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## Salute in splendour

The Sultanate's Fifteenth National Day is being celebrated in splendour this week.

Following a reverberating 21 - gun salute as the Royal Anthem was played, thousands heard His Majesty Sultan Qaboos address the nation at Maidan al Fatah on Monday.

Flanked by leaders and representatives of many nations, His Majesty took the salute at a spectacular military parade.

The nation has been celebrating with fireworks, camel races and shows by youth in every part of the country.

Tomorrow there will be a tattoo at Al Fatah Stadium for the public.

The full text of His Majesty's speech begins on page three.

***Twelve pages of National Day pictures and reports***



# Oman-S. Yemen to exchange ambassadors within month

Oman and South Yemen will exchange ambassadors within one month, Minister of Information Abdul Aziz bin Mohammed al Rowas said this week.

Mr Rowas said diplomatic relations between the Sultanate and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen were existing and ambassadors would be submitting their credentials in "less than a month's time."

Mr Rowas was addressing a press conference on Tuesday attended by local, Arab and international journalists visiting the Sultanate to cover the 15th National Day celebrations.

by Fermin D'Souza

He said, in response to a question, that Oman's decision to establish relations with the Soviet Union was made in the light of the Sultanate's supreme interests and was a pure Omani decision, and not a part of a coordinated AGCC plan.

He said it was too early to have a Soviet representative at the celebrations simply because there was no Ambassador to Muscat yet. As for Iran and Iraq, he clarified that they were represented by their embassies.

Commenting on the informal side meeting between some of the 61 leaders and representatives of countries attending the celebrations, Mr Rowas said it was natural to see them hold side meetings in Muscat.

He pointed out that His Majesty Sultan Qaboos believed that informal meetings could help immensely in solving the problems and pave the way for a useful and more positive formal meetings.

Referring to meetings held between His Majesty and both Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and His Majesty

King Hussein of Jordan, particularly after the recent Palestinian declaration in Cairo, Mr Rowas said they were cordial and aimed at crystallising a collective Arab stand to put an end to sufferings of the Palestinian people.

Mr Rowas said His Majesty the Sultan and the people of Oman looked on Egypt as an "elder brother in the Arab family". Egypt's isolation caused a major imbalance within the Arab world and Oman has always been seeking to rectify the situation, he added.

Answering questions related to the Arab Gulf Cooperation Council, Mr Rowas said the proposed pipeline project to carry crude oil from AGCC Secretariat-General and no positive steps had been taken so far. However, he said Oman had no objection to "host" the pipeline.

He said there was no proposal to expand the AGCC to include all the countries in the Arabian peninsula as it would go against the AGCC statutes.

Commenting on international terrorism he said the Government was willing to coordinate with any willing party to restrict the dangers of terrorism and eliminate its causes.

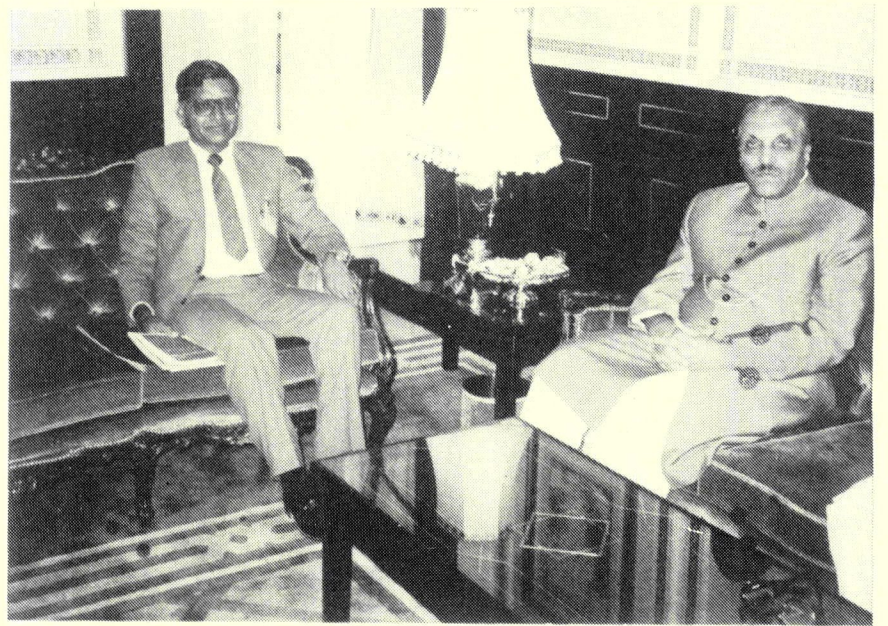
Regarding navigation in the Strati of Hormuz, Mr Rowas said it was governed by international laws and regulations, adding that he did not expect navigation to stop. If it does, he said, the matter would be considered with the AGCC framework and then with other parties concerned.

the issue receive Oman's fullest support and backing.

On domestic issues, he said the third Five Year Plan would concentrate on education, health, communications and roads while stress would be placed on productive projects in agriculture, fisheries and industry.

Mr Rowas said the 55-member State Consultative Council had played a significant role in enriching the second Five Year Plan and the Council would be developed gradually to cope with Oman's development.

## Exclusive



President Zia with Times reporter Muzaffar Mohammad.

## President Zia talks to 'Times'

The President of Pakistan, General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq said on Tuesday that the Iraq-Iran war was not a matter of concern for the Gulf region alone but a problem of the whole Islamic bloc.

In an exclusive interview with the "Times" in his suite at Al Bustan Palace Hotel he said that in his meetings with His Majesty Sultan Qaboos, King Hussein, President Hosni Mubarak and other world leaders he told them that Pakistan which has very cordial relations with Iran was doing its best both at individual and collective levels to stop this devastating war which is causing great harm to the lives and resources of the two Muslim states.

by Muzaffar Mohammad

President Zia who left Muscat for Islamabad on Wednesday after a three day visit for the 15th National Day celebrations said that his government's policy was to maintain peace and friendship with all its neighbours.

Pakistan, he said, enjoyed excellent relations with China and Iran. "With the Soviet Union we have hope good bilateral relations except differences on one issue and that is Afghanistan."

He said that Pakistan would not budge an inch from its stand on Afghanistan which call for the withdrawal of Russian troops the return of the refugees and restoration of the country's original status.

The President said his country wanted to make the Sub-continent a region of peace and fraternity. "That's why we have gone out of our way to launch a peace offensive with India."

President Zia who had a friendly meeting with the Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in Muscat expressed satis-

faction with the progress made in the process of normalisation with India.

He said His Majesty has spoken very highly about the contribution of the Pakistani community to Oman's development. He urged members of this community to increase their efforts and good work to further promote goodwill, friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

President Zia thanked His Majesty for his kind patronage extended to the Pakistani community and its institutions in Oman.

He said the affection and special treatment meted out to him and his delegation was reflection of His Majesty's regard for the Pakistan Government and its people.

Cooperation between the two countries in various fields was increasing. They have already signed education and cultural cooperation agreements while cooperation agreements in the fields of education, information and economic affairs are being negotiated.

In reply to a question about the change in the medium of instruction in overseas Pakistan schools the President said the decision has been made to promote the national language and culture among the young generation.

The Government, he said, has introduced three languages in schools Arabic, Urdu and English.

• President Zia said he was extremely impressed by the standard of newspapers and magazines in Oman. He particularly praised the "Times" special National Day issue and requested the interviewer to convey his best wishes to the newspaper's management.

President Zia ul Haq of Pakistan on Sunday evening paid a courtesy visit to King Hussein of Jordan at the Al Bustan Palace Hotel.



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# Dear Citizens ...



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Dear Citizens,

It gives us great pleasure to be with you to celebrate our Fifteenth National Day, and to praise God Almighty and thank him for his benevolence to our country. We beseech Him to continue to assist and guide us to achieve our goals for the future prosperity for our beloved country, Oman.

We take pleasure in greeting our people throughout our country, in appreciation of the profound example they have given in their work and struggle, and we congratulate them on our achievements together during the past fifteen years. Under the guidance of God Almighty, our country has pursued the right path in its renaissance in all fields, regaining its traditional role in positive interaction with the international community.

It also gives us great pleasure to have the participation of Their Majesties, Their Excellencies the Presidents, Their Highnesses and Excellencies from brother Arab countries and other friendly states. We and our people warmly welcome all our dear guests, and we express our utmost gratitude for their participation which we regard as a symbol of the strong brotherly and friendly relations which unite our peoples.

Dear Citizens,

In our high esteem for our friendship with the international family, we also reaffirm our firm intentions to continue to perform our full role on the international scene, according to the principles we have always adopted. We shall strive faithfully for friendship and coordination, and support all just causes of the peoples of the world. We shall act in the cause of peace and stability on all international levels.

We shall continue to work with our brothers, the leaders of the Arab Gulf Cooperation Council, within the framework of our brotherly accord, which provides a striking example of positive cooperation by us all. We take pleasure in commending the achievements of the past few years, and in the results reached at our Sixth Summit, convened in Muscat earlier this month, in the fields of economy, defence and security. This has reflected our ardent desire to develop our joint experience on a firm basis, and to cement the ties between our peoples for the preservation of stability and for the realisation of our aspirations of our welfare and prosperity.

As a result of our ardent concern for the stability of our region, and as a duty dictated by our religion and our obligations to our neighbours, we are continuing our strong support for all mediation efforts to end the Iraq-Iran war, which threatens the security and safety of navigation in the region, and which poses a dangerous threat to international peace. We deplore the loss of life and resources on both sides. We call once more on the leaders of both countries to stop this destructive war and to respond to the international attempts to bring about this end. Preparations must take place to negotiate in an Islamic spirit, to reach a permanent settlement guaranteeing the rights of both parties, and open a new era of friendly relations.

We have always adopted an objective and positive stand towards all Arab and international initiatives towards reaching a just and comprehensive solution to the Middle East problem. We believe in dialogue as a means to realise peace in the region, based on international legality in conformity with mutual commitment to the United Nations resolutions, its Charter's principles and international laws.

It is vital to overcome the present stagnant situation, which is conducive to Israeli attempts to perpetuate the present situation. We support the Jordanian-Palestinian endeavours as all Arab and international endeavours to seek a perma-



## His Majesty's speech to the nation

nent and honourable peace. We call on all international forces, friendly to Israel, to accept their responsibilities and exert their full influence to put an end to Israeli intransigence, so as to provide an opportunity for positive progress towards reaching a solution which will restore the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and guarantee justice and peace for all.

We have repeatedly warned against the danger of Arab differences which threaten the real interests of our nation, and call for unity of purpose and the substitution of harmony for dissension. In order to deal with these basic issues, we, today, reaffirm once more that there is no way for this nation to confront the dangers which face us except through a Pan-Arab solidarity which would restore its prestige and enable us to deal with international realities. We reaffirm our support for the positive work of the committees tasked by the Casablanca Conference, as well as for all serious efforts to clarify and eliminate differences. We are looking forward to the day when Arab solidarity will be strongly and comprehensively restored, with the will of God Almighty. We also aspire to strengthen the Islamic solidarity in order to reinforce the effectiveness of the efforts exerted to that end, so as to support the common causes, settle disputes and solve the problems from which the Islamic nation is suffering. As the role of the non-aligned community becomes stronger and more effective in a world torn by struggle, we praise the efforts made to strengthen this role, and urge positive response to these basic principles of the non-aligned movement. We also subscribe to unity of the member countries in defending their interests on the international level, and in their determination to avoid embroilment in the super power struggle.

At a time when world economic problems are becoming ever more complex, and particularly affecting the developing countries, we join in

supporting the appeal to establish a new international economic system on a more equitable basis, to create a balance between the needs of the developing countries and those of the industrially advanced countries, who, we believe, should now bear their responsibilities to assist in rectifying the economic imbalance caused by the wide gap between them and the developing countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. We also believe that urgent attention should be given to the serious problems of drought and refugees which are increasing in many parts of the world.

During this year, the world has witnessed dangerous events and developments in various regions which emphasise the instability of the world situation, due to the increase of tension and conflict, and the escalation of violence and terrorism. We renew our appeal to the leaders of the world to work for the realisation of human aspirations towards an era of peace and cooperation. We once again demand that effective measures be taken to eliminate terrorism in all its forms. We also strongly adhere to the necessity for a sincere commitment to work wholeheartedly towards solving world problems, and eradicating tension and struggle by peaceful means.

The role played by the United Nations in solving political and economic problems is of profound importance, in a world of increasing struggle and challenges to the United Nations' Charter and its relevant resolutions. We call upon all the world nations to undertake their responsibilities in strengthening the role of the international organisation to render it more effective. We must do so in order to serve peace and stability and consolidate the cooperative relations between members of the international family for the benefit of the whole world's nations.

We emphasise the special responsibility of the two super powers for international peace and security. We hope that the forthcoming summit talks which will start tomorrow between the two leaders, Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev, will commence an effective detente towards establishing just solutions to international issues which will alleviate the present intense international tension and call a halt to the arms race and remove the spectre of nuclear war.

Dear Citizens,

This fifteenth year has been full of devoted work in all fields. We thank God Almighty for all the achievements we have realised towards the consolidation of our renaissance and progress. We have been able, with the help of God, and the cooperation of our people, to execute our second Five Year Plan, and to implement other new projects which are additional to the Plan, despite the pressures of the world economic recession.

Today, as we introduce a new stage of our march forward, we face heavy responsibilities which must be confronted in order to reach our national goals. With this in mind, we have addressed our third Five Year Plan, in order to achieve an equal development in all regions of our country. This will comprise all aspects of infrastructure of education, the health service, telecommunications and roads, with special care and concern devoted to all productive sectors of agriculture, fisheries and other industries to satisfy our country's needs. We must diversify our revenue sources, intensify the capacity of our national economy so as to enable us to cope with world economic changes.

It pleases us to express our satisfaction with the Oman experiment of "consultation", which provides for an effective public participation in the development and study of future plans, through the State Consultative Council, whose positive proposals and recommendations assist the gov-

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## Reception for students

The Minister of Education and Youth Affairs Yahya bin Mahfoudh al Manthery held a reception for the Omani students selected to study abroad on Ministry's scholarships. The Minister addressed the students and chatted with them.



## Certificates for 30

Thirty Omani students who study at the English Language Centre of the British Council received their course completion certificates last week.

British Council representative Keith

Jones presented the certificates to the students of varying levels from beginners to intermediates

The second autumn course term begins on Saturday.

## Turkish Embassy to open soon

A Turkish Embassy will be opened in Muscat on December 1, the "Times" was told this week by Turkey's State Minister for the Information Portfolio and External Affairs and spokesman for the Turkish Government, Mr. Mesut Yilmaz.

The Minister was in the Sultanate for the Fifteenth National Day celebrations.

He was accompanied by Turkey's non-resident Ambassador Mr Umut Arik who is based in Riyadh.

Mr Arik said that Turkey's first designated resident Ambassador to the Sultanate is Mr. Orhan Kulin who is director-General of Legal Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He previously served at the United Nations in Geneva, Belgium and Greece.

Turkey is represented in Oman at the moment by Honorary Consul General Dr. Cengiz Arcazoy.

Mr Arik said that his country hoped to boost trade with Oman. At present Turkey's exports to the Sultanate are valued at 1,500,000 US Dollars.

Potential was seen in the copper mining and agricultural spheres.

## Admin centre opened in South

A RO 1.1 million administration centre was opened on Saturday at Taitam in the Southern Region.

Formally opening it, the Minister of State and Wali of Dhofar, Sayyid Hilal bin Saud bin Hareb, said the centre would act as a catalyst for the economic and social development of the region in general and of Taitam in particular.

Sayyid Hilal said it was a happy occasion for him to open the centre when the Sultanate was celebrating its 15th National Day.

The centre consists of Government offices, a mosque, police station, clinic, market and staff quarters.

The construction was completed in 20 months.

The opening ceremony was attended by the Deputy Wali of Dhofar, sheikhs and senior Government officials.

- An inspection team of the Qatar Environment Protection Committee has launched a comprehensive survey of the Qatari coast to identify beaches and areas affected by oil pollution.

## Applaud the Day

Applaud the day  
And celebrate

Applaud our Sultan  
And be not shy to say

How much you love  
His grace and his ways.

A leader amongst all,  
He knows no malice  
His motives pure, none to appal,

His visions are high  
To feed all far and nigh  
God is great

In His might, he sets all things right  
To each man his hour

To each tribe, a leader  
To each nation, a ruler

To us all, our Sultan  
A man raised from this land.

No more straying in the darkness  
No more deep crevices

But bright light and clear sight  
The future with him is so bright

Rejoice, O man, in God's choice  
Raise high your one voice

In praise of him, a man of peace,  
Tragedy no more

This is your hour  
This is your leader

A man of vision and truce  
A man of kindness so profuse

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos  
A lesson indeed

We must all heed  
To put aside our greed

Striving to give those in need  
Compete but in those deeds

And sow in new seeds  
Seeds of love beyond creed

Raise sons and daughters of a new breed  
Worthy of our beloved Sultan

His Majesty Qaboos bin-Said.

Fawziya A.K. Al-Maskiry.

## 52 research projects

The Institute of Applied Research under the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran has completed 52 research projects, according to the annual report of the institute.

Nearly 30 research projects financed by Government departments and industrial establishments were taken up in 1984-85 compared with 23 the previous year.

Sixty-three papers prepared by the institute have been presented at various scientific conferences, the report added.

## Praise for Unesco

The Secretary-General of the National Commission for Education, Culture and Science, Ali bin Salah al Mujeni, returned to Muscat after attending the 23rd session of the Unesco held in Sofia, Bulgaria.

In an interview Mr Mujeni said the outcome of the conference was "satisfactory" particularly the decisions concerning the world organisation's new programmes and the \$307 million budget for the next biennial period of 1986-87.

The new budget is 25 per cent less than the originally proposed one as a result of the US withdrawal and activities have been tailored accordingly, with stand-by programmes made dependent on additional contributions.

Commenting on the relationship between Oman and the Unesco, Mr Mujeni said: "I am happy about the enhanced

cooperation in the recent years, further heightened last year when Oman sent its permanent representative to the Unesco." (The Sultanate's representative currently in Paris, the organisation's headquarters, is Moosa bin Jaffar bin Hassan).

Finance and technical expertise from Unesco to various developmental projects in Oman has been forthcoming, Mr Mujeni said, adding that Omanis were being sent abroad from time to time for education and training through the world body.

Mr. Mujeni will leave next month for Tunis to attend a meeting of the executive board of the Arab League's Education, Culture and Science Organisation which will be followed by the eighth session of the ministerial conference of the 21-member body.



**Sultanate of Oman**  
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# A booming year at Seeb Airport

**Movements of aircraft, passengers and cargo have shown a big increase during 1984-85 at Seeb International Airport following a boost in airport facilities.**

This is revealed in an annual report issued by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation of the Ministry of Communications.

The report has introductory notes by Salim bin Nasser al Busaidi, Minister of Communications and Sayyid Sami bin Hamoud al Busaidi, Under Secretary for Civil Aviation and Meteorological Affairs.

The general aircraft movement at the airport increased by 19 per cent; commercial passenger traffic 10.8 per cent; cargo traffic 28.6 per cent and mail 16.3 per cent.

During the period 437,852 passengers were in direct transit through Seeb registering an increase of 13.3 per cent compared with the previous year.

Of these Gulf Air carried 176,761 transit passengers, an increase of 21 per cent; British Airways 161,898 a decrease of 0.8 per cent and Air India 7,158, a decrease of 43.1 per cent.

All other airlines carried 92,035 transit passengers, an increase of 43.3 per cent.

Gulf Air carried most of the arriving and departing passengers — 443,818 followed by Air India 128,365; PIA 53,599 and British Airways 49,848.

There was an increase of 30.76 per cent in international scheduled freight

traffic while non-scheduled freight rose by 22.6 per cent.

At Salalah Airport the total civil aviation aircraft movement rose by 9.6 per cent. The commercial passenger traffic increased by 47.8 per cent; freight traffic 47.8 per cent and mail traffic 63 per cent.

## Expansion

The report says that the first phase of the Seeb Airport expansion projects completed recently involved the construction of a new hall for arriving passengers; expansion of the departure hall to double its size and the construction of a large transit hall.

The new arrival hall has a part allocated as a "welcome hall". Above the hall a large block of offices has been construction to provide offices for airlines operating in Muscat.

The expansion also involves the installation and operation of a flight information board on aircraft and construction of a large transit hall for departing passengers.

The second phase of the Seeb terminal expansion project which is scheduled to be completed in the near future includes the construction of a new domestic terminal, a new public concourse, a full-length roadside canopy together with extension of the terminal car parking area.

At Salalah Airport work has already started on the construction of a new passenger terminal embracing two arrival and departure halls.

With the completion of the terminal by April next year, Salalah Airport will be able to accommodate 500 passengers an hour.

Under the expansion plans the extension of the Muscat Flight Information Region has been carried out in accordance with the decision of the International Civil Aviation Organisation. The Muscat Area Control Centre has proved its ability to provide the highest standards of air traffic services.

## Message to Kuwait

Kuwait's Minister of Defence, Sheikh Salem al Sabah, received a written message from Omani Deputy Prime Minister for Security and Defence Sayyid Fahr bin Taimur al Said dealing with bilateral relations.

The message was delivered by Oman's Ambassador to Kuwait Abdullah bin Mohamed al Kharusi.

• An 11-member delegation from the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry left last Thursday on a 10-day tour of Moscow and Copenhagen.

## A swift visit to Amman

The Deputy Prime Minister for Legal Affairs, Sayyid Fahad bin Mahmood al Said, on Thursday conveyed to King Hussein of Jordan the congratulations and best wishes of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos on the King's 50th birthday.

Sayyid Fahad was accompanied by a delegation comprising the Minister of National Heritage and Culture, Sayyid Faisal bin Ali bin Faisal al Said, the Interior Minister, Sayyid Badr bin Saoud bin Hareb, and the Secretary-General of Sayyid Fahad's office, Hassan bin Said Hamad.

The Omani delegation, especially sent by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos to represent him in the birthday celebrations, paid a brief visit to Amman lasting a few hours.

Sayyid Fahad and his delegation were received at the Amman airport by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Abdul Wahab al Maggali, the Minister of Interior, Hassan al Kayed, the Minister of Information, Culture and Tourism, Mohammed al Khatib, and Oman's Charge d'Affaires in Amman, among others.

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Yousuf bin Alawi bin Abdallah received Pakistan's Ambassador to the Sultanate Abdul Hamid al Qureshi for talks on bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest.

## A gift from His Majesty

On the occasion of the 15th National Day celebrations His Majesty Sultan issued a Royal Grace for the beneficiaries of social houses exempting them from 50 per cent of the recoverable

value of the houses which were delivered until last year.

The cost of the houses waived by His Majesty amounts to RO 4.13 million and 996 Omani families will benefit from it.

## 'Danger can' warning to drivers

The PDO magazine "Al Fahal" has cautioned the public, particularly motorists not to leave air fresheners in the sun.


Quoting an accident where a can of air freshener exploded in a PDO employee's car, smashing the car's rear window into pieces, the journal said: "This was one danger not thought of while compiling the PDO's safety publication 'Drive and Survive'".

A can of air freshener, carried on the rear window ledge of the car blasted the back window when it exploded after lying in the sun for several hours.


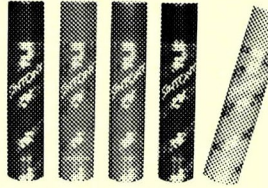
"The force of the explosion was so powerful that the can and some glass pieces were found hundred metres away," the journal said.



Ras al Hamra Boat Centre confirms that the Al Falaj National Day Regatta to be held today and tomorrow will take place as planned. All competitors are reminded that the skippers' meeting will be at 2pm. The barbeque has been rearranged for tonight.



