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MOHAMMAD RECEIVES INDONESIAN PRESIDENT JOKO WIDODO

President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan yesterday received Indonesian President Joko Widodo and the accompanying delegation upon their arrival at the Presidential Airport in Abu Dhabi. The Indonesian president is on a two-day state visit to the UAE. **SEE ALSO PAGE 5**

6 killed in Oman mosque shooting, 3 attackers dead

Four Pakistanis and one Indian among victims — 28 others were wounded

MUSCAT

Six people were killed and 28 wounded in a shooting near a mosque in Omani capital Muscat yesterday, police said. Among the dead were four Pakistanis, an Indian and one policeman. Police said the three attackers were also killed.

The shooting “resulted in the death of five individuals, the martyrdom of one policeman, and the death of the three perpetrators,” with at

least 28 other people wounded, Omani police said in a statement on X.

“The Royal Oman Police have responded to a shooting incident that occurred in the vicinity of a mosque in the Al Wadi Al Kabir area,” police said. “The authorities are continuing to gather evidence and conduct investigations to uncover the circumstances sur-

The US embassy in Muscat issued a security alert following the shooting and cancelled all visa appointments yesterday.

rounding the incident,” police added.

The foreign ministry in Islamabad said four Pakistanis were killed and Omani authorities “neutralised” the gunmen.

‘Dastardly terrorist attack’

“Four Pakistanis were martyred as a result of gunshots in the dastardly terrorist attack on the Ali bin Abi Talib mosque,” it said in a statement. “Another 20 Pakistanis are under treatment in hospitals,” it added, saying “the government of Oman has neutralised the attackers.”

Foreign Ministry of Oman said that one Indian national also lost his life and another person injured in the shooting incident. —AFP



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UAE to issue Jaywan cards from September

ATMs, PoS terminals ready for first national domestic card

DUBAI

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Starting September, the UAE's first national domestic card, Jaywan, will be issued to residents, with financial institutions already enabling transactions across most ATMs, point-of-sale (PoS) terminals and e-commerce platforms in the country.

Owned and operated by Al Etihad Payments — a national payments entity since 2023 and a UAE Central Bank unit, Jaywan will operate as debit cards issued by banks or as pre-paid ones from exchange houses. Jaywan, which has no

credit card feature for now, will be issued at no charge like all other debit cards.

The UAE's own payment processing platforms, the banking major FAB's Magnati and Dubai-based Network International's 60,000 merchants spanning several sectors including retail, hospitality, electronics, jewellery and hypermarkets, already accepted Jaywan across its networks.

Domestic card payment schemes provide countries to facilitate debit card and credit card payments made within their borders, the same way Mastercard and Visa do for international payments. With the launch of Jaywan, the UAE is set to make domestic card payments seamless and cost-effective.

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Running mate, bid on life boost Trump's chances

J.D. VANCE IS THE FIRST MILLENNIAL ON A US PARTY PRESIDENTIAL TICKET

DUBAI

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For Donald J. Trump, the last few days marked a pivotal moment in his bid to reclaim the White House.

Just two days after narrowly escaping an assassination attempt that grazed his ear, he announced J.D. Vance as his running mate and successfully fought off an indictment accusing him of mishandling classified information.

The events are poised to strengthen his prospects in the upcoming November presidential election.

‘Pretty amazing’

Trump himself marvelled at his good fortune. “Pretty amazing. I’m really not supposed to be here,” he said.

Vance was once a fierce Trump antagonist, but he has made a U-turn to establish himself as one of the billionaire’s most ardent defenders.

Indian connection

Vance, who at 39 is barely half Trump’s age — and the first millennial on a major US party

presidential ticket. His wife, Usha Chilukuri Vance, daughter of Indian immigrants, grew up in a San Diego suburb. She and Vance met at Yale Law School, and the pair were married in Kentucky in 2014. They have 3 children.

Biden’s reaction

Asked if the Trump shooting had changed the trajectory of the election, President Joe Biden, who has a long history of gaffes by mixing up the names of the Ukrainian and Russian leaders, replied: “I don’t know, and you don’t know either.”

Biden defended both his “mental acuity” and his rhetoric about Trump, in a second TV interview aimed at ending calls for him to quit his reelection bid following a disastrous debate.

“I’m old,” Biden said. “But I’m only three years older than Trump, number one. And number two, my mental acuity has been pretty damn good.”

He added: “I understand why people say, ‘God, he’s 81 years old. Whoa. What’s he gonna be when he’s 83 years old, 84 years?’ It’s a legitimate question to ask.”

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