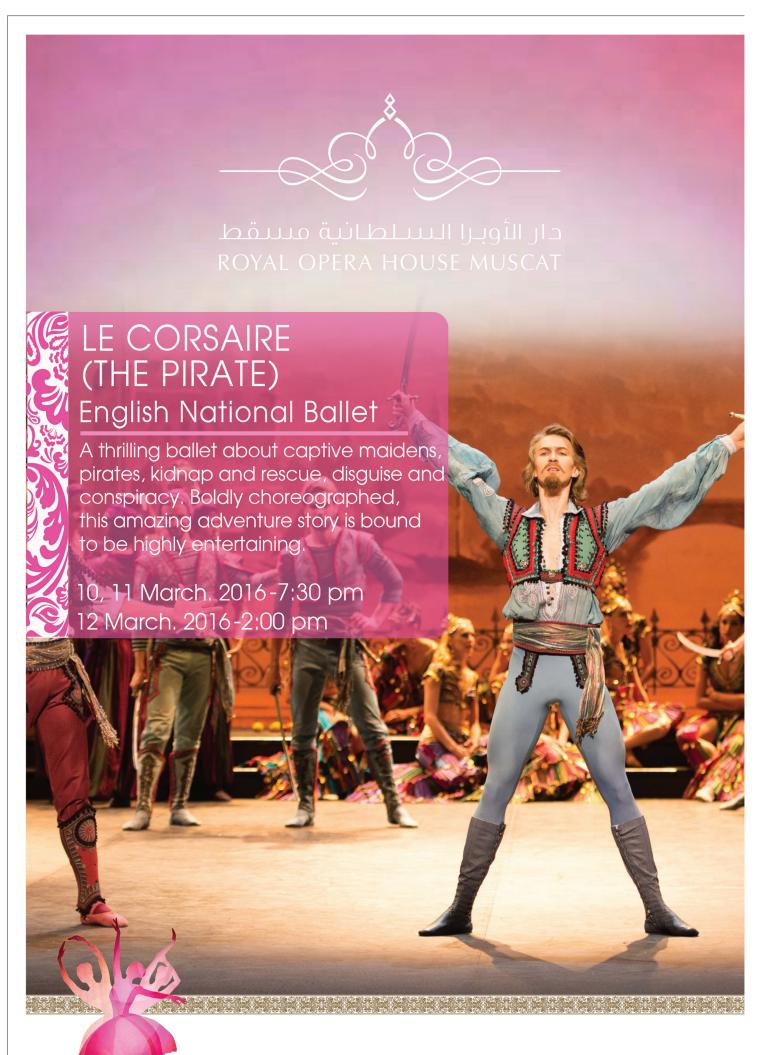
-- rose to 12.2 per cent, its highest since late 2011, according to Reuters charts. The contract captures the date of the referendum, scheduled for June 23

What role Johnson will play in the leave campaign is not known as he said he would not take part in debates against members of his own party. That has led some commentators to question whether his stance is a calculated gamble designed to attract widespread eurosceptic support among Conservatives in a future leadership bid to succeed Cameron, who has said he will step down before the next election in 2020.

Johnson's supporters dismissed such suggestions, describing the decision to oppose of principle. "To say that this is a careerist sort of move would be a total travesty," his father Stanley, a former Conservative member of the European Parliament, told more career ending move than to do what he did yesterday."

A British exit from the EU would rock the Union - already shaken by differences over migration and the future of the euro zone — by ripping away its second-largest economy, one of its top two military powers and

by far its richest financial centre. Pro-Europeans, including former prime ministers Tony Blair and John Major, have warned that an exit could also trigger the break-up of the United Kingdom by prompting another Scottish independence vote. A poll published the "in" campaign with a lead of 15 percentage points. However, polls veys suggest about a fifth of voters are undecided. A third of voters said Johnson would be important way to vote, an Ipsos MORI poll



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OMAN OIL PRICE DECLINES

Dubai Mercantile Exchange said that Oman oil price (April delivery) reached \$30.81 per barrel. The DME statement on Monday said that the price of Oman oil declined 43 cents from the price of last Friday, which was \$31.24 a barrel. - ona



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Sohar refinery to undergo major planned turnaround

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman's Sohar refinery and polypropylene plant will undergo a major planned turnaround or maintenance activity for two months between February 23 and April 23. This is in line with the state-owned Oman Oil Refineries and Petroleum Industries Company's (Orpic) key mission to ensure that its operations run safely and smoothly at all times. These plants are owned by Orpic. "This shutdown will be used to execute a number of maintenance activities in order to improve the operational performance of Orpic's plants," said a press release.

A large turnaround is being undertaken every three years. This time the scope will be larger as Orpic wants to make modifications to the existing plant to allow a full integration of the new units, being constructed under the Sohar Refinery Improvement Project, which is due for commissioning later in the year.

Large revamp

Explaining the complexity of the shutdown, an Orpic representative said, "We analysed and reviewed the need for this turnaround. A detailed worklist was created and every Orpic employee has been troleum products, to Oman and to assigned with specific tasks. This the world.

turnaround will witness a large revamp of the Resid Catalytic Cracker unit, which is the core of the existing refinery. However, we would like to reiterate that there will be no disruption to the nation's supply for fuel."

Oman Oil Refineries and Petroleum Industries Company is one of Oman's largest companies and one of the most rapidly growing businesses in the Middle East oil industry. Orpic's Refineries in Sohar and Muscat, as well as the Aromatics and Polypropylene Plants in Sohar, provide fuel, chemicals, plastics, and other pe-



 $\textbf{MAJOR REVAMP:} \ So har \ refinery \ and \ polypropylene \ plant. - \textbf{Times file picture}$

Omantel plans mega network expansion

Under the terms of the memorandum of understanding. Omantel and Ericsson will form joint teams to collaborate on key areas of network improvement

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Telecommunications Company (Omantel) has signed a formal memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Ericsson to enhance network capabilities and services according to the company's new transformation strategy.

Talal Al Mamari, CEO of Omantel said, "At Omantel, we see ourselves as innovators and early



VITAL AGREEMENT: The agreement with Ericsson comes as a part of a plan to deploy new digital smart home, innovative business and eGovernment services in 2016 and beyond. - supplied picture

companies, who can work with us symbiotically, to deliver new services and innovations for the continued evolution of the Omantel 3.0 transformation strategy. This agreement with Ericsson comes as a part of our objective to deploy new digital smart home, innovative business and eGovernment services throughout 2016 and beyond."

"Our strategy positions Omantel as the digital partner of choice, and the increased levels of collaboration with Ericsson signals our accelerated approach toward network investment, enhancement and upgrades across the Sultanate, both for retail consumers and corporate clients. We aim adopters of new technology. So to be the nation's digital partner it is vital that we partner with of choice, helping to bridge the

digital divide across all sectors of society," he added. "Delivering the highest qual-

ity to our customers when using our services and support is at the heart of our operation," said Rafiah Ibrahim, President, Ericsson Region Middle East and Africa. "We are living in a dynamic and diverse environment where operators' services are inherent to subscribers' lifestyles. Today's partnership with Omantel will ensure improved customers' satisfaction for their subscribers by of communications technology, delivering enriched day to day communications," he added.

Omantel and Ericsson will form joint teams to collaborate on four key areas of network improvement, focusing on: deployment property rights portfolios.

of intelligent network upgrades and enhancements, development of innovative fixed and mobile products and services, expansion of Omantel's product portfolio as well as joint evaluation of potential areas for future collaboration.

Commenting on the importance of the MOU, Samy Ahmed Al Ghassany, Chief Operating Officer of Omantel noted, "We have previously partnered with Ericsson in Oman to invest in nationwide network capabilities. This relationship has been a real factor behind the expansion and improvement of network coverage levels throughout the Sultanate."

"We believe that through mobility and connectivity services, our society can be transformed. The MOU with Ericsson represents a further step in the realisation of our vision for Oman, to become a truly networked society, where every person and every industry is empowered to reach their full potential," he added.

Ericsson is a world leader in the rapidly changing environment with some 40 per cent of all global mobile traffic running through Under the terms of the MOU, Ericsson supplied networks. With more than 37,000 granted patents, Ericsson also has one of the industry's strongest intellectual

Gulf countries need to adopt 'more reforms'

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Gulf Cooperation Countries (GCC) countries are expected to implement a series of additional reforms in 2016 to help boost government revenue as persistent weakness in oil prices has taken a toll on the Gulf economies, according to Alkhabeer Capital, the asset management and investment firm, based in Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia, for instance, recently announced that it would implement a value-based tax to be imposed on undeveloped land, in order to increase revenues and discourage landowners from holding vacant plots. Real estate experts believe that this move would add up to \$13 billion (50 billion Saudi riyals) to the government's revenues.

Reports also suggest that GCC countries are moving closer to implementing a value-added tax (VAT), or sales tax regime, in the region, which could help increase domestic revenue.

The recent budget announcements for 2016 by Saudi Arabia and other GCC states signal that governments across the region are scaling back non-essential spending, but are continuing to invest significantly in infrastructure, education, and social programmes, said the study.

"Overall, 2015 has been a year of high volatility and accelerating

developments," the Alkhabeer Capital Outlook Report pointed out.

Greater diversification

"The past 12 months have presented Saudi Arabia with an opportunity to reinforce its economic fundamentals while spurring a move towards greater diversification. Looking at 2016, we see a number of challenges facing markets regionally and globally, which will require careful management and prudent preparation to weather potential headwinds.

The report also outlined that while growth performance in nonoil sectors has been impacted to an extent, but they have remained largely resilient. Although non-oil sector Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) readings, which measure the economic health of the manufacturing sector, have trended lower in recent months in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, they still indicate further expansion as the two countries continue to benefit from previous and ongoing diversification initiatives. The GCC equity markets wit-

nessed a sell-off as crude oil prices continued to slip, and Alkhabeer foresees the region's markets facing continued pressure. "We recommend that investors selectively invest in GCC markets, and focus on companies that are not overly reliant on hydrocarbons," the research note said.

IMF asks Gulf states to reduce spending

ABU DHABI: Crude prices will probably stay low for longer than expected, International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Christine Lagarde said, urging Gulf Arab oil-producing countries to cut spending and boost revenue through new taxes.

A value-added tax that's the same across the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) should be adopted, Lagarde said in a speech in Abu Dhabi. The measure along with corporate income and property taxes would help raise government income, she said.

"Not only have oil prices fallen by around two-thirds from their most recent peak, but supplyand demand-side factors suggest that they are likely to stay low for an extended period," Lagarde for oil producers to lower reliincome, she said.

Global oil prices have dropped 44 per cent in the past year, forcing Saudi Arabia to cut spending growth, it said. - Bloomberg News



on energy subsidies and consider selling sovereign bonds and shares in national oil company Saudi Arabian Oil Co. UAE has also eliminated fuel subsidies.

US benchmark West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude should trade in a range between \$25 and \$45 a barrel for the rest of the year, "although a very brief said. That makes it necessary spike down towards \$20 is possible," the National Bank of Abu ance on crude for government Dhabi said in its Global Investment Outlook 2016 report on Sunday. Prices at the lower end of the range will stimulate demand





Maserati to launch Levante SUV at Geneva show

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Maserati reveals the exterior form of the Levante, the first SUV (sports utility vehicle) in the brand's more than 100-year history. The new model completes the existing range of saloon and large, frameless door windows. sports cars, extending the offering together with the Quattroporte, Ghibli, GranTurismo and Gran-Cabrio models.

unveiled at the Geneva International Motor Show next month.

The design of the Levante features clear associations with the Maserati brand and its distinctive Italian character the aggressive front introduces new, tapered headlights separated into two elements,

with the upper headlight unit connected to the radiator grille.

Maserati's design signature is clearly visible on the sides the three iconic air vents on the front wings, the trapezoidal Cpillar with the 'Saetta' logo and the

Tapered back window

The rear is dominated by the tapered back window and stream-The Levante will be officially lined shape, both typical of a high performance sports car.

> At a technical level, the Levante's chassis is designed to combine the outstanding on road performance typical of every Maserati with unrivalled handling even on very lowgrip surfaces and an excellent offroad performance and ride.

The new SUV boasts of a high level of content as standard, with all versions featuring sophisticated electronic suspension with controlled damping and air springs, which can be set on several levels, 'Q4' intelligent all-wheel drive and 8-speed automatic transmission specially calibrated for the brand's new SUV. When it comes to power units, the Levante is equipped with both petrol and diesel engines that are all Euro-6compliant.

The Maserati Levante is built at the Mirafiori plant in Turin the first cars have already come off the assembly line with the launch planned for this spring in Europe, to be followed by the rest of the world later this year.



DISTINCTIVE ITALIAN CHARACTER: Maserati's design signature is clearly visible on the sides the three iconic air vents on the front wings, the trapezoidal Cpillar with the 'Saetta' logo and the large, frameless door windows. - supplied picture

GM could cancel \$1.6b investment

SAO PAULO: General Motors (GM) will reconsider plans for new investment in Brazil if the economic and political situation does not improve, the company's president Dan Ammann said.

Brazil was until recently one of the world's five biggest auto markets, but it has sunk into the worst recession in 25 years and business confidence has been undermined by political uncertainty and a bid to impeach President Dilma Rousseff.

"I hope to see political and economic advances in the next six to 12 months, which would allow us to stick to our investment plan," Ammann told the Estado de S.Paulo newspaper. Otherwise, GM would "re-evaluate," he said. - Reuters

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Sharakah to finance local firm's expansion

Financial support for Mint Marketing aims at covering mostly the working capital and cost of capital for purchasing few additional assets

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Sharakah will provide financial support and business development services to Mint Marketing to expand the business for which an agreement has been signed. The financial support aims at covering mostly the working capital and cost of capital for purchasing few assets.

Mint Marketing founders and owners Issra Ahmed Ibrahim and Imad Ahmed Hassan are fully dedicated to the business. The business which specialises in marketing and branding is one of the incubated companies in the National Business Center and has been operational for three years.



ing as well as business development services that would enable them to expand the business. - supplied picture

Both Issra and Imad have ex- branding firm. We have called out tensive experience in the field as several reputed organisation in their career before deciding to venture into their own business. Issra has earned her MBA from Bedfordshire University in the United Kingdom. She has more than 11 years

of working experience in several organisations including Gulf are confident that both Issra and Brands Company, Al Madina Financial and Alliance Housing Bank. Imad is a professional photographer who specialises in corporate photography. Commenting on the signing of

the agreement, Abdullah Al Jufaili, general manager of Sharakah, said "This is the first time that we and established a sister company have supported a marketing and in Bahrain," said Issra.

to much knowledge based small they have previously worked in and medium enterprises (SMEs) and we informed them that we are considering their requirements of working capital. However, we haven't been successful in the past in attracting such businesses. We believe that the essences of such businesses are the entrepreneurs behind the business and we Imad have what it takes to take Mint Marketing to the next level."

"Mint is a branding and marketing company that prescribes the ideal recipe for any brand to guarantee its success. Since establishment, Mint launched more than 30 successful Omani brands,

HSBC posts loss on bad loan; shares fall

LONDON: HSBC Holdings postbillion by the end of 2017. ed an unexpected fourth-quarter loan-impairment charges increased and it booked fair-value losses on its debt.

The shares fell as much as 4.5 per cent as Europe's largest bank reported a pretax loss of \$858 million. Excluding onetime items such as a \$773 million charge on movements in the fair Lending costs value of its debt, the lender had a Impairments on bad loans and pretax profit of \$1.9 billion.

analysts' estimates.

The result, depressed in part by the rising cost of bad loans the consensus analyst estimate to oil and gas companies suffering from crashing energy prices, marks a setback to chief executive officer Stuart Gulliver's efforts to bolster profitability and reverse a share slump.

In June, the CEO unveiled a new strategy to boost investment in Asia, exit unprofitable countries and cut as many as 25,000 jobs to help save as much as \$5

"Weakness in revenue and loss as income from lending fell, higher impairment" fueled the miss, said Raul Sinha, an analyst at JPMorgan Chase with an underweight rating on the stock. The "impairment spike was driven by oil and gas" and "weak" performance in Asia, where the bank makes most of its profit.

credit-risk provisions increased Both measures fell short of by 32 per cent to \$1.64 billion in the quarter. That took full-year charges to \$3.7 billion, exceeding of \$3 billion. The increase in badloan charges in HSBC's wholesale banking division, which accounted for almost \$1 billion of loan impairment charges in the quarter, was driven by the oil and gas sector, the company said.

HSBC dropped 4.4 per cent in London, bringing its loss this year to 20 per cent. In Hong Kong also, shares dropped. - вю





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Oman Cement recommends 30% dividend

MUSCAT: Oman Cement Company's board has recommended a dividend of 30 per cent (30 baisas per share) for the year ended 2015, the company said in a filing to the Muscat Securities Market. The annual general meeting is scheduled for March 20. At its recent meeting, the company approved the audited financial statement. Oman Cement's profit before tax for 2015 was OMR13.15 million compared to OMR14.94 million in the previous year. The profit after tax was OMR11.70 million as against OMR13.15 million in 2014.