**The all over body perfume**

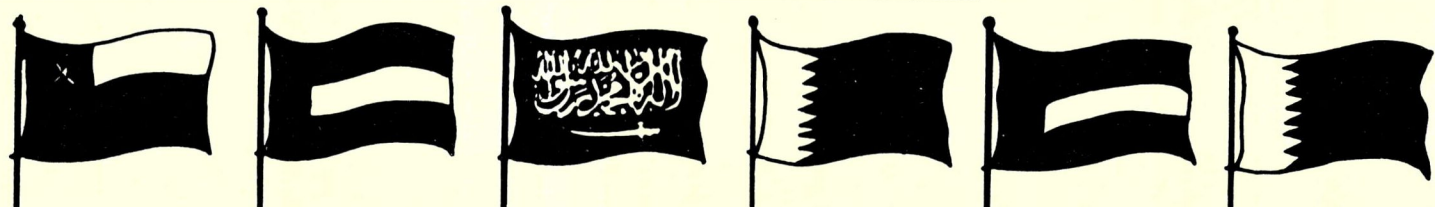



A RANGE OF 5 BODY FRAGRANCES FROM PARIS

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# Gulf roundup



## The UAE

- The UAE and China this week signed the first technical, economic and trade co-operation agreement between the two countries. Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed, UAE Deputy Prime Minister and the visiting Chinese Deputy Prime Minister Yao Yilin signed the agreement for their respective countries.
- The 17th World Parachute Jumping Championships open in Abu Dhabi on November 28. The championships continue until December 5, Major-General Mohammed Saeed al Badi, the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces said.
- Two Unesco experts are to arrive in Dubai on November 26 at the invitation of the UAE Ministry of Education. They will assist in the preparation of a study on the national curriculum and an adult education programme.
- Some 265 families in the UAE's Western Region will receive a total of Dh 698,680 as social security payment for the months of October and November, according to an announcement made in Zayed City.
- The Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry has finalised arrangements for a permanent exhibition of domestic industrial products to be opened at the chamber's premises during the celebra-

## Gulf TV from Riyadh

Gulf Television will telecast joint cultural and development programmes from the former Riyadh television station, under an agreement signed with the Saudi Information Ministry.

The decision was taken after a series of discussions recently bet-

ween the Ministry officials, led by Assistant Under-Secretary for Television, Mohammed Haider Mushykeh and Gulf Television Director-General Saud Dahlawi.

Dahlawi said Gulf Television will be provided with all the necessary technical facilities to

telecast programme through satellites to all countries in the region.

Among the programmes planned are a weekly newsmagazine, and a roundup of sport, cultural and social activities along with news exchange between the member-states.

tions marking the UAE National Day next month.

• Air cargo through Dubai Airport increased by 15.88 per cent to nearly 8.5 million kg last month compared with the corresponding period last year, aviation officials said. The number of passengers

handled by the airport also increased - by 2.05 per cent to 301,652.

• A three-day refresher course for 57 English-language teachers - all women - in the Abu Dhabi Educational Zone, was held at the Moata Preparatory School this week.

**The UAE and the Soviet Union are to establish diplomatic relations at the Ambassadorial level, the UAE Foreign Ministry said this week. The decision is effective November 13.**

**The UAE has become the second Gulf state in two months to**

**establish ties with Moscow, following Oman's decision to do so in September.**

**Kuwait is the only other member of the six nation Arab Gulf Co-operation Council to have diplomatic relations with Moscow.**

found unfit for consumption and destroyed.

• The number of health centres in Saudi Arabia has increased from 292 to 1,520 and that of hospitals from 60 to more than 100 during the past decade, Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Suwailim, Under-Secretary of Health said in an interview in Riyadh.

• Saudi Arabia produced about 3.3 million barrels of oil per day in the first week of October, roughly in line with the output in the first week in September, oil industry officials in Bahrain said.

• The Saudi Supreme Council for Archaeology held its 34th meeting last week under the chairmanship of Education Minister Abdul Aziz al-Khuwaiter. The meeting discussed a proposal to form a committee to document details of the historic Haj road between the Kingdom, Iraq and Jordan.

• The sales of Saudi petrochemicals will exceed 2.2 million tonnes next year, Abdullah S. Nojaidi, President of Saudi Basic Industries Corporation, said.

• The Saudi Meteorological Department has signed a contract with the French Centre for Space Sciences. Under the contract, the Kingdom will obtain meteorological information through satellites operated by the French organisation.

• A new postgraduates course catering for doctors hoping to specialise in paediatrics is to be introduced soon at King Saud University College of Medicine.

• King Fahd has approved SR 135 million for providing major facilities to three new hospitals - in Makkah, Asir and Buraidah.

• Saudia's operating performance for the month of October was 94.25 per cent on-time departures and 92.25 per cent on-time arrivals, the airline said in Jeddah.

## Islamic Trade Centre plan

A permanent Islamic Trade Centre may be set up in the United Arab Emirates by the 40-member Islamic Conference Organisation.

A UAE proposal to site the centre in Dubai was adopted unanimously at a conference sub-committee meeting in Istanbul, according to Hamad bin Shihab, Deputy Chairman of the UAE Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

## Saudi Arabia

• The Indian Railway Construction Company has bagged a contract for the design, supply and installation of heavy machinery and equipment in the main maintenance workshop of Saudi Railways' Organisation at Dammam. The contract is worth SR 20 million.

• Talks on the second stage of the Iraqi oil across Saudi Arabia were held last week in Riyadh between the Iraqi Oil Under-Secretary and Chairman of the Iraqi National Oil Company Issam Abdul Rahim and Saudi officials. Set for completion in 1987, the second stage will increase Iraqi oil exports through the facility to 1.6 million barrels per day.

• Riyadh's Committee for monitoring commercial fraud last week conducted inspection raid on groceries and supermarkets. A large quantity of food - 4,600 packets of milk, 2,500 boxes of yoghurt, 5,500 boxes of ice-cream, 600 cartons of macaroni, 1,000 cartons of biscuits, 5,600 cartons of cream, 1,500 cartons of beans, and 300 cans of fruit juice were

## Saudi marine science faculty being expanded

The Faculty of Marine Science at King Abdul Aziz University is being expanded to add a fish farm and departments of fisheries and marine maps, the Dean Dr. Mohammed Musa al-Amoudi, told 'Arab News'.

The faculty now has departments for marine biology, marine chemistry, marine geology and marine physics. The faculty, the first one of its kind on the Red Sea coast and in the Middle East, also boasts of some of the most modern equipment available in the world.

Since its inception in 1979, the faculty has produced 71 graduates who are now engaged in activities

related to their fields of specialisation. Most of them, the Dean said, are employed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Water and the Meteorological and Environmental Protection Administration.

The faculty developed from a marine section started at the Faculty of Science in 1975. The section gradually grew into an institute of marine science and by 1979 the facilities available were adequate to turn the institute into a faculty.

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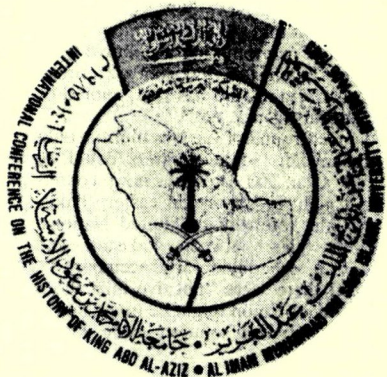
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## Conference on King Abdul Aziz



An international conference on King Abdul Aziz, the founder of Saudi Arabia, will be held in Riyadh from November 23 to 28. The conference is being organised by Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University.

King Abdul Aziz, who started his struggle in 1902 to gain control over the country, succeeded in uniting different areas under its present name in 1932.

Participants at the conference will be from King Saud University in Riyadh, King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah, Umm Ul-Qura University in Makkah, the Arab Historians' Union, the Ministry of Education and the Riyadh Archives.

An information campaign on King Abdul Aziz will be launched simultaneously with the conference and will include television interviews with historians, radio programmes and publication of booklets.

## 'Greening of Makkah' plan

The Makkah Development and Planning Bureau, in co-ordination with the city Municipality, is studying the possibility of turning the mountains of the Holy City green by plantation and landscaping. The methods include the construction of 'greenways', children's parks and other utilities.

The bureau will draw up a comprehensive plan for the construction of tunnels, public utilities and new bridges. A plan for plantations in Arafat is already under implementation.

## Saudi banking

The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency has reported that the assets of the Kingdom's 11 commercial banks grew at a barely perceptible clip of 0.2 per cent during the second half of the fiscal year, ending July 7, 1985.

According to statistics compiled by the central banking authority total assets rose from SR 155.56 billion to SR 155.81 billion during the second half.

- The oil export capacity of Saudi Arabia's east-west pipeline to the Red Sea will be boosted early next year by 40 to 50 barrels per day, the Governor of Petroleum said. The pipeline was constructed three years ago to link Saudi production sites on the Gulf with giant Red Sea terminal at Yanbu.

## Dammam port

King Abdul Aziz Seaport in Dammam, equipped to receive transocean cruise liners, now has 39 wharves operating according to international standard, the Port Director Mohammed Ali Nasser al-Ghaithi, said.

He said the port is considered one of the cleanest in the world - because of the great attention paid to landscaping and beautification programmes.

The port has automatic fire-fighting facilities and accurate naval guidance systems.

# Gulf roundup

## Arab Centre for Medical Documents, Publications

The Board of Trustees of the Arab Centre for Medical Documents and Publications in Kuwait has called for publicising the activities of the centre.

At the end of a two-day meeting recently, the committee, headed by the Minister of Public Health and Planning and Head of the Executive Bureau of Health Ministers Dr. Abdul Rahman al Awadi said it had been agreed to translate and publish the World Health Organisation magazine from January 1986.

The Board agreed on the need of setting up a library and a documentation centre and discussed the budget of the centre for the coming year.

The board also discussed issues relating to a medical encyclopaedia and medical dictionaries which the centre is going to publish.

Dr. Awadi said Kuwait had allotted a budget for the construction of a perma-

nent headquarters for the centre - as part of the country's five-year plan.

The centre is now working on a programme for the Arabisation of medical text books and also co-ordinating with foreign doctors to prepare a seven-language dictionary on psychology and other neural sciences.

Work on the dictionary in Arabic, French, English, Italian, German, Portuguese and Spanish started seven years ago, he said.

## Qatar

- Pledges of continuing friendship between Britain and Qatar were made last week by Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad al Thani and Queen Elizabeth in speeches made at a State banquet in Buckingham Palace.

Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad al Thani

also held talks in London with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. The 40-minute meeting dealt with the situation in the Middle East and the AGCC countries.

- The Doha Municipality Rodent Control Department has stepped up a campaign in the Farrej bin Omran and Ali Hitmi districts. The Korean Foreign Minister Lee Won Kyung was in Kuwait this week on a five-day official visit.

- Qatar's Deputy Emir, Heir Apparent and Defence Minister Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani last week received in his office the Dutch Defence Under-Secretary J. Van Houwelingen.

- The British-based subsidiary of the US engineering group Stone and Webster has been awarded a design contract for the Bul Hanine gas lift system by the Qatar General Petroleum Corporation.

- A fishing boat, registered in the UAE, sank 27 miles east of Qatar, Doha reports said. Three survivors, all Indians, were rescued by the Qatari Emiri Air Force and taken to Doha hospital. The boat was heading from Bahrain to Das Island and had seven crew.

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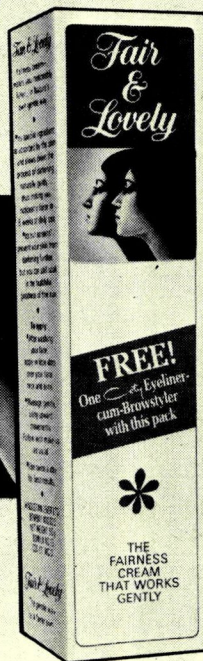
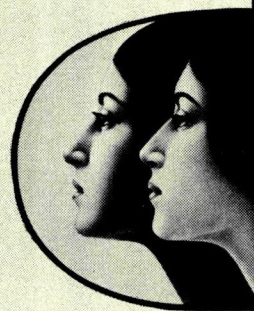
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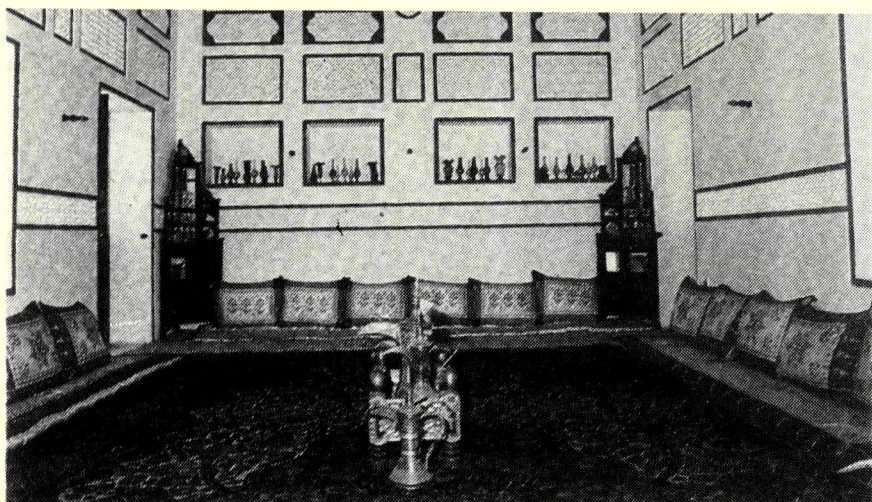
# Gulf roundup

## Bahrain

- Bahrain's Crown Prince and Commander-in-Chief Sheikh Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa, last week received the visiting Saudi Prince Sultan ibn Abdul Aziz, the first Arab astronaut.
- The President of Bahrain's General Organisation for Youth and Sport, Sheikh Isa bin Mohammed al Khalifa, has returned home after a successful visit to South Korea and Japan.
- The Bahrain Telecommunications Company has announced that Bureaufax services are now available from the island to Turkey and Seychelles. The Bureaufax, which uses the international telephone network to send

documents and urgent written messages to faraway places, is now available to 24 countries, including most of the AGCC states, the UK, the US, Japan and Europe.

- Assets of Bahrain's 75 offshore banks rose slightly in September, but remained near their lowest levels since early 1982, the Bahrain Monetary Agency said on Saturday. The agency said total assets rose by \$79 million in September to \$55.45 billion.
- The US Defence Department said on Saturday it intends to sell Bahrain 54 M-60A3 tanks and associated equipment, spare parts, ammunition and training for about \$90 million.
- A scientific course on 'Evaluation of Government Bodies' in the Arab world as ended, a Bahrain report said.



*Bahrain's Folk Heritage Centre is fast becoming a unique centre for visitors and residents alike to take a look at the island's fast disappearing heritage.*

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*The Centre is run by the Heritage Directorate, established in 1981 for the purpose of collecting, displaying and researching the island's heritage. Our picture shows a traditional Majlis or Bahraini living room - one of the main attractions at the centre.*

## Kuwait

- The Kuwaiti Minister of Public Works and Housing, Abdul Rahman Ibrahim al Houti, has signed three contracts with local companies for the construction and maintenance of three projects.
- The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development has announced a \$19.8 million soft loan to help finance a railway modernisation project in Pakistan.
- Mr. Abdulla Eissa al Mattar has been appointed Kuwait's Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.
- The Kuwait Public Transport Company has ordered another fleet of 18 buses worth \$1.2 million from Hungary.
- Kuwait has signed a cultural agreement with the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.
- Kuwait and Iraq are to sign an agreement for the supply of 400 million cubic feet of Iraqi natural gas daily to Kuwait, Kuwait News Agency said.
- Kuwait is providing more than \$10 million in aid for victims of famine and

## 52 Islamic banks with \$6b assets

Islamic banks, operating throughout the Islamic world, currently number 52, with total assets of about \$6 billion, Board Chairman of the Kuwait Finance House Ahmed Bizai al Yassin said in Kuwait.

Mr. Yassin said there was a call to set up an international Islamic bank to co-ordinate between commercial and Islamic banks and to develop medium and long-term investments in Muslim countries.

drought in the Sudan. Of the total, \$5 million is being utilised for the purchase of 200,000 tonnes of edibles.

• Number-plates for new vehicles in Kuwait will cost more from the beginning of next year. The new fee for cars and heavy vehicles will be KD 50 and KD 100, respectively, Interior Ministry officials said.

• Kuwait's Central Statistical Department of the Planning Ministry this week launched a three-week project for the 1985 official count of public and private facilities.

## Kuwait streamlining its civil service

Kuwait is trying to streamline its bureaucracy and boost government efficiency.

One in every 10 people is employed by the Government and an opposition member of the National Assembly says that civil servants on average work only 56 minutes in a six hour day.

The efficiency drive is the latest in a series of measures taken by the country to cope with the oil market trends and comes amid calls for greater 'Kuwaitisation' of the workforce.

Inevitably it affects the job prospects for the foreigners, now making up 60 per cent of Kuwait's population.

His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad says a spe-

cial task force entrusted with mapping out reforms will soon submit a blueprint for action after year-long study.

Official 1984 statistics show the civil service employing 159,364 people — 28 per cent of the country's workforce and 9.5 per cent of its population.

The number of civil servants in most other countries does not exceed three per cent of the population, observed the Kuwait News Agency in a labour survey last February.

His Highness the Emir appointed the Prime Minister in October 1984 to head a supreme council to look into reforms.

The council, including other ministers, academics and public officials, was told to review civil service manpower needs and seeks ways to boost productivity.

A member of the Royal Family immediately called for removal of incompetent, senior officials as a start to reform.

"Some top officials are not fit for the posts they hold. We should weed them out," said Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij Al Sabah, chief of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fisheries.

The National Assembly made equally sharp criticism of the bureaucratic over-manning and alleged corruption.

Deputy Sami Al Munayes protested that surveys showed civil servants on average actually worked only 56 minutes each six-hour day yet their salaries would swallow 25 per cent (\$2.6 billion) of the 1985-86 budget.

Kuwaitis, who enjoy one of the highest incomes per capita in the world, make up just 18.6 per cent of the country's workforce — and the majority work for the government.

A heavy influx of foreign workers during the oil boom of the 1970s brought in large numbers of Palestinians, Egyptians, Iraqis, Iranians and Asians.

The National Assembly is now pressing for faster 'Kuwaitisation' of major sectors of the workforce, such as the civil service in which Arab expatriates play a big role.

A five-year social and economic development plan unveiled earlier this year gives priority to developing the role of nationals in the economy and gradually restoring an even population balance between nationals and foreigners.

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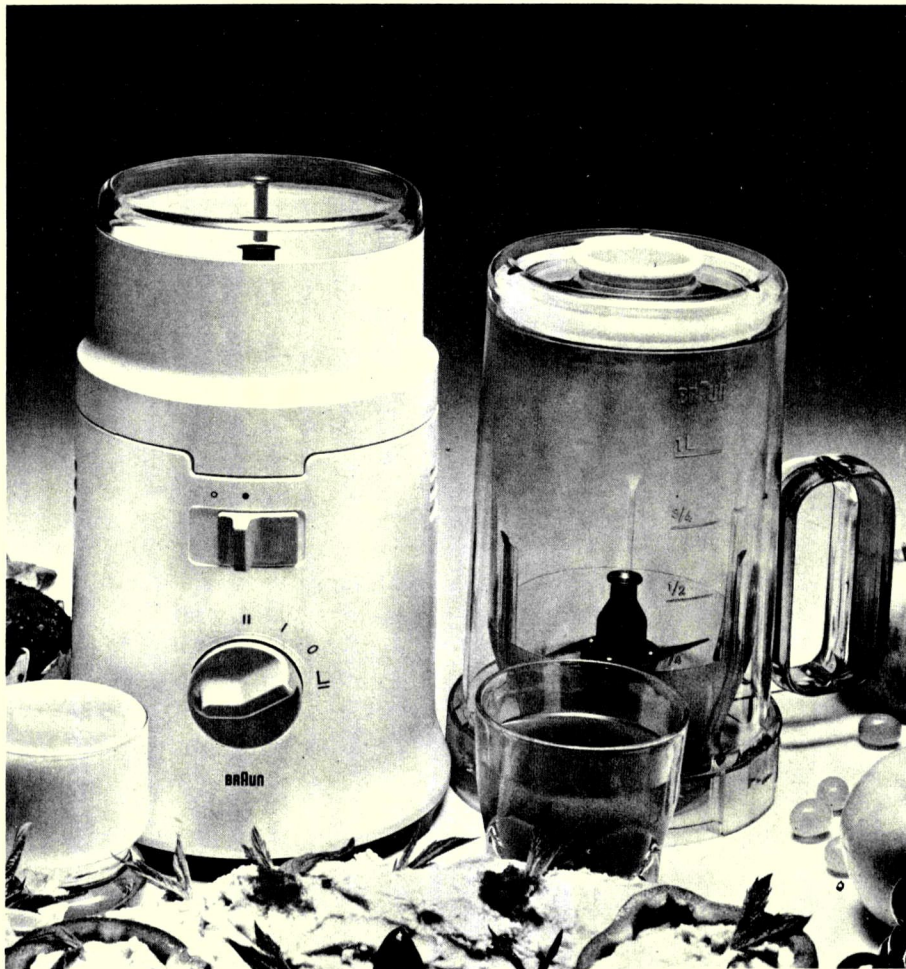
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# British scholarships for Oman

## UK FIRMS SET UP FUND TO HELP TALENTED OMANIS

The British Embassy in Muscat has announced the launching of a 'British Scholarships for Oman' scheme - to be funded entirely by the British commercial community in the country. The announcement co-incides with the Fifteenth National Day.

The strong links which Great Britain has with Oman has seen the creation of several Government-to Government aid programmes in traditional areas like agriculture, education, health and vocational training "but this is the first time that British companies are taking the initiative to directly aid the country through scholarships," an embassy spokesman said.

A fund has been set up to finance the scheme and 'substantial contributions' have been made voluntarily by several British firms "wishing to demonstrate their commitment to Oman and to contribute to the Sultanate's future development", the spokesman said.

Firms which have so far contributed are: Airwork Limited, W.S. Atkins and Partners Overseas, B.P. Arabian Agencies Limited, British Aerospace, British Airways, British Bank of the Middle East, Cementation International Limited, Coopers and Lybrand, Douglas OHI LLC, Engineering and Power Development Consultants Limited, Ernst and Whinney, Ewbank International Consultants (Private) Limited, Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance PLC, John Brown Engineering Limited, D.G. Jones and Partners, Monk Dunstone Associates (Middle East), Norwich Winterthur Insurance (Gulf) Limited, Oman United Agencies LLC, Pauling (Oman) LLC, Percy Thomas Partnership, Roy Lancaster Associates Limited, Scicon Limited, Shankland Cox International Limited (Oman), Sharikat Fanniya Omaniya (Muscat) LLC, Shell Markets (Middle East) Limited, Taylor Woodrow Towell Company LLC, R. Travers Morgan (Oman) Limited, Trower, Still and Keeling, Valtos, Watson Hawksley, Widnell and Trollope and Partner of Oman, Wimpey

## House title deeds presented

Title deeds for social houses were presented last week to 20 residents of Al Khabor by Information Under-Secretary Said bin Naser al Khusaibi.

Social Affairs and Labour Under-Secretary Sheikh Amor bin Shuwain al Hosni, the Wali of Khabor, local sheiks and dignitaries were present. The deeds were presented at Al Khabor.

Mr Khusaibi praised the role of the Social Affairs and Labour Ministry in providing decent accommodation for people of limited income.

## Oman's aid for refugees

The Sultanate has contributed US \$25,000 to the United Nation's Relief and Work Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, according to Ibrahim bin Mohammed al Farsi who represented Oman in a meeting of the Agency held at the UN's headquarters.

The meeting was convened especially for mobilising funds for the welfare of the Palestine refugees.

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The scheme, which will be administered in co-operation with Omani authorities, will provide finance for talented Omanis to study or train in the United Kingdom.

The scheme will cater for a wide range of courses - from full degree-level to short specialist attachments and will cover a multitude of disciplines, from engineering to education, from medicine to management.

A ten-man committee, based in Oman, will manage the fund - with the British Ambassador to Oman and the British Council playing active roles.

The spokesman said the scheme also envisages short-term 'industrial attachments and secondments of Omanis to leading companies in the United Kingdom especially in the field of media training and business studies.

The first batch of students are expected to leave for the United Kingdom early in 1986.

## EEC envoys received by Minister

The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Yusuf bin Alawi bin Abdallah, on Wednesday last week received Ambassadors of EEC countries to the Sultanate.

Mr Abdallah explained to them the outcome of the sixth AGCC summit meeting held this month in Muscat.

He expressed the AGCC's desire to develop trade with the EEC.

The Minister also stressed the importance of finding out solutions for political problems of the region.

The meeting was also attended by the Chief of European and American Affairs at the Foreign Ministry, Sayyid Haitham bin Tarik al Said, the Chief of Arab Affairs, Awadh bin Badr al Shanfari, and the Director of the Minister's office, Abdulla bin Mohammed al Dhahab.

Mr. Abdullah also received the Pakistani Ambassador in Muscat, Abdul Hamid Qureshi. Also present was the Chief of Asian and Australian Affairs, Salim bin Mohammed al Ghailani.

• The Qatari Advisory Council held a meeting this week to discuss a proposal on regulation of prices of medicines. The council also approved the council's budget for the current fiscal year.

## Signals Regt. honours

Brigadier Ali bin Rashid al Kalbani, Deputy to the Sultan of Oman's Land Forces Commander, presented Long Service and Good Conduct medals to a number of non-commissioned officers from the Signals Regiment. The medals have been granted by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos, Supreme Commander of the Sultan's Armed Forces, in recognition of their role.

## Birthday cable

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos sent a cable of congratulations to His Majesty King Hussein of Jordan on his birthday.

His Majesty received a cable of thanks from President Kenan Evren of Turkey in reply to a congratulatory one His Majesty sent on Turkey's National Day.

## Royal Order emblems

The Defence Under-Secretary, Major General Hassan bin Ehsan bin Naseeb, at the Jebel Officers' mess, presented special Royal Order emblems to senior civilian officers at the Defence Ministry.

• The third children's library was formally opened on Thursday last in Sharjah by Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Sultan al Qasimi, Chief of the emirate's Culture and Tourism Department.

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# Car talk

## Cadillac has a refined look for New Year

The Cadillac De Villes and Fleetwoods, introduced last year as the most advanced cars in the history of Cadillac Motor Car Division, incorporate a number of important product refinements for 1986.

Available in both coupe and sedan body styles, the front-wheel-drive-six-passenger De Villes and Fleetwoods include three special editions for 1986 — a Fleetwood Sedan d'Elegance, and a new Touring Coupe and Touring Sedan. Each of these editions brings its own special character to the line-up.

De Ville and Fleetwood highlights for 1986 include new rocker moldings and closed-in rear window for the base De Ville model; improved performance for the standard HT 4100 V-8 engine; optional electronic anti-lock braking system and optional cellular telephone.

New for 1986, the Touring Coupe and Touring Sedan are designed as an attractive appearance package to complement the impressive characteristics of Cadillac's optional ride and handling touring package introduced during the 1985 model year.

This option is designed to provide responsive handling with a high level of ride control and cornering capability, precise handling feel with faster response, and an optimum level of smooth ride quality.

### Standard

A new wide, bright rocker moulding is added to the base De Ville for greater distinction in 1986 and a new closed-in rear window adds a more formal appearance to the model.

A formal cabriolet roof, featuring the fine texture of tuxedo grain material, is now standard on the Fleetwood Sedan. Similar to the standard Fleetwood Coupe vinyl roof. This roof treatment



The 1986 Cadillac Sedan De Ville - greater distinction, a more formal appearance and improved engine performance.

features narrow, textured lace mouldings around the roof periphery.

Bumper rub strips are grey for the 1986 De Villes and Fleetwoods and their optional door edge guards are now car-colored.

The new De Ville seat trim features a formal sew pattern that offers additional lateral support in 1986. Available in a choice of knit cloth or leather trim, the new seat design provides a refined, elegant appeal to the De Ville interior. De Ville door trim is revised to complement the new sew pattern of the seat.

New interior instrument panel and door trimplates are used for all De Villes and Fleetwoods. Cherry woodgrain

replaces the light butterfly walnut woodgrain to give a fresh, attractive appearance while rear American walnut wood trimplates are used for the Fleetwood d'Elegance.

New for 1986 is an optional cellular telephone. The removable telephone is located within the front centre fold-down armrest, retaining the convenience of six-passenger seating.

An overhead microphone, mounted on the outboard side of the driver's sunvisor, enables "hands-free" operation for even greater convenience. Cadillac's exclusive radio mute module integrates the telephone within the vehicle's sound system.

It automatically decreases the volume of the radio through the rear speakers, while the front speakers - or the telephone handset - is used for conversation. This helps assure that the driver hears incoming calls even when the radio is played loudly.

De Ville and Fleetwood engine performance is improved with a revised indication system for the standard HT 4100 digital fuel injection power system, allowing five more horsepower (to 130 BHP at 4200 RPM).

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## Germany brings a milestone for Ford

Ford of Germany is celebrating an anniversary. Sixty years ago, businessman George Carlson - plenipotentiary of Henry Ford - had the "Ford Motor Company Akteingesellschaft" entered in the trade register of the city of Berlin.

Share capital totalled five million Reichsmarks. This was the start of what today is the "Ford-Werke AG", a firm with some 47,000 employees which builds around 800,000 motor vehicles per year, making it the third largest automobile manufacturer in the Federal Republic of Germany.

To mark the anniversary, the Cologne plant is presenting a completely new range of models after a full programme of renewal carried out over a period of only a few years.

The key features are outstanding design and technology. One of the highpoints came last spring with the launching of the Ford Scorpio which, for the first time, incorporates a fully electronic, integrated ABS anti-block braking system, which is standard for the basic model up.

At the beginning of 1926, the workforce of the newly founded company totalled 37. On the 8th of April that year, the first Model T Ford assembled in Germany left the production line.

Business flourished for the Ford company from its Berlin assembly line. By August of 1927, nearly 9,000 Model Ts had been put together there and the Model A, which came next, proved a hit.

About 100 Ford workers put together 60 automobiles a day, coming close to the maximum capacity of the Berlin plant.

After protracted consultations, the board of directors decided to look around for a site for a new factory.

When this became known, a tough battle began between several German cities keen to attract the new factory. At one stage, Neuss looked like winning.

But this was not to be - thanks to Cologne's mayor, the man later to become the Federal German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer.

Just one year after being selected for the new plant, Cologne welcomed Henry Ford I on 2nd October, 1930, when he arrived to lay the foundation stone for the new factory in the suburb of Niehl.

## Opel unveils a real sport

Adam Opel AG presented a Kadett cabriolet at the 51st International Automobile Exhibition in Frankfurt-on-Main.

This exclusive, sporty open-top car is based on the top Kadett model, the GSi (1.8 litre injection engine; 85kW/115 hp) and is a product of the Opel Design Centre, with collaboration by Nuccio Bertone.

Among the familiar characteristics of the four-seater cabriolet - planned by Oman from the outset as a separate version parallel to the Kadett programme - are a low-folding roof giving ample rear vision and the rollbar.

Once the series production begins rolling in 1986, the Kadett cabriolet will be offered with a variety of power units,

## Jetta joins the 'millionaires'

The one millionth Jetta recently rolled off the production line at Volkswagen in Wolfsburg.

The sister-model to the "Rabbit", first introduced in the Autumn of 1979 and replaced by a new model in the Spring of 1984, thus joins the swelling ranks of Volkswagen "millionaires".

The jubilee total already includes some 250,000 of the new generation only 19 months after their production began. Worldwide, 1,120 of them are produced per working day.

Apart from the Wolfsburg plant, there are others producing the Jetta in South Africa, Niveria and Mexico, where the

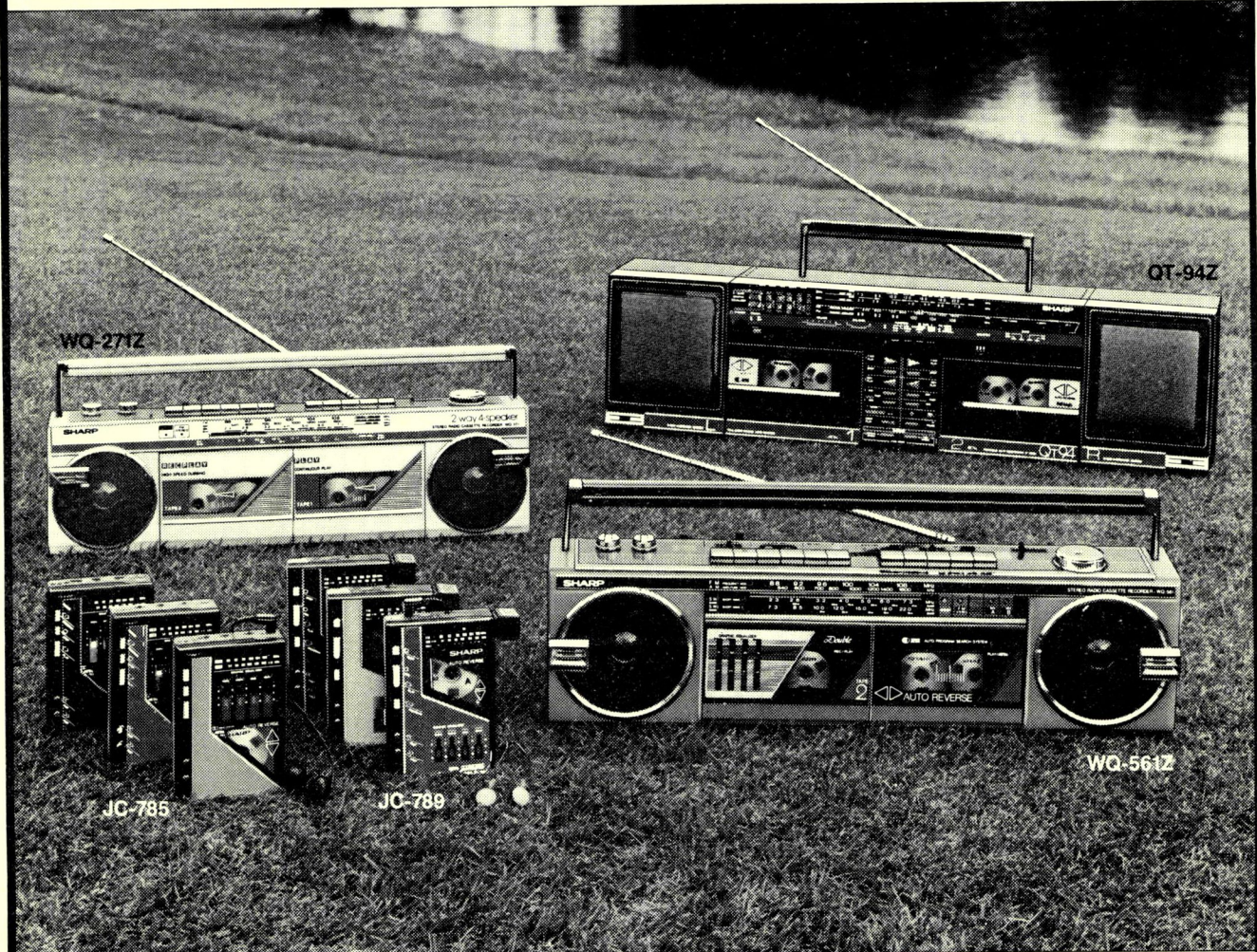
foregoing model is still being made. It is called the "Atlantic" in Mexico.

Of the one million Jettas so far manufactured, 65 per cent have sold on foreign markets, chiefly the USA (17,000) where a leading trade journal hailed it as the "Imported car of the year 1985".

Following in order of production volume were Mexico (82,000), France (62,000), Italy (43,000), Great Britain (38,000), Canada (36,000), the Netherlands (33,000), South Africa (32,000), Belgium (28,000) and Sweden and Austria, each with 24,000.

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## Putting on lean look

Leaner animal meat and a cure for obesity in humans could be the result of a new antibody developed in Scotland.

The antibody breaks down body fats in animals and was discovered by researchers at the Hannah Research Institute while trying to find out how farm animals get fatter when they are pregnant but lose fat when in milk.

"We soon realised the wider implications for farmers trying to produce leaner meat," says research team leader Dr David Flint. "The whole agricultural and food industry is mov-

ing to production of food with less fat to meet consumer demand and this is where our new technology should help.

"The treatment works by attacking the fat cells in the body. After one injection fat simply breaks down. And so far our research shows that growing animals lay down even more protein than they do normally, which is an even greater benefit to the farmer."

Already the Hannah Institute researchers are working with colleagues in other laboratories in Bri-

tain to assess the potential use in different farm animals. And patents are being taken out to protect the benefits the new antibody could realise.

Hannah Institute's Director, Professor Malcolm Peaker, says, "We are on the threshold of major new development to modify farm animal performance and to do it humanely."

The human applications of the new antibody are at an early stage but Professor Peaker is hopeful it will prove a great help. "The day when we can prevent obesity by a simple injection suddenly seems nearer," he says.

## Surgeons give their long-range verdict

More than 150 radiologists in conference in Brisbane, Australia, have seen the first live long-range transmission of brain, chest and lumber spine pictures from Britain more than 20,000 kilometres away.

The quality of the pictures sent over public telephone line from Frenchay Hospital in Bristol, south-west England, were so good that Senior Radiologists Professor Haram Baddeley in Brisbane was able to make correct diagnoses of the three test scans, which were from patients in the Frenchay Hospital, for treatment that morning.

The scan pictures were sent using British Telecom's Imtran unit. This is a portable all-in-one microprocessor transceiver unit, housed in a briefcase-sized container.

The system uses a slow scan television technique to transmit detailed pictures through the normal telephone system to domestic television screens.

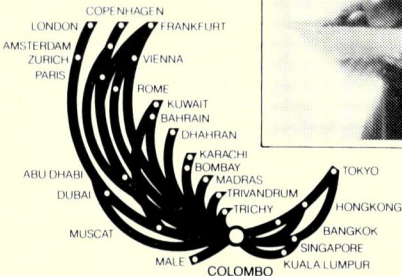
"This successful transmission means that surgeons and others can give a second opinion or diagnosis from anywhere in the world, provided they have Imtran," said Frenchay's senior consultant neurosurgeon Huw Griffith, who was involved in the development of the system. "Patients need not be moved, with obvious advantages."

The Imtran unit, now available commercially, has other applications. It can be used to transmit black and white images from a wide variety of situations on site, via the telephone network, to wherever the expert who can interpret the picture may be.

It could, for example, be used to transmit pictures from inside an aero engine direct to the manufacturer to diagnose faults or pin-point the cause of a failure.

British Telecom is currently negotiating the sale of Imtran units to Australia and the United States.

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## Speeding up micro-chip production

A technique for speeding-up the production of micro-chips is being developed by scientists of Hull University in northern England.

The researchers believe their new discoveries will also have relevance to the development of laser micro-surgery.

They are using excimer lasers to remove the thin polymer film which is applied to a silicon wafer, and then exposed to low power ultraviolet light through a stencil.

The process is far quicker than the traditional method of removing the film by wet chemical development, and the short wavelengths used mean the excimer laser allows small and intricate patterns to be produced.

Dr Peter Dyer, a senior lecturer in the Department of Applied Physics, and Dr Geoffrey Oldershaw, senior lecturer in the Department of Chemistry, are now testing their new technique, measuring the resolution limits to ensure the accuracy of the etching process.



## What's new?

# GLORIA makes a big discovery in the deep

## Filling in techniques pass test

New technology for surveying the ocean floor is to be made available world-wide as a result of an agreement signed in Britain.

The British developers believe it could mark the start of a new industry seeking to exploit the detailed information it will extract from the world's deeper waters.

Under the technology transfer agreement the Marconi group will build and operate the surveying sonar system known as GLORIA - Geological Long Range Inclined Asdic - which has won praise for its survey work around the American coast.

GLORIA was developed by the UK Institute of Oceanographic Sciences (IOS) for its exclusive use and is engaged currently on work for the US Geological Survey as part of a six-year agreement to survey the entire 12.9 million square kilometres of the US Exclusive Economic Zone.

In a survey last year, GLORIA covered nearly 650,000 square kilometres in three months off the US west coast and discovered over 100 previously unknown underwater mountains.

A recent find with it was a cataclysmic landslide which would have toppled rigs or destroyed pipelines and cables if they had been in the area.

World-wide interest in the work has led IOS to loosen its monopoly on the £1 million GLORIA system and to seek a

partnership with industry to exploit its commercial potential.

Marconi's underwater systems company will now build its own GLORIA system and establish a worldwide commercial surveying service with it.

It expects the service to have a turnover of £5 million a year or more as countries look for help in exploring the deeper waters for such things as hydrocarbons and minerals.

Although it will initially be involved in training others to use GLORIA, IOS expects its role to be gradually reduced to one of consultancy as Marconi's activity with it gains momentum and achieves

operational independence.

GLORIA is a side-scan sonar that can be towed at eight knots or more to map a swathe 60 kilometres across, giving cover of over 20,000 square kilometres a day.

It produces what is in effect a map of the seabed. A pulse of sound is emitted in a narrow beam at right angles to the towing ship's track.

This is reflected from seabed irregularities and the echo is recorded to produce a line on a map which is built up from successive pulses as the ship moves forward.

## Thanks for the memory

*Scientists now believe that within ten years they can develop a drug which would restore memory by relieving senile dementia - said to be one of the world's biggest social and medical challenges.*

*News of the latest developments in the memory drug research at UK laboratories was given recently at a pharmaceutical conference in London by Dr Leslie Iverson, one of the world's leading neuroscientists.*

*Dr Iverson, head of the neuroscience research centre of the pharmaceutical manufacturer, Merck,*

*Sharp and Dohme in Harlow, near London, told the conference: "A modest improvement in brain function would allow many people to live at home instead of being institutionalised. The prospects of symptomatic relief of senile dementia being available by 1995 are good."*

*A former director of Britain's Medical Research Council Neuro-chemical Pharmacology Unit, in Cambridge, Dr Iverson and his team have been co-operating with Cambridge University scientists in a study of dementia in the elderly.*

New techniques in dental care have just undergone a successful three-year test and research programme in Britain.

The work has been carried out at Newcastle University in north-east England where Professor John Murray, a specialist in paediatric dentistry, explained the shortcomings of present techniques.

He said cavities were normally filled with a silver amalgam substance but after a time it allowed decay to re-emerge around the edges. Additionally, healthy tooth tissue had to be removed to anchor the filling in place.

Scientists have now developed two new procedures using different materials. In each method, decay is removed but healthy tooth tissue is hardly touched.

### Permanent

One procedure, which is suitable for children, involves coating teeth with glass ionomer cement which chemically bonds to the tooth. The other method, designed for permanent teeth, utilises a composite restorative filling material and an acid etching process.

Professor Murray said: "The new fillings appear to last as long as the silver amalgam fillings. And they also have many other benefits."

The University's work will continue for another three years, through further financing from the UK Medical Research Council.

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## Indian Restaurants

**Mumtaz Mahal** : Off Qurum Roundabout. North Indian dishes (Mughlai) lunch and dinner. Live music in the evenings. Tel: 563850.

**Taj Restaurant**: Greater Muttrah near Oman House. Mughlai non-vegetarian and vegetarian meals for lunch and dinner. Tel: 714880.

**Hind Restaurant** : Opp. Zubair car showroom. Traditional Mughlai and Punjabi dishes including Tandoori. Lunch and dinner. Limited parking Tel 709155.



"I don't know what it's for. I just saw another woman going for it"

Whatever your taste, there's a restaurant just for you in Muscat's growing Capital Area.

Here we give you an at-a-glance guide so that you can make a selection for that family evening out, a cosy dinner for two or that all important business lunch. To help you, restaurants have been grouped depending on their predominant style of cuisine — many serve more than one style of dish, however. For food special promotions and further details refer to the newsy ad-panels.



**Omar Khayyam** : Off Ruwi High Street near Ruwi roundabout. Indian dishes. Chinese selection. Tel 703035.

**Samrat** : Corniche Road at Riyam. Cafe style Indian dishes.

**Tandoor** : Near Peugeot showroom. Indian delicacies including tandoori specialities. Lunch and dinner. Parking.

## Oriental Choice

**Tokyo Taro** : Al Falaj Hotel 8th floor. Japanese restaurant. Fondues, etc 12.30 to 15.30 and 19.00 to midnight. Tel : 702311 ext 021. Parking.

**Golden Oryx**: Mazin bin Ghadoobah Street (Rex Road), opp. National Bank of Oman. Cantonese and Mandarin dishes from China. Lunch time and evening. Tel: 702266. Parking at side.

**Mandarin** : Near new bus station on Ahmed bin Saeed Street (Oman Plaza). Cantonese cooking. Open lunch and evenings. Limited parking to side.

**Noha Restaurant**: CBD Area near telegraph office. Chinese, Mughlai and Filipino dishes.

## Italian Food

**La Terazza**: Qurum Heights, near mosque. Italian dishes including pizza and pasta. Tel 562291. Limited parking.

**Pizzeria** : Near Ruwi Roundabout, first floor restaurant. Pizza, lasagne, cannelloni etc.

## Vegetarian

**Woodlands** :CBD area near Chamber of Commerce. Vegetarian meals. Indian style. Snacks or thali. Tel: 700192.

**Bhatia's Restaurant**: Indian style vegetarian food. Specialities include Pav Bhaji, Bhel Puri and snacks. Tel: 711059.

**Al Salehi**: Lunch, dinner and snacks. Also South Indian dishes. Open from 0730 to 1430, 1630 to 2230. Tel: 793273.

## International Cuisine

**Al Inshirah** : Off Corniche at Riyam. Daily a la carte lunch and dinner. Sea food specialities. Tel 713062.

**French Corner** : Al Falaj Hotel ground floor. International cuisine from 12.30 to 15.00 and 19.00 to 23.30 a la carte. Tel: 702311. Car park.

**Qurum Restaurant** : Lower floor Muscat Inter Continental Hotel. International cuisine. A la carte lunch and dinner. Tel : 600500. Car park.

**Trading Dhow** : Ruwi Hotel. Buffets or table d'hote at lunch times. A la

carte evenings. Tel: 704244. Parking.

**Al Bahr** : First floor restaurant at Mina Hotel on Corniche. Indian, Western and vegetarian meals a la carte. Seafood a speciality. Noon until 15.00 and 19.00 to 23.00. Tel 714226.

**Mutrah Hotel** : Near Oman House. Lunch table d'hote. Evening a la carte. Western special cuisine. Snack menu in the lounge. Tel: 798401. Parking.

**Nizwa Motel** : Arabic, Indian and Western dishes. 13.00 to 15.00 and from 19.00. Tel 410500. Carpark.

**La Rotisserie** : Recently re-opened, serving French and international cuisine plus special buffets on Sunday and Tuesdays. Tel: 510300.

**Bullan Restaurant**: Opp. Sony Showroom, Muttrah. Vegetarian and non-vegetarian delicacies. Specialities include Tandoori, Chinese, European, Pizzas and Mughlai.

**Sindbad Restaurant**: located in Al Nahdha Hotel, Muttrah Corniche. Serves Continental, Arabic and Indian cuisine. Open from 6 to 10 am, 12 noon to 3 pm, and 7 to 10 pm. Tel: 714196.

## Arabic Style

**Le Muscat** : Rooftop Seeb Novotel. Arabic dishes served from 19.30 to midnight. Wednesday from 20.00 Lebanese barbeque fondue buffets. Tel 510300. Car park

## Coffee Shops

**Al Makha Coffee Shop** : Ground floor Al Falaj Hotel. Open 24 hours for snacks, tea and coffee. Buffet lunch from noon to 15.00. Buffet dinner from 19.00 Tel: 702311. Parking.

**Cork's Bistro**: Lobby level Seeb Novotel. Snacks and light meals from 6am to midnight. Tel: 510300.

**M:sandam Coffee Shop** : Inter-Continental Hotel. Light snacks, through morning, noon and night. Tel : 600500. Car parking.

**Gulf Coffee Shop** : Gulf Hotel, overlooking poolside. Variety of lunchtime buffets changing daily. Served 13.00 to 15.00. Snacks and sandwiches. Open evenings. Thursday barbeque. Tel : 560100. Car park.

## Quick Bites .....

**Aries Resturant** : Medinat Qaboos near Khimji stores. Thai, Chinese take-away meals, pizzas, burgers, snacks. Tel: 699200.