National Aluminium proposes 13% cash dividend

MUSCAT: National Aluminium Products board has recommended a cash dividend of 13 per cent for the year ended December 2015, subject to the approval of the shareholders at its annual general meeting to be held on March 17, the company said in a stock market filing. The board approved the annual audit report for 2015 and also the audited annual financial results.

Oil glut will persist into 2017, says IEA

PARIS: : Global oil glut will persist into 2017, limiting any chance of a price rebound in the short term as the surplus takes even longer to clear than previously estimated, says IEA. US shale oil production will retreat this year as the price slump hits drilling and its subsequent recovery will ensure US remains the biggest source of new supply to 2021. - Times News Service/Agencies

Dubai developers plan new projects despite price drop

Damac is planning six new towers on the main highway, while state-owned developer Dubai Properties is seeking to construct more affordable homes

DUBAI: If you thought declining home prices and rents would damp Dubai developers' appetite for new projects, think again.

Damac Properties Dubai Company is planning six new towers on Dubai's main highway, while state-owned developer Dubai Properties Group said on Sunday that it's seeking to construct more affordable homes.

Home values have been hit by the falling price of oil, tighter regulation and a strengthening currency. HSBC expects Dubai home values to fall as much as 10 per cent in 2016 and cut its price estimate for Emaar Properties and Damac shares by 26 per cent and 8 per cent this month. Arabtec Holding, Dubai's biggest construction company, reported its first yearly loss on Sunday.

Developers may feel compelled to start new projects to tap into demand from those planning to buy although many companies will likely delay completion, said Sanyalak Manibhandu, an Abu



DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES: Home values have been hit by the falling price of oil, tighter regulation and a strengthening currency. Damac's Aykon City is a six-tower project comprising hotels, apartments and office towers overlooking Dubai Canal and Safa Park with a sales value of Dh7.4 billion (\$2 billion). - Times file picture

Dhabi-based analyst at NBAD Securities. "They are putting down their markers" and will probably "change narrative" and timelines as they go along, he said.

Wealthy Africans

While the slump in oil prices is hurting demand from other Gulf countries, some wealthy Africans are buying in Dubai to park their cash in dollar-linked assets as currencies in their home countries decline, Manibhandu said. The strength of the United States dollar, to which the dirham is linked, has also hurt demand from Dubai's traditional customers in Europe and Russia.

Damac's Aykon City, as it's named, is a six-tower project comprising hotels, apartments and office towers overlooking Dubai Canal and Safa Park with a sales value of Dh7.4 billion (\$2 billion), the company said in an e-mailed statement.

Dubai Properties Group's development, Serena, would cover 8.2 million square feet (761,804 square meters) in Dubailand and be built in five stages, the company said. The villas and town houses will have a Mediterranean Spanish theme.

Dubai developers halted delivery of about a quarter of the properties set for completion last year, bolstering apartment rents build one of Dubai's largest develbut failing to stop a 16 percent price decline, according to CBRE Group. About 6,000 nearly-completed homes sit empty in newer It will build the development developments as some developers withhold keys from buyers, ac- smaller malls instead of one big cording to CBRE, which visits developments to assess the extent of construction on various projects.

World's biggest mall

Starting new projects "doesn't mean that Damac and Dubai Properties Group are overly optimistic," Manibhandu said. "It just means that they don't want others to fill the vacuum."

Dubai Holding had planned to

opments, consisting of the world's biggest mall and 100 hotels and has now adjusted the project. in four stages and include three shopping center, allowing the project to grow gradually depending on demand. It will also include homes, offices and entertainment facilities. - Bloomberg News

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CUTTING EDGE TECHNOLOGY: New Samsung S7, right and S7 Edge smartphones are displayed after their unveiling ceremony at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, Spain. - Reuters

Samsung unveils latest smartphone series in Spain

SEOUL: Samsung Electronics showed off virtual reality hardware alongside its latest Galaxy S7 smartphones, in its latest attempt to breathe life into its premium line and wrest ascendancy back from Apple.

The new phones go on sale on March 11 sporting a 5.1-inch screen using its own Exynos a larger 5.5-inch Edge model equipped with the same kind of wraparound display the company debuted last year. While they look almost identical to the S6 line, Samsung is bringing back a memory-card slot and adding a alienated fans last year.

Samsung's efforts to win back customers saw it keep the form a decelerating global market. and shape of last year's models while fixing its shortcomings phone is obviously slowing down and touting their potential role in the coming virtual reality boom. With earnings sliding in a stalling smartphone market and the in an interview. shares battered by three straight annual declines, South Korea's biggest company needs a hit product after the S6 failed to set the records that had been predicted.

"Samsung's trying to shift consumers' sights to bundled products, such as VR headsets and a 360 degree camera, which would help it keep the smartphone margin from decline," Lee Jae Yun, an vices thinner. - Reuters



analyst at Yuanta Securities, said in Seoul. "This is a good try but Samsung can't help slashing the or Qualcomm processors, with prices of new premium smartphones to keep its market share."

Reduced drain

At the World Mobile Congress in Barcelona, Samsung took the wraps off a 360-degree camera designed to work with the S7. Ian longer-life battery after the ab- Fogg, an analyst with IHS Techsence of a removable power unit nology, called the Gear 360 accessory a 'halo' product that will help boost sales of the smartphone in

> "The market for the smarta little bit," Jean-Daniel Ayme, vice president of European telecom operations at Samsung, said

> "When you're using one of these new devices, this is more than a phone, this is your camera, your MP3 player, your TV, your recorder, it's everything and more, and more is coming."

Samsung abandoned removable batteries and a memory card slot from its marquee phone last year as it sought to make its de-

Facebook calls for better connectivity

SAN FRANCISCO: Facebook needs mobile phone data networks to work better and faster. So they're asking telecommunications companies to partner with them and share designs, in an initiative that could accelerate the spread of 5G connectivity.

Facebook made the same pitch with data-centre storage and networking equipment through its Open Compute project, ultimately allowing the company and its partners to save billions in infrastructure costs.

The company's focus is moving to telecommunications as it builds products for live-streaming video and virtual reality, which require fast, high-bandwidth connections.

Chief executive officer Mark Zuckerberg will make the plea to telecom companies at the Mobile World Congress, a gathering this week of industry leaders in Barcelona, Spain. Facebook is trying to get the equipment industry and

nounced next week.

per dollar. - рті

Whereas, the rupee on Mon-

day dropped by 15 paise to end

at a fresh 30-month low of 68.61



Mark Zuckerberg. - File picture

carriers to share designs and technology that will speed up the adoption of faster networks. By doing so, the company is aiming to repeat its success in lowering the costs of equipment such as servers and storage devices.

"By putting together flexible is still years away and the introto build much more efficient networks in the future," said Jason Taylor, vice-president for infrastructure at Facebook. "No one company can do it alone."

Early support

Facebook already has some support. Intel and Nokia will work with Facebook on the initial designs, while Deutsche Telekom and SK Telecom will use the first technology that comes out of the project, Facebook said. One focus is making sure that modern networks can be easily updated to fit growing needs, using data-center technology, Taylor said.

In the United States, to help stimulate development, the two largest wireless carriers Verizon Communications and AT&T have scheduled the first 5G field tests for sometime this year. The first agreement on industry standards

building blocks, we will be able duction of the first 5G service of any type isn't expected until 2020.

"We see 5G development starting in a lot of countries right now, particularly Japan, Korea and the US," said Hassan Ahmed, chief executive officer of Acton, Massachusetts-based Affirmed Networks, a supplier of equipment and software for mobile network operators. Carriers have already started to work together on getting to 5G networks, which can be five to 10 times faster than the current 4G networks, Ahmed said.

Facebook is trying to influence an industry where best practices are already established. Currently, carriers pay large sums of money to experienced providers, and find it difficult to spend on upgrades until the last batch of equipment is paid off. It's been difficult for new equipment providers to come in and create competition that lowers prices. - Bloomberg News





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Muscat Securities Market. - Times file picture

MSM index ends higher

Construction Materials was the top gainer, up by 6.45%, while Al Batinah Development was top loser, with a loss of 5.13%

per cent while Al Batinah Devel- cent respectively. opment was the top loser, with a loss of 5.13 per cent.

executed on Monday, generat- Al Jazeera Steel, Oman Textiles, ing turnover of OMR2.83 million Oman Cables and Raysut Cement with 13.4 million shares changing gained 6.45 per cent, 2.82 per hands. Out of 45 traded securities, 19 advanced, seven declined and 2.50 per cent respectively. and 19 remained unchanged.

Omani Investors were net buyers for OMR357,000 fol- per cent. Renaissance Services lowed by GCC & Arab Investors and Oman Telecommunications OMR16,000 while Foreign Investors remained as net sellers for OMR373.000 worth of shares.

Financial Index advanced 0.22 per cent to end at 6,762.29 points. 0.50 per cent and 0.20 per cent United Finance, Bank Dhofar, respectively. - United Securities

MUSCAT: Boosted by divi- Bank Nizwa, Al Madina Takaful dend announcements, industrial and Global Financial Investment stocks lifted the MSM30 Index by increased 1.56 per cent, 1.46 per 0.46 per cent to close at 5,436.91 cent, 1.43 per cent, 1.41 per cent points. MSM Sharia Index closed and 0.87 per cent respectively. Al at 839.05 points, down 0.74 per Batinah Development, Al Sharqia cent. Bank Nizwa was the most Investment, Oman & Emirates active in terms of volume while Holding, Oman United Insurance Bank Muscat led in terms of and Bank Muscat declined 5.13 turnover. Construction Materials per cent, 4.55 per cent, 1.96 per remained the top gainer, up 6.45 cent, 1.26 per cent and 0.45 per

Industrial Index rallied 1.01 per cent and closed at 6,639.74 As many as 699 trades were points. Construction Materials, cent, 2.67 per cent, 2.66 per cent

Services Index remained stable at 3,001.08 points, up 0.05 Company (Omantel) increased 1.43 per cent and 0.65 per cent respectively. Al Suwadi Power and Sembcorp Salalah declined

INDICES						
Index	High	Low	Value	Prev . Value	Diff	Diff%
MSM30 Index	5,436.91	5,412.25	5,436.91	5,412.28	24.63	0.46
Financial Index	6,769.34	6,755.69	6,762.29	6,747.51	14.78	0.22
Industrial Index	6,639.74	6,572.82	6,639.74	6,573.20	66.54	1.01
Services Index	3,001.54	2,998.14	3,001.08	2,999.52	1.56	0.05
MSM SHARIAH INDEX	839.05	832.91	839.05	832.91	6.14	0.74

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SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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REGULAR MARKET														
M0000002176AL JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS	374,427	54,528	35	0.147	0.148	0.142	0.146	0.142	0.004	2.817	0.145	0.145	0.147	18,235,102(
M0000001707OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	85,000	131,325	6	1.545	1.545	1.545	1.545	1.505	0.040	2.658	1.545	1.530	1.545	138,586,5000
M0000001418RAYSUT CEMENT	376,320	386,593	37	1.015	1.035	1.015	1.025	1.000	0.025	2.500	1.035	1.030	1.035	205,000,0000
W000001749OMAN CEMENT	8,036	3,530	5	0.432	0.444	0.432	0.440	0.430	0.010	2.326	0.444	0.436	0.444	145,583,992(
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M0000001319NATIONAL ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS	210,646	46,055	17	0.220	0.220	0.215	0.219	0.215	0.004	1.860	0.220	0.220	0.235	
M0000002374UNITED FINANCE	330,280	42,963	9	0.128	0.131	0.128	0.130	0.128	0.002	1.563	0.131	0.131	0.134	40,399,4420
vi0000002549BANK DHOFAR	506,732	140,983	9	0.274	0.280	0.274	0.278	0.274	0.004	1.460	0.280	0.255	0.276	429,434,5360
M0000003224RENAISSANCE SERVICES	98,500	13,943	7	0.141	0.143	0.141	0.142	0.140	0.002	1.429	0.143	0.143	0.144	41,272,445(
//0000004768AL MADINA TAKAFUL	15,601	1,117	5	0.072	0.072	0.071	0.072	0.071	0.001	1.408	0.071	0.071	0.072	12,600,0000
M0000003125GLOBAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT	65,428	7.566	7	0.115	0.117	0.115	0.116	0.115	0.001	0.870	0.116	0.116	0.118	23,200,0000
M0000002028GULF INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS	132,560	39,964	18	0.300	0.302	0.300	0.302	0.300	0.002	0.667	0.302	0.300	0.302	6,342,000
// 10000003026OMAN TELECOMMUNICATION	38,382	59,885	12	1.575	1.575	1.560	1.560	1.550	0.010	0.645	1.560	1.560	1.570	1,170,000,000(
10000003398BANK SOHAR	917,378	149,148	28	0.162	0.163	0.162	0.163	0.162	0.001	0.617	0.163	0.161	0.163	234,954,720(
I0000001772AL ANWAR HOLDING	1,962,361	360,069	107	0.180	0.185	0.180	0.183	0.182	0.001	0.549	0.182	0.182	0.184	27.463.7250
10000001733OMINVEST	75,000	34,800	7	0.464	0.464	0.464	0.464	0.462	0.002	0.433	0.464	0.466	0.470	256,527,802(
I0000001517HSBC BANK OMAN	231,670	22,935	15	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.000	0.000	0.099	0.096	0.099	198,030,966(
10000001525OMAN INVESTMENT AND FINANCE	110,043	22,026	8	0.200	0.202	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.000	0.000	0.200	0.200	0.201	40,000,000(
IOOOOOO1962AL MADINA INVESTMENT AND FINANCE	40.000	2.440	3	0.200	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.000	0.000	0.200	0.060	0.061	12.636.234(
I0000001962AL MADINATIVES I MENT	40,000	19.015	 7	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.000	0.000	0.280	0.276	0.280	82.939.831(
10000002108AL ANWAR CERAWIC TILES	67,910	28	/	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.180	0.000	0.000	0.178	0.276	0.280	
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10000003000ALMAHA PETROLEUM PRODUCTS MAR.	4,375			1.730	1.730	1.720	1.720	1.720	0.000	0.000	1.720	0.562	1.850	118,680,0000
10000003141ACWA POWER BARKA			1		0.620	0.620	0.624	0.624	0.000	0.000			0.620	99,840,000(
10000003521GALFAR ENGINEERING AND CON.	823,173	51,077	51	0.062	0.063	0.062	0.062	0.062	0.000	0.000	0.062	0.061	0.062	17,978,799
M000003711SOHAR POWER	526	179	22	0.352	0.352	0.330	0.352	0.352	0.000	0.000	0.330	0.330	0.346	77,795,5200
//0000003968OOREDOO	3,558	2,476		0.696	0.696	0.696	0.696	0.696	0.000	0.000	0.696	0.696	0.700	453,057,1840
10000004925AL BATINAH POWER	1,615	323	2	0.200	0.200	0.199	0.201	0.201	0.000	0.000	0.199	0.198	0.199	135,652,3730
M000005005ALMAHA CERAMICS	179,993	73,890	25	0.410	0.420	0.410	0.410	0.410	0.000	0.000	0.414	0.412	0.420	21,525,0000
10000004735SEMBCORP SALALAH	13,200	32,950	10	2.500	2.500	2.450	2.495	2.500	0.005	0.200	2.450	2.450	2.500	238,165,7021
10000002796BANK MUSCAT	1,193,113		47	0.442	0.442	0.438	0.440	0.442	0.002	0.452	0.438	0.438	0.440	1,008,401,9430
M0000004933AL SUWADI POWER	31,615	6,323	7	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.201	0.001	0.498	0.200	0.198	0.200	142,881,2680
10000001087OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	1,023,157	241,781	61	0.237	0.238	0.234	0.236	0.239	0.003	1.255	0.238	0.237	0.238	23,600,0000
M0000001681OMAN AND EMIRATES INV. HOLDING	7,590	759	1	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.102	0.002	1.961	0.100	0.100	0.112	12,187,500
M0000002440AL SHARQIA INVESTMENT HOLDING	28,421	2,996	4	0.104	0.106	0.104	0.105	0.110	0.005	4.545	0.106	0.106	0.110	9,450,0000
10000002366AL BATINAH DEV. INV. HOLDING	86,180	6,336	10	0.075	0.075	0.073	0.074	0.078	0.004	5.128	0.075	0.074	0.075	2,220,0000
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I0000001368CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS IND									0.002	6.452	0.033	0.032	0.033	2,805,0000
10000001053OMAN TEXTILE HOLDING	5,500	2,108							0.010			0.386	0.390	2,304,0001
0000004420BANK NIZWA		222,572								1.429		0.070	0.071	106,500,000(
0000001566OMAN FISHERIES	107,495	6,237			0.059	0.058	0.058	0.058		0.000	0.071	0.057	0.058	7,250,000(
0000001566OMAN FISHERIES	29,046	3,767			0.130		0.130			0.000	0.058	0.129	0.130	
.0000001590MUSCAT FINANCE		3,767									0.130	0.129	0.130	32,710,401(
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0000004511ALIZZ ISLAMIC BANK		23,876							0.000			0.058	0.059	59,000,0000
M0000005963PHOENIX POWER	459,489			0.143	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.000	0.000	0.143	0.143	0.144	209,152,009(
SUM:	4,382,653	332,236	121											

Focus sharpens now on US Fed after unexpected high inflation report

NEW YORK: With next week's calendar full of economic data releases and speeches by economic policymakers, investors have been poised to watch the Federal Reserve for clues about the US central bank's next move, but an unexpectedly hot reading on inflation on Friday will further sharpen that focus.

After coming into 2016 with an expectation of three or four interest rate hikes through the year, market participants recently were viewing the Fed as likely raising interest rates once, if at all, in light of weak inflation and global volatility.

But Friday's data showed the core consumer price index (CPI), a measure of underlying US inflation, rose in January by the most in nearly 4-1/2 years to a 2.2 per cent annualised rate. It drew particular attention as the number was above the Fed's 2.0 per cent target, though it is not the central bank's benchmark inflation measure.

The uptick in price pressures has already shifted the market's expectations on the Fed's next move.

"The inflation numbers definitely caught the markets off guard," said Joseph Lavorgna, senior economist at Deutsche Bank in New York.

"Last week at this time the market was pricing a 25 per cent chance of a rate hike by year-end and now it's over 40 per cent and that's largely because of today's stronger than expected CPI."

The dollar rose alongside Treasury yields shortly after the data, as markets saw the higher inflation as nudging the Fed towards tightening policy. The euro hit its lowest since February 3.



ANXIOUS MOMENTS: Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in New York,

Equity markets have also closely followed expectations on Fed policy. Lower rates tend to support stocks in general, with highpaying dividend names like utilities gaining investors' favor. In an environment of rising rates, banks tend to take the lead.

The expectation of higher interest rates has been cited as one of the reasons for stocks having fallen as much as 11 per cent this year. The S&P 500 is down six per cent so far in 2016, and on track for its third positive week of the year.

The inflation numbers add to recent economic data, including a stronger job market and consumer spending, that will force the Fed to seriously reconsider more rate hikes, said Jim Paulsen, chief investment officer at Wells Capi-

tal Management in Minneapolis. "I think what's happening is

that people are starting to put including Vice Chair Stanley Fistightening back on the table," Paulsen said.

Chock-full of Fed speakers Personal consumption expenditures, the Fed's favorite meas-Friday and could confirm or outweigh the trend in the CPI readnumbers next week are purchasing managers indexes (PMIs) for the manufacturing and services

Investors and the Fed could address a decline in earnings, now seen as down 3.7 per cent for the S&P 500 in the fourth quarter of last year, and lower outlooks for 2016 as other reasons to keep rates lower for longer.

sectors and two gauges of con-

sumer confidence.

The incoming data gives more weight to next week's scheduled speeches from many Fed officials, flation data. - Bloomberg News

cher on Tuesday and Atlanta Fed President Dennis Lockhart on Thursday as markets look for a change in tone. Two Fed surveys of business conditions, Richure of price inflation, is out next mond and Kansas City, are also out next week. "I don't think the Fed can help stocks, they can only ing. Among other market-moving hurt them," said Wayne Kaufman, chief market analyst at Phoenix

> "If they came out too hawkish that can hurt stocks; too dovish can help a little but not create sustainable investor demand."

Financial Services in New York.

In Fed-watcher parlance, hawks are seen quicker to push for rate hikes than doves.

In a U-turn late on Wednesday, Fed voting member and hawkish St. Louis Fed President James Bullard said it would be "unwise" to raise rates further given US in-

Chinese central bank injects \$25b to ease liquidity constraints

BEIJING: China's central bank has injected a whopping 163 billion yuan into 20 financial institutions to ease liquidity strain in the world's second largest economy, currently witnessing sluggish growth. The People's Bank of China (PBOC) on Friday pumped 163 billion yuan (about \$25 billion) into the financial system in open market operations via medium-term lending facility (MLF), the official Xinhua news agency reported Sunday.

The MLF is a liquidity tool the PBOC introduced in 2014 to help commercial and policy banks maintain liquidity by allowing them to borrow from the central bank by using securities as collateral.

The fresh funds were injected into 20 financial institutions, according to the PBOC. MLF worth 110 billion yuan had been due on the same day, the report said.

Among the new funds, 47.5 billion yuan is for three months, 62 billion yuan for six months, and 53.5 billion yuan for one year, at interest rates of 2.75 per cent, 2.85 per cent and three per cent, respectively. China's economy grew 6.9 per cent in 2015, the slowest since 1990, and capital has been flowing out of the country due to worries over flagging growth, causing the yuan to weaken. China's foreign exchange reserves also dropped \$99.5 billion to \$3.2 trillion in January.

The efforts of the PBOC to manage market liquidity after the Lunar New Year holiday will help ensure smooth liquidity conditions, allowing financial markets to function without disruption, according to an industry report.



Lowering MLF interest rates and showing a willingness to offer liquidity indicate the PBOC's intention to prevent interest rate spikes and keep the monetary stance relatively accommodative, said China International Capital Corporation (CICC) in a report.

The moves are also part of the reform to establish a marketbased interest rate system, it said.

CICC also suggested that a supportive monetary policy was needed as growth stabilisation becomes China's top priority.

On February six, the PBOC had injected another 110 billion yuan (\$16.7 billion) into the financial system through open market operations to ease liquidity strain ahead of the Spring Festival holidays from February seven.

The PBOC made the injection through reverse repurchase agreements (repo), in which central banks buy securities from banks with agreements to resell them in the future.

The move brought the total amount of funds pumped into the market through such operations this week to 620 billion vuan. following a net injection of 690 billion yuan in late January. - PTI

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Stylish new Toyota Land Cruiser: Pride of the land



The new 4WD continues totally unchallenged at the pinnacle of 4WD performance, within a pampering ambience of classy luxury

MUSCAT: The new Toyota Land Cruiser has ushered in new benchmarks in performance across all terrains.

The new 4WD continues totally unchallenged at the pinnacle of 4WD performance, within a pampering ambience of classy luxury, says a press release.

In the words of its master creator, Sadayoshi Koyari, the chief engineer: "The Land Cruiser is a true go anywhere, all-terrain four-wheel drive SUV that has always exceeded expectations all around the globe."

Takayuki Yoshitsugu, chief representative, Middle East and North Africa Representative Office, Toyota Motor Corporation, said: "With a pedigree that can be traced back over 50 years, the Land Cruiser commands customer loy-

and this new model proudly car- roll-back when stopping and then hicle distance while following the ries forward the vehicle's legacy of phenomenal all-terrain performance and reliability."

"I like it because the Land Cruiser is a technically advanced luxury SIIV The current version is the ninth generation of Toyota's legendary line and remains true to its illustrious heritage in being a thoroughbred off-roader," remarked an enthusiast.

Indeed, the Land Cruiser is one of the most technically advanced four-wheel drive vehicles ever on-road to maintain ride comfort produced and is equipped with a series of advanced dynamic and handling features. These have been further extended in the new model with the world-first turn assist, which works in conjunction with the crawl control function, multi-terrain monitor and tyre angle display. The crawl control system helps maintain a low uniform vehicle speed by automatically controlling the engine output and brake hydraulic pressure for the purpose of reducing driver burden when in off-road conditions.

Other features include a multiterrain monitor used in conjunction with multi-terrain select to help drivers confirm their surroundings when driving off-road. The range of advanced activedriving control features extends to the active traction control system which ensures excellent vehicle handling functionality. Adding to the versatility of the Land Cruiser is the hill-start assist control alty unmatched by any other SUV, system which prevents vehicle



starting again on a steep incline or slippery surface while the downhill assist control helps improve directional control during descent on steep or slippery surfaces.

In addition, the vehicle features four-wheel active height control and adaptive variable suspension (4-Wheel AHC & AVS), a fully adjustable system that provides spring rate control to give exceptional performance off-road. It also regulates pitch and body roll and refinement. Aero stabilising fins have also been added to the outer lens of the rear combination lamps, contributing to excellent handling and stability.

The heart of the new Land Cruiser's capability is its 5.7-litre with dual VVT-i V8 engine, which produces 362 horsepower and 54 Kg-m of torque.The Land Cruiser is the first large SUV segment model with genuine off-road capabilities to offer a smooth and quiet 8-speed automatic transmission.

The Land Cruiser's new advanced safety technology package called Toyota safety sense includes items that are particularly effective in reducing risk of accidents. These include a pre-crash safety system that uses sensors to detect other vehicles or obstructions and warns the driver to perform evasive manoeuvres while automatically activating the brakes when there is a high probability of a collision. Radar cruise control helps maintain a suitable vehicle-to-vepreceding vehicle. A lane departure alert system warns the driver when the vehicle is unintentionally deviating from its lane and automatic high beam system detects oncoming headlamps and/ or tail lamps of preceding vehicles and automatically switches to low beam to reduce glare. The 2016 Land Cruiser has a total of 10 airbags. Active headrests and a blind spot monitor system is also available.

The 2016 Land Cruiser is available in 10 exterior colours. Elevating in-vehicle entertainment to a whole new level are the 11.6-inch dual display screens with display angle adjustable mechanism that offer the ultimate multimedia entertainment for rear seat passengers.

All specifications listed above are standard Toyota equipment. Safety kit (fire extinguisher, warning triangle, tyre pressure gauge and firstaid kit) is a dealer installed non Toyota item provided as standard equipment. The vehicle specifications may change without prior notice. Pictures and colours shown above may differ from actual specifications of the vehicles. For further details and to ascertain availability of stocks, please visit your nearest Toyota showroom.

In Oman, the nationwide parts and service network of Saud Bahwan Automotive supports Tovota's outstanding product quality. No wonder then that today, Toyota is one of the most trusted and well-known brands.



Al Shomoukh school organises first sports day

Complex, the capital city's splendid sporting landmark in Bausher, was the memorable setting for the 1st annual sports day celebrations of Al Shomoukh International School, held recently.

The choice of venue, typically associated with Oman's athletic and sporting greats, underscores the vision of an institution that, while barely six months old, is truly lofty and long-term.

The accent was on teamsmanship and excellence as 200 students set their sights on a gleaming array of trophies, among other prizes and gifts, up for grabs on Al Shomoukh's first annual sports day. Watching excitedly from the stands were doting parents eager to see their children excel on the field as they do in their classrooms, says a press release.

Emblazoned in the colours of their respective 'houses', the children competed for top honours in a total of eight events: Standing long jump, discus throw, vortex throw, shotput, over and under body ball pass, football relay, target throw and zigzag relay.

There were many light moments as well, as staff and parents joined students in threeway sprint and relay events that attracted wild cheers from the watching crowds.

A tally of the scores revealed tion Services.

MUSCAT: Sultan Qaboos Sports that Red House (Wadi Bani Khalid) was the overall winner, earning them an imposing house trophy as well as the opportunity to pose jubilantly for a group photograph. Trophies and medals were also presented to individual winners in recognition of their enthusiastic participation and performance on a day that was characterised by positive sportsmanship and good-natured fun.

> Heartened by the successful hosting of Al Shomoukh's inaugural sports day, school authorities applauded those among the staff and parents who had played a pivotal role in organising the event. Special mention was made of physical education teacher, Tammie Harris, who was instrumental in suitably preparing the children so they could shine on the field.

Ahmed Sibai, director, commented: "Al Shomoukh's teaching philosophy espouses the pursuit of excellence both within the classroom and beyond - an objective that is at the core of our vision. Through sports, we aim to foster a growth mindset in our pupils and help them understand the relationship between effort and success."

Al Shomoukh International School has been established under the banner of Global Educa-

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE



TTC Rental felicitates staff

MUSCAT: TTC Rental, part contribution should be receiving of Technical Trading Co., hon-recognition for his/her efforts," oured their divisions' most outstanding achievers for the year restaurants recently.

A total of 13 employees were tion programme under different categories. Haitham Al Fannah, chief operations officer, Al Sulaimi Group Holding, felicitated the employees by presenting them a trophy and certificate of excellence, says a press release.

"Employee recognition can ensure positive productivity and innovative organisational climate. At TTC Rental, fairness and consistency are of paramount that each employee who makes vision head - TTC Rental.

commented Al Fannah.

"I extend my sincere gratitude 2015 at one of the fine dining to these outstanding employees on their dedication and commitment shown towards the comfelicitated at the annual recognipany. Through their hard work, the division continues to grow and provide our customers with the highest service. Since we started three years back this is the second award function that we are organising which states the importance of our employees and recognising their hardwork. Today, TTC Rental is the number one equipment provider in Oman and it is all because of the dedicated team that we have on importance. People need to see board," said Formose Pereira, DiTOTIVATIONAL SPEECHES

OMC hosts TEDxMuscat Salon



MUSCAT: Oman Medical College (OMC), Sohar hosted TEDx-Muscat Salon under the theme 'Cornerstones', which featured an array of brilliant speakers, says a press release.

'Cornerstones' aimed at shedding light on unique and inspiring experiences related to the health sector of those who started as students, but realised their potentials and abilities and paved a path towards success.

The speakers included Mariam Haji from OMC; Sayed Samir Anis from OMC; Sharif Ba'Alawi, National Membership Organisation (IFMSA) president of Oman, MD student in Sultan Qaboos Uni-

versity; Dr Khalid Al Hamadani, MD, surgical resident; Haider Al Zaabi, personal development and business innovation consultant at Think Group, Solarin, Oman Solar and Solar GCC Alliance; Hilal Al Siyabi, an extraordinary inventor; Dr Hani Al Qadhi - MD, FRCSC, head of Surgery Department and senior consultant of general and trauma surgery at SQUH; Dr Abdullah Al Harthy - MD, FRCSC, senior consultant trauma surgeon and intensivist at SQUH.

The TEDx programme helps communities, organisations and individuals produce TED-style events at the local level. TEDx events are planned and coordinated independently, on a community-by-community basis.

The programme was divided into four parts: Building Blocks of Success, Recipe to Becoming Active Citizens, Discover and Market Yourself, From Cornerstones to Towers.

Hilal Al Miskry, an audience member, came all the way from Muscat to attend the event and felt that 'failures are not the end of the road and instead should be embraced' was a very supportive concept provided by TEDx Muscat Salon. Tanzeela Mariam Shuja, an OMC student, took pride in the fact that her college hosted such a large event with such 'great moti-

vational speakers'. "This successful event was brought together by 35 organisers who dedicated a lot of time and effort since the planning started in September 2015, as they understood the importance of motivational talks being provided to youths as they form the country's next generation," said Dana Al Baali, an organiser.

Zaid Al Khabori spoke about the hardships while planning this event. "At some point we were worried about the quality and turnout of the event but thankfully with all the efforts of the organising committee and the sponsors we are very proud with the end result."



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OLX Oman 2015 report highlights popular consumer search patterns

'Apartments for rent in Muscat', 'Toyota' & 'Sales' are the highest on demand in the Sultanate within the property, auto and job sections respectively on OLX Oman in 2015

MUSCAT: Following a successful rise of the OLX brand in Oman in 2015, the leading online classified platform in the Mena region compiled a detailed report for the year that was, pertaining to its Oman users with figures that reflected interesting consumer search patterns, demand and supply behaviours as well as the most frequent items sought out on OLX Oman in a variety of categories.

The high traffic on this online platform validates the credibility, popularity and even reliance on OLX in Oman, says a press release.

Commenting on the results of the 2015 report, Abdallah Touqan, Senior Public Relations and Com-

munications Lead at OLX Mena, stated: "The report is a key indicator of how the Oman residents perceive OLX as a trust-worthy, free and easy method to find their dream car, their aspired job or relocate to a new home."

Properties on OLX Oman

Property ads on OLX has facilitated thousands of property deals in Oman in 2015 with 27,183 2BR apartments, 10,901 3BR apartments and 10,737 1BR apartments listed for rent. Alongside the apartments listed for rent, were a fine number of apartments for sale with 1,731 2BR apartments, 657 3BR apartments and 360 1BR apartments listed on the OLX Oman platforms. There were also a number of villas on rent with as many as 8304 5BR, 7520 4BR and 4508 6BR villas.

The number of villas listed for sale was 2,615 5BR, 2,029 4BR and 1.779 6BR villas. Deducing from the data, the top three areas on demand in Oman for rent were Muscat, Bausher and Al Seeb, while the top three areas on demand for sale had Al Seeb on the top followed by Muscat and Bausher.

Looking at numbers, the top three areas for rent in Oman with regard to apartments had Muscat featuring on the top with as many as 20,869 ads, followed closely by Bausher with 19,349 and Al Seeb with 7,151. The top three areas for

WHAT WERE PEOPLE LOOKING FOR ON OLX OMAN IN 2015? **JOBS PROPERTIES** Q Ruwi Q Sohar Q Al Maabil **CARS** CLEALS O HYUNDRI TOP 5 CARS LISTED

rent in Oman pertaining to villas saw Bausher as the most popular option with 11,505 ads, followed by Muscat with 8,462 and Al Seeb with 5,526. The top three areas which had the maximum apartments for sale in Oman were Al Seeb with 986 ads, Bausher with

827 and Muscat with 826 ads. The same order followed for

villas on sale with Al Seeb having 3,539 ads, followed by Bausher with 1,604 posts and Muscat with 1,397 ads. Keywords play a key role in understanding consumer interests and OLX Oman highlighted the most popular words that users keyed in while searching for properties for rent. Azaiba, the Wave and Al Khuwair were the once most searched and data cerned, OLX Oman had 1,455 job accumulated also showed that consumers expressed a desire for 'furnished' properties. With regard to sale of properties, The Wave, Al Amerat and Bausher proved to be the most preferred.