**Crusty Patisserie** : Sarooj petrol station. From 8 am snacks, savouries and cakes bistro style.

**Dish-Dash** : The best for burgers and kebabs. Qurum Heights Shop-

ping Centre. Open from 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and from 5.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

**Fried Fish** : Near Rex cinema. Snacks with chips or rice.

**Penguin** : Sarooj filling station. Southern fried chicken, beefburgers etc.

**Texas Fried Chicken**: Ruwi Roundabout and Wadi Kabir near park. Special recipe chicken and chips.

**Four Foods** : CBD area near telegraph office. Chinese, Indian, American and Continental snacks and sweets. 12.00 to 15.00 and 18.30 to 23.30 daily except Friday from 13.00. Tel. 709548.

**Tiffins** : Part of Inshirah complex on Corniche. Bargain snacks and soft drinks on the terrace. Tel 713062.

**Broasted Chicken** : Near National Printers, Ruwi. Special recipe chicken with French fries.

**Pizzaria Cafe** : Medinat Qaboos. Indoors or out pizzas and kebabs.

**Sindbad** : Rear of Ruwi Shah Nagardas. Indian meals and snacks. Lunch and dinner. Tel: 707600.

## Pub Grub

**Al Ghazal Pub**: Muscat Inter-Continental Hotel. Chuck and Jean are behind the bar to provide hot and cold snacks or the daily special to order for lunch or evening visitors. Membership.

**Nell Gwynne**: Al Falaj top floor. Host Peter provides an array of starters, snacks and desserts. Lunch and evening. Membership.

**Arbaq Room**: Ruwi Hotel, Traditional pub menu. Lunch Thursdays.

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# The stars and you..... by Michaela

**Sagittarius**

23 November - 22 December

The sun enters your sign on Saturday and with it you enter a period of renewed growth and physical vigour. The moon, in another fire, sign, Aries, from Friday, is also in your favour and new challenges can be taken on and won. Watch Virgo.

**Pisces**

20 February - 20 March

Family problems and commitments are highlighted and serve to wipe that smile of self-satisfaction off your face this week. Do not despair as a stranger can solve your predicament on Tuesday when the moon is in your sign. Financial matters require some thought.

**Gemini**

21 May - 21 June

The full moon in Gemini on Wednesday favourably influences both financial and employment matters. Time to pull out all the stops and take an exciting risk which may be presented on Sunday or Monday. A Gemini of the opposite sex could prove very obstructive.

**Virgo**

24 August - 23 September

A liberal dash of romantic glitter adds lots of verve to your life this week, enjoy it while you can as it could be of short duration. A person in authority, possibly in uniform, imparts some sound advice which should be followed to the letter if you want to avoid trouble.

**Capricorn**

23 December - 20 January

With your feet in quicksand and your head in the clouds you are drifting along to nowhere in particular. Time to drop anchor and to construct a solid foundation on which to base your future hopes and aspirations. A family member causes concern. Beware electrical failures on Monday.

**Aries**

21 March - 20 April

Face up to responsibilities Aries and accept criticism which is due. Only by taking the advice of an older person or relative can you pick up the pieces of your seemingly shattered personal life. Pressures at work are particularly burdensome. Patience.

**Cancer**

22 June - 23 July

The moon in Pisces today exerts a grounding influence on your otherwise bubbly morale but this is only of a temporary nature. A romantic encounter on Sunday will have far more serious results than at first anticipated but this will be in your favour.

**Libra**

24 September - 22 October

Smile please Libra, life is nowhere near as dull as you would have the world believe. Take some time off to relax, go out and have some fun, you'll be pleasantly surprised at the results. An educational opportunity should be considered carefully.

**Aquarius**

21 January - 19 February

Slow down Aquarius and take a long look in the mirror - you won't like what you see but only you can change it. Oppression leads to depression so speak your mind and get your life back into first gear. A journey faces delay unless you take precautions now.

**Taurus**

21 April - 20 May

Emotional insecurity results in a savage outburst of self-destructive temper which will get you absolutely nowhere. Try discussion instead, even though this may prove to be exceptionally difficult. Communication from afar contains an exciting offer.

**Leo**

24 July - 23 August

A highly charged week indeed and sparks will undoubtedly fly in every direction at once. Don't unsheath your claws at the first sign of danger, guard yourself carefully and keep your ace up your sleeve to flourish at the correct moment.

**Scorpio**

23 October - 22 November

Emotionally exhausted, it is time to take things a little easier for a while and to plan your next course of action. A recent loss can be converted into a very beneficial situation, though in doing so don't tread on a companion's toes. Watch a Leo of the opposite sex.

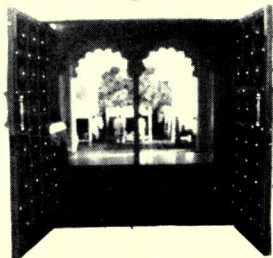
## Birthday Stones

January .....	Garnet	April .....	Diamond or white sapphire	July .....	Ruby or green sapphire	October .....	Opal or moonstone
February .....	Amethyst	May .....	Jade or emerald	August .....	Sardonyx or tourmaline	November .....	Topaz
March .....	Aquamarine	June .....	Alexanderite or blood stone	September .....	Sapphire or fancy sapphire	December .....	Star sapphire or turquoise

## Say it in Arabic

ahlan wa sahlán .....	hello!
min .....	from
ayy? .....	which?
balad .....	country
madiina .....	town, city
ana .....	I
inta .....	you (m)
inti .....	you (f)
huwa .....	he
hiya .....	she
ingiltra .....	England
landan .....	London

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## BBC World Service

"Play of the Week". The world of the 19th century revolutionary is the theme of 'The Secret Agent' by the 19th century English novelist of Polish birth, Joseph Conrad. The first of a two-part dramatisation with David March and Alexandra Mathie in the leading roles.  
Saturday 2300 hrs. Sunday 1600 hrs.

"Love, Violence and Opera". Stephen Oliver delves into opera's 350-year-old repertory and considers music's ability - or inability - to portray the extremes of human experience, such as the entanglements of love or the drama of conflict.

## 'Tribute to Oman'

To commemorate the 15th National Day, Apex Publishing has brought out a book entitled, "A Tribute to Oman", a magnificent colour souvenir of the Sultanate.

With almost 200 pages packed with articles and colour photographs, this high quality publication covers every aspect of Omani life and heritage, plus, the developments and achievements of the past 15 years since His Majesty Sultan Qaboos succeeded to the throne.

Interesting features include an interview with the Minister for Commerce and Industry, Colonel Salem bin Abdulla al Ghazali, a look at bullfighting in Oman, the forthcoming Wahiba Sands expedition, traditional Omani crafts and 40 other informative articles complete with superb colour illustrations.

"A Tribute to Oman", is available from all leading bookshops and direct from the publishers at a cost of R.O. 2.

Saturday 1345 hrs. Monday 2023 hrs. Wednesday 0615 hrs.

"Saturday Special". Sport to please almost every taste is featured in this week's bumper edition of the weekly sports programme. Full coverage of English and Scottish Football League matches, a cricket report on the Second Australia v New Zealand test series, tennis from Hong Kong and Sidney, racing from Newbury and a preview of the RAC English Car Rally.

Saturday 1915hrs to 2000 hrs and 2015 hrs to 2145 hrs.

"Classical Record Review". A selection of the new releases of orchestral, chamber and operatic music reviewed by Edward Greenfield.

Sunday 1415 hrs and 2300 hrs. Wednesday 1215 hrs.

"A Word in Edgeways". Brian Redhead joins writers, artists, scientists, journalists and politicians in a series of wide ranging discussion programmes.

Monday 0330 hrs, 1030 hrs, 1915 hrs.

"Short Story". In the 'Inkblot Test' a man visits a psychiatrist to try to recover from failure and despair.

Sunday 1400 hrs. Monday 0100 hrs. Tuesday 0530 hrs.

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# Timesquiz

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The second and the third-prize winners are Mr. K. Shadi, P.O. Box 3818, Ruwi, and Ibrahim said Salem Al-Abry, P.O. Box 5327, Ruwi. They get a discount on the purchase of any watch at the Alba showroom in Ruwi.

The winning entries were picked from a lot of 'all-correct' entries.

They answered that Karl Landsteiner (with A.S. Weiner) discovered the Rh blood factor, the Nashville is the capital of the US State of Tennessee and that Howard Pyle wrote the classic "The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood".

Just write the answers on the coupon below (no photocopies) and send in your entry/entries to the Competition Department, Times of Oman, P.O. Box 3770, Ruwi. The closing date for entries is December 12.

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Answers: ● .....  
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- Who discovered the bubonic plague bacillus?
- Who is the 17th President of the United States?
- In which country does the River Saguenay flow?

## THIS WEEK'S BRIDGE

64				was some sort of endplay against East.			
AQ6				When East followed to DA, South had a			
7543				clear picture of the distribution. He			
KQ62				cashed his last two trumps and played a			
9732				heart to the queen and king, leaving this			
—				position:			
Q1098				85	—		
J10987				KJ1098742	—		
				J	—		
				A3	—		
				AKQJ10	—		
				53	—		
				AK62	—		
				54	—		
E	S	W	N	Q10	—		
4TH	4S	—	—	9	—		
				K62	—		

West led CJ, covered by queen and ace. A heart was ruffed by West and the club return went to dummy's king. Now, trumps were cleared in three rounds. South had nine top tricks. He knew however that West held at least four diamonds, so his only chance for contract

On East's heart return, West was squeezed in the minor suits, South making his contract.



'Kai Kottikali', a Kerala folkdance was one of the highlights at the Indian Cultural Association's 'Festival of Lights' evening at the Indian Central School on Friday. Dances and songs from most states of India were presented.

## Cultural programme

A cultural programme, organised by the Capital Area's sports clubs under the auspices of Sayyid Sultan bin Hamad al Busaidi, Governor of the Capital, was held on Thursday at the Al Ahli Club.

The function was attended by Hamad bin Hamad al Ghaffri, the Under-Secretary for Education and Youth Affairs, Sheikh Saud bin Khalaf al Kharusi, Deputy Governor of the Capital for Baushar, Mohammed bin Elyas Fakir, Director-General of Youth Affairs, Issa bin Shahdad, Director of Youth Care and Murthadha bin Qasim, Director of Youth Activities, among others.

## Programme to conserve wetland sites

A worldwide programme to conserve key wetland sites and to change attitudes towards these areas has been launched by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) from its UK headquarters at Slimbridge, in south west England.

The WWF hopes to raise £4 million initially for a worldwide conservation programme and to alert the public to the environmental damage caused by poorly planned drainage, dam construction and pollution.

Wetlands are ecosystems where land and water meet. They include marshes, mangroves, shallow coastal estuaries, coral reefs, swamps, peat bogs and fenlands. They play an important role in flood and erosion control and provide water during droughts.

Wetlands can produce up to eight times as much plant material as a cultivated field, and two thirds of the world's fish harvest consists of species which spend their nursery and growing periods in estuaries.

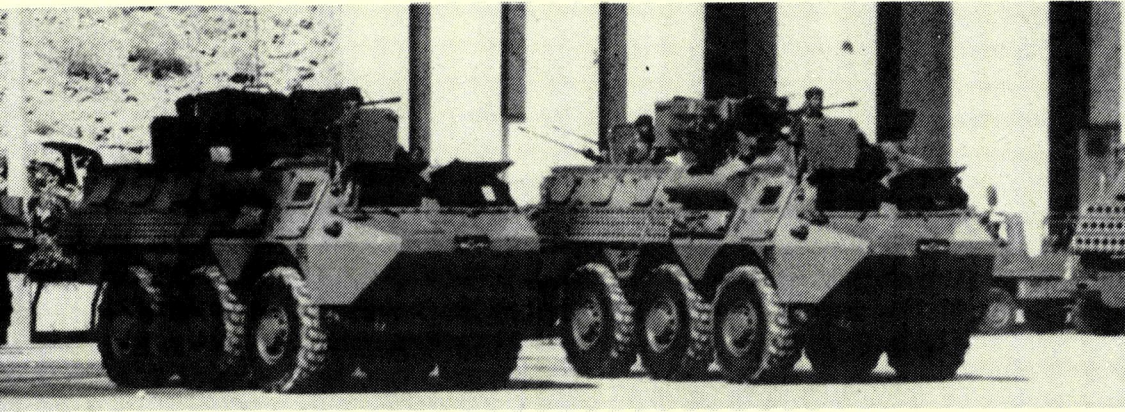
Over 40 countries have ratified the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, setting aside

322 wetlands covering a total of 20 million hectares.

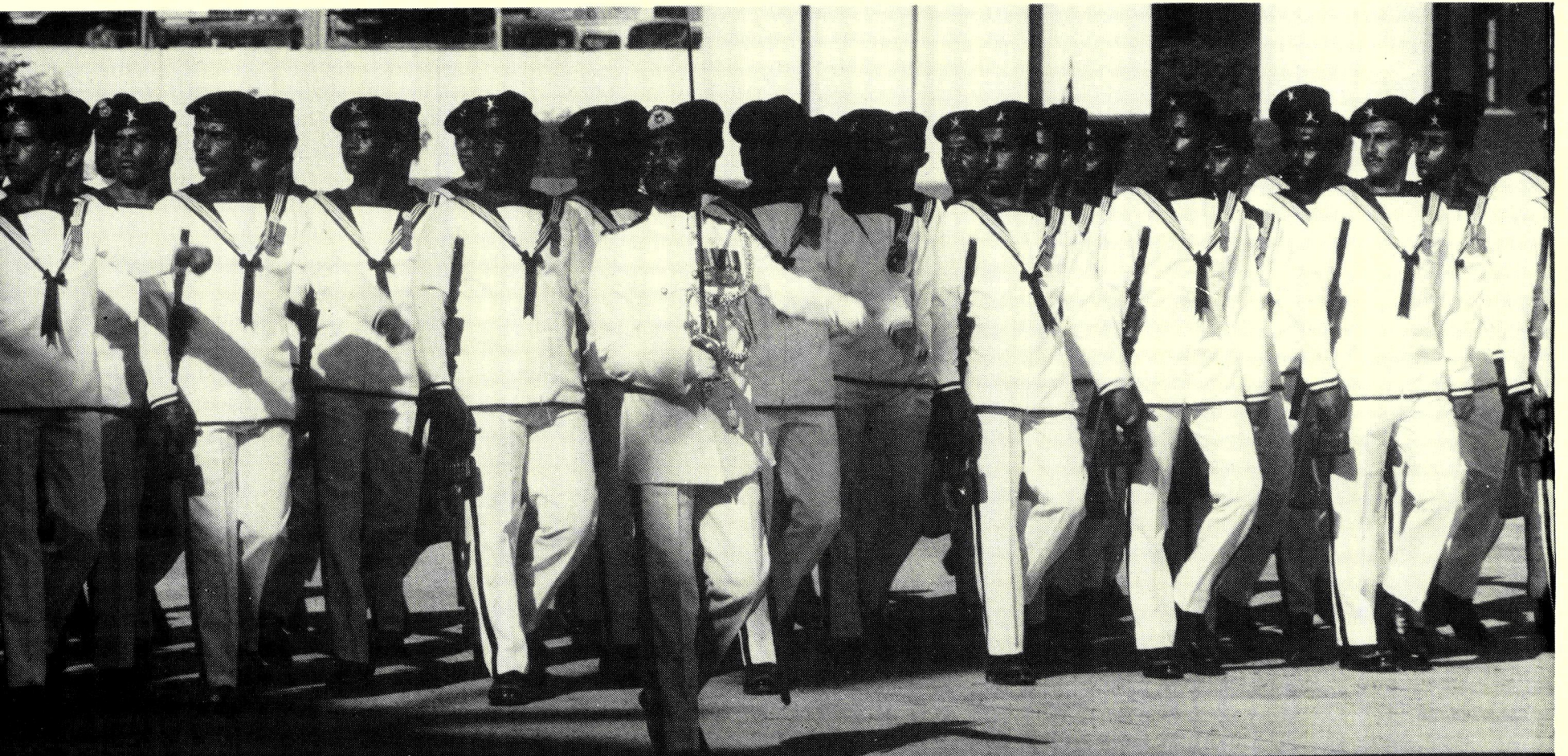
Commenting on the campaign, Sir Peter Scott, founder of the Wildfowl Trust, Slimbridge, and chairman of the World Wildlife Fund International Council said: "All over the world, wetlands are disappearing. It is important to educate people to understand their value, from schoolchildren to adults and particularly the leaders of countries who have to make vital decisions."

Money raised will aid conservation programmes such as planned multiple use of the seasonally-flooded inner deltas of the Niger River, Mali, which can become a rich source for maintaining life in the Sahel; training protected area managers in the vast Pantanal wetland of Brazil's Mato Grosso region reducing the threats of industrial pollution, large-scale drainage and filling in the Wadden Sea, Europe's largest coastal wetland, bordered by Denmark, Federal Germany and the Netherlands; and helping to preserve the freshwater marshes of Lake Poyang, China, used by millions of waterbirds.





# ***15th National Day celebrations***



## ***Impressive display of discipline, power***



Heads of States and representatives of about 50 countries and thousands of Omanis watched a show of the country's armed might on Monday at the Maidan al Fateh stadium in Wattayeh - held to mark the Sultanate's 15th National Day.

**By Muzaffar Mohammad**

Foreign journalists and military observers who watched the parade praised the discipline and the high standard of preparedness of the Sultan's Armed Forces.

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, who is also Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, took the salute from the Royal Box at the Stadium from which he watched the display with Their Highnesses, Presidents and heads of governments.

Twenty one units drawn from various branches of the Sultan of Oman's Army, Navy and Air force and the Royal Oman Police participated in the parade - providing a grand spectacle of sight and sound.

The massed bands which heralded the spectacle to follow, included the Royal Band North and South; Royal Mounted Band, SOAF Bands and the Royal Oman Police Band.

The ceremonies began with the arrival of the Sultan in the Royal Box. He was flanked by King Hussein of Jordan on one side and President Zia on the other along with other world representatives.

His Majesty was given a Royal Salute by the participating contingents - formed into a parade led by

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# Dear Citizens....

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ernment in achieving the goals of economic and social development.

As a result of our great concern for the protection of the natural environment, and our achievements in this respect, Oman has gained a respectable position among nations concerned with environmental protection; yet, we still have to exert more effort and consider the special conditions relevant to this issue, when we come to plan and implement development projects. We must proceed to develop contacts with regional and international organisations concerned. It is a duty which must be undertaken by each citizen, to guarantee the protection of our natural resources and public health against any harmful effects, and protect the beautiful and distinguished nature which God Almighty granted to our beloved Oman.

As we pursue our priority of rehabilitating and training our human resources to conform with our development plans and satisfy the demands of our national requirements, we shall, with God's will, also pursue our care for our Omani

youth. We firmly believe in the role of youth in making the present and the future, and it is our concern to develop their capacities, provide their basic needs, and prepare them soundly to undertake their duty to serve their country.

In addition, we must pay constant concern to strengthening our ability in all respects to enable us to surmount difficulties, overcome challenges and implement our national tasks for the benefit of Oman and its people.

It gives us great pleasure, while we celebrate our Fifteenth National Day, to extend a special greeting to our courageous armed forces and to express our deep appreciation for their distinguished contribution to the stability, progress and prosperity of our country. We express our deep satisfaction and pride in their high quality and readiness. We call upon you to maintain the standards you have always shown for which you so amply deserve our appreciation. We shall continue, with God's help, to provide you with all you need to perform your glorious role.

Dear Citizens,

As we look to the future, we may do so with

great optimism and a strong determination to achieve more of our ambitions, we ought to know that this requires primarily the preservation of the blessing of stability, as well as all other blessings which God Almighty has given us. We must intensify our efforts to the utmost of our ability and build the future of Oman. We must also draw upon our religion, our great heritage and our Omani values to light the road ahead and to strengthen us to perform our duty to our country, our nation and to humanity at large.

We greet you, dear citizens, and congratulate you on the occasion of our National Day, and we express in your name, all feelings of welcome and appreciation to our dear guests for their honoured participation in the celebration of our National Day.

We pray to God Almighty, to protect us and lead us to goodness and piety. We ask God Almighty to render the coming year a prosperous year for Oman, full of peace and prosperity to the whole world.

Happy returns of the day, and God's blessings upon you.

## Impressive display

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their ensigns and colours. The salute was accompanied by the National Anthem presented by the bands and a 21 gun salute.

Following the Royal Salute the Parade Commander Ameer Yousuf bin Khalfan bin Zahir al Busaidi requested His Majesty to review the parade.

The mounted bands marched past the Royal Box in both slow and quick time and lined up in the rear of the parade. This was followed by the military contingents who marched past in line and returned to their positions. Mounted contingents and the Royal Mounted Band then walked past the box and left the parade ground.

After His Majesty's address to the nation - punctuated by applause from his people — soldiers sang the Royal Guard Anthem -

allegiance to Islam, the Sultan and the Motherland.

The impressive drive past which followed the Royal Guard Anthem was unprecedented this year and on display were sophisticated armoured cars, tanks, troops carriers, medium and long-range artillery pieces, and heavy tanks.

Hunter and Jaguar fighters of the Sultan of Oman Air Force flew above in salute and were followed by transport helicopters which displayed the Omani flags and the 15 - years- emblem.

The parade ended with a Royal Salute and the National Anthem. The parade then marched past His Majesty the Sultan in columns and left the parade ground.

Finally the massed bands marched forward and accorded a Royal send-off to the Sultan.



The Ministers....



Guests watch the parade



# Celebrations in Salalah

The Minister of State and Wali of Dhofar, Sayyid Hilal bin Saud bin Hareb, on Monday took the salute, on behalf of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos, at a military parade at the Celebration Square in Salalah.

Units representing the Armed Forces participated in the parade.

The watching crowd

cheered as a helicopter flew over the square bearing the Omani national flag aloft and SOAF's fighter-planes flew over.

Later, Sayyid Hilal, accompanied by Sheikh Mohammed bin Ali al Qatabi, sheikhs and other dignitaries, visited the Martyr's Mausoleum and laid a wreath.

A spectacular pageant

presented by 900 pupils from various schools in the Southern Region was one of the highlights of the 15th National Day celebrations in Salalah on Monday.

The Salalah celebrations were held under the auspices of the Minister of State and Wali of Dhofar Sayyid Hilal bin Saud bin Hareb.

The pageant was organised by the Directorate-General of Education in the South and began with the Royal Anthem, followed by a recitation from the Holy Koran.

A group of girls per-

formed in the stadium carrying beautiful flowers and designs - much to the enjoyment of spectators who had converged on Salalah.

Later, the Director-General of Education, Sheikh Abdul Kahder bin Salman al Ghassani, delivered a speech highlighting Oman's achievements under the leadership of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos.

Among those present were the Deputy Wali of Dhofar, Mohammed bin Ali al Qatabi, senior Government officials, sheikhs and local dignitaries.

## — And in other places..... —

In Nizwa, about 1,000 students took part in the celebrations which included folklore and dances.

The Under-Secretary of Tribal Affairs at the Ministry of Royal Diwan Affairs, Sayyid Sultan bin Hamad bin Faisal, who was deputed by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos, was the chief guest.

The Wali of Khaboura, Sheikh Saeed bin Ahmed al Aghbary, presided over the celebrations held in Khaboura.

In Liwa, the chief guest, Sayyid Mahmood bin Ali al Busaidi, addressed a gathering and underlined Oman's achievements during the last 15 years under the leadership of His Majesty.

Cultural programmes including folklore and dances presented by Shinas Club were the highlights of the celebra-

tions in Shinas. The Wali, Sheikh Abdullah bin Mohammed al Yaaqoubi, was the guest of honour.

The Wali of Ibri, Sheikh Ibrahim bin Seif al Mawali, was the chief guest at the celebrations in Ibri.

An exhibition of handicrafts and a book fair were the special attractions of the National Day celebrations in Buraimi. Sayyid Turki bin Mohammed al Saeed, deputed by His Majesty, was the guest of honour at the function.

In Izki, the Wali, Saeed bin Mohammed al Hijri, was the chief guest at the celebrations.

Sayyid Turki bin Mohammed al Saeed, who was deputed by His Majesty, lit the Shawa Reawakening Flame in Sohar, as part of the celebrations there.



Warm greetings to  
**HIS MAJESTY SULTAN  
QABOOS BIN SAID**  
and the people of Oman  
on the glorious occasion of  
*15th National Day.*



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# Distinguished visitors

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi arrived in Muscat on Sunday evening leading a delegation to attend Oman's celebrations making its 15th National Day anniversary.