Overall, the top three areas in demand for rent were Muscat, Bausher and Al Seeb, whereas the top three areas in demand for sale were Al Seeb, Muscat and Bausher.

Autos on OLX Oman

OLX Oman autos section proved to be one of the most popular among the residents of Oman - with a specific taste and preference towards the colours black, white and red, the most searched cars on OLX Oman for 2015 were Toyota, Nissan, Lexus followed by Mercedes and Hyundai.

The cars listed, on the other hand, had as many as 37,460 Toyotas, followed by 21,015 Lexus cars and 187,59 Nissan models. Hyundai and Mercedes followed suit with 8,387 and 7,750 ads respectively. The five most frequent keywords used were Prado, Pajero and Toyota, Lexus and Camry. Users also resorted to the keyword 'urgent' which appeared as the sixth most used word. Yaris, BMW, Jeep and Honda were part of the searches as well.

Jobs on OLX Oman As far as the job sector was con-

posts related to sales, followed by 897 in Accounting and 773 and 729 posts for hospitality and architecrespectively. ture/engineering Jobs at the 'sales' sector were the most searched for by the residents of Oman followed by accounting and medical/health. Education and hospitality were the other sectors frequently searched on OLX Oman. The top three keywords used to search jobs were 'driver', 'maid' and 'sales'. Users also expressed an interest in 'part-time' jobs. Other key search words included 'electrical', 'safety', 'security', 'teacher', 'mechanical' and 'architect'. Inferring the derived statics, OLX Oman reflected varied levels of education for its users/applicants with 16.2% Bachelor degree holders, 42.08% Master degree holders and 41.72% others at different educational levels.

ads in the education sector, 1,059

Striking an otherwise good balance between the Arabic and English visits, the statistics did record a 15.84 per cent higher traffic on the OLX Oman Arabic platform. Used by both locals as well as expats, OLX is one of the most preferred platform that provides a quick and easy trading ground for a host of requirements that range from automobiles, real estate, household and electronics items to even jobs, via its mobile app 'OLX Arabia', mobile site and website.

OIL & GAS EXHIBITION

OGWA expo set to be held on March 21

MUSCAT: Amid the current oil situation, Oil & Gas West Asia (OGWA) Exhibition & Conference, Oman's long-standing oil and gas event and one of the recognised industry events in the Middle East, will take place from March 21 to 23 at the Oman International Exhibition Centre, Muscat, says a press release.

Cementing its value to the industry, the event will feature the largest Italy, China and Iran pavilions for any oil and gas exhibitions in Oman and about 300 companies from 24 countries. Also occupying the 14,500-square metre exhibition space will be the SME and ICV pavilions, in support of the Oman government's initiatives to promote entrepreneurship and local talent.

As in previous editions, the concurrent and timely EOR Confer-



of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), the largest individual-member organisation worldwide in the upstream segment of the oil and gas industry.

Themed 'The EOR Paradigm Shift', the conference will highlight the advances in chemical EOR, thermal EOR, miscible gas

injection EOR, low salinity water flooding, emerging and innovative methods, monitoring and surveillance for EOR, EOR screening studies, well design, drilling and completion challenges for EOR

applications, and many more. While the sector is facing a challenge, increasing focus on in-

novative EOR techniques and applications alongside developing robust policies and groundbreaking solutions is needed to remain a competitive force.

OGWA boasts of an exhibition supporter and sponsor lineup that includes Petroleum Development Oman (PDO), Oman Society for Petroleum Services (Opal), BP Oman (main sponsor), G-Energy (VIP sponsor), Abraj Energy Services, Halliburton, Occidental Petroleum Corporation, Shell (platinum sponsors), Oman Gas Company, Schlumberger, CC Energy Development (gold sponsors), Petrofac, Port of Duqm (silver sponsors), Glasspoint Solar (associate sponsor), Dover Artificial Lift (visitor bag sponsor), and Maxitech (catalogue belly band sponsor).

Waljat College set to host international conclave tomorrow

tional conclave under the theme 'Innovations in Engineering and Management (Oman Vision (WCAS), Muscat tomorrow and the day after.

It will provide an opportunity to academicians, researchers, representatives from industries and students to join on a common platform to interact and share their thoughts, says a press release.

The conclave is supported by The Research Council (TRC), Sultanate of Oman. Dr Hilal bin Ali Al Hinai, secretary general, TRC, Oman will be the chief guest of the inaugural ceremony tomorrow. It will be followed by keynote addresses from five eminent professors and industrial experts. Dr Lee Chu Keong, Nanyang Technological University of Singapore will address the invited guests on the topic - Two Secrets of Education.

It will be followed by keynote addresses from Dr Kun Huang Huarng, professor of International Trade, Feng Chia University, Taiwan and Life Fellow of International Society of Management Engineers, Prof. Ahmed M. Al Naamany, dean, Modern College, Muscat, Dr Nawal Kishor, professor and former director, School of Management Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, India and Salim Humaid Khalfan Al Mahrroqi, managing director Industrial Supplies Centre.

Dr Kun Huang Huarng will share his thoughts on Strategies for Successful Internet Businesses, Dr Nawal Kishor will address the invitees on the topic Innovative Marketing Strategy for Emerging Global Markets.

MUSCAT: A two-day interna- Ahmed M. Al Naamany will deliver the key note address on 'Why we have to research? Industry and Academia Collaboration 2020: Opportunities and Chal- in Sultanate' and the final keylenges)' will be organised by Wal- note address on Challenges on jat College of Applied Sciences Entrepreneurship in Sultanate of Oman will be delivered by Salim Humaid Khalfan Al Mahrroqi.

> In this two-day event educationalists, IT professionals, policy makers, research scholars from Germany, Singapore, Japan, Philippines, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Portugal, Iraq, Malaysia, India and Oman are presenting 68 research papers in 16 parallel sessions. More than 200 research papers were received by the organising committee. After blind review by panel of experts 68 research papers are selected for publication in the conference proceeding. The invitees will present their ideas, techniques and thereby building an understanding for the same through scientific research, finding the best ways in which it can be adapted in today's engineering, technology and business environment and identify scope for further study. Besides this there will be business plan competition, case study competition and technical project for students from various HEI's in Oman.

> Dr S. L. Gupta, dean, WCAS and organising secretary of the conclave has expressed his sincere sense of gratitude to Dr Omar bin Abdul Muniem Al Zawawi, Founder of WCAS, Prof. (Dr) Manoj Kumar Mishra, vice-chancellor, Birla Institute of Technology, Ranchi (India), Dr Zuhoor Abdullah Salim Al-Khanjari, chairperson of the Trustee Council WCAS, members of Trustee Council for their valuable support in organising this international conclave.

alizz social media channels enhance customer experience

MUSCAT: With a strong belief in putting the customers' needs first and their service foremost, the social media channels of alizz Islamic bank have been testament to its commitment to maintain the status as the most innovative bank in Oman.

The alizz Islamic bank's social media channels serve as a 24-hour customer service helpline, a way to encourage community engagement with the bank's various CSR events and a means to update the public about all the new products and services that the bank launches, says a press release.

With a strong social media presence on Twitter. Facebook. Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn the bank continues to explore new avenues and platforms to engage with the public and keep them updated. The most recent example of this is the bank being the first Islamic bank and only the second



bank in Oman to launch a Snapchat account. alizz Islamic bank stands out among local financial institutions by emphasising the significance of the 'human touch' on social media to start a two-way

conversation with the audience, engaging with them on topics of their interest.

Aisha Al Kharusi, chief market-

ing officer said, "Social media is no longer an option, it is a necessity and a strong digital presence is essential in the current business world. We are therefore very passionate about ensuring that we are at the forefront of regional and international business trends with regards to online presence, big data, and data analytics. We make sure we have constant interaction and engagement with our audience and post what matters to the customer utilising interesting and attractive content and then analyse the data to measure the contribution of our social media channels for the performance of

Al Kharusi added: "We are constantly monitoring the latest digital trends to ensure that the bank is part of the online conversation with the public, which is why we have recently launched the alizz_islamic Snapchat account. Millennials make up a significant demographic of the Sultanate's population and in order to engage with them we first have to be on their platforms of choice. Knowing that each social media network has its own target group and characteristics we utilise the opportunities they provide wisely to maximise the customer experience."

alizz breaches the gap between customers and the bank using the latest technology solutions built on the solid infrastructure the bank has developed to provide its customers with innovative financial solutions and responsive customer services via its corporate website, online banking, mobile banking, short message service, call centre, ATM, ITM, and branch banking.



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MoH conducts Document Management System training

MUSCAT: Dr Ahmed Al Mandhari, the director-general of the Directorate General of Quality Assurance Center at the Ministry of Health, in cooperation with the Institute for Total Quality Management (ITQM), an international consulting and training organisation for Business Excellence from Zurich, Switzerland, conducted a Document Management System (DMS) training in Muscat recently.

During the five-day-training, 38 quality management specialists from hospitals, governorates, and the directorates general at the Ministry of Health had the opportunity to learn from experienced international professionals, to acquire skills in DMS, and to become



prepared to build-up or maintain e.oman national strategy and to an efficient and effective docu- transform healthcare and government management system in their institutions, says a press release.

Al Mandhari said: "The knowhow and skills about DMS will help the ministry to support the

ment institutions into knowledgebased organisations to support the objective of sustained Excellence."

Makia Al Ajmi, Quality Management specialist at Sohar Hospital,

explained: "One of the most important objectives related to developing an organisation towards excellence is to create an integrated, easy system to manage documents. For example, the accumulation of paper documents can cause errors in doc-

electronic DMS can get rid of such errors and can ensure access to required documents within seconds."

Suad Bait Maghrab from Sultan Qaboos Hospital in Salalah said: "I liked the DMS training very much, as it gave us the know-how and skills to support the country's strategy to develop our organisations towards e-government. I am looking forward to attending more trainings with ITQM."

Dr Karl J. Koller, CEO of ITQM, said, "In order to develop an organisation towards excellence, all employees have to be empowered by being given the methods and tools they need so they can make changes and improvements possi-

umentation and information. An ble. Therefore, all employees have to be supported with more training opportunities, to gain new knowhow and skills for continuous improvements. It is a matter of fact that the best organisations invest in their people up to 120 and more hours of training per employee per year. This is one of the main reasons why these organisations became the best." He further said that other ministries in Oman are now also becoming more interested in ITQM's 'Minds-on/Handson' document management system training and other excellence trainings offered by ITQM. In addition to the in-house trainings, ITQM also offers public certificate trainings in Muscat.

Bank Sohar receives award from JPMorgan





This award is in appreciation of the quality and accuracy of SWIFT payment messages sent by Bank Sohar

MUSCAT: Marking its third Bank Sohar at its headquarters in award of the year, Bank Sohar JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, a subsidiary of JP-Morgan Chase & Co. and a globally renowned financial firm.

MBD by Karim Sinno, executive was recently recognised as one of director, Financial Institutions, the best 'Straight Through Pro- and Mohammed A. Al Dakheel, cessing' (STP) banks in Oman by Client Service Account manager at JPMorgan Chase Bank, says a press release.

Receiving the award on behalf of Bank Sohar were Saif Al Harthi, The award was handed over to AGM of Central Operations and

Faiza Abdullah Al Rawahi, senior chief manager of Branch Support and Payments.

This award is in appreciation of the quality and accuracy of SWIFT payment messages sent by Bank Sohar, wherein the bank 99.92 per cent modification-free rate for bank remittances in USD.

The award was later celebrated with a department get-together at the bank's headquarters and in the presence of Khalfan Rashid Al Ta- innovative new ideas along with ley, DGM and head of Operations at Bank Sohar.

On receiving the award Khalaward, from such a prestigious is clearly an indicative of the

exceptional and unique quality in the delivery of international payments and settlements by Bank Sohar. We see STP as a key element of customer service and always look towards automating error-free transactions and maintained an outstanding of achieving the best possible international standards.

"In our constant effort to do so, we have become one of the leading STP banks in the country, garnering a reputation for implementing the most advanced services possible; allowing us to better serve our clients' needs. As a matter of fact, fan Rashid Al Taley said, "This our ever-evolving automated systems have translated into faster firm as JPMorgan Chase Bank, remittances and settlements for our valued clientele.

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A'Saffa showcases its entire range of products at Gulf Food exhibition

MUSCAT: A'Saffa Foods, Oman's largest fully integrated poultry and processed food home-grown food producer, is taking part in the prestigious Gulf Food Exhibition being held at the Dubai World Trade Centre from February 21-25.

A'Saffa Foods took the opportunity to participate in this exhibition that will spearhead A'Saffa's presence in UAE where they are also showcasing their products ranging from Khayrat, Taybat and fresh/frozen A'Saffa chicken delicacies cooked by their brand ambassador - celebrity chef Issa Al Lamki at the venue, says a press release.

A'Saffa Foods mission is to bring consumers 100 per cent naturallyfed, hygienically-raised, farmfresh, halal, healthy chicken and nutritious and healthy value added processed products that taste great and provide energy for wherever life's adventures may lead.

A'Saffa Foods is showcasing their entire range of products and services at the Oman Pavil-



ion stall R-H 12 with live cooking by Chef Issa Al Lamki and tantalising cooking demos. The cookery show - 'Omani Dishes with A'Saffa Chicken and other products by celebrity chef Issa Al Lamki' is being held on all the days. Lamki will also be seen reinforcing the brand's ideology of healthy eating and living emphasising on the brand's core philosophy 'Core values of Healthy Food, Health and Happiness' to patrons visiting A'Saffa Foods stall.

"Our prime objective at Gulf Food 2016 is to gain optimum exposure in the mainstream poultry markets within the GCC and Mena region at large. We believe that the platform provided by Gulf Food is an excellent opportunity to achieve our objective," said Sidhartha Lenka, head, Marketing & Sales of A'Saffa Foods.







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Meethaq extends home finance for Al Hamra project in Ras Al Hamra

Sulaiman Al Harthy, deputy chief executive officer -Islamic Banking, and Abbas bin Abdullah Al Ajmi, chairman of Oman Property Development company, signed the MoU

MUSCAT: Meethaq, the pioneer of Islamic banking in Oman from Bank Muscat, and Oman Property Development company signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to facilitate attrac-



tive Meethaq home finance for Al Ras Al Hamra.

Banking, and Abbas bin Abdullah Al Ajmi, chairman of Oman Sharia based home finance." Property Development company, signed the MoU at the bank's head office, says a press release.

Al Harthy said: "Committed to sustainable social and economic development, Meethaq is happy to be associated with Al Hamra project to provide innovative home

finance in line with Sharia prin-Hamra Classic Home project in ciples. The real estate sector is a major component of the national Sulaiman Al Harthy, deputy economy and Meethaq Islamic chief executive officer - Islamic banking is committed to extending a helping hand for easy access to

Attractive home deals

Al Ajmi said: "Oman Property Development company is proud to join hands with Meethaq Islamic Banking in extending attractive home deals. The cooperation between the two institutions will

benefit citizens to fulfil their dream homes in Al Hamra project comprising 15 residential units."

Meethaq offers Sharia based home finance to suit everyone's needs with simplified documentation and processing across the network of branches in Oman. The residential segment of the real estate sector in Oman is witnessing buoyant trends in light of the growth in population as well as the developing economy. The deregulation granting property ownership rights to GCC nationals and expatriates has also attracted Oman as an investment destination.

Meethaq offers a full suite of Islamic banking products and services, including savings account, current account, home finance, auto finance, credit card, mobile banking and Internet banking. Presently, Meethaq has 17 branches across the Sultanate and plans to expand the network as well as launch new products and services to complement the unique Islamic banking experience.

The bank has invested in staff,

systems and controls to ensure the service is delivered in a professional, segregated and fully Sharia compliant manner.

Meethaq has adopted the best practices in Islamic banking and finance worldwide to combine a robust model which protects customers and complements the Islamic banking industry. Every Meethaq product goes through the process of Sharia compliance certification by the Sharia Supervisory Board and is created in line with the guidelines of the Central Bank of Oman.

Property expo to showcase four developers from Pune

MUSCAT: The International Property Expo 2016 Muscat brings to the residents of Oman an exclusive opportunity to invest in India. The exhibition is scheduled to be held on February 26 and 27, 10am to 8pm at Hotel Al Falaj, Ruwi, says a press release.

There will be over 50 developers showcasing 200 plus projects from leading cities and states across India – such as Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Thane Pune, Delhi, NCR. Noida. Gurgaon Bangalore ,Chennai, Goa, Kerala, Ahmedabad, Gujarat Tier 2 & Tier 3 cities and many more. The exhibition is organised by Arab Gate Expo with the support of Mindscape Exhibitions, India.

This is what is in store for investors looking for a property in Pune.

Why Pune is the preferred

property destination for NRIs? Pune's realty scene stays strong as it steals a march over other cities across India and remains the best market for residential property.

The city has shown the best performance overall in terms of age of inventory, sales volumes and launch of new projects. As per analysts, this is the best time for people to buy residential property in Pune, as the growth rate of prices in this segment is the lowest since 2013 - that is 2 per cent only from 12 per cent. Pune has performed the best as the sales and the quarter-to-sale or the time in which properties are sold for Pune is 6.5. The outlook for this year is that residential real estate will continue to perform well, especially in the city. The development of the city of Pune has been fast paced and well planned and this has attracted the NRI population. When NRIs want to invest in property in India, they tend to concentrate either on city of their origin or on those that offer guaranteed and stable profits. The pleasant weather conditions, best of education facilities, proximity to Mumbai and cosmopolitan population of Pune provides a perfect opportunity for NRIs to settle here. They prefer to invest in residential at Pune, as this can earn them handsome rental returns and will also appreciate for eventual resale. This



has made it a flourishing centre for educational establishments and IT organisations. Other than this the sheer stamp of quality without the modernised shopping centres, multiplexes and fine dining spaces guarantee that NRIs don't miss their lifestyle in any way.

A few of the developers who will be a part of the expo are:

Marvel Realtors Being one of the sponsors at the expo Marvel has over 14 years of building a solid reputation for luxury and quality, Marvel Realtors has over 26 million square feet of luxury residential, commercial and retail projects across cities, totalling to 14,000 crores under various stages of development. Consistently surpassing its own benchmarks, Marvel have always succeeded in delivering world class innovative projects to its discerning customers including many firsts like completely automated homes in the real estate industry as early as 2004, VRV air-conditioning, one apartment per floor, plunge pools on private terraces and many more. All these innovations and benchmarks are now the norm in the luxury realty business. With innovation and first mover advantages, the company has grown exponentially in building homes, offices and retail spaces with a constant commitment to quality. While luxury is a word without differentiation in today's real estate market Marvel Realtors

city's close proximity to Mumbai has grown because of the continued conviction our stakeholders and customers have shown and compromise

Playtor Childspaces

They believe that each development that they undertake should enrich a community and provide the best environment for social growth. Dedicated to developing happy, sustainable communities, advancing affordable housing, promoting learning and safety for children. They believe education is the foundation of a child's growth.

Their desire is to raise children within the confines of modern comforts. necessities, allow them to bond with nature and its surroundings. Playtor's philosophy is to create spaces for children that are secure, personalised and boundless. To execute this, they emphasise the inclusion of childfriendly spaces in all our projects.

However the mission goes beyond making just a few children, it is to also bridge the gap between social housing and sustainable lifestyle for families across India. To provide affordable and childcentric homes for every family in the nation at Rs10 to 20 lakhs and to construct and deliver 50,000 homes by 2022.

Pinnacle Group

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MUSCAT: As part of the framework of alizz Islamic bank's dedication towards providing high quality services and products to their customers, the bank has increased the number of features and special offers on their MasterCard credit cards.

These features are designed with the customers' best interests in mind, says a press release.

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The details of these offers are available on the Master Card Priceless Arabia website. This is all alongside the ability to shop



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Moosa Al Jadidi, deputy general manager and head of Retail Banking at alizz Islamic bank said: "In the past 12 months alizz Islamic bank card usage has doubled, with the majority of our customers using their credit card while travelling.

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BankDhofar presents attractive financial options for Saraya Bandar Jissah buyers



MUSCAT: Saraya Bandar Jissah, the company developing Oman's newest Integrated Tourism Complex (ITC) in Muscat, has officially partnered with BankDhofar to offer prospective buyers a range of attractive options when financing their new properties.

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The agreement was bilaterally signed by Sheikh Hamood bin Sultan Al Hosani, CEO of Saraya Bandar Jissah, and Abdul Hakeem Omar Al Ojaili, acting CEO of BankDhofar.

At the official signing ceremony, Sheikh Hamood bin Sultan Al Hosani, CEO of Saraya Bandar Jissah noted, "We are working at a steadfast pace to provide a at Saraya Bandar Jissah."

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UAE end Oman's Asia Cup hopes

MUSCAT: Oman fumbled when it mattered most losing their crucial and final Asia Cup qualifying stage match by a massive margin of 71-runs to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in Dhaka on Monday.

Chasing a target of 172 for six in 20 overs, which they needed to achieve in 13.5 overs to book their berth, Oman wilted under pressure and were restricted to 101 for eight in 20 overs.

The result ended the Sultanate squad's hope of reaching the main draw of the continental championship while their arch-rivals, who won all three of their outings, earned the right to challenge the Asia's big boys India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

According to information received from the Bangladeshi capital, Oman captain Sultan Ahmed won the toss and elected to field first.

Though the UAE made a disastrous start, losing opener Rohan Mustafa (5) early, they recovered well through Mohammed Kaleem (4) and Mohammed Shahzad (34) who put on 86 runs in 65 balls.

Later, Mohammed Usman came up with a gem of an innings scoring an unbeaten 46 off Head to Mohali 22 balls to help his team post a challenging total.

Kaleem was the standout performer for Oman claiming four undergo a training camp ahead of wickets for 36 runs in his quota of $\;\;$ their participation in the qualifyfour overs.

In reply, Oman made an equally disastrous start losing three wickets in just 2.1 overs but unlike their rivals failed to recover matches against Scotland and from that early shock. Later they Afghanistan.

M. Kaleem c Jatinder b S. Mehmood 50

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S. Anwar c S. Ahmed b A. Kaleem

M. Usman c Jatinder b A. Kaleem

A. Javed c S. Mehmood b A. Kaleem Mohammad Naveed (not out)

Did not bat: A. Raza, S. Patil, Q. Ahmed

Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-97, 3-110, 4-111,

 $\overline{ extbf{Bowling:}}$ Bilal Khan 3-0 -30-0 (w-1); Su-

fyan Mehmood 4-0-22-1 (nb-1, w-1); Munis

Ansari 4-0-34-0; Aamir Kaleem 4-0-36-4;

Mehran Khan 3-0-23-0; Zeeshan Magsood

Rohan Mustafa run out

Saqlain Haider (not out)

Total (6 wkts, 20 overs)

5-159, 6-167.

Extras (b-2, lb-7, w-2, nb-1)



PATIENT KNOCK IN VAIN: Oman opener Zeeshan Maqsood

slumped further losing two more wickets at the same total of 38.

Opener Zeeshan Maqsood waged a lone battle scoring 46 from 42 balls but his effort went

The Sultanate squad, who are being coached by Sri Lankan great Slow left-arm bowler Aamir Duleep Mendis, will now head to north Indian city of Mohali to ing stage of the ICC World T20 championship.

During Mohali camp, Oman will play official warm-up

Z. Magsood c M. Kaleem b R. Mustafa 46

Aaqib Sulehri c R. Mustafa b Q. Ahmed 4

Jatinder Singh b M. Naveed

Amir Ali b Ahmed Raza

Munis Ansari (not out)

Total (8 wkts, 20 overs)

6-55, 7-60, 8-98.

Sufvan Mehmood (not out)

Extras (b-4, lb-2, w-2, nb-1)

Adnan Ilyas c Patil b M. Naveed

Aamir Kaleem c A. Raza b Q. Ahmed

Sultan Ahmed c Patil b Amiad Javed

Mehran Khan c Ahmed b M. Shahzad

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-10, 3-11, 4-38, 5-38,

Bowling: M. Naveed 4-1-14-2 (nb-1, w-1);

Q. Ahmed 4-0-25-2; R. Mustafa 3-0-19-1; A.

Javed 2-0-9-1; Mohammed Shahzad 4-0-

22-1; Ahmed Raza 3-0-6-1 (w-1).

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EXTREME SPORTS: Mountain bikers in action during the first stage of the TransHajar Mountain Bike Race on Monday. - Supplied Photo

Austria's Hochen wins TransHajar first stage

Uwe Warter Hochen, of Craft Rocky Mountain Factory team, won the 80-km first stage almost unchallenged, covering the distance in 3 hours, 40 minutes, 28 seconds. Oman's Hatim Al Booshri finished in fourth place

Sports Reporter

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MUSCAT: The 2016 TransHajar Mountain Bike Race got off to a great start with Austria's Uwe Warter Hochen emerging the runaway winner of the first stage on Monday.

The annual multi-day mountain bike race, organised by the

Oman Cycling Association (OCA), was officially launched in Al Salil by OCA chief Saif bin Sabaa Al Rushaidi at 8 a.m.

Uwe Warter Hochen, of German team Craft Rocky Mountain Factory, won the 80-km first stage almost unchallenged, covering the distance in three hours, 40 minutes and 28 seconds.

Rosvig Hogh and Jacob Lykke Grann, both from Denmark representing Pronghorn Racing, finished way behind clocking similar times of 4:19:31 to settle for second and third places respectively.

place. The Royal Army of Oman (RAO) rider clocked 4:29:43.

Day's winner Uwe Warter Hochen said he "enjoyed" the mountains. "Oman has a great mountainous terrain. I would like to see all cyclists to participate in this event," he said.

Christian Rosvig Hogh, meanwhile, described the race as very demanding one.

"It's a very demanding race that requires a lot of technical effort to reach the finish," he said.

Oman's Hatim expressed delight in finishing fourth among the best

Uwe's nearest rivals Christian riders from all over the world.

"This (fourth place) will provide me with a big motivation to do well in the remaining stages," he said.

The four-stage 321.6km race, which has attracted teams from across the world including those Meanwhile, Oman's Hatim Al from the UK, Austria, Denmark, Booshri finished in the fourth United States and South Africa are taking part in the race, will continue on Tuesday with 93km second stage.

The race takes riders across some of the Sultanate's most spectacular and rugged landscape, with challenging climbs, descents and customised single-track racing through the eastern Hajar Mountains.

Meanwhile, OCA official Saud bin Hamad Al Rawahi said: "This race is among the best mountain bike races of the world that attract famous cyclists. It tests the endurance and technical abilities of the riders."

Longest leg of EFG SATT will be crews' biggest test

MUSCAT: The nine international teams vying for this year's EFG Sailing Arabia - The Tour (SATT) title set sail for Oman on the longest and toughest of the event's five legs. The 280 nautical mile stage from Qatari capital Doha to Khasab on the tip of Oman's Musandam peninsula will see the crews spend three days and two nights at sea as they do battle offshore for the third time.

For the Omani sailors competing in the 730nm adventure around the Persian Gulf the leg means a return to home waters, something they will be looking to use to their advantage.

Abdullaziz Al Obidani, from Omani boat Almouj, Muscat, said his crew were hoping to make their fellow countrymen proud by winning the testing leg.

"It feels great to be heading back home to Oman and we're going to fight to be at the front," he said.

"We feel very proud to be flying the Omani flag and we're also proud of what we've achieved so far in this race. It is going to be a tough leg but we want to win it for our friends, family, fans and the Omani people."

Almouj, Muscat went into the day's start on a high after finishing second in Sunday's Doha In-Port

They scored an impressive 5, 3, 1 in the three races held off the entrance to The Pearl-Qatar in stunning conditions. The team, skippered by French sailor Nico Lunven, came runner up only to



DOHA TO KHASAB: The forecast is for a light easterly breeze meaning the crews will have to zig zag upwind for the majority of the stage adding extra time to the already painfully long leg. - supplied photo

overall race leader Sidney Gavignet and EFG Bank Monaco, with British crew Team Averda completing the podium.

The Doha In-Port Race series was the third and final inshore racing element of this year's tour, during which teams pick up valu- port racing was also an opportu-

able points in quick races around a nity for the teams to showcase the Eechoud, Dutch Ambassador to short course.

A strong set of results from Fahad Al Hasni's Renaissance Services saw them solidify their position of third in the overall leaderboard behind EFG and Averda. The in-

intense racing to guests.

Khamis Al Muqeemi from Oman Airports Company joined Dee Caffari's all-woman team Oman Airports-Al Thuraya while Dutch team TU Delft Challenge had Her

Qatar, watch their performance closely from the Pearl Qatar marina. Race organisers had expected leg 3 to be downwind in prevailing westerly winds, allowing the teams to hoist their huge spinnakers and Excellency Yvette Burghgraef-van reach Khasab in good time.

But the forecast is now for a light easterly breeze meaning the crews will have to zig zag upwind for the majority of the stage adding extra time to the already painfully long leg.

Dee Caffari, the first and only woman ever to sail solo around the world nonstop both with and against the prevailing winds, is hoping she can use her experience to get the best from her all-woman team Oman Airports-Al Thuraya.

"Leg 3 is going to be the real test for us," said Caffari, whose team finished seventh in the Doha In-Port Race series.

"We have been really good at the start of the previous offshore legs but we haven't been able to sustain that. We will be trying to stay with the fleet and get involved. The incentive for the Omani girls is that they are sailing home, so I am hoping that will speed us up a little bit.

"The leg is looking like it is going to be upwind again so weight on the rail will be vital. That means little opportunity to go down below to sleep. This leg is a marathon not a sprint so it's going to be about keeping the team going all the way to the end."

The leading boats are expected to reach Khasab on Wednesday and will have little time to recover before the start of leg 4 to Sohar on Thursday. The final leg of EFG Sailing Arabia - The Tour will see the fleet depart from Sohar on Sunday bound for the finish in Muscat.

Former FIFA official banned for failing to respect earlier ban

ZURICH: Former FIFA executive committee member Worawi Makudi was banned again on Monday for failing to respect an earlier suspension imposed during an investigation over alleged misconduct, soccer's governing body said.

Worawi, who was on the committee in December 2010 when it awarded the 2018 World Cup to Russia and the 2022 tournament to Qatar, has been suspended by FIFA's ethics committee since last October while it conducts the investigation.

The ethics committee has not given details of his alleged misconduct and Worawi, the former head of the Football Association of Thailand (FAT), has denied any wrongdoing.

FIFA's disciplinary committee has now added its own 90-day ban which started on Monday, fined him 3,000 Swiss francs (\$3,009.03) and issued a warning after finding that he had breached the conditions of the original suspension.

"The Disciplinary Committee found that he was still involved in FAT affairs during this period ... and has therefore decided to ban him from taking part in any kind of football-related activity at national and international level for a period of three months," said FIFA in a statement.

Worawi, 64, had been on the FIFA executive committee for 18 years as one of the Asian Football Confederation's representatives until he was voted off

Switzerland's attorney-general has opened an investigation into the bidding process for the 2018 and 2022 tournaments, part of a scandal which has engulfed soccer's governing body which will elect a new president on Friday.

Worawi is among a number of former FIFA officials under investigation by the ethics committee, which in December banned FIFA president Sepp Blatter and European soccer boss Michel Platini for eight years each. - Reuters

Pattinson bowls Australia into position of strength

Kane Williamson, 45 not out at the close of play at Hagley Oval, appears the last hope for the hosts with Corey Anderson on nine and New Zealand still needing another 14 runs to make the visitors bat

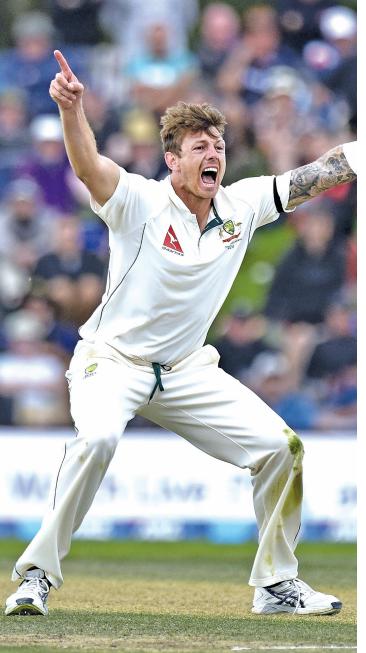
CHRISTCHURCH: James Pattinson grabbed three wickets to brighten Australia's prospects of a comprehensive victory in the second test against New Zealand with the hosts reeling at 121 for four by the end of the third day on Monday.

Kane Williamson, 45 not out at the close of play at Hagley Oval, appears the last hope for the hosts with Corey Anderson on nine and New Zealand still needing another 14 runs to make the visitors bat again. "It's always a big wicket for us. He's played nicely," Australian batsman Adam Voges told reporters. "We bowled well to him at the start and it took him a while to get going.

"The plan is to try and keep him as dry as possible and limit his scoring options ... (but) we are certainly in a good position."

for 505 earlier on Monday for a 135-run lead, comprehensively won the first game of the twomatch series in Wellington and only need to draw the second to seal the number one ranking in other wicket when the retiring test cricket.

till out for a duck before tea, also short mid-wicket for 25, a ball afdismissed Tom Latham (39) and Henry Nicholls (two) after it as over square leg. clouds, strong winds and cooling temperatures gave the Australians the perfect conditions to swing the century from 54 balls in the first ball. The 25-year-old had figures of innings, was given a standing ova-



Australia, who were dismissed PICK OF THE DAY: James Pattinson of Australia appeals during day three of the second Test match against New Zealand. - AFP

3-29 from 12 overs.

Josh Hazlewood grabbed the Brendon McCullum was bril-Pattinson, who had Martin Gup- liantly caught by David Warner at ter he had belted his 107th test six

> The 34-year-old McCullum, who scored the world's fastest Test

tion back to the pavilion.