He was received by His Majesty's Personal Representative Sayyid Thuwaini bin Shihab al Said and a number of senior officials. Mr Gandhi was given a red-carpet reception.

Crown Prince Mohamed of Morocco arrived as the envoy of King Hassan II. He was also received by Sayyid Thuwaini and a number of senior officials. The guest was given an official reception.

North Yemeni Prime Minister Abdul Aziz, Abdul Ghani was received on his arrival by Deputy Prime Minister for Legal Affairs Sayyid Fahad bin Mahmood al Said.

In a statement at the airport the Prime Minister said he would have talks with senior Omani officials on ways of boosting bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest.

People's Democratic Republic of Yemen Minister of Communi-

cations Saleh Abu Bakr arrived leading a delegation to the celebrations. Mr Saleh, a member of the Central Committee of Yemen's Socialist Party, was received by Minister of Communications Sayyid Salim bin Nassir al Busaidi and a number of senior officials.

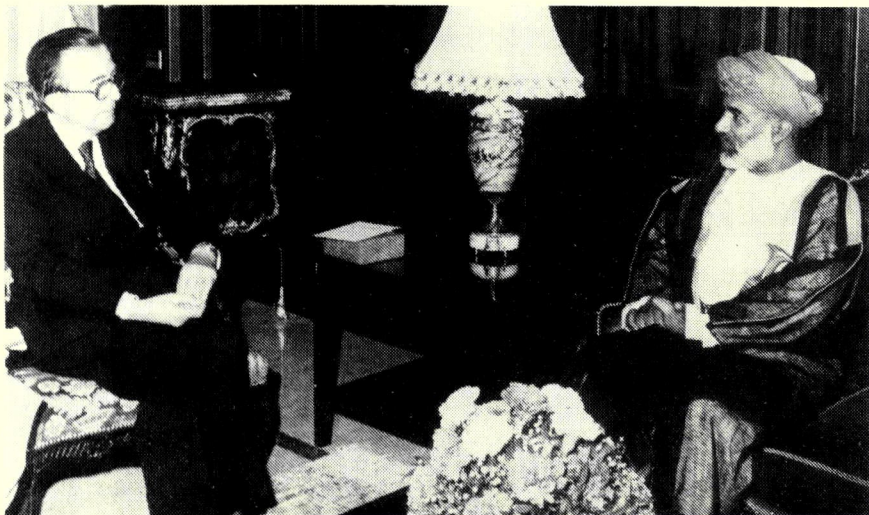
In an arrival statement the PDRY Minister said he was pleased to attend the Sultanate's 15th National Day celebrations and expressed thanks and appreciation to the Omani Government.

The Rumanian Deputy Foreign Minister told reporters at the airport that he would convey the congratulations of President Ceausesco to His Majesty Sultan Qaboos.

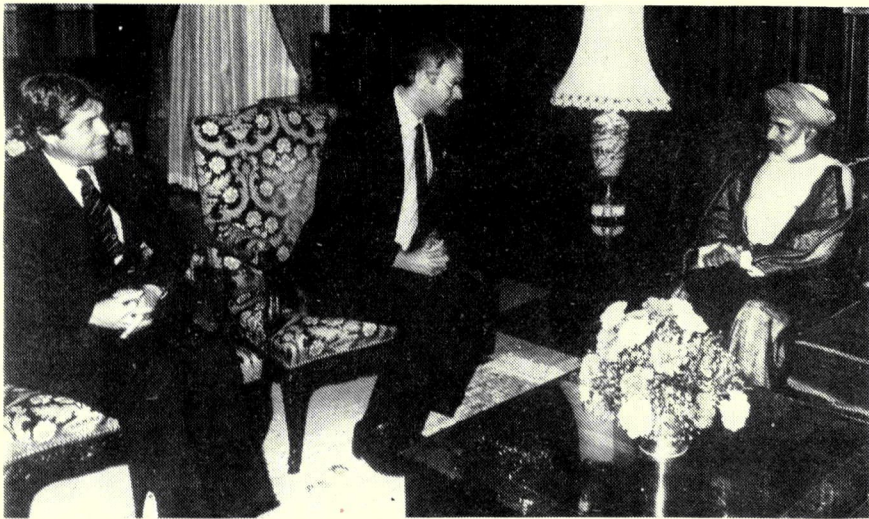
He pointed out that the Rumanian delegation's participation was a fresh indication of Rumania's desire to strengthen relations with Oman.

He also said that he would have talks with officials at the Foreign Ministry and possibly with other Omani officials on ways of boosting economic cooperation.

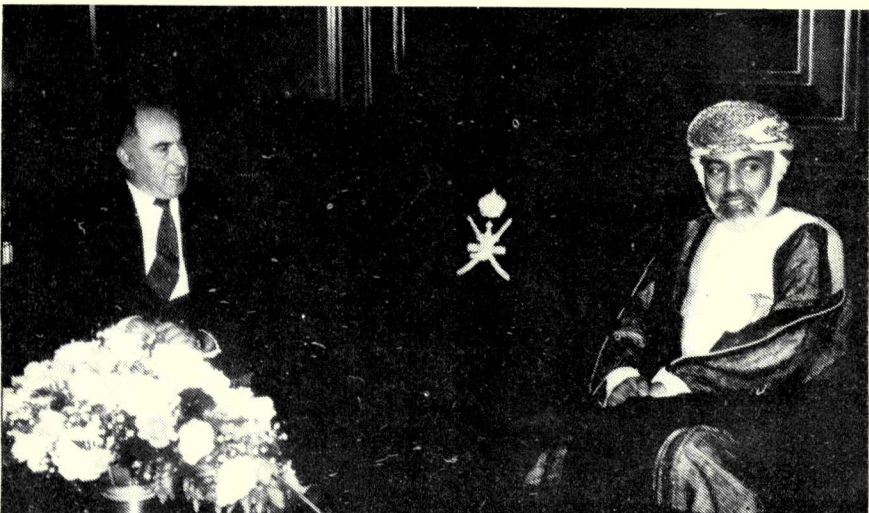
The Foreign Minister of Nepal



His Majesty and Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti



His Majesty and Foreign Minister H. den Broek of the Netherlands

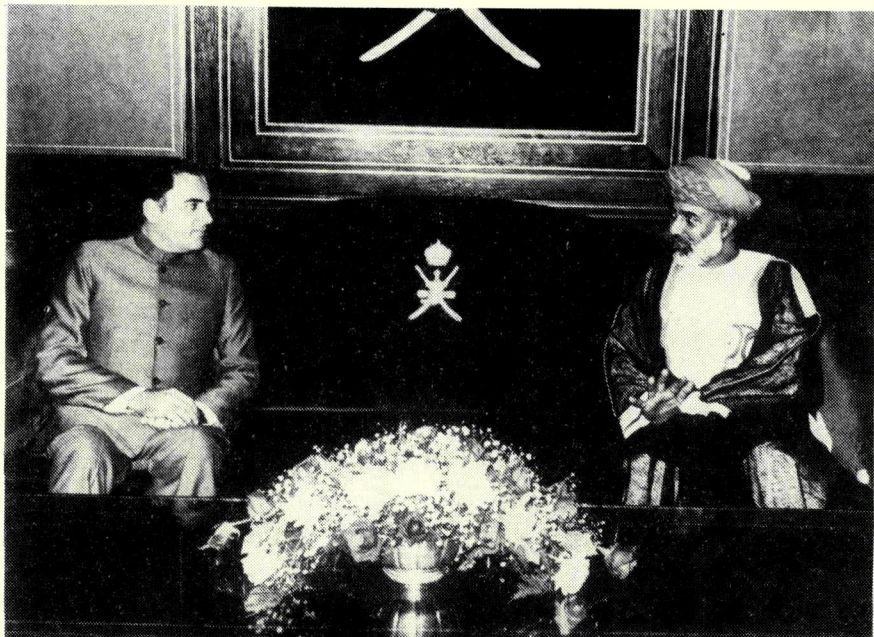


His Majesty and Tunisian Prime Minister Mohammed Mazali

## Cable of thanks

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos has received a cable from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in which he expressed his appreciation and thanks to His

Majesty the Sultan for the warm reception and hospitality given to him and his accompanying delegation during their stay in Oman.



His Majesty and Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of India

was received by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Yusuf bin Alawi bin Abdallah.

The Nepalese Minister said that he would convey to His Majesty Sultan Qaboos the congratulations of the King of Nepal and the Nepalese people on the occasion of the 15th National Day anniversary.

The Sri Lankan Minister of National Security, Lalith Athulathudali together with the Deputy Foreign Minister, were received on arrival by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Mr Abdallah.

The Duke of Kent arrived as the representative of Queen Elizabeth of Britain to take part in Oman's celebrations marking the 15th National Day.

He was received at the airport by Minister of National Heritage and Culture Sayyid Faisal bin Ali bin Faisal.

Former US President Gerald Ford arrived on Sunday as the representative of President Reagan to the 15th National Day anniversary celebrations.

The former President and his accompanying delegation were received at the airport by Deputy Prime Minister for Financial and Economic Affairs Qais bin Abdul Munim al Zawawi and a number of senior officials.

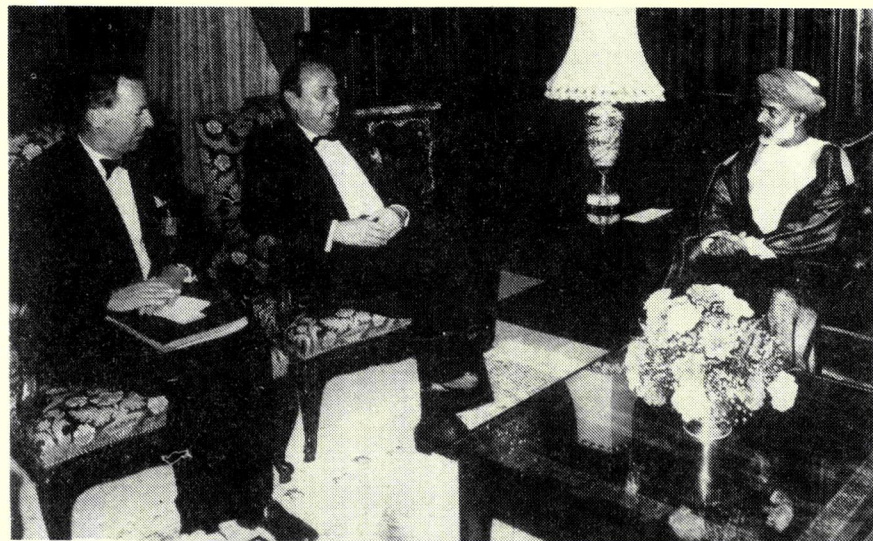
Crown-Prince Albert of Belgium was received by His Majesty's Personal Representative Sayyid Thuwaini and senior state officials.

Tanzanian Deputy Premier and Minister of Defence Salim Ahmed Salim arrived late Saturday night and was received by Minister of Regional Municipalities Brigadier Sayyid al Mutassim bin Hamoud.

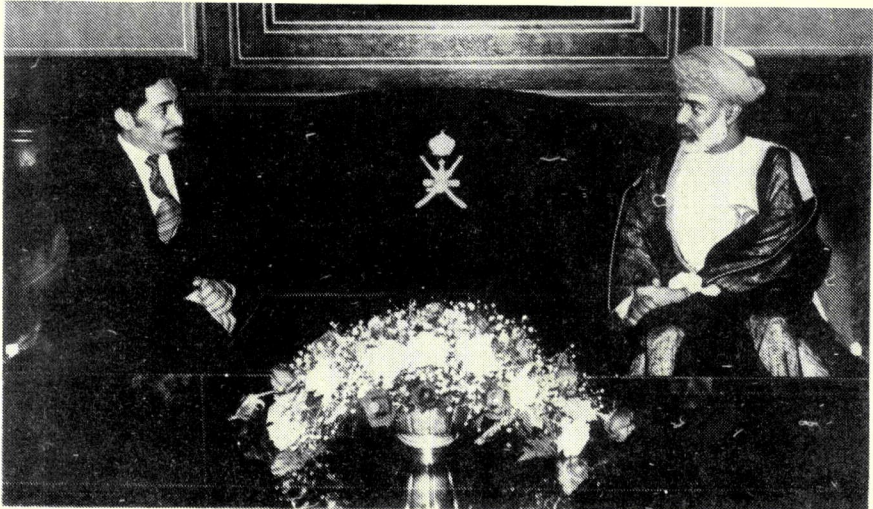
Sudan's Foreign Minister Ibrahim Taha Ayyoub was received on Sunday by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Mr Abdallah.

Later Djibouti's Prime Minister Barakat Hamdou was received by Minister of Petroleum and Minerals Said bin Ahmed al Shanfari.

West German Vice-Chancellor and Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister of Austria, and the Minister of

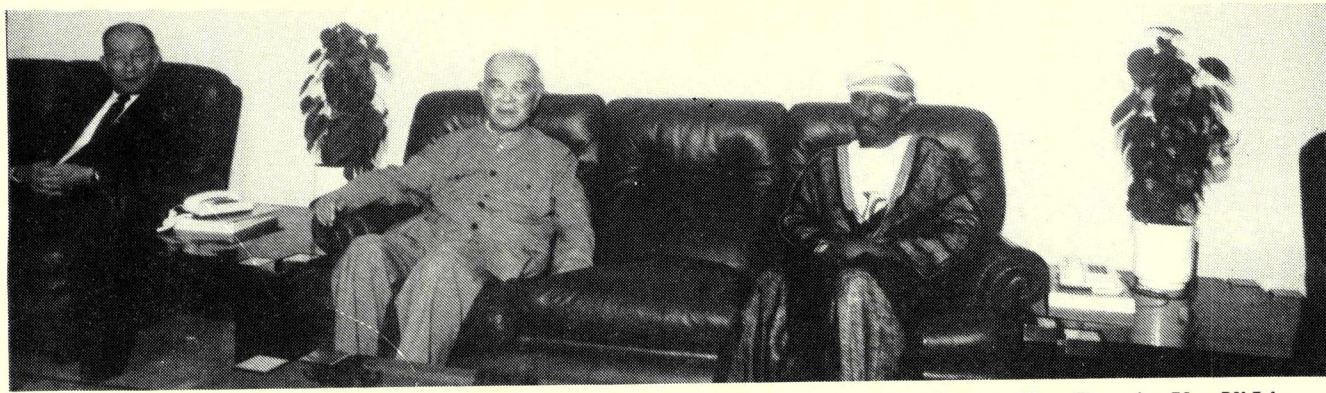


His Majesty and West German Chancellor and Foreign Minister Hans Genscher



His Majesty and Abdul Aziz Abdel Ghani, Prime Minister of Yemen Arab Republic.





**Minister of Petroleum and Minerals, Said bin Ahmed al Shanfari, receives the Chinese Vice-Premier Yao Yi Lin.**

Canada's Conservative Party also arrived on Saturday to attend the Sultanate's 15th National Day celebrations.

They were received by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Mr Abdallah and a number of senior Foreign Ministry officials.

Other guests were the South Korean Foreign Minister, Won Kyung Lee, Malaysian Minister of Information Datuk Rais Yatim and the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Singapore.

They were also received by Mr Abdallah.

Algerian President's envoy, Bu Allam Baghi, member of the Political Office and Minister of Justice also arrived on Sunday. He was received by the Minister of Communications, Sayyid Salim bin Nassir al Busaidi.

Bahrain's Crown-Prince Sheikh Hamad bin Isa al Khalifa was received at the airport by His Majesty's Personal Representative Sayyid Thuwaini bin Shihab al Said and a number of senior officials.

In a statement at the airport the Bahraini Crown-Prince said that he would convey to His Majesty Sultan Qaboos and his people the congratulations of the Emir, Government and people of Bahrain.

He added that during his stay he would have talks with heads of other delegations on issues of mutual interest. Sheikh Hamad also paid tribute to Oman's active role in enhancing inter-Arab cooperation.

Those who arrived on Sunday included the head of the Emiri Guard and representative of Sharjah's ruler and member of the UAE Supreme Council, Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Mohammed al Qassimi; Qatar's Education Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamed al Thani; Kuwait's Crown Prince and Prime Minister Saad al Abdullah al Sabah and Prince Abdullah al Sabah and Prince Abdulla bin Abdul Aziz, Crown

Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and head of the National Guard in Saudi Arabia.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz said in his statement that he was conveying to His Majesty the best wishes from Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed al Qassimi, the ruler of Sharjah and member of the UAE Supreme Council.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz was received at the airport by the Minister of Information, Abdul Aziz bin Mohammed al Rowas.

Crown Prince Saad said Kuwait was proud of the objective policies laid down by His Majesty, which he said, would lead to further development of Oman and boost relations between the Sultanate and the other AGCC countries. Crown Prince Saad was received by His Majesty's Personal Representative Sayyid Thuwaini.

Sheikh Mohammed called the 15th National Day a "historical and eternal day". He praised the strong brotherly relations between Oman and Qatar. Sheikh Mohammed was received by Education and Youth Affairs Minister Yahya bin Mahfudh al Manthery.

Member of the UAE Supreme Council and ruler of Ajman Sheikh Hamaid bin Rashid al Nuaimi was given an official welcome and was received by Deputy Prime Minister for Legal Affairs Sayyid Fahad bin Mahmood al Said and a number of senior officials.

Member of the UAE Supreme Council and ruler of Al Fujairah Sheikh Hamad bin Mohamed al Sharqi was also received by Sayyid Fahad and a number of senior officials.

Heir Apparent of Abu Dhabi and UAE Deputy Supreme Commander Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al Nahyan was received by His Majesty's Personal Representative Sayyid Thuwaini bin Shihab and a number of senior officials.

Sheikh Khalifa said at the airport that he had brought with him

greetings from Sheikh Zayed and the people of the UAE to His Majesty and the people of Oman.

Heir Apparent of Dubai and UAE Deputy Prime Minister Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid bin Maktoum was received by Deputy Prime Minister for Legal Affairs Sayyid Fahad and a number of senior officials.

The ruler of Ras al Khaimah Sheikh Saqr bin Mohammed al Qassimi was also received by Sayyid Fahad.

The French delegation led by Minister of State and Minister of Planning Gaston Defferre on was received arrival by the Minister of Communications, Sayyid Salim bin Nassir al Busaidi.

## Call for unity

The lack of solidarity among the Arab countries is largely due to the non-inclusion of Egypt in the Arab League, according to Sheikh Saqr bin Mohammed al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates.

Sheikh Saqr in an interview with the "Oman" newspaper said that Egypt should always be with the other Arab countries to demonstrate the unity among the Arabs.

He declared the UAE's full support to bring an end to the Iraq-Iran war. Sheikh Saqr said the sixth AGCC summit was a great success due to the efforts made by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos in planning the meeting.

Conveying his greetings on the occasion of the 15th National Day celebrations, Sheikh Saqr praised the hospitality and kindness shown by the Omani people.

## French radio station makes live broadcast

A radio station in France had a live broadcast of Oman's Fifteenth National Day celebrations on November 18.

The Oriental Broadcast, a transmission by the Arab Islamic community in France, had reached an agreement with the Ministry of Information to transmit the proceedings via satellite.

Oriental Broadcast had earlier transmitted live the events during the AGCC summit meeting in Muscat for a few hours on each day of the summit.

France's Arab Islamic community numbers around 2 million. The programmes relayed from Oman reportedly had a good effect on the Arab community there and helped to introduce Oman's past and present conditions.

## Address to SAF

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos on Saturday addressed the Sultan's Armed Forces as part of the 15th National Day celebrations.

In a message published in 'Jund Oman', the Ministry of Defence publication, His Majesty expressed happiness over SAF's achievements and said: "They (the achievements) are the pillars of security and safety of the country".

"The Government's main effort is to achieve self-sufficiency in all spheres and suitable atmosphere is created for continuous stability in the region.

"With God's grace, through hard work we have accomplished a lot within the 15 years and while celebrating the National Day, we should look forward to a continuous bright and prosperous future".

## Congratulations

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos on Sunday received greetings telegrams congratulating him on the occasion of the Sultanate's 15th National Day from King Hassan of Morocco; the UAE President, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nahyan; the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad al Thani; President of Iraq, Saddam Hussein; Andrei Gromyko of USSR; Tunisian President, Habib Bourguiba; Emperor Hirohito of Japan; King Baudouin of Belgium; His Majesty Mutawakil Ala Allah Sultan Iskander al Haj of the Sultanate of Malaysia; Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands; French President, Francois Mitterrand; Turkey's President, Kenan Evren and President Hussein Mohammed Ershad of Bangladesh.

His Majesty also received similar greetings from President Mohammed Zia ul Haq of Pakistan; Presi-

dent Giani Zail Singh of India and from the Presidents of Singapore, Irish Republic, Yugoslavia, Romania, Austria, South Korea, Senegal; the Governor of Canada; the members of the UAE Supreme Council and rulers of Dubai, Sharjah, Ras al Khaimah, Umm al Quwain, Ajman and Fujairah; the Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council, Abdulla Yacoub Bishara; the Deputy Emir of crown Prince of Qatar, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani; Bahrain's Prime Minister, Mohammed Mezali; Malaysian Prime Minister, Mahatir Mohammed; Pakistan Prime Minister, Mohammed Khan Junejo; Royal Family members, the President of the State Consultative Council, Sheikh Hamoud bin Abdulla al Harthy; Ministers, Arab and international dignitaries and local citizens.



**The Deputy Prime Minister for Financial and Economic Affairs, Qais bin Abdul Munim al Zawawi receives Tunisian Prime Minister Mohammed Muzali.**





Muttrah fireworks

## National Day stamps

A set of five commemorative stamps was issued by the Philatelic Department of the Directorate of Posts to mark Oman's 15th National Day.

Emphasis is on the development of the Sultanate, especially progress in areas such as education, agriculture, commerce and industry under the leadership of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos.

The stamps are in the denominations of 250, 200, 100, 50 and 20 baizas. Five thousand stamps of each value have been printed.

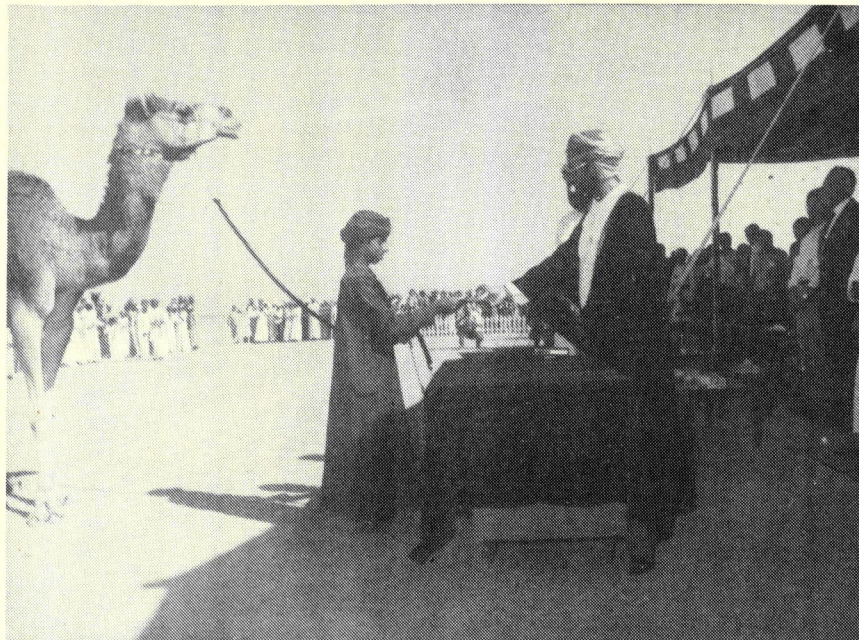
The Department has also issued a brown card, besides the 'first day covers' - with the five stamps and some impressive designs.

Designs of marash (traditional Omani rose-water sprayers), silver necklaces and earrings have been put on the border of the card with the emblem marking the 15th National Day. The designs have been embossed in silver and gold and is priced at 850 baizas.

## Prisoners are pardoned

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos has issued an order pardoning 79 prisoners on the occasion of the 15th National Day anniversary.

## Camel racing



Well before the light of dawn, 130 riders and the camels got ready at the Seeb race-course on Tuesday to vie for top honours in the special National Day racing events.