He ends his career having scored 6453 runs at an average of 38.64 with 12 centuries, 31 half centuries and a top score of 302, the only test triple century by a New Zealander.

Latham and Williamson had steered New Zealand to 43 for one in their second innings at tea after the hosts had finally dismissed Australia about an hour after lunch when they took five wickets.

New Zealand 1st innings: 370 (B. Mc-Cullum 145, C. Anderson 72, B. Watling 58) Australia 1st innings: D. Warner c Guptill b Boult J. Burns c Guptill b Wagner U. Khawaja c B. McCullum b Boult 24 S. Smith c Guptill b Wagner 138 A. Voges c Latham b Wagner

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M. Marsh c Nicholls b Wagner P. Nevill c Watling b Wagner J. Pattinson c Boult b Anderson J. Hazlewood c B. McCullum b Wagner 13 J. Bird not out Extras (b-9, lb-10) Total (all out, 153.1 overs) 505

N. Lyon c B. McCullum b Williamson

Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-67, 3-356, 4-357, 5-438, 6-464, 7-483, 8-484, 9-496, 10-505 Bowling: T. Southee 25-4-85-0, T. Boult 31-5-108-2, M. Henry 32-8-101-0, C. Anderson 22-2-66-1, N. Wagner 32.1-6-106-6, K. Williamson 7-0-17-1, B. McCullum 4-2-3-0 New Zealand 2nd innings:

T. Latham c Nevill b Pattinson M. Guptill c Nevill b Pattinson K. Williamson not out H. Nicholls c Smith b Pattinson B. McCullum c Warner b Hazlewood C. Anderson not out Extras (nb-1) Total (for 4 wickets, 44 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-66, 3-72, 4-105 To bat: B. Watling, N. Wagner, M. Henry, T. Southee, T. Boult Bowling: J. Hazlewood 15-5-40-1, J. Pattinson 12-5-29-3, J. Bird 7-1-26-0, N. Lyon 2-0-8-0, M. Marsh 8-2-18-0 (nb-1)

Umpires: Richard Kettleborough and Ranmore Martinesz TV umpire: Richard Illingworth

Match referee: Chris Broad

The visitors had gone to lunch at 455 for five before Neil Wagner added the wickets of Voges (60) and Mitchell Marsh (18) to the two he took on Sunday.

Wagner then completed his second five-wicket haul when he had Peter Nevill caught by wicketkeeper BJ Watling for 13, and then Hazlewood caught at first slip by McCullum for the same score.

Wagner finished with careerbest figures of 6-106. "It was a pretty special bowling performance," Watling said. "I think it was about 25 overs of good fast short-pitched bowling. He's done it for us on many occasions and today he got his rewards." - Reuters

Scuffed ball downplayed

CHRISTCHURCH:

Both Australia and New Zealand played down any significance of the umpires warning the visitors for throwing the ball to wicketkeeper Peter Nevill on the bounce in order to aid its deterioration during the third day of the second Test on Monday. The visitors are on the brink of a comprehensive victory over New Zealand at Hagley Oval after the hosts ended the day on 121 for four, still 14 runs away from making Australia bat again.

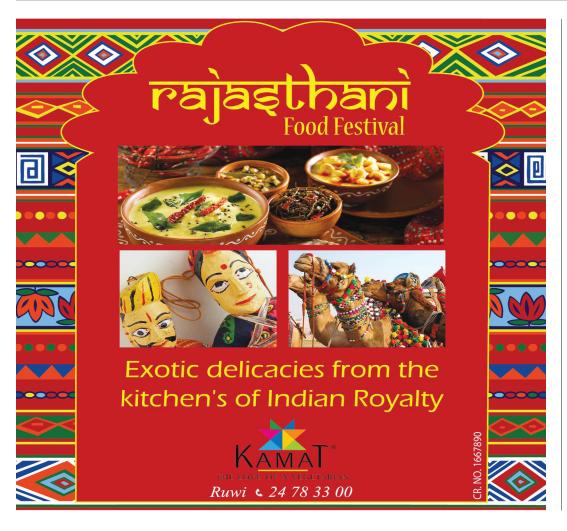
Steve Smith's side were dismissed after lunch for 505 and a first innings lead of 135 runs.

Australia's Josh Hazlewood and James Pattinson then extracted conventional and reverse swing, particularly during the final session when heavy cloud, blustery winds and cooling temperatures aided their efforts.

Australia however were also warned after the 20th over for throwing the ball into Nevill on the bounce in order to further scuff up one side of the ball, though both Adam Voges and New Zealand wicketkeeper BJ Watling said that was part of the game.

"There is a line and I'm sure that most fielding teams will get as close to the line as they can without overstepping it," Voges said.

"That's the umpires' job to tell us when we're getting close and that's what happened today. We $kept\,it\,up\,pretty\,well$ after that." - Reuters





Parthiv called as back-up for injured Dhoni

DHAKA: Mahendra Singh Dhoni on Monday suffered a muscle spasm prompting the BCCI to include Parthiv Patel as a back-up for the limited overs skipper just two days ahead of India's Asia Cup T20 opener against hosts Bangladesh here.

The 34-year-old Dhoni suffered the condition during the team's training session here.

"India ODI and T20I captain Dhoni has suffered a muscle spasm in the back during a training session in Dhaka," BCCI secretary Anurag Thakur said in a statement.

"The All-India Senior Selection Committee has named Parthiv Patel as the back-up wicketkeeper. He will join the team in Dhaka at the earliest."

Medium Pacer Jasprit Bumrah did not train on the first day. "Parthiv has been summoned as precautionary measure," team's media manager Nishant Arora said. - рті







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Cahill signs short-term deal with Chinese club Hangzhou

MELBOURNE: Australia striker Tim Cahill, who was dumped by Shanghai Shenhua last week, has signed a shortterm deal with Hangzhou Greentown, the Chinese Super League club said on Monday.

Hangzhou, who finished 11th in the CSL last year and are led by former South Korea defender and coach Hong Myung-bo, said the 36-year-old had joined the club on a six-month deal.

"As the club's main foreign import, looking forward to seeing a good performance from Cahill in the Chinese Super League," the club said on its website. "Tim Cahill good luck!"

Cahill, who spent eight seasons at Everton and had three years at New York Red Bulls, is Australia's most prolific scorer and had 11 goals in 28 appearances for Shenhua.

However, just months after signing on at Shenhua for another year he was told he was no longer part of Spanish coach Gregorio Manzano's plans for the 2016 campaign.

The CSL's 2016 season kicks off on March 4. - Reuters

Starcare Cup Gulf Hockey Fiesta attracts 12 teams

The Gulf Hockey Fiesta for the Starcare Cup, an Asian Hockey Federation recognised event, will be organised at the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex on Friday with the participation of teams from the GCC region

MUSCAT: The Gulf Hockey Fiesta for the Starcare Cup, to be organised by United Thalaserry Sports Club (UTSC) in association with Oman Hockey Association (OHA), had attracted 12 teams.

The Fiesta is scheduled to take place at the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex on Friday.



GULF HOCKEY FIESTA: Gulf Hockey Fiesta for the Starcare Cup Tournament Director Salih Thacher speaks during the draw ceremony. - supplied photo

The draw of the tournament, an Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) recognised event, was conducted at the Foodlands Restaurant with Kureian, Business Development Manager of Starcare Hospital, presiding over the ceremony.

Anwar, Marketing Manager of Starcare Hospital, was the guest of honour and among the dignitaries present were popular hockey personality SAS. Naqvi, former Oman international Mohammed Shambe Al Raisi and Dr. Said Attaulah of Pakistan Social Club, Kuttapa of Team Coorg.

guest Kureian said: "We are proud to support the Gulf Hockey Fiesta. Sports and health should move together. Keep caring. Keep Playing."

Meanwhile, the organisers said

seven of the 12 participating teams are from outside the Sultanate. The five local teams who will be seen in action are Oman Veterans,

Muscat Foxes, UTSC, Team Coorg and Pak Falcons. Two Dubai-based teams — Dubai

Hockey Club and King Khan Hockey Club — will also be seen in action. There will also be two teams Lawati will be the guests of honour. gry Humoors.

Speaking on the occasion chief from Saudi Arabia and they are Al Arab Hockey Academy and Al Naqi Strikers. The other three teams from the Gulf region are: Hungry Hamoors of Bahrain, Kuwait Expats Hockey Team from Kuwait and Qatar Wanderers from Qatar.

Star attraction

Indian team vice-captain and star goalkeeper P. R. Sreejesh will be the chief guest. Indian Ambassador Indramani Pandey and Oman Hockey Association General Secretary Mohammed Redha Taqi Al

According to Tournament Director Salih Thacher, the participating teams are equally divided into three groups and the three group toppers as well as the fourth best team will qualify for the semifinals.

The event will kick off at 8 a.m. and is scheduled to conclude at 10p.m. The 20-minute matches will be played in sixes hockey format.

The event is sponsored by Starcare Hospitals and co-sponsored by Mohammed Riaz & Partners, Majan Distribution Company, Al Jadeed Exchange, Fayeda Travels, FAP Oman, Al Nahla Solutions and Foodlands.

During the day-long event, there will also be live music by Shamsudeen Maliakkal, fun quiz and games for the children and host of other entertainment programmes.

The organisers will also conduct a raffle draw and the lucky winners will get prizes, including two eightgram gold coins, one way ticket to Mumbai and watches.

Group A: Pak Falcons, Oman Veterans, King Khan Hockey Club, Kuwait Expats Hockey Team.

Group B: Muscat Foxes, UTSC, Al Arab Hockey Academy, Qatar Wanderers.

Group C: Team Coorg, Dubai Hockey Club, Naqi Strikers, Hun-

Oman's Al Qasimi, Al Rashdi claim podium spots at Um Al Quwain Rally

MUSCAT: Omani rallyists Hamid Al Qasimi and Faisal Al Rashdi clinched podium places at Um Al Quwain Rally, the second round of the UAE National Rally Championship, during the last weekend.

In the event, won by Sheikh Abdullah Al Qasimi, Hamid finished second while Faisal settled for the third place.

The rally, organised by UAE Motorsport Club, was a great success with 11 of the 15 participants completing the rally.

Hamid Al Qasimi and his codriver Mohamed Al Mazroui clocked 37 minutes and 39.951 seconds for their second place finish.

Faisal Al Rashid and co-driver Waleed Al Rashdi timed 37 minutes and 40.390 seconds.

The rally has started in front of Directorate of Traffic of Um Al Quwain and concluded at the same place. The rally consisted of two stages, repeated three times with two services in between.

The stages took place mostly in the sand, where many spectators waited near the coastal side of UmAl Quwain to watch the action.

Speaking after the rally, Hamid Al Qasimi thanked all those who supported him ahead of the rally. He also thanked his technical team,

friends and the organising committee as well as the local citizens who cheered him during the event.



FEELING PROUD: Oman's Hamid Al Qasimi, second left, and Faisal Al Rashdi, second right, pose along with their co-drivers after the Um Al Quwain Rally in UAE. - supplied photo



"It's a pleasure and privilege to Hamid said. be in the podium and receive the second place trophy and to represent my country in these kinds of activities in the UAE. I am very happy to share this celebration with my colleagues and friends,"

He added: "We drivers spend a lot of money from our own pockets, especially when we are participating in the rallies outside of Oman as we don't get enough sponsorship and support from

public and the private sector companies. We hope that in future we get the right kind of support from concerned organisations and government entities like Ministry of Sport Affairs and Oman Automobile Association."

Faisal Al Rashdi, meanwhile, echoed Al Qasimi's views and stressed the need for the drivers to have the financial support.

"It is very important to have enough finance resources to participate in these events and I would like to thank my current sponsors and my family for their continued support," he said.





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THE FINALISTS: Boys U-14 winner Hassan Haider, right, and runner-up Ayaan Malhotra. - supplied photo

Hassan outlasts Ayaan for U-14 title at ISC Open

MUSCAT: It took Hassan Haider showing in the first set, it was a a lot of hardwork, perseverance and guts of steel to capture the moves and a degree of laxity by boys under-14 singles crown at the ISC/Muscat Pharmacy Open a marvelous fight back. Junior Tennis Tournament organised by the Indian Social Club (ISC) Oman.

ing final, top-seeded Hassan made heavy weather of a comfortable 6-3, 4-0 advantage and held his nerves to outlast Ayaan Malhotra before edging to a 6-3, 5-7, 10-4 victory to emerge winner.

Kudos to Ayaan who one and 0-4 down. It was not the first time that Ayaan has shown fighting abilities. After a below-par hours of play.

combination of Ayaan's tactical Hassan that led to Ayaan staging

From 0-4 down in the second set, Ayaan broke Hassan's serve in the fifth and seventh games and In a thrilling and nerve-wreck- held for 4-games-all. He broke again for the crucial 6-5 lead and served out the second set.

Hassan took an early 4-0 lead in the decider super tie-breaker before Ayaan opened his account. Hassan put Ayaan under pressure with some brilliant down thought was gone and out at 1-set the line winners and went on the attack to close the match at 10-4 to claim victory after nearly two

Player sent off for showing referee red card

ISTANBUL: Salih Dursun was sent off for for a foul inside the penalty area. showing the referee a red card during his team's 2-1 defeat by Galatasaray in a fractious Turk-

ish league encounter on Sunday. The flashpoint occurred in the

Trabzonspor's Dursun's team mate Luis Cavanda

Trabzonspor's players surrounded the official to protest and, in the resulting melee, Dursun snatched the card out of Bitnel's hand and waved it in the of-86th minute after referee Deniz ficial's direction, earning himself Bitnel showed a straight red to a sending off. - Reuters

OFA boss to attend FIFA **Extraordinary Congress**

The Oman Football Association delegation to Zurich also includes vicechairman Saleh Al Farsi

MUSCAT: A two-member Oman Football Association (OFA) delegation, led by association chief Sayyid Khalid bin Hamad Al Busaidi, has left for Zurich to attend the Extraordinary FIFA Congress.

According to a statement issued by the OFA on Monday, the OFA delegation includes Saleh Al Farsi, second vice-chairman of the OFA Board of Directors.

"The Extraordinary FIFA Con-



ZURICH BOUND: OFA chairman Sayyid Khalid Al Busaidi.

gress is being held in order to ing Orders of Congress." choose the new FIFA President but also has other important items on the agenda. The agenda also includes items such as Reform of FIFA's Organisational Structure, Proposals to amend FIFA Statutes, Regulations governing the **Farewell to Houchen** application of statutes and Stand- Meanwhile, the OFA bid fare-

"There will also be an election for judicial bodies along with the election for FIFA President," the statement added. The Congress is scheduled for February 26.

well to Jamie Houchen, after he completed his second stint with the OFA.

His first stint was from mid-October to November of 2015 and for the second stint, he returned late in January and completing his tenure with the OFA a few days ago.

Jamie Houchen, who had previously spent 15 years working with the English FA and 10 years $\,$ with premier league side Norwich City FC, was an expert in Grassroots Development, and had been appointed after a request from the OFA Technical Director, Jim Selby.

In his time at OHA, he developed grassroots and community football programmes, visited several clubs, conducted courses for grassroots courses.

Jamie also made a telling contribution to the launch of community football programmes Laeeb and Laeebah.

"The OFA is grateful to him for an association statement said.

his contribution to Oman football,"

Barca continue title defence at Arsenal

LONDON: Barcelona take a 32-match unbeaten run to Arsenal for the first leg of their Champions League last 16 tie on Tuesday as the Catalans continue their bid to become the first team to retain the trophy in 26 years.

No team has won back-to-back titles in the Champions League era, with Arrigo Sacchi's all-conquering AC Milan side the last to claim consecutive European Cups in 1989 and 1990.

Unbeaten since a 2-1 defeat to Sevilla in October, Luis Enrique's side look well-placed to repeat the feat.

They come into the match at the Emirates buoyed by a 2-1 win at Las Palmas on Saturday that has kept their closest challengers in La Liga at bay, while they boast arguably Europe's premier marksman in the 41-goal Luis Suarez.

Arsenal's copybook was blotted on Saturday as they ended a 14-match winning streak in the FA $Cup\ with\ a\ disappointing\ 0\text{--}0\ draw$ at home to second tier Hull City.

Luis Enrique said Barcelona must iron out some defensive is'Gunners must silence Suarez'

LONDON: Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger used to dream about Luis Suarez, the signing that got away, and he will be hoping the Uruguayan striker doesn't give him nightmares when holders Barcelona visit in the Champions League on

Tuesday. Wenger, who was

rebuffed by then Liverpool striker Suarez in 2013, said he admired the striker's ability to bring a team together.

"I used to think 'what if I signed Luis Suarez' before, but not now," Wenger was quoted as saying by British media on Monday. - Reuters

sues that were posed by a creative ise," Luis Enrique said. Las Palmas side, who might have snatched a late equaliser.

The coach will be boosted, however, by the return of defender Gerard Pique, who was rested meetings. at the weekend, and defensive midfielder Sergio Busquets from suspension. "At some moment, due to attacking, we suffered more counter-attacks than usual and the last 10 minutes were more tions, while rediscovering their down to our rivals' need to equal-

The onus will be on Arsenal to get a good home leg result against opponents they have only beaten once in seven Champions League

To do so, they will have to shackle Uruguay striker Suarez, who opened the scoring against to secure a 4-3 aggregate win. Las Palmas to take his La Liga tally to 25 and 41 in all competicutting edge. "On Tuesday night,

we'll need great solidarity because we'll need to defend well, and make the maximum of our possession," Arsenal coach Arsene Wenger told the club's website.

Arsenal rotated their squad for the clash with Hull, leaving out Mesut Ozil who was suffering with an illness and restricting former Barca forward Alexis Sanchez to a late cameo.

German playmaker Ozil will return on Tuesday, as will Aaron Ramsey, and Arsenal will need their big guns in form as their only victory against Barcelona came in 2011 when goals from Robin van Persie and Andrei Arshavin gave them a 2-1 victory in the first leg of their last-16 tie.

That victory ultimately proved futile, however, as Lionel Messi, who had scored four times to knock out Arsenal in the 2010 quarter-finals, struck twice in the second leg

The two sides also met in the 2006 Champions League final, with Barcelona scoring twice late in the second half to win 2-1. - Reuters



Young Greek pole vaulter Karalis scaling the heights

ATHENS: Teenaged Greek pole vaulter Emmanuel Karalis is determined to scale new heights despite the negative impact of the

country's financial crisis on sport. Fresh from breaking the world youth record, a mark which had stood for 12 years, this month, the 16-year-old is being hailed as a future star of Greek athletics.

With his leap of 5.53 metres at the national indoor championships in Piraeus, Karalis finished third behind Greek champion Kostas Filippidis, eclipsing the 2004 record of 5.51 set by Argentine German Chiaraviglio.

But rather than bask in the glory of his feat, Karalis, who received his first pair of spikes from Filippidis, is not resting on his laurels. "For a kid my age what I've achieved is huge, but to be honest I feel like now my career is starting; this is the platform I can use to train harder and improve," he said. Many of Greece's athletes, especially at youth level, are suffering from funding cuts made by the government due to the austerity measures prompted by the financial crisis.

The state's budget for the Greek athletics federation (SEGAS) has been slashed from 8.2 million euros in 2010 to 2.8 million in 2016, and athletes going to this year's Olympics in Rio will rely on the IOC's solidarity fund for support, just as they did in 2012.

"Look there's no hiding how difficult it is," said Karalis. "The facilities at OAKA (Olympic Stadium) are not the best and many athletes struggle to get by, but I'm not here to complain," he said.

"I decided to be philosophical about it. I'll work with whatever I have; if I had to train on the street then I'd do it without complaint."

Greek decathlete

Karalis, whose father Haris was a former Greek decathlete and mother Sara a former Ugandan long jumper, was seemingly destined for track and field from I'll make it for 2020 but the Olymbirth. "My parents took me to

OAKA in the baby stroller while they trained so from the moment I was born athletics has been part of my life," said Karalis.

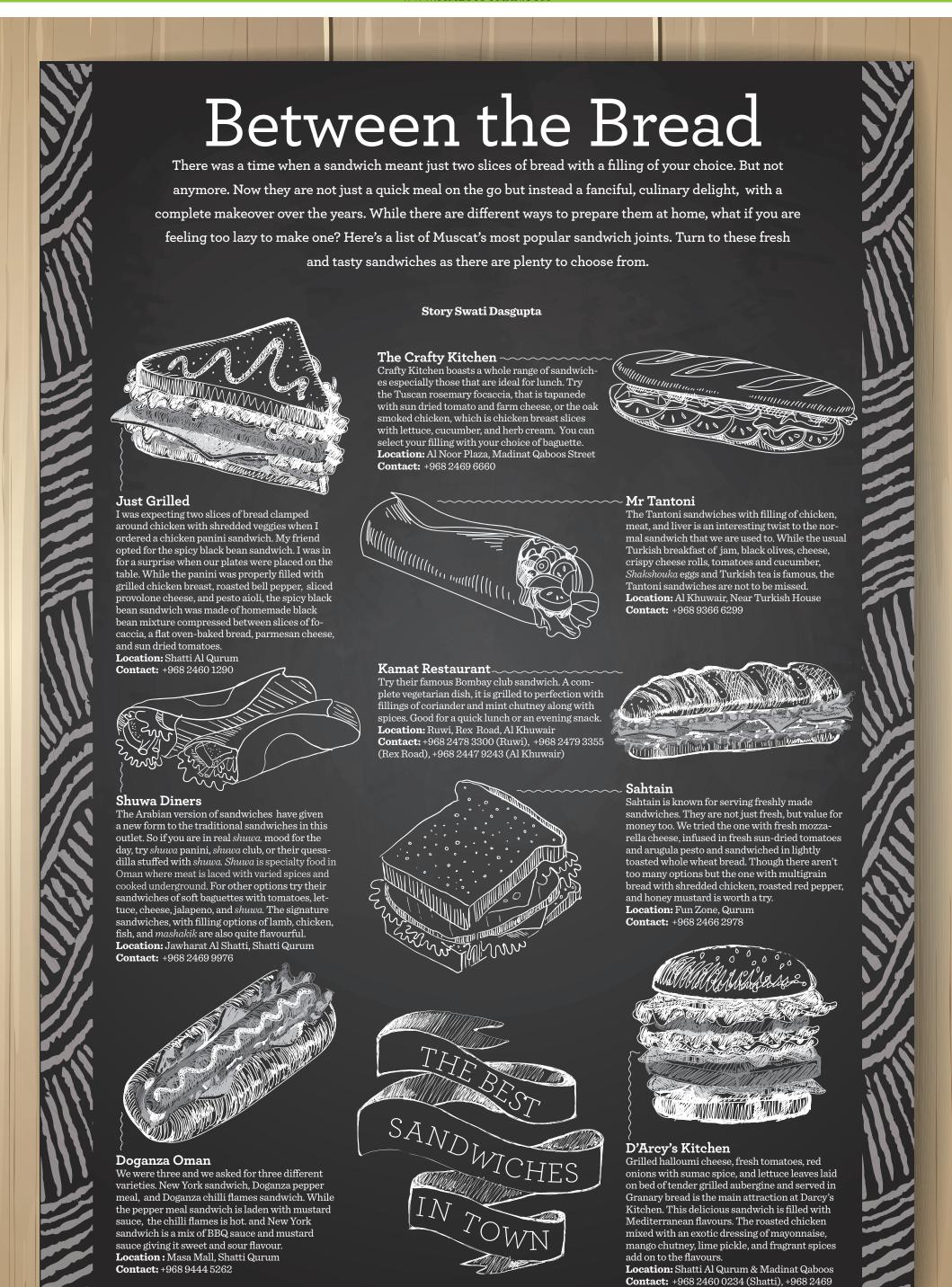
"I tried lots of sports when I was a kid, from swimming to basketball and taekwondo, but when I tried the decathlon and the first event I did was the pole vault, I just seemed to have a knack for it and loved it from the first moment - I haven't looked back since."

Now favourite for the European Junior Outdoor Championships this summer in Tbilisi, Karalis, who cites Ukrainian pole vault great Sergey Bubka as his role model, is also targeting the 2020 Olympics.

"When we were at the world championships in Colombia last summer, he (Bubka) told me what a positive attitude I had and that I'll go very farIt's an amazing feeling to hear that from someone you idolise. I think for every athlete it's a dream to go the Olympics . I don't know if pics is in my sights for sure." - Reur



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Hail, Caesar! - 2D (12+) Comedy | Mystery | Cast: Josh Brolin, George Clooney

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DeadPool (Action, Adventure)(MX4D)(12+) Cast: Ryan Reynolds, Morena Raccarin 3.30, 6.30, 8.30, 10.45PM

The Finest Hours-3D (Action, Drama) (PG12)-VIP I NUNGE Cast: Chris Pine, Casey Affleck, Ben Foster 7:00 9:15PM DeadPool-2D (Action, Adventure) (12+)

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Neerja-2D (Biographical)(PG12)



Cast: Sonam Kannor Sahana Azmi El Americano-3D (Animation, Action) (PG) Voice Overs: Edward James Olmos, Rico Rodriguez, Cheech Marin

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Miruthan (2D) (Action | Romance) (15+) Cast: Jayam Ravi, Lakshmi Menon, Kali Venkat



Mansoon Mangoes (2D) (Action) (PG)

Cast: Fahadah Fasil, Viiav Raaz, Vinav Forrt El Americano (3D) (Animation) (TBC)

Voice over: Edward James Olmos 2:30, 5:25PM

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Cast: Pulkit Samrat. Yami Gautam

Screen 3 Ghayal Once Again (Action) -PG12 Cast: Sunny Deol, Tisca Chopra, Om Puri 3.45, 6.45PM

Fitoor (Romance / Drama) -12 + Cast: Aditya Roy Kapur, Katrina Kaif 9.45PM

DeadPool (Action | Adventure | Sci-Fi) (12+) Cast: Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin 5·00 7·10 11·30 PM **Criminal Activities** (Crime | Drama) (TBC)

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El Americano - 3D (Animation) (TBC) 3:30. 5.30PM Backtrack (Drama, Thriller) 15+

Cast: Adrien Brody, Sam Neill, Robin McLeavy 5:35, 7:00, 11:45PM

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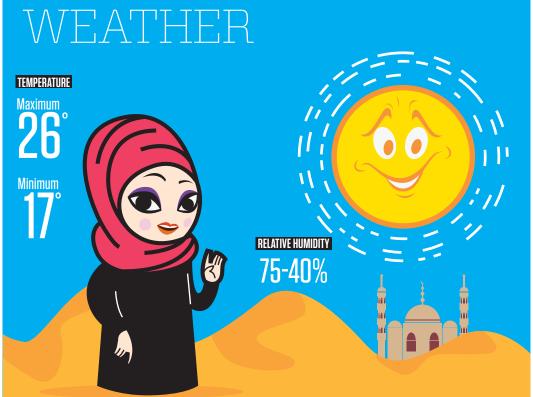
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reakfast may be the most important meal of the day, but it can often be the one that's hardest to fit into busy schedules. Even if you have time for breakfast, you may find yourself trading wholesomeness and quality for speed and convenience. However, having better-for-you breakfasts need not require a lot of time or effort. It can be as simple as making better and smarter choices.

One of my favourite breakfasts is a bagel with cream cheese, but when I was looking to make healthier choices, I thought this cream cheese, is a satisfying and was too indulgent, said New York Times best-selling author and food blogger Andie Mitchell. "In reality, it's about moderation and eating a whole wheat bagel with a natural cream cheese is a guilt-free breakfast option I love."

Here are five wholesome, yet ing burrito. A faster, wholesome easy breakfast options that can start your day off on the right nutritional foot:

1. Bagel and Cream Cheese Who doesn't love a good bagel?

They're quick, convenient and delicious. If you've been shying away from this traditional favourite thinking you don't need all the carbs of bagels and the additives in most cream cheeses, it's time to rethink your view. A whole grain bagel topped with a better-for-you spread, like delicious start to the day.

2. Classic Burritos

Burritos are filling, satisfying and nourishing, but unless you have the time to whip up a morn- have a lot of added sugar.

option awaits - simply top a whole-grain tortilla with your favourite cream cheese, add freshsliced fruit such as kiwi, apple or banana, fold in half and enjoy.

3. Outstanding Oatmeal

As breakfast cereals go, oatmeal is a nutritional champ. A 1-cup serving of plain oatmeal has about 150 calories, and it's loaded with nourishing fibre, protein, and vitamin A. Add flavour with wholesome toppings like fresh berries, chopped apples, raisins, or nuts. Here's even better news – plain instant oatmeal has the same basic nutritional value as the kind you slow-cook yourself, according to the USDA's Nutrient Database. However, be wary go the frozen route, you may not of flavoured versions that may

4. Terrific Toasts

A slice of toasted white bread slathered in butter isn't sufficient for a good breakfast, but you can take toast to the next level and create a morning meal that's tasty, wholesome and toasted. Start by toasting a slice of whole grain bread. Next spread on some protein — this could be a sugar-free peanut butter, almond butter or better-for-you cream cheese. Top with your favourite fruit or veggies. For example, banana slices go well with peanut butter; mango or kiwi cubes are yummy with light cream cheese; and tomato slices atop peppercorn cream cheese make for a great wake-up call.

5. Easier Eggs

Everyone knows eggs are a break-

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you're trying to get everyone out the door? You do. The microwave is your morning best friend, from reheating your coffee to whipping up delectable, easy and wholesome egg breakfasts. You can make scrambled eggs in minutes. Just crack an egg into a microwave-safe cup, add a tablespoon of water or milk, a dash of cayenne pepper and some salt, and a teaspoon or two of your favourite veggies finely diced, such as scallions, tomatoes or mushrooms. Top with a generous spoonful of shredded cheese and microwave everything for 45 seconds. Stir and microwave for another 45 seconds until the eggs are set.

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2 BHK flat / pent house in prime location in Al Khuwair. Studio flat for bachelors / Warehouse in Wadi Kabir.

Contact: 24706521, 92174963, 99747714, 94422747

1 Bed room, sharing K& T, R.O 100, 2 bedrooms , sharing K& T R.O 200/- in AL Khuwair. # 95154331

House in Amerat near to Makah hypermarket with 3 room+ 5 toilet+ hall+ living room+ kitchen. Contact 98885055/92744168

Villa 2bedroom, 1 sitting room, small hall, Kitchen & 2 bathroom behind Sultan center south Mawalah 300/- O.R. Contact: 92757673 /99388138

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Flats for rent at Mawaleh near Omantel main office opposite Lulu bandar comprises 3 rooms, 2 toilets and one kitchen OMR 250/- Per month. Contact: 93131497 or 99203435

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Flats for rent in Ruwi Mumtaz area 2 bedroom. Contact: 91409667/24291500

Flat for rent in Al Hail south 2 bedroom. Contact: 91409667/24291500

Commercial office at prime location in Azaiba for rent. 171sg. mtr. Contact: - 91398925

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FOR RENT

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1 BHK and 2BHK Flats with Split ACs -Opp. to MOD -Near Lulu Darsait

> **CONTACT:** 93202733

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Villa for rent in Al Khuwair. Contact: 96571151

Commercial flats of 3 & 2 BHK in Al Ghobra North 18 Nov street R0.650/- & 450/-Contact 91776665

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Contact - 94051789-97201688

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Mini Furnished Apartment in Qurum. Contact: 94051789-97201688

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IELTS Coaching (academic) required nearby wadi Kabir area. Please call on mobile or msg on Whats up. Mobile no: 92927880/99012165

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FOR RENT

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Flats in Darsait. Contact - 94051789-97201688

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Fully Furnished apartments in Boucher (35) Contact: - 94051789-97201688

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FOR SALE

Porta cabin for sale in Misfah. Contact: 99442438 / 96578789

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Well established coffee shop / restaurant prime location at AL Khoud. Contact: 92188777/98700760

Small business for sale in reputable shopping center. Contact 97207440

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ACCOUNT. & FINANCE

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ENGINEER

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Required Construction Forman Oman Driving License required, 2+ years' Experience 93246786

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Required gynecologist GEN: practitioner lady lab Technician and pharmacologist immediately for a clinic in Suwaiq. Contact 95081010 Email: umchealthcare@gmail.com

MISCELLANEOUS

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SALES / MARKETING

Required Salesman, Tailor and **Barber.** Contact: 96964767

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SALES / MARKETING

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SIT. WANTED

ACCOUNT. & FINANCE

Indian male 30 B.com, 6 yrs accounts exp in East Africa & 1year exp in Oman NOC available. Looking for suitable placement. Contact 94613626 Email: sharis.shaheer@gmail.com

Accounts part time services available to handle all accounts up to finalization, on Monthly basis finalization and consulting works.

Contact: 96247295

Indian Male Accountant 10vrs Exp. in OMAN Retail & Furniture Co. (Release Available) GSM.92564955

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Indian male M.com with 7 years ness , seeking for job currently on visit visa. Contact : 91089088

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Sri Lankan male 5yrs experienced in Sales & Accounts, seeking suitable position with NOC & DL.Contact:93369940

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Indian female accountant having more than 8 years of experience in Oman. Can handle accounts independently up to finalization. Good knowledge of tally ERP9 and MS Office seeks suitable placement.



ACCOUNT. & FINANCE

Email: sachu0318@gmail.com

suitable placement. NOC available. Contact: 96902860

of experience in running own busi-

senior position and available for immediate joining. Contact: 96320588

<mark>Contact - 96763275</mark> Sri Lankan Male, Holder of Diploma in Management Accounting and Student of Chartered institute

Email: danoman@yahoo.co.in

MBA finance with total experience of 4 years in finance operations (management information system) sales / Marketing and retail currently 3 month on visit visa. Contact: +968 99739330 / +968 91966020 Email: faiz.faisal3@gmail.com

Chartered Accountant - Indian

Indian Male 28, M. Com with 3 yr Oman exp in Accounts with valid D/L on visit Visa available to join immediately. GSM: 94744575. Email:sidharth673@gmail.com

Contact: 91229415

MBA Finance Indian lady 23 yrs currently on visit visa family resident Oman seeking opportunity for career enhancement in suitable firms ready to join immediately. Contact: 99872664 /92651331

Part Time Accounting, Accounts Finalization as per IFRS, Audit Preparation, Project Report, Training for Accountants, Internal Audit, Accounting System for New Companies, Contact: 96975454, email:ibfc.gcc@gmail.com

Indian male good experienced in Accounts, ERP Tally 9 & Admin in India & Oman, presently on visit visa, looking for suitable placement. Contact 94834687

Account Assistant, experienced,

BBA, M.COM, logistics diploma, can work in current visa ph: 98269281 MBA in finance having 3 years

experience in India looking for job

as accountant. Cashier or store

keeping living in Oman in visit

visa. Contact: 99181193 **Internal Auditor** Presently in Oman & having 2 years of Gulf experience and 7+ experience in accounts & Auditing with valid ${ t GCC}$ driving license looking for an opportunity in Oman, Qatar, UAE.

Contact +968 99356707

Indian male 7 years Oman exp, Tally ERP 9, Accounting, Inventory Controller/Asset Supervisor & IT Supports seeking suitable job. NOC available. B.Com, PGDCA, location Sohar, having Oman D/L, #98317698. Email: sukuanilkumar@gmail.com

Indian male 25 B.Com (graduate) 2 years experience as accountant in country club India with ERP oracle r12, tally knowledge. On visit visa immediately available. Email: shabi.hyd@gmail.com Contact- 9042-1161

Egyptian sr. Accountant / chief accountant / accounts manager with more than 10 years experience in construction have Oman valid driver license on transfer visa. Contact: 96131088

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Indian male accountant B.com,

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Indian female accountant 8 years exp in Oman. Contact: 93726921

Accounts finance Indian male 35 years B.com MBA (F) 7 years experience tally ERP9 valid Oman D/L family visa. Contact: 93257426/95230114 Email: sibigeorgep@gmail.com

Indian male MBA (F) with 6 years of experience as accountant proficiency in A/C software like tally, focus, Sap (FICO) seeking suitable placement. Contact: 98665219 Email: abdulhameed1527@gmail.com

SIT. WANTED

ACCOUNT. & FINANCE

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Indian female (25) M.com Finance, 3 yrs, exp in accounts / finance seeks suitable position in corporate finance / Banking / consulting purchase coordination / Admin now in family visa. Contact: 96953705 Email: prapullasuvarna@gamil.com

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Jordanian, Senior accountant. 15 yrs experience in Oman finance & accountant. Contact: 92881223

Accounting Assistant, BBA M.Com, tally, peach tree, can work on current visa ph: 98269281

Indian male, B.Com with 6 years experience as an Accountant, looking for suitable placement. Mob: 93903458, Email: Akkandyrijesh@gmail.com

22 years experience in Oman for accountants seeks suitable placement. Contact: 99615920

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT, with

13yrs experience, 6 yrs Oman in manufacturing, trading & contracting Cos, capable of handling all accounting, finance, banking, L/C, import, export & finalization seeks placement. NOC Available. Call+968-98932752 mail:jjohnmuscat@hotmail.com

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT-M. Com Finance-Indian with 7 years experience in Finance & Accounts up to finalization. Currently employed in Oman. Having D/L & NOC. Mob: 94122464, Email: cammk13@gmail.com

Indian female 25 yrs, MBA HR & Marketing, with one and half years experience as accountant and 6 months experience in teaching, now on a visit visa, seeking suitable position. Contact: 99624044, mail: np.neethu1@gmail.com.

Indian male 34 Yrs, Dual MBA Finance and marketing with IT skills, 7+ yrs of experience, Looking for suitable placement. Contact: 94879615,Emailsajan_chacko1981@yahoo.com

Young 24, ACCA affiliate, Advanced diploma in Accounting and Business, seeking suitable placement in Accounts, Finance or audit With valid driving license. Contact - 92430152, Email - rau_dey@yahoo.com

ADMIN

8 years of intensive Oman experience in procurement & supply chain nanagement looking for suitable placement. Contact: 97755488

15 years of working experience in Business development in Oman & UAE & UK, marketing plans and strategies & importing firewoks for festivals & preparing government tenders , Operations and logistics , importing and international business trading , CNC engineering & industrial areas , I have dual nationality (I can travel abroad easily without needing visa, for finalizing business trading NOC available. Contact: 94123939

Egyptian woman resident in Muscat bachelor in business administration has an experience in the executive secretarial, HR and all the administration tasks very good in computer skills, looking for a job in a company. Contact: 97221126

Indian female, Masters in HR, having 4 + years Oman experience in media management and HR, looking for openings in HR, Education, Admin, Corporate communications. Contact 98252030

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BBA Mare administration officer with admin, Accounts purchase experience valid Noc. #91329571

Indian Male, B.Com, MBA with 3 years GCC experience seeks Administration job in Muscat. Valid Oman & IJAE D/I, available. Visit visa & can join immediately. Contact: 00968 98896847 mail: tssavad@gmail.com



DAILY GUIDE



SITUATION WANTED

ADMIN

Indian male 32 yrs with 9 yrs experience in MIS & Administration good knowledge of MS .Office currently on visit visa looking for suitable position. Contact 99815835 Email: rinumohan.842@gmail.com

Young Omani male have experience 12 years as P.R.O, Clerk helper supervisor Admin supervisor, H.R. Manager have diploma in H.S.E, IT and P.D.O license looking for H.R position or P.R.O license . Looking for H.R position or P.R.O part time or full time. Contact: 95933288

A Female Postgraduate with over 5 years of working experience in HR/ Business Development/Banking/ Admin/Coordinative/Secretarial duties seeks a suitable placement. Contact 99357522/92800281

26/Pakistani Male/MBA-HR having 2 years of experience in HR with MN Insurance Company and banking industry is currently in OMAN on VISIT VISA & looking for a suitable job in HR, ADMIN or FINANCE

Email ahmadraja010@gmail.com GSM 91716268/93228785

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Cooks (Arabic Indian) gulf exp looking job. Contact: 99531802

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Pakistani male light vehicle driver looking for job. Contact: 97690766

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Can with driving 3 years experience per time job. Contact: 92041902

Needed light driver job urgently. Contact: 94085449

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Indian Male, 24, B.Tech with electrical & electronics & PG Diploma in Automation & Scada with 2 years KSEB experience is looking for a suitable position. Contact 95340253

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Indian male Electrical Engineer, vears experience, valid GCC driving license, NOC available looking for suitable job. Contact: 96137008 Email: joshuaruarkfernandez@gmail. com

B.SC civil Engineer, road construction field with 13 years experience in Oman. Contact: 92200485

<mark>Indian Electronics Engineer</mark> female 24 M.Tech 9Communication) Engineer and signal processing) with C,C ++ & matlab programming skills 7 1 year exp in teaching. Seeking suitable jobs, now on visit visa. Contact - 91310557/ Email: aswanimidhun12@gmail.com

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/95128200 Email: fhcpaero@gmail.com

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Mechanical Engineer (male) with 2 years experience in project & production field seeking suitable jobs now on visit visa. Contact: 94823009/94223483 Email: jisso.joseph@outlook.com

Structural Engineer, 8 yrs experienced in flat slab, post tensioned & slab-beam multi story building design & supervision with driving license. Contact: 98256860

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Electrical Engineer 4.5 years experience oil & gas water projects & subseries. Contact: 99525856

Mechanical Engineer 7 years experience 4 years in pipe line projects NOC is available. Contact: 91117089

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MEDICAL

clinic. Contact: 92893243

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Indian male Orthodontist & female BDS Prometric dataflow completed looking suitable post. Contact 90377433

Male GP Doctor with NOC 6 yrs job. Contact: 97746074

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Indian male 40 yrs degree and diploma in logistics, having 16 yrs experience 6 yrs GCC , including Oman in storekeeping and material management seeking suitable place-

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Electrical diploma Engineer with 1.5 years experience in AutoCAD designing for LV constructions and diesel generator maintenance looking actively for job in Oman. Contact: 92171858/90595609 Email: nelsondas213@gmail.com

Indian male - B.Tech -8 yrs exp in Mfg (operations /material) seek suitable placement urgently -NOC & Oman D/L available -Contact 99462068 / Email: vale_jazib@yahoo.com

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Mechanical Engineer (B.Tech) with QA / QC piping Engineering (ASNT) level 2 (UT, RT, MPT, LRT) with experience QC Inspector in a expansion project of a refinery. Currently on visiting working for suitable job. Contact: 00968 97697944 Email: arskpo7@gmail.com

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Sudanese Civil engineer - 4 years experience - 98093544

27 years male diploma in Civil Eng having 6 years Oman experience valid driving license seeking suitable placement. Contact: 98809638/98666735

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Electrical Engineer B.Tech with 4 years experience in India available in visit visa looking for suitable placement. Contact: 94741401/97239852 Email: sobinthomask05@gmail.com

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Electronics and Communication Engineer (B.E) - Indian malelooking for full time job. Corporate experience (2 years) -GSM 92916894; Email: salu.mn555@gmail.com

Indian male 26 yrs have 6 yrs exp in technical assistant in tyre production, visit visa at Ruwi. Contact: 92600859

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Electrical Engineer Indian male 30 years, having 5 years of experience in industrial automation and utility maintenance in India (MRF Tyres) holding valid Oman D/L. Contact: 92789995 Email: akhilabrahamlktr@gmail.com

Indian male Electrical Engineer with MBA (Mktg) having 4 and half years experience in technical commercial and marketing fields with valid GCC D/L, NOC available seeking placement, Contact: + 968 96547828 Email: deva0234@gmail.com

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B.Sc Civil Engineer, 27 yrs Oman experience as Project Manager, Structure Engineer looking for suitable placement. NOC / LOCAL transfer available. Contact: 99349578 Email: farooqatm@hotmail.com

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Civil Engineer (B.Tech), Indian male 24 years with 1+years Indian experience,(Certified in Staad Pro/ Quantity Survey/ Auto Cad). Looking for a Suitable position. Available In Sultanate of Oman (Muscat) on Visit Visa. Contact: 92835952. E-mail: mohammedamair.bin@gmail.com

Indian male Electrical Engineer, having 6 years gulf experience in designing, assembling, commissioning execution etc having valid GCC license too looking for a suitable. Contact: 00968-98052942 Email: azamjeelani78@gmail.com

Electrical Engineer with 18 years exp in UAE. Contact: 98148034 Email: shassalih66@gmail.com

Mechanical Engineer (4 years exp) (3 years HVAC 10 months Piping Engineer) job visa Indian Muslim (27). Contact: 90486758 Email: afsalhyder@gmail.com

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Indian Male 23 years B.Tech Civil having 2 years experience in quantity survey and site management looking for suitable placement. Contact:- 95042656

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placement. D/L available Contact# 94450270 Indian Electrical Engineer Btech, female 24 seeking job, presently in oman having 2 year experience

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Sri Lankan Engineer (27 Years old) - B.Sc Engineering (Hon) Mining / Geotechnical Presently in Muscat, 1.5 years experience. Contact 91295802 / acmfaslan123@gmail.com

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Male 24 from, India B.SC Computer science with 2 years of networking and IT help desk support experience and a Cisco certified, came to Oman on visit seeking a suitable placement. Contact: 96910605

Indian male 25 years BSC (C.S) with basic hardware and software knowledge seeks suitable placement now on visit visa. Contact: 92319677 Email: ismabsc@gmail.com

Indian female, B.Tech graduate, with one and half years experience as 'web developer' interested in web development and has experience working in HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, JavaScript and Photoshop. Contact: 9592 7075, e-mail id: mariarosejacob90@gmail.com

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IT

Indian female 28 years, MCA,

B.com, 3 years experience in the field of computer hardware, ERP software and windows networking where planning, implementing and troubleshooting with multiple platform of OS Microsoft XP /7/8 on visit visa. Contact: 95089170 Email: anjuretnakar@gmail.com

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Indian male 25 years experience as secretary controller looking for a job Noc available. Contact: 92906042 Email: prakashpv1959@gmail.com

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Indian male 31 years with over 10 years sales & marketing experience seeking suitable placement NOC & Oman D/L available in addition have proficiency in Arabic language. Contact: 95760969

Indian male (31 yrs) sales supervisor, total 9 yrs gulf exp, 4 yrs in Oman with valid GCC D/L with NOC, release & transferable visa. Contact: 94014327 Email: praveenkotian188@gmail.com

Operations & accounts manager Indian male, 18 years experience in Oman finance , purchase , transport , sales Admin & H.R looking for Sr. Position. Contact: 99889396 Email: srjobsinoman@yahoo.com

Indian male experience six years Oman sales & merchandise and marketing qualification ply two. Contact: 98656301 Email: shafeckmk.mk3@gmail.com

Indian male 35 yrs MBA having 11 yrs experience in G.C.C including Oman in sales and marketing of industrial products, heavy EQPT. & construction machinery of having valid Oman driving license NOC available. Contact: 97296248 /91483978

SALES / MARKETING

Indian male MBA marketing 3 yrs exp with D/L available. Contact: 98904200 Email: haris.hameedali@gmail.com

Indian Male 34 yrs, having 5 yrs FMCG experience as sales executive and sales supervisor with valid GCC driving License Contact- 92536979

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Indian male with 27 years of rich experience in sales/ marketing in Oman with driving license and proficiency in Arabic language, seeks suitable placement. NOC available. Contact: 96725458 Email: ranisadhu@yahoo.com

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Assistant Manager - Planning (B.Tech EEE): Indian Male, over 10 years(7+ Yrs in Oman & UAE) of experience in Project Planning & Scheduling, Liaison & Coordination, Budgeting and Client Interaction. Seeking a suitable Job in Muscat. Contact - 00971503529608, Email Id: saravananbe44@gmail.com

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IT professional, B.E. in IT, CCNA, MCSA, MCSE, 3yrs exp. in IT/ networking/server support/Indoor sales, valid Omani D/L seeking suitable placement in IT/Network/ Server support/Retail sales.

Indian Female, 35 years, Bachelor of Pharmacy (B. Pharm) with 6months experience and BSc & MA seeking position as Insurance Coordinator or suitable positions in pharmacy, pharmacy stores, hospital, polyclinic & pharmaceutical companies or in front office/ administration office preferably in hospital. Please contact on 90236481.

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management skills (3D Max, Auto-CAD , Photoshop, Illustrator, Coral Draw (Basic) and Sketch up (Basic) and well versed with M.S Office). Email: - sasd shirur@yahoo.com, 24789883

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Iraqi Civil Engineer with more than 30 years experience in (Iraq and G.C.C) looking for a job, (N.O.C.) is available. Contact No. 96561306 ig.bgd.mnsr@gmail.com

Indian male AUTO CAD Draughtsman (civil) 8 years experience, seeking for part time job.#- 99070584 / email: remluvp@gmail.com

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Diploma (Electrical Engineering)

from Government polytechnic. Age 27 years, 6 years Experience in troubleshooting and managing and Technical in substation as a Electrical Engineer. Seek suitable placement. Contact - 92995899,

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BS in Civil Engineering Experience: 3 Year (Road Projects)

Omani license: 9 Years. Contact: 97427701 Email: hassanrvc1989@gmail.com

Indian Male, total 8+years gulf experience in Document Controller / Coordinator / Secretary. Looking suitable position. Local release available. CONTACT: 94524259 EMAIL: madhuppnair@yahoo.com

Mechanical Engineer (Indian Male, 24 Years) with three years experience, looking for suitable job. Currently on visit visa, ready to join immediately. Contact 92175441, Email: ihabeeb24@gmail.com

Indian female, holds LLB & Masters in business administration(MBA),2 yrs oman experience as HR & Admin, seeks suitable placement in jobs @ SO-HAR. Contact: 96541959

IT professional, B.E. in IT, CCNA, MCSA, MCSE, 3yrs exp. in IT/ networking/server support, valid Omani D/L seeking suitable placement in IT/Network/Server support. Contact 92607532.

Indian male 23 years Diploma in Mechatronic having 3years experience in production and maintenance department looking for suitable placement #+919597008904 (sachin.valappil92@gmail.com)

Indian Male, 26 years, with 7 years of experience in Sales Field in shipping company in Dubai, looking for suitable placement. Experienced working in safety Marine equipment and well versed with MS Office. # 90182494

Accountant. Having 6 years experience in accounts in reputed companies. Presently working in Muscat (NOC Available) GSM. 00968-97010584, Email usman7678@yahoo.com

Iraqi civil Engineer with more than 30 years experience in (Iraq, U.A.E. and Oman) looking for a job, (N.O.C.) is available. Contact No. 95626218 Email- amin.sarim007@gmail.com

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Indian female, B.Tech graduate, with one and half years experience as 'web developer' interested in web development and has experience working in HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, JavaScript and Photoshop. Contact 9592 7075. e-mail id: mariarosejacob90@gmail.com

Assistant Manager - Planning (B.Tech EEE): Indian Male, over 10 years(7+ Yrs in Oman & UAE) of experience in Project Planning & Scheduling, Liaison & Coordination, Budgeting and Client Interaction. Seeking a suitable Job in Muscat. Contact - 00971503529608, Email Id: saravananbe44@gmail.com

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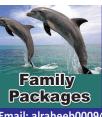
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