The camels came from six wilayats along the Batinah coast - Birka, Musan'a, Suwaiq, Khaboura, Sohar and Saham and some of the riders were as young as ten years old.

Thousands of spectators cheered as the camels and the riders thundered down the track.

The morning belonged to Saif bin Naser al Rashidi from Birka and his trusted 'steed' - 'Arreih' who raced through the heats and beat all others in the final to receive the top prize from His

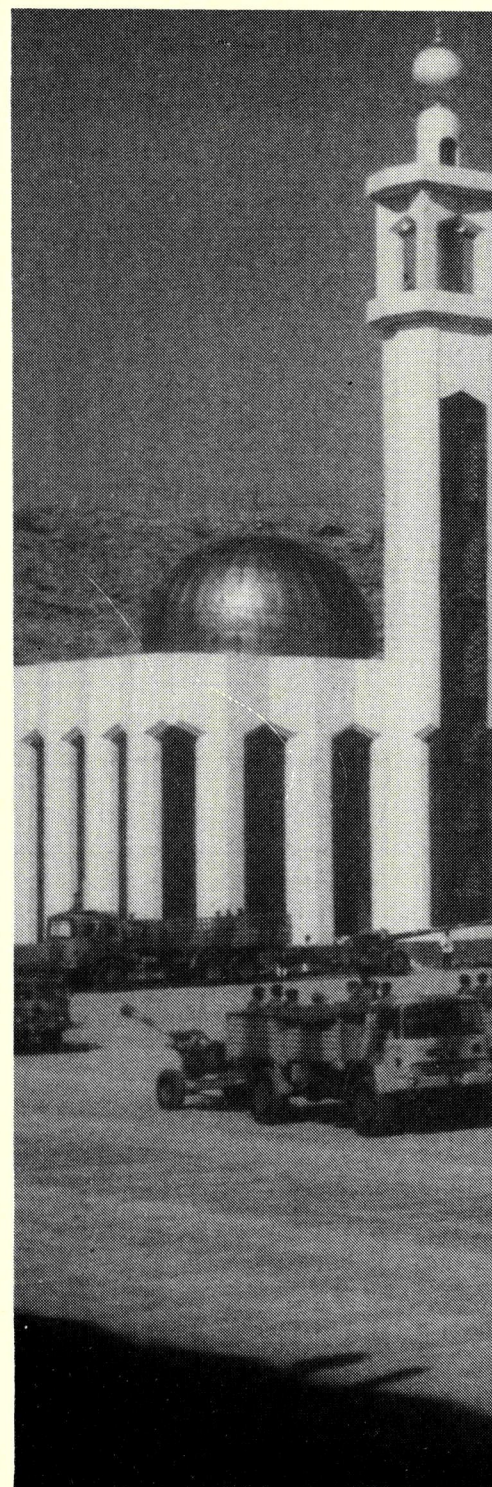
Majesty's Personal Representative Sayyid Thuwainy bin Shihab.

Sayyid Thuwainy also presented the runner-up trophy to Abdullah bin Hamad al Sinani from the Royal Stables - who rode on 'Al Khawarah'. The third place was won by Said bin Salim al Shidi from Seeb - on 'Al Buwaiza'.

Camel racing events were also held as part of the National Day celebrations in Salalah where the chief guest was the Minister of State and Wali of Dhofar, Sayyid Hilal bin Hareb.

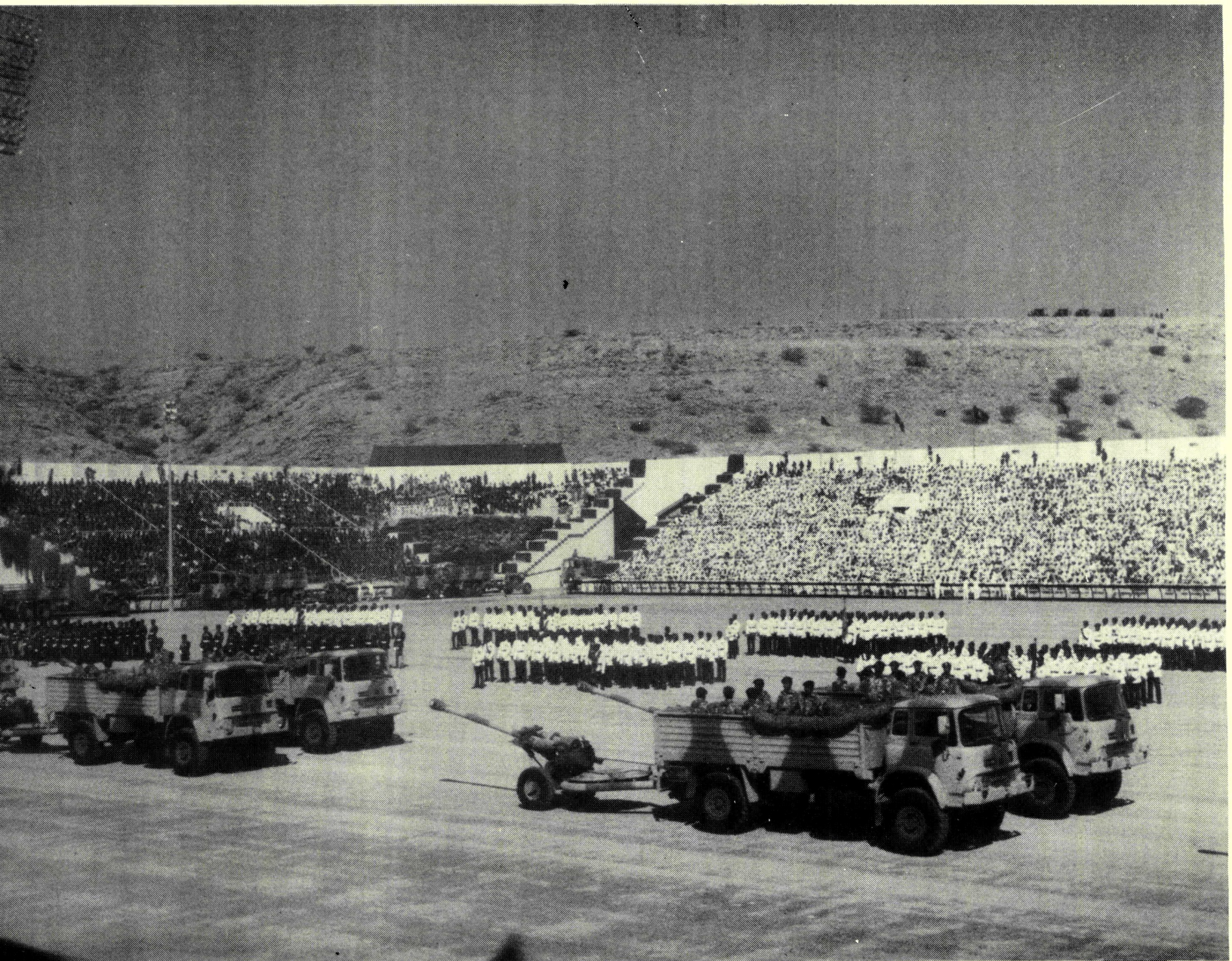
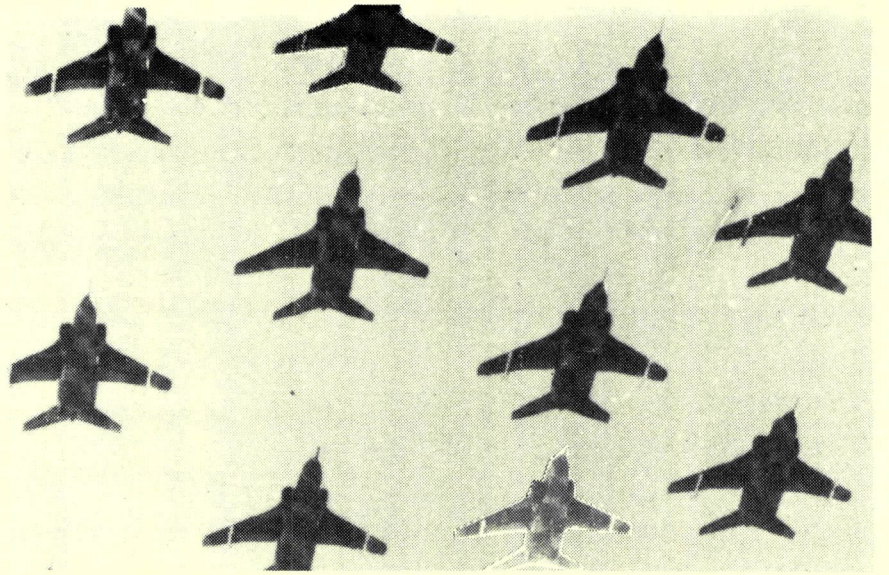
Sheikhs and other local dignitaries also attended the racing at Raysut.

Sayyid Hilal presented the first prize to Raei Shama bin Faraig and prizes to six other winners.



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## Six Heads of State

Heads of State of six countries arrived in Muscat on Sunday to attend the Sultanate's 15th National Day celebrations at the invitation of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos.

Each of them — President Zia ul Haq of Pakistan; President Maumoun Abdel Gayyoom of the Maldives; President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt; King Hussein of Jordan; Sultan Hassan al Bolkiah of Brunei and General Abdul Rahman Swareddahab of Sudan — were personally received by His Majesty as they arrived separately at the Royal Airport.

Also present to welcome them at the airport were Royal Family members, Ministers, senior Government officials and members of the diplomatic corps in Muscat.

The Royal Guard Brigade gave a guard of honour to each of the leaders.

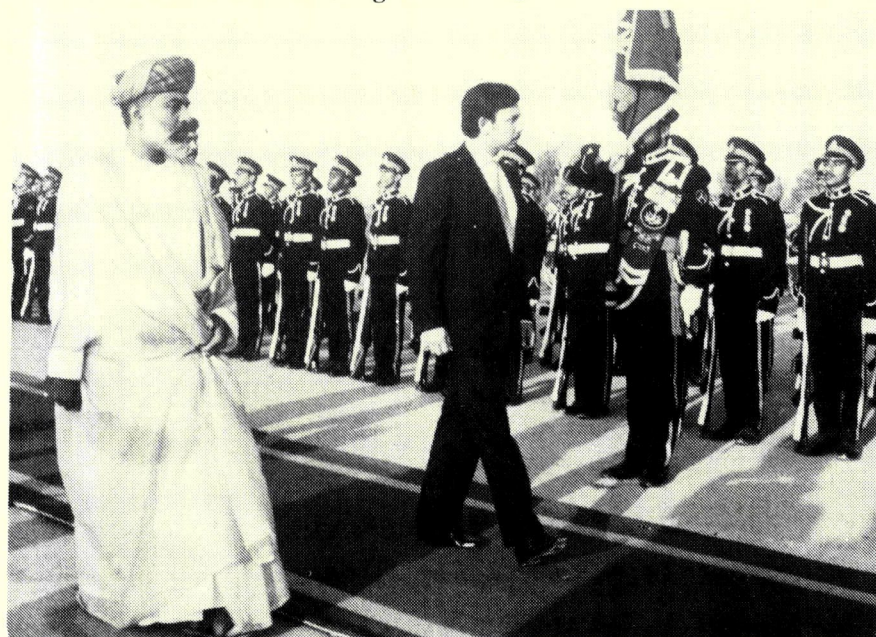
After the arrival ceremony at the airport, each of the Heads of State was taken in a motorcade to the Al Bustan Palace Hotel where they stayed during their visit to Oman.

An Omani delegation headed by a Minister accompanied each of the six leaders during thier visit.

President Zia's honour delegation was led by Health Minister Dr Mubarak bin Saleh al Khadouri; President Gayyoom's by Agriculture and Fisheries Minister Abdul Hafiz bin Salem bin Rajab; President Mubarak's by Commerce and Industry Minister Colonel Selem bin Abdulla al Ghazali; King Hussein's by Social Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Mustahail bin Ahmed al Mashani; Sultan Hassan al Bolkiah's by Posts, Telephones and Telegraphs Minister Ahmed bin Suwaidan al Balushi, and General Swareddahab's by Minister of Regional Municipalities Affairs Brigadier Sayyid al Mutasim bin Hamoud bin Nasr al Busaidi.



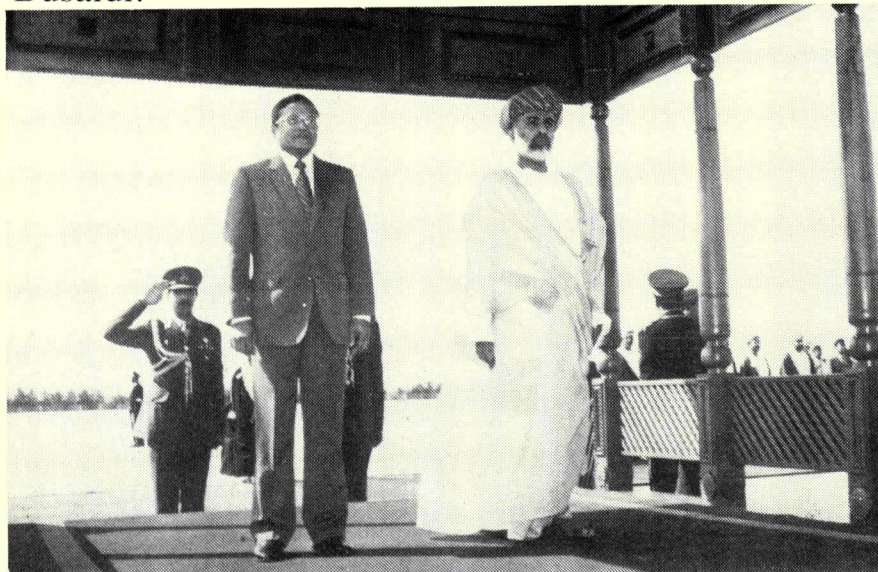
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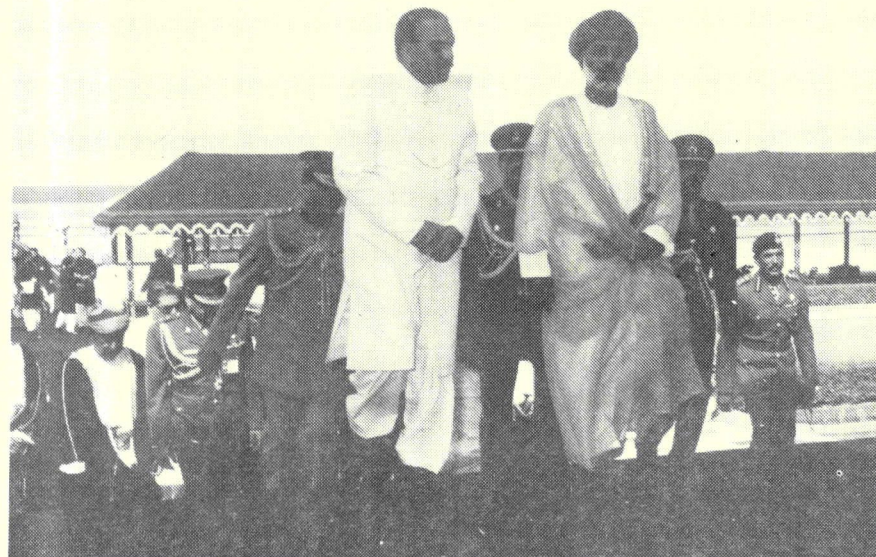
President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt



President Maumoun Abdel Gayyoom of the Maldives



General Abdul Rahman Swareddahab of Sudan



President Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan



## Carnival - excitement and colour

The procession of carnival floats that wound its way through the streets of the Capital on Tuesday morning had all the excitement and colour of similar events elsewhere.

For four hours the procession of 27 floats moved majestically through Qurm, Ruwi, Darsait, the Corniche, Muscat and Bustan from its starting point at Petroleum Development Oman cricket ground before ending near the Oman Chamber of Commerce building. They will remain there till the end of the National Day festivities. The best three will receive prizes.

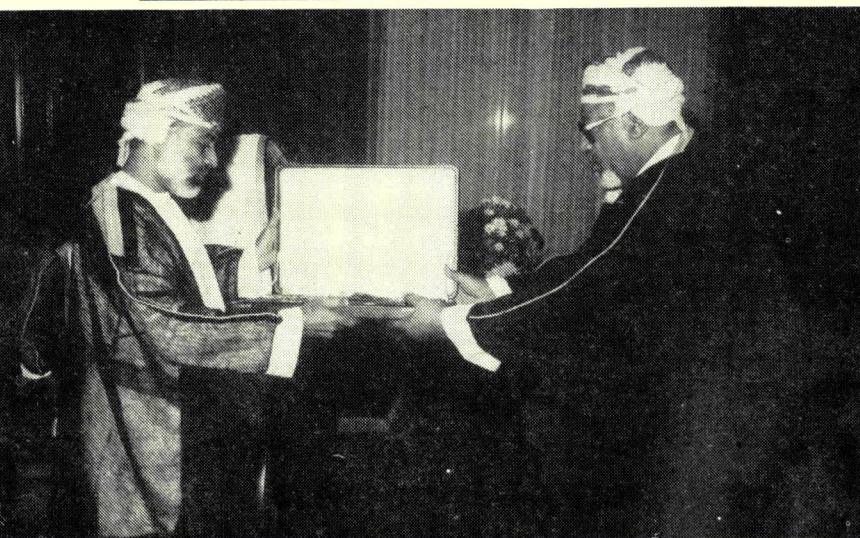
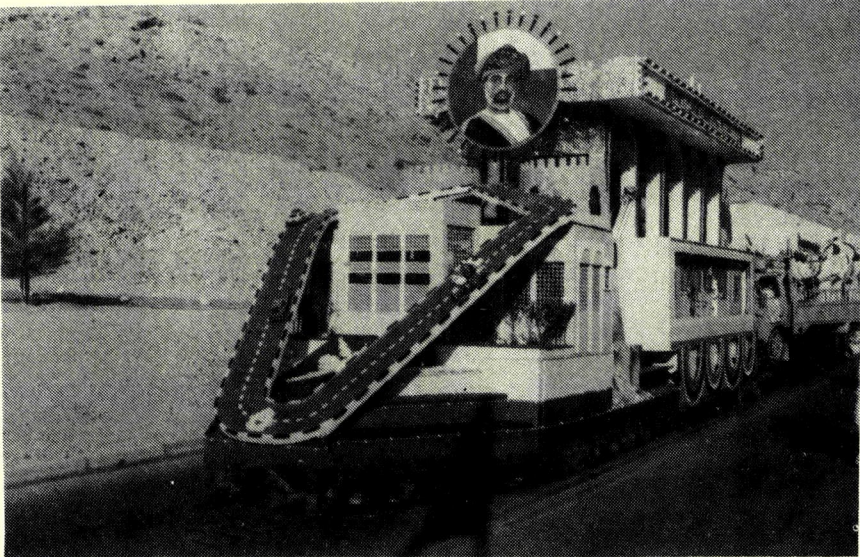
The procession was led by a float by the Ministry of Electricity and Water. Oman Aviation's mock DC-40 helicopter was the prime attraction, for its detail, including uniformed pilots in the cockpit.

Noteworthy were the Health Ministry's health care centre, Lavori Oman's mountains with drilling and blasting equipment, CCC's flyovers, Shell Market's filling station, Gulf Air's airport and plane, the Capital Municipalities Tower of Awakening and the Education Ministry's revolving tableau of students' activities and educational programmes.

More than 400 Omani dancers and musicians were interspersed in small groups at intervals in the procession.

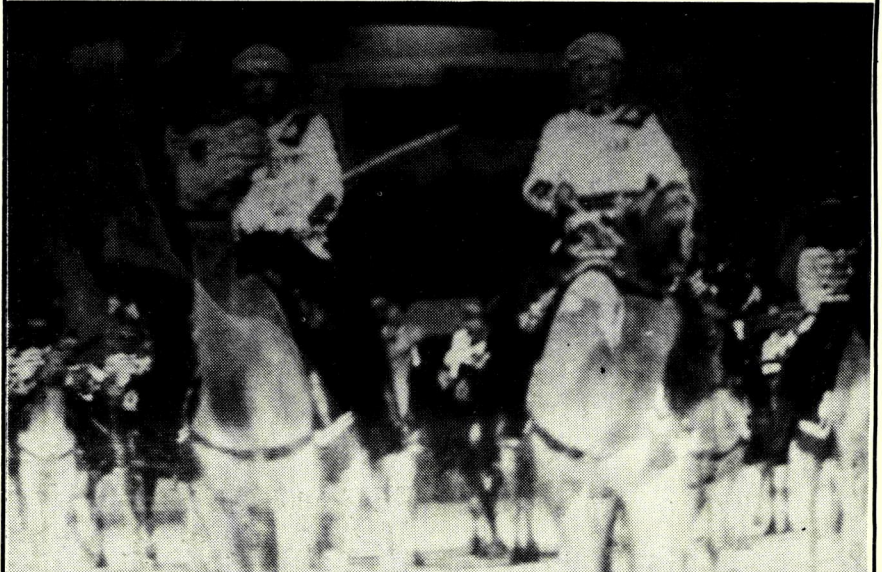
The floats in order of appearance were: Ministry of Electricity and Water, Health Ministry, Capital Municipality, Education Ministry, Social Affairs and Labour Ministry, Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bahwans, Lavori Oman, Mohsin Haider Darwish, TSO Macki, Al Seeb al Fanniya, Cementation, Taylor Woodrow, Sogex Oman, Laing Oman, Strabag, Oman Flour Mills, Galfar, Oman Aviation, Zawawi Trading, CCC, Oman Refinery Company, Gulf Air, W.J. Towell, Shell Markets and Wimpey Alawi.

By Fermin D'Souza



His Majesty Sultan Qaboos on Saturday presented Orders to members of the Royal Family, the Cabinet and senior officials. Our picture shows His Majesty presenting the order to Sayyid Fahr bin Taimour al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Security and Defence. Other recipients included Sayyid Thuwainy bin Shihab, Personal Representative of His Majesty, Sayyid Fahad bin Mahmood al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Legal Affairs, Qais bin Abdul Munim al Zawawi, Deputy Prime Minister for Financial and Economic Affairs and General Said bin Rashid al Kalbani.

## Non-stop thrills



## Impressive tattoo

Over 1,500 performers from the Sultan's Armed Forces and the Royal Oman Police staged an impressive tattoo yesterday at the Al Fatah stadium in Wattayah.

The spectacular three-hour non-stop programme was watched by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos who took the salute. Joining him were distinguished guests, including King Hussain of Jordan.

Highlight of the show was exciting inter-services obstacle race during which teams had to

carry parts of a model cannon over six obstacles, assemble it, and trundle it back to the starting point.

Bagpipe playing camel riders, a daring motorcycle team display, the Navy's window ladder display, and free-fall parachutists landing in the stadium were other high points of the evening.

The Grand Finale had the guard of honour and 30 SON ratings manning a 100 foot high mast positioned at the rear of the stadium.

## Colourful pageant

About 12,000 students from schools in the Capital Area presented a colourful pageant at the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex on Tuesday.

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos and visiting rulers, Heads of State, Presidents, Crown Princes and Prime Ministers watched the students' show.

In the 30,000 capacity stadium every seat was taken while the entire length of one end was occupied by students.

Following the National Anthem and recitations from the Holy Koran, the Minister of Education, Yahya bin Mahfoodh al Manthery, gave the welcome speech.

Led by two young horse riders bearing the National Flag, students dressed in colourful tribal costumes marched past the Royal Box to take their places on the ground. Patriotic songs were sung and a host of white doves and balloons released into the night sky to symbolise peace and prosperity in Oman.

The opening display formed words of a greeting saying: 'His Majesty, the youth of Oman congratulate you on the 15th National Day'.

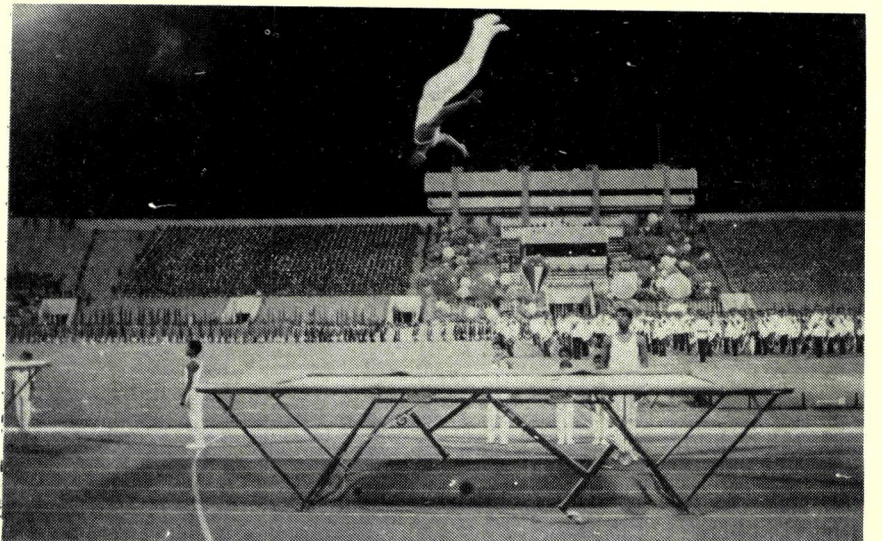
A gymnastic display featuring trampoline and springboard exercises, were demonstrated.

About 1,200 boy scouts, girl guides, cubs and brownies together performed a drill which included designs, portraits and words of greeting. The guides later put on a semaphore display set to music.

Next followed girls dressed in white and bearing orange flowers. They created patterns on the ground including a map of Oman. They were followed by little boys in white oryx costumes who released balloons into the air.

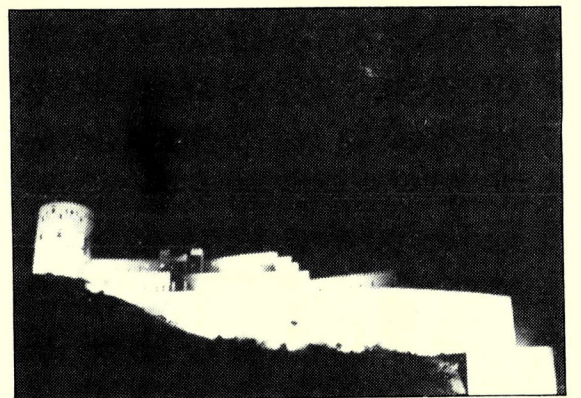
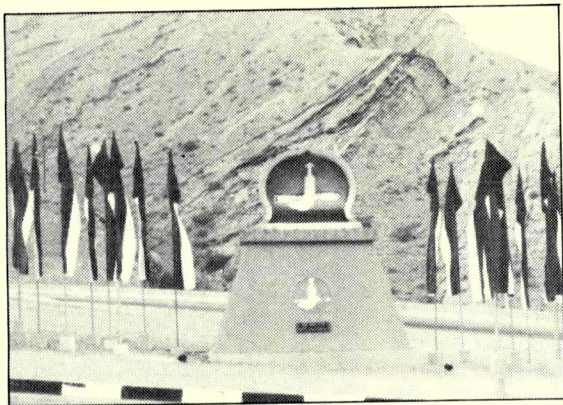
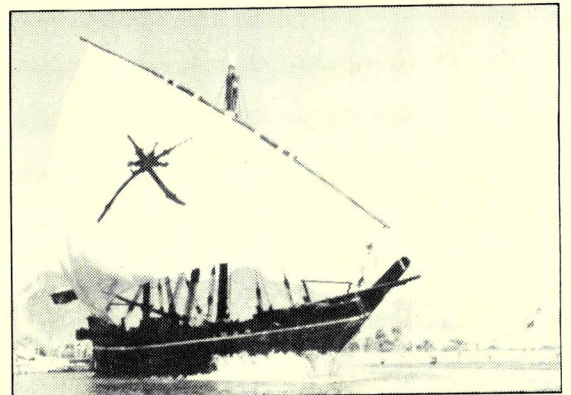
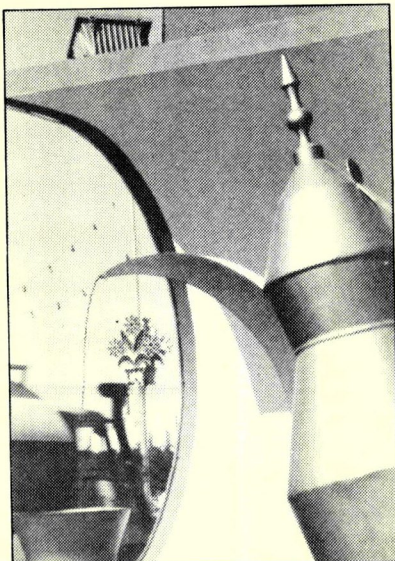
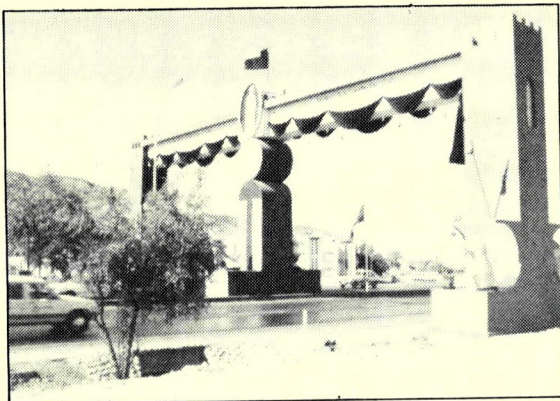
Traditional Omani dancing was performed by youngsters from interior wilayats, both boys and girls. Other dressed in the uniforms of the armed forces and the police took their turn before the Royal Box.

All participants took their positions on the ground for the grand finale marking a splendid end to 35 days' practice choreographed by Yousif Abdul Salam who also scored the music for the traditional dances. Other musical scores were by Dr Jamal Salama, Taha Nagi and Hussain Genaid.





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Pam Morris recounts an enchanted evening

# 'Magic' from Bangladesh

The Under Secretary at the Ministry of National Heritage and Culture, Malallah bin Ali bin Habib, was the guest of honour at a recent evening of Bangladeshi folklore dancing.

The event, which attracted a large number of dignitaries and other guests, was held in the garden of the Medinat Qaboos residence of Mr Amjadul Huq, Charge d'Affairs of the Bangladesh Embassy and was staged as part of the Sultanate's 15th National Day celebrations.

At the start of the evening, Mr Habib spoke on the importance of cultural links between the Sultanate and Bangladesh, "Let us hope that this cultural exchange will be a step towards further cementing bilateral relations between the two countries".

On behalf of the Ministry of National Heritage and Culture Mr Habib thanked the Bangladesh Cultural Association for making it possible for the Bangladesh troupe to participate in the National Day celebrations.

The Bangladesh Folklore Dance Troupe consists of 14 young men and women who received systematic training at the Balbul Academy of Fine Arts in Dhakae.

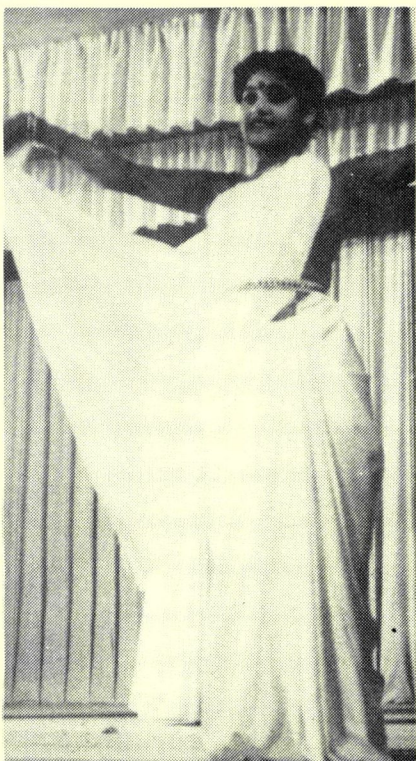
The Academy was set up in 1955 to provide an impetus for study and research and to put together scattered artistic works from throughout the country.

The troupe presented a wide selection of colourful and evocative dances, each dancer having absolutely perfected intricate head, finger and foot movements which take years of patient study to learn.

Bangladesh folk dances are very much a reflection of the life-style, drawn directly from activities such as the sowing of seeds, harvesting and fishing.

Tribal dances of the hill and mountainous regions are much more stylised, the accompanying form of music being ritually preserved and classical movements find their roots in the ancient cultural heritage of the sub-continent.

The programme began with the 'Monipuri dance', an example of what is probably one of the oldest forms of classical dancing in the sub-continent. It has a flow and grace which is not only unique but which contrasts sharply with other forms of classical dance.



The 'Clouds and Sun' dance

This was followed by the 'Dhole dance' and then a 'Naga Tribal Dance' depicting the vigour, energy, love, hatred and danger faced by hill and mountain dwellers in their everyday lives. The brilliantly coloured apparel of the dancers reflecting cherished expectations and a passionate rapport with their fight for survival.

The audience was completely transfixed by a bewitching performance of 'Megh O Surja - The Clouds and the Sun dance'.

Composed on a semi-classical format, the dance depicts the struggle of human beings against the vagaries of nature, conveying the message that however gloomy and cloudy life appears there is always the hope that sunshine and happiness will break through.



Gypsy dance

The 'Snake Charmer Dance', portraying in detail the rituals of this dangerous means of livelihood was an absolute masterpiece of dance and rhythm, as were both the 'Fishermen's dance' and the wildly ecstatic 'Gypsy dance'.

The first programme of dance pieces concluded with a modern item, the 'Liberation Dance', a stirring composition depicting various aspects of Bangladesh's War of Liberation in 1971.

The dance numbers were

interspersed with a number of folk and modern songs sung by Nadira Begum and Shabnam Mustari, both of whom sang not only in their native Bengali but also in well rehearsed Arabic, — which proved extremely popular with all members of the audience.

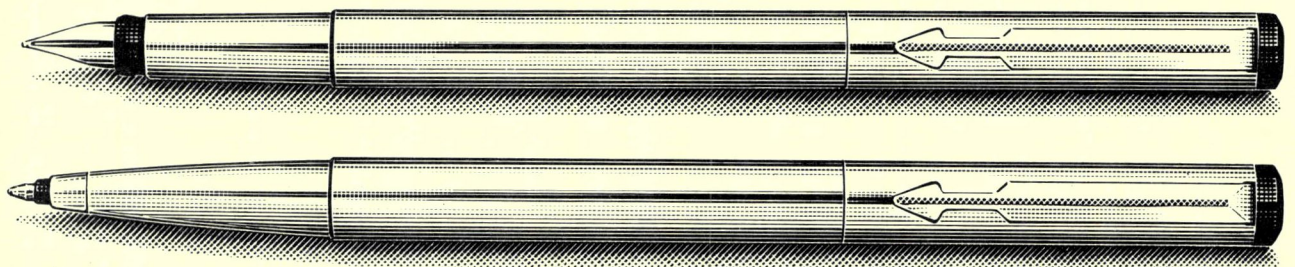
The evening of sheer Bangladeshi magic drew to a final close with the entire dance troupe participating in a Dance Drama, 'Nakshi Kanther Math' - 'The Embroidered Quilt', written by a famous folk poet from Bangladesh, Jasimuddin.



Fishermen's dance

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## PAM MORRIS CONTINUES HER INVESTIGATION OF THE UNEXPLAINED.

"Alien beings from a distant galaxy have been visiting the earth for at least 10,000 years and continue to 'drop in' on a regular basis". Unproven speculation - or is it?

Well over 750,000,000 people claim to have spotted various versions of 'flying saucers' and some even claim to have been kidnapped by extra-terrestrials, experimented on them later released.

Can so many people be wrong?

Scientifically labelled 'Unidentified Flying Objects' they have been observed in numerous world-wide locations.

Countless research projects, utilising the best technical equipment available, magnetometers, gravimeters, lasers and computer-enhanced photographic techniques have all been used in attempts to establish that U.F.O.s are more than the holographic thought projections often suggested.

Masses of 'evidence' has been microscopically dissected and rigorously analysed by scientists and astronomers working in space-age laboratories in almost every corner of the world.

The ratio of believers to unbelievers continues to rise but, on the whole, authorities stubbornly withhold concise

# UFOs and the like: Can so many people be wrong?

information and decisive opinions which, if given and proved positive, could lead to a wave of unparalleled terror among the general populace.

Reports relating to U.F.O.s and visitors from outer space are nothing new and, (here is where discrepancy arises) are claimed by some to have been faithfully recorded by ancient Egyptian, South American and Babylonian people, by the African Dogon tribe and even in the Old Testament.

## 'Whirlwind'

The Old Testament records that while the prophet Ezekiel was by the River Chebar in Mesopotamia: "Behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire unfolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the mist thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire."

"Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass".

This is but one of the five mentions of Ezekiel's 'visions' in the Old Testament.

Ezekiel himself thought he was experiencing dream-like 'visions of God' in an ecstatic moment but numerous people since then consider that the vision describes the arrival of a spaceship with extra-terrestrial occupants.

It has been suggested time and time again that spacemen made vast contributions to rapid technical and cultural advancements in ancient South and Middle American nations.

The 'Nazca lines', in the desert outside the present day town of Nazca in Peru, have been widely acclaimed as an improvised airfield for space craft operating in the vicinity of the earth.

Archaeologically dated somewhere between 300 B.C. and 900 A.D. the Nazca lines are said to be lengthy runways, decorated by adjacent drawings of huge animals, birds and various mythological creatures, to attract the 'space gods' to return.

## Drawings

These magnificently accurate drawings on a monumental scale can only be observed from the air and the question as to how, and, more to the point, why they were so carefully constructed remains unanswered.

The Nazca lines themselves stretch for many kilometres and one tends to wonder at the kind of spacecraft requiring runways of such a staggering length, certainly they could bear no relation to the present conception of a spaceship or rocket.

Other South American examples often cited as evidence of space travelling visitors include Olmec sculptures in Mexico, dated approximately 1500 to 800 B.C., of beautifully helmeted giant skulls; the Palenque astronaut, also in Mexico and dated approximately 683 A.D., said to depict a man sitting at the complicated controls of something resembling a space rocket and Tiahuanco, approximately 800 A.D. located on the islands and shores of Lake Titicaca on the border of Bolivia and Peru, where a futuristic culture flourished briefly, then mysteriously and very abruptly disappeared.

Generally less well known, and pro-

viding an even more unquestionably remarkable example of unexplained astronomical knowledge among primitive peoples, are the beliefs of the Dogon tribe living in Mali, south of the Sahara desert.

The Dogons have accurate details about a small star, totally invisible to the human eye, that orbits Sirius, the brightest star in the sky.

They know it is very heavy, it has an elliptical orbit, and the position of Sirius within the orbit.

## Astonishing

Details apart, it is astonishing that they know about it all, for they could not have been told by explorers - its existence was not suspected by Western astronomers until the middle of the 19th Century, and it was not photographed, faint as it is compared with Sirius, until 1970.

Yet this star, called Sirius B by modern astronomers, has formed the basis of the most sacred Dogon beliefs since antiquity.

So how could they have learned so much about it?

There seem only two conceivable possibilities: Either they used some form of divination or distant viewing, as in psychic experiments currently being conducted; or, as the Dogons themselves profoundly believe, visitors from a planet attached to Sirius B landed on Earth and passed on the knowledge themselves.

The Dogon call their visitors 'Nommos', who have to live in water.

They are said to have arrived in an ark and drawings in the dust portray 'the spinning or whirling of the descent of the ark.'

They describe the noise of thunder that it made and a whirlwind of dust caused by the violence of its impact with the ground.

Other Dogon 'legends' tell of 'spouting blood' from the ark, which may refer to its rocket exhaust.

The Dogon also seem to make a distinction between the ark that actually landed on earth and a star-like object in the sky that may represent the main inter-stellar spaceship or mother-ship.

The Dogon originated in Libya and research in this area has drawn

undoubted parallels between the Dogon 'Nommo' and the amphibian god of Babylon, 'Oannes', a superior being who, with his companions, was said to have taught the Sumerians mathematics, astronomy, agriculture, social and political organisation and written language.

'Oannes' has been described closely in surviving fragments of Babylonian history. 'The whole body of the animal was like that of a fish; and it had under a fish's head another head, and also feet below, similar to those of a man, subjoined to the fish's tail. His voice, too, and language, were articulate and human'.

Is this a description of an extra-terrestrial being who visited earth and shared his profound knowledge and wisdom with ancient peoples or a fantastic, mythological figment of historical imagination?

All these so called legends would appear to be based on fact somewhere but where exactly the line can be drawn is undefinable.

In more recent times the subject has been one not so much of actual spacemen landing on earth but of flying saucers and other unexplained aerial phenomena.

Comprehensive records of U.F.O. sighting were compiled during the 19th Century, with observations being made by reputable astronomers such as those working from Greenwich Observatory.

On November 17, 1882 a vast green disc with a mottled appearance was observed from Greenwich and later reported to have been spotted in various European locations.

Also in the London vicinity a 'spherical craft' was seen rising vertically through the clouds on March 19, 1847.

## Discs

Reports of 'luminous discs', 'torpedo-shaped objects', 'glowing circular objects', 'spinning aerial wheels' and 'bright spherical craft emitting low-pitched whining sounds' were legion then as now.

With over 20 per cent of the world's population admitting to having seen 'something', and numerous others having kept their observations to themselves for fear of ridicule, it would appear that there is definitely something 'up there'.

Are the occupants of these present day U.F.O.'s descendants of past extra-terrestrial visitors making regular return trips to take a look at a world which they helped to create? Sounds plausible.

Are these space men planning an invasion or wishing to establish or re-establish friendly contact? Have they already done so? Some would say "yes" others, mainly official sources, would give a resounding "No".

Earthlings can only wait and see, and, perhaps, hope that the question of 'U.F.O.'s and 'extra-terrestrial beings' will one day be answered and, at the same time, wonder if and why we should be the only and the most advanced form of life in a universe which we are just beginning to explore and understand.

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An Oman branch of the Society of Petroleum Engineers has been formed. The officers, pictured, are (from left) Artie Burke, Madhava Nandyal (treasurer) Khalifa al-Hinai, Samir Kharusi (chairman) and Stuart Knox (secretary).



# Travel

## Cyprus keeps the gods on its side

Cyprus — an island tucked away in the top right hand corner of the Mediterranean, close to Europe, Asia and Africa, stepping stone to three continents.

An island whose civilisation can visibly be traced back over 8,000 years; where Alexander the Great left his mark, as were left the marks of Phoenicians, more Greeks, Romans, Crusaders, Lusignans, Venetians and many others.

An island whose turbulent history inscribes a story as dramatic and compelling as anywhere in the world.

And an island where those mythical gods and goddesses of Ancient Greece indulged themselves in sport, pleasure and tragedy; where Aphrodite, goddess of love and beauty emerged from the foam, later to become the centre of attraction for the first tourists to flock to the island in their thousands.

### Picturesque

With such a background, Cyprus could not fail to develop a character that is quite unique.

And to this the superb natural beauty of the island, its rugged coast line interspersed with fine beaches that are never crowded, its rolling hills and forest clad mountains, its picturesque villages where the inhabitants offer true hospitality in the tradition that has been handed down from generation to generation.

Where the real meaning of Philoxenia, Friendship towards the Guest, is evident; the result is inevitably a holidaymaker's paradise to suit all tastes.

Then there is the climate — the finest in the Mediterranean. Do you want to spend a summer holiday lazing on the beach with swimming, sailing, water skiing or cruising along the coast as a diversion?

### Brilliant

Or do you want to enjoy the cool fresh air of the pine scented hill resorts at anything from 2000 to 6000 feet above sea level?

The choice is yours — or you can do both for, although there are 2200 square miles of Cyprus for the tourist to enjoy, no two places are that far apart and self drive cars are cheap compared with most countries.

Do you want a 'White Christmas', free of all work and worry in a centrally heated luxurious hotel with all the traditional fare, and skiing on Mount Olympus? Or would you prefer to absorb the warmth of the sunshine at a seaside resort? Cyprus can offer both.

In spring the sight of the wild flow-

ers, the fruit blossoms and the flowering trees and shrubs, has to be seen to be believed; fields of brilliant gold relieved by splashes of scarlet and white, blue and mauve. And over all, the exotic perfume of the citrus blossoms pervading the atmosphere.

For the archaeologist, Cyprus is a place of enormous interest. Every day, during the 'digging' season, more and more treasures of a by-gone age are being discovered by experts from all over the world; even the uninitiated must be impressed by some of the finest mosaics in the Mediterranean, over 2000 years old.

In the field of gastronomy, Cyprus lives up to its reputation for variety. Cypriot tavernas provide an extensive range of local dishes that may sound strange at first, but are all very appetising.

These contrast with restaurants offering European cuisine or Arabic, Chinese and Indian food.

And as a conference centre, Cyprus is enhancing its reputation with fully equipped conference halls offering every facility.

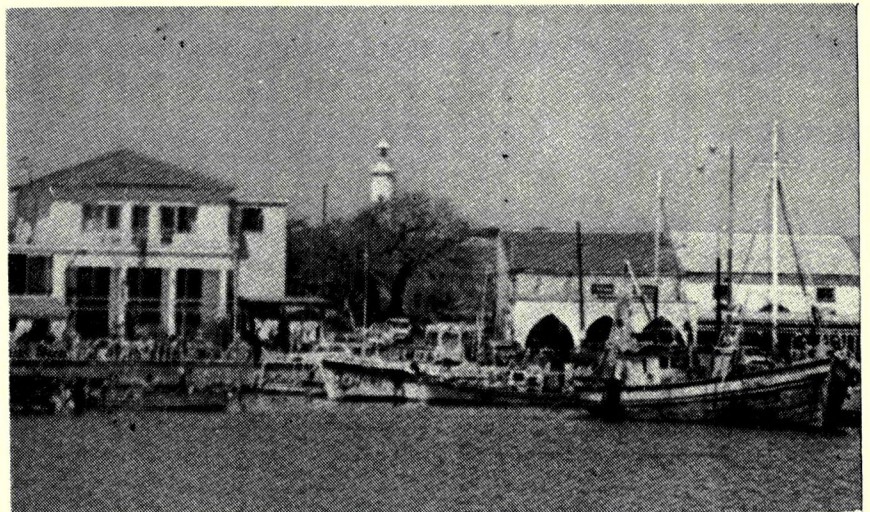
The climate of Cyprus makes the island one of the healthiest places in the world. The long dry summer fills alike the bathing beaches and the pineclad mountains, where the climate is equable dry, sunny and bracing.

The winter is mild and invigorating in the plains and the coastal belt (340 days of bright sunshine annually; lowest sea temperature in January 62 degrees F) where you can swim in the crystal clear blue sea or sunbathe on the lovely sandy beaches.

On the mountains snow begins to fall in December and skiing is usually possible from January to April.

There are over 170 hotels and hotel apartments scattered throughout the island ranging from five to one star. Also available are simple hotels without stars.

For details about hotels ask for the Guide to Hotel and Tourist Services, which is published by the Cyprus Tourism Organisation and distributed free of charge.



Fishing boats line the harbour in a peaceful Cypriot village where true hospitality is traditional.



Cool fresh air greets visitors to the pine-scented hill resorts between 2,000 and 3,000 feet above sea level.



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## There's a nip in the air!

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# Travel

## Doing the classic waltz with Vienna

**There is no golden rule when visiting Vienna. How you experience it will depend on how you want to experience it.**

Every traveller to Austria's capital, even first-time visitors, associate Vienna with many different ideas.

It is the city of the waltz, the ancient, tradition-steeped imperial metropolis.

It's the city of the Opera Ball, a city full of culture and a modern city with a large, international community.

In Vienna you will find Schonbrunn Palace. Vienna is where the Riesenrad — the giant Ferris wheel - goes round, where the Vienna Boys' Choir sings, and where you will find the world famous Spanish Riding School.

### Specialities

Vienna is old and new - and provides such an interesting combination of the two that there are countless different ways in which every visitor can discover and experience the city.

Visitors to Vienna are always particularly struck by the fact that it is higher than they had expected.

The mighty facades of the many great buildings, and palaces are often five or six storeys high. Many of these palaces were built in the 18th century, and it was the baroque building boom that changed the face of the city and gave it the name "Vienna gloriosa".

Everybody knows, of course, that Vienna has a couple of specialities which

you can't find anywhere else.

There's Sachertorte, for example, or Viennese petit point. There's a famous porcelain factory in the Augarten and Viennese furniture by famous manufacturers such as Thonet and from the joiners' shops of Vienna.

For centuries Vienna was a stronghold of European fashion, and it is only in the last 50 years that it has lost this image.

### Boutiques

But those in the know can see that in the meantime Vienna is well on its way to winning its reputation back again. Young fashion designers demonstrate at major fashion shows that they are in no way inferior to their Paris colleagues.

At all events, it is certainly worth taking a look at this or that fashion atelier in Vienna. The international boutiques in Vienna are also worthy of attention.

You can buy fashions from Vienna, Paris, Rome, Florence, Milan - a little New York, a little London. Famous names like Cerutti and Yves St. Laurent, Dior and Fiorucci are naturally also represented. And what else is there?

Old dolls, art nouveau vases - they say that Vienna has more antique shops than



**Vienna, providing an interesting combination of old and new for visitors to the city.**

supermarkets.

Then there are the galleries - one on almost every corner of the first district. On Saturdays there is also a flea market on the Naschmarkt.

Not far from there is Mariahilfer Strasse, Vienna's longest shopping street, with more than five kilometres of shops. On the other hand, there are many short shopping streets in the little lanes around Kartner Strasse, Graben and Kohlmarkt.

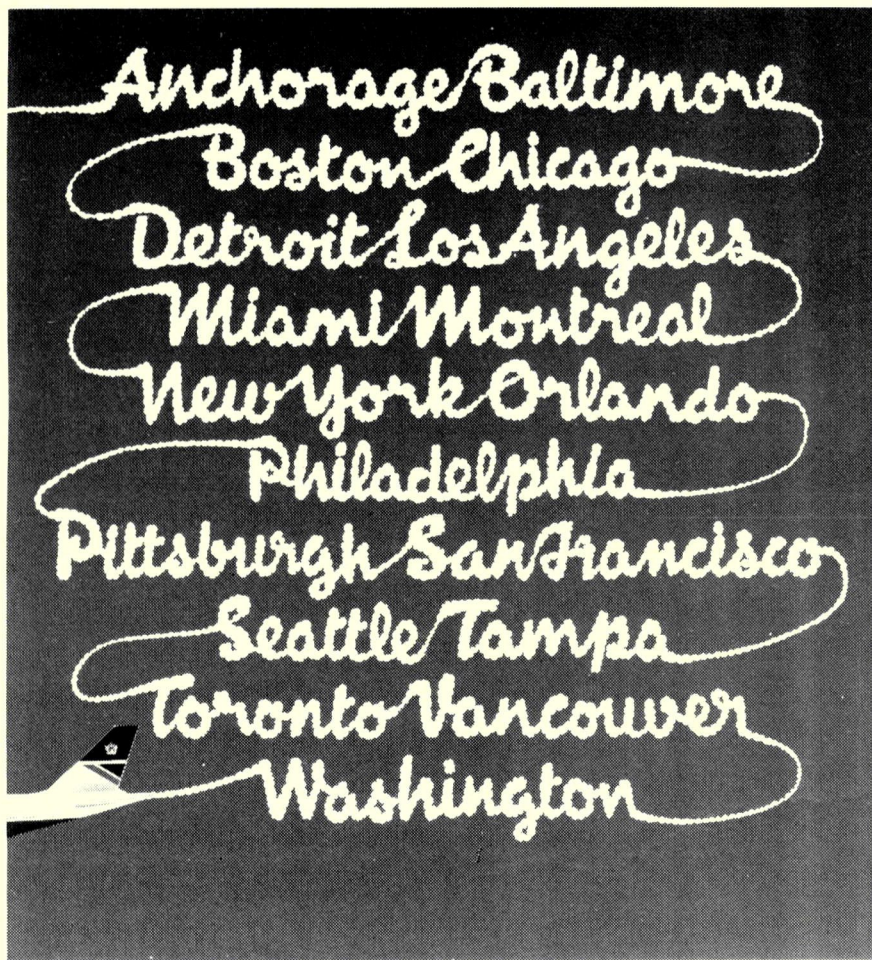
Many people are surprised when they first see the Vienna Woods. They find not a few sparse trees in a small wood on the outskirts of the city, but several hundred square kilometres of forest in a delightful hilly landscape.

Leopoldsdorf and Kahlenberg offer

some of the finest views of Vienna - on a fine day, of course. The countryside around Vienna is also full of variety, ranging from the Wachau, the most lovely stretch of the Danube valley, to the nearby Schneeberg and Rax mountains (both around 2,000 metres high) and the puszta, or Hungarian steppes, in Burgenland.

It's an easy day trip by boat to Melk, a baroque abbey towering above the Danube, and the fascinating Renaissance castle of Schallaburg.

Peaceful monasteries like Heiligenkreuz and Klosterneuburg and romantic castles such as Greifenstein and Kreuzenstein are only a few kilometres from the gates of the city and are ideal goals for half-day excursions.

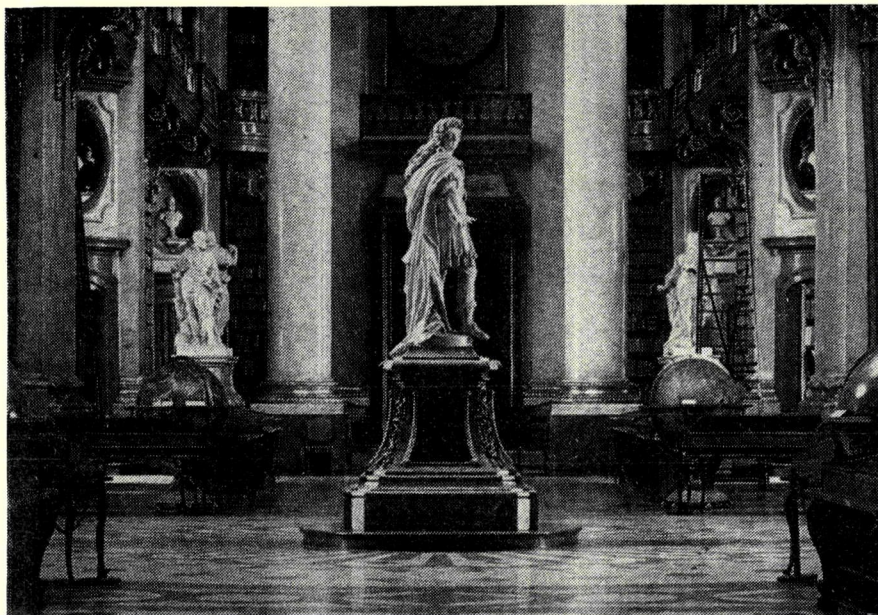


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## Heathrow facelift

London Heathrow Airport's Terminal 3 is to undergo a £68 million redevelopment programme designed to improve comfort and service.

The departures and arrivals buildings will be enlarged and refurbished and work will begin early next year immediately after British Airways' long haul services are transferred from Terminal 3 to the new £200 million Terminal 4. The redevelopment is expected to be completed by early 1990.

Floor space for passengers checking in luggage will be increased by 40 per cent and the departure lounge will have additional seating and more floor space.

The catering area will be larger and the Duty and Tax Free shop will double in size. A new automated baggage handling system capable of sorting items by laser will be installed.

The baggage reclaim area will be 70 per cent larger and new carousels will handle 50 per cent more baggage. The arrivals concourse and the immigration hall will both be extended.

The redevelopment is timed to take advantage of a temporary drop in the annual total of about 11 million passengers passing through Terminal 3, when British Airways, responsible for a third of that figure, transfers its international flights to Terminal 4.



# Business Times

NEWS FROM THE COMMERCIAL LIFE OF THE SULTANATE

Times of Oman, November 21, 1985.

## Raysut Cement company

The Minister of State and Wali of Dhofar, Sayyid Hilal bin Saud bin Hareb, on Sunday formally opened the Raysut Cement Company.

The Deputy Chairman of the company, in a welcome speech, highlighted the special features of the RO 10 million project.

The construction of the company, which has a production capacity of 650 tonnes of cement per day, began in 1981 and was completed last year.

Sayyid Hilal toured the complex reviewing its modern facilities. Among those present were the Deputy Wali of Dhofar, Mohammed bin Ali al Qatabi, sheikhs and local dignitaries.



The Minister sign the agreement

## Air traffic accord with Tunisia

The final agreement for regularising air traffic between the Sultanate and Tunisia was signed on Saturday at the Ministry of Communications.

The Minister of Communications, Sayyid Salim bin Nasser al Busaidi, signed for the Oman Government while Tunisia's Minister of Transport, Mohamed Karim, signed for his country.

The agreement was reached during a series of discussions between civil aviation officials of the two countries following a preliminary one signed on May 13, 1982. According to the agreement,

both countries can operate regular commercial flights between their capital cities.

Mr. Karim arrived in Muscat on Friday as a member of the Tunisian delegation to Oman's National Day celebrations.

Those present at the signing ceremony included the Under-Secretary of Meteorology and Civil Aviation, Sayyid Sami bin Hamad bin Hamoud, and senior officials from the Ministries of Communications and Foreign Affairs and Gulf Air.

The Tunisian Ambassador to Oman, Abdul Malick al Areef was also present

## Cathode output at Oman Mining

The production of cathode at the Oman Mining Company amounted to 9,605 tonnes until August this year and of this, 8,809 tonnes were exported, according to the Central Bank of Oman publication 'Al Markazi'.

Exports of cathode last year amounted at 15,085 tonnes.

The Oman Mining Company also exported last year 6,000 tonnes of chromite ore, mined at Hajmi and Makhil, the magazine said.

Last year, the company extracted 52.5 kg of gold and two tonnes of silver.

The mines at Lasail and Bayda where 12 million tonnes of ore with a copper content of 2.1 per cent have been discovered, are maintaining a production capacity of 3,500 tonnes per day. At this production level, the mines will have an estimated life of 12 years.

The main buyers of Oman's cathode are Japan and European countries.

has announced a faster service to the Sultanate of Oman, following a revised port rotation of vessels serving the Middle East and Gulf ports.

From next month, all vessels sailing to the Gulf in the Joint Container Service from Europe, will make a first call at Mina Qaboos, before continuing with

## GOIC talks on Arab industries

Technical experts of the Gulf Organisation of Industrial Consulting will assess the development of public and private industries in Arab states in the region at a two day meeting in Doha on December 8 and 9.

The meeting is expected to discuss ways of increasing industrial co-operation, marketing issues and problems of competition facing the private industrial sector.

The Doha-based GOIC is an inter-Governmental body comprising Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Bahrain, Oman and the UAE.

## Real estate rules are approved

The Deputy Prime Minister for Financial and Economic Affairs, Qais bin Abdul Munim Al-Zawawi, announced approval of a recent study concerning ownership of real estate by AGCC citizens in Oman.

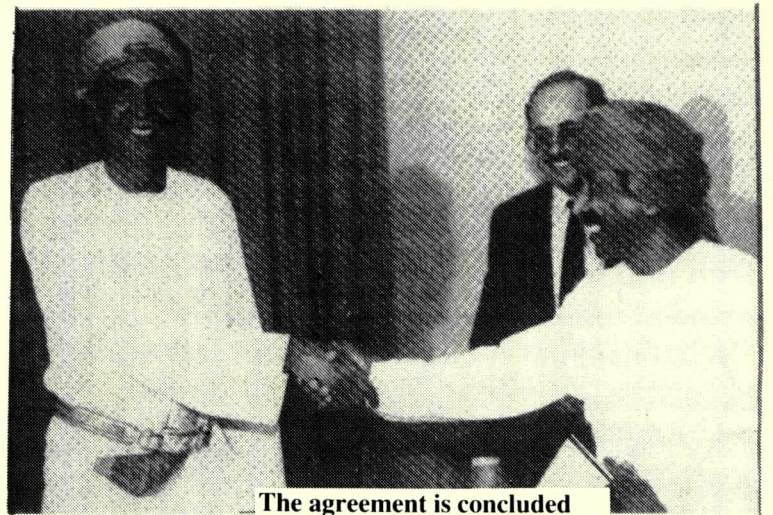
The implementation of terms covering aspects of ownership, purchase and the sale of real estate by AGCC citizens in Oman will not affect the existing real estate market in the Sultanate.

The Secretariat has been authorised by AGCC Heads of State to examine the observations made in the study and to take protective measures to bring the matters in line with implementation of the formula.

On the question of a unified currency the Deputy Prime Minister said that this is included in the subject of economic co-operation and will be put forward by the Secretariat General of AGCC at forthcoming conferences of the governors of AGCC Central Banks.

calls at Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Kuwait and Dammam. The schedule changed with the sailing of 'Rhein Express' from Tilbury on November 9.

The new arrangement will give importers an improved sailing transit time of just 20 days (previously 27 days) to Oman from the UK.



The agreement is concluded

## RO 7m loan for Oman Refinery

The Oman Refinery Company has signed an RO 7 million medium-term loan agreement with a group of Omani banks jointly led by the Oman International Bank and the National Bank of Oman.

The Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Petroleum and Minerals, Salem bin Mohammed bin Shaban, signed the agreement on behalf of the refinery - in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Directors. For the banks, the agreement was signed by Hamood bin Ibrahim bin Soomar, Deputy

Chairman of Oman International Bank, and Mr. Sadiq Dar, General Manager of NBO.

From the other participating banks, the General Managers of Al Bank Al Ahli Al Omani, Oman Arab Bank, the Deputy General Manager and designates of Bank of Oman, Bahrain and Kuwait and Commercial Bank of Oman signed on their behalf.

The loan is syndicated exclusively amongst Omani banks, and includes an alternative currency.

Oman International Bank has been appointed as the 'Agent Bank' under the agreement.

Present at the signing ceremony were senior officials of the Ministry of Petroleum and Minerals and Oman Refinery Company.

## French official

Mr. Olivier Noury is the new Commercial Counsellor at the French Embassy in Muscat.

Mr. Noury had earlier served in Damascus and Tunis at the commercial section of the French Embassies there.

## Sayyala oilfield on stream

The Sayyala oilfield has come on stream producing about 1,500 cubic metres of dry oil a day.

The RO 800,000 early development facility (EDF) project has been completed on schedule and within the budget, according to the latest edition of 'Al Fahal', a Petroleum Development Oman publication.

Sayyala is different from most other EDF projects in that it has the capacity to handle water produced with the oil. The water cut is very low at present but is expected to increase as production continues.

The production facility is equipped with bulk and test separators, a dehydration tank and a water disposal system through which production water is reinjected into the ground.

Starting in early April, the plant was designed, constructed and brought on stream in six months with first production early last month.

The wells are self-producing. In contrast to the heavier oil fields of the south, the oil is very light, at around 48 degree API. It has a high proportion of natural gas liquids and the permanent production facilities, due for completion in mid-1986, will have an NGL plant to handle them.

So far, three wells are producing and another five are being commissioned.

Production started at around 1,000 cubic metres a day, swiftly rising to present levels.

It will shortly be increased to 2,500 cubic metres a day.

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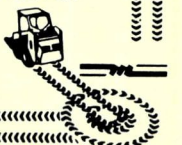
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## Socio-economic atlas and statistical year book issued

A socio-economic atlas, the first time the Omani Government has published one, and a special issue of the Statistical Year Book have been released by the Development Council to mark the 15th National Day.

The atlas, a graphic account of 15 years of achievement under the leadership of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos, presents basic information of the socio-economic scene as in the mid-1985. Illustrated with detailed maps and diagrams and general information texts, the atlas can be a working tool to those who share in making decisions regarding the loca-

tion of projects and facilities.

Pin-pointed are locations of banks, industrial and agricultural sectors, petroleum, gas and mineral concentrations, cultural and tourism centres, hotels, roads, airports, sea-ports, social housing, community development projects and postal and telecommunications facilities, among other things.

The atlas informs the reader of the rapid changes that have taken place during the past 15 years. As it says in the forward: "With few exceptions, the maps presented here would be blank were they to illustrate the situ-

ation in 1970."

The 382-page Statistical Year Book, the 13th issue, carries details pertaining to the past year as well as previous years up to 1970.

The additional information in the current issues relates to the series of unit value indices of imports and a new series on national accounts at constant prices.

Mrs Rajiha bint Abdul Ameer, Acting Under-Secretary for Planning and Director-General of National Statistics, supervised preparations for the publication of both the atlas and year book.

## UK trophy for OCL

Overseas Containers Limited, represented in Oman by Oman United Agencies, has been voted 'Number One for Service' by UK importers and exporters in two independent surveys carried out by the UK shipping trade press.

At a presentation in London recently, the OCL chairman Kerry St. Johnson received a silver rosebowl - the overall trophy awarded by "British Shipper and Forwarder" in recognition of the company's choice by UK exporters as the most professional shipping line catering for Britain's businessmen.

Earlier this year, forwarders voted OCL the best in a seven-point survey on shipping lines' imported efficiency.

OCL was also voted top in two of the individual trade categories (Far East/South East Asia and Australia/South Pacific) and achieved second place for both Middle East and African services.

## AGCC standard for computers is urged

An AGCC standard for Arabic computers and software and the need to educate buyers on the use of micro-computers were stressed at a 'Meet the Exhibitor' review and press conference of the Fifth Gulf Computer Exhibition at the Dubai Trade Centre last week.

A panel of representatives from major companies and end-users discussed the current developments in the computer market.

Although the standard of Arabic was acceptable to most users, the main complaint in the region was that the language varied from manufacturer to manufacturer.

The computer market in the Gulf region is estimated to be valued at \$1 billion for hardware alone, manufacturers estimate.

• A Dh 8 million beverage plant which went into production in Dubai early this year was formally opened last Wednesday by Sheikh Hasher al Maktoum, Dubai's Director of Information. Arab Beverages Company's plant on Abu Dhabi Ring Road, manufacturing Capri-Sonne brand of fruit drinks, has an installed capacity of 20 million packs a year.



This multi-positional hospital bed that will complement any modern ward, will be among the products on offer during the visit of the British Healthcare Export Council trade mission to Oman later this month. This bed is made by E. Doherty and Sons of London, represented in the mission by Mr. David Blundell, who will seek an agent for his company in the Sultanate.

## Oapec meeting

The Ministerial meeting of Oapec will open in Baghdad on November 27 to follow up on the 13th energy conference and study rules for granting honorary awards to researchers and outstanding Arab scholars working on oil and energy.

Ministers will also discuss co-ordination in taxes among Oapec members, a report on the scope and horizons of technical co-operation between Oapec and the EEC and opening up of fields of co-operation between the EEC and Arab countries through Oapec.

The Ministers will also discuss reports on activities of Oapec, its budget, judicial board, and the Oapec Arab Oil Institute of Training.

Oapec comprises 11 Arab countries, including Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain, Algeria, Tunisia, Syria, Kuwait, Libya and Iraq.

## Investors' conference

Ways of promoting the flow of Arab investment in the Arab world will be examined at a conference to be held in Kuwait next year.

The third Arab investors' conference will discuss ways of developing the private sector and giving it a greater role in joint Arab projects. A number of preparatory meetings are planned ahead of the conference.

## GOLC meeting on Iraq project

A special committee assigned to set up a joint project for manufacturing flat glass in Iraq will hold a meeting in Doha this week to discuss various aspects of the project.

The committee, due to meet at the headquarters of the Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consulting, will discuss executive steps including the updating of an economic feasibility study originally

## MEA chief on IATA board

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of Middle East Airlines, Mr. Salim Salaam, who is also President of the Company, has been re-elected to the executive committee of the International Air Transport Association for a further period of three years.

The IATA held its annual general meeting in Hamburg recently.

Mr. Salaam was also elected Chairman-elect to the IATA Executive Committee.

made in 1980.

Among other things, the committee will also investigate possible channels of contact with technology exporters for the initiations of technical certificates for the project in addition to the prospect of inviting more partners.

At present, the project is a joint venture among Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait and the Arab Mining Company. The venture aims at producing 150,000 tonnes annually of flat glass to meet the growing needs of the local markets.

## OIB offices

The Deputy Governor of the Capital for Muttrah, Sheikh Badr bin Salim al Siyabi, this week inaugurated the new premises of Oman International Bank in Muttrah.

A large number of local businessmen and dignitaries were present.

## Exchange rates

	Buying	Selling
U.S. Dollar	0.34505	0.34574
Saudi Rial	0.0944	0.0947
Qatari Rial	0.0947	0.0949
U.A.E. Dirham	0.0939	0.0941
Kuwaiti Dinar	1.169	1.172
Bahraini Dinar	0.9152	0.9173
Jordanian Dinar	0.916	0.925
Egyptian Pound	0.465	0.471
Indian Rupee	0.0286	0.0288
Pakistani Rupee	0.0219	0.0221
Kenya Shilling	0.0212	0.0214
Australian Dollar	0.2322	0.2330
Canadian Dollar	0.2504	0.2510
Singapore Dollar	0.1630	0.1635
Hong Kong Dollar	0.0442	0.0444
Pound Sterling	0.489	0.491
Belgian Franc	0.00653	0.00655
French Franc	0.0431	0.0433
Swiss Franc	0.1604	0.1608
Italian Lira	0.000195	0.000197
Netherlands Guilder	0.1162	0.1165
Deutsche Mark	0.1316	0.1319
Swedish Krone	0.0439	0.0441
Norwegian Krone	0.0438	0.0440
Danish Krone	0.0365	0.0367
Japanese Yen	0.001690	0.001694



# Business Times

## Tenders - the company bids

### The following tender bids were opened on November 13:

84/85 Maintenance and operating services of Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex.

#### Tenderers in alphabetical order:

1. ABV (Preventive Maintenance)
2. Consult Maintenance Management Services.

3. International Sports Academy
4. Petrochemical Int. Instruments Co.
5. Taylor-Woodrow-Towel

#### Bids in ascending order:

1. RO 1,199,310.780
2. RO 1,305,954.000
3. RO 1,307,070.000
4. RO 1,440,603.800
5. RO 1,756,000.000

87/85 Supply of various medicines and equipments.

#### Tenderers in alphabetical order:

1. Al Hashar Pharmacy
2. Ibn Nafees Pharmacy
3. Ibn Sina Pharmacy
4. Mazoon Pharmacy
5. Muscat Pharmacy
6. Muttrah Pharmacy
7. National Pharmacy
8. Oasis Pharmacy
9. Waleed Pharmacy

#### Bids in ascending order:

1. RO 3,190.000
2. RO 7,984.500
3. RO 64,057.750
4. RO 66,384.500
5. RO 68,030.500
6. RO 106,039.500
7. RO 136,307.500
8. RO 244,994.920
9. RO 415,330.025

### The following tender bids were opened on October 30:

83/85 Supply of medicines and equipment.

#### Tenderers in alphabetical order

1. Al Hashar Pharmacy
2. Ibn Nafees Pharmacy
3. Ibn Rushd Pharmacy
4. Ibn Sina Pharmacy
5. Mazoon Pharmacy
6. Muscat Pharmacy
7. Muttrah Pharmacy
8. National Pharmacy
9. Oasis Pharmacy.
10. Waleed Pharmacy

#### Amounts in ascending order

1. R.O. 42,975.000
2. RO 44,020.000
3. RO 45,000.000
4. RO 56,065.000
5. RO 77,702.500
6. RO 132,333.500
7. RO 140,550.000
8. RO 190,521.650
9. RO 195,410.000
10. RO 226,935.000

### The following tender bids were opened on October 16:

82/85 Operation and maintenance of Ghubrah Power and Desalination plant.

#### Tenderers in alphabetical order

1. Global Chemical & Maintenance Systems.

2. International Electric Co.
3. National Electrical Service Co.
4. Oman National Electric Co.

5. Oman Services and Supply Organisation.

6. Sogex Oman.
7. Voltamp.

#### Bids in ascending order

1. RO 7,988,963
2. RO 9,645,365
3. RO 9,800,000
4. RO 9,980,124
5. RO 13,995,197

6. RO 15,433,783

### The following tender bids were opened on October 9:

79/85 Proposed construction of primary health care centre at Miss (Wadi Tayeen).

#### Tenderers in alphabetical order.

1. Abdullah Said Musallim Al-Farsy.
2. Abu A'bid Trading & Contracting Est.

3. Ahmed Nasser Associates & Partners.

4. Al-Jadawil Trading Ind'l & Contracting Est.

5. Al Jawi Trading & Contracting Est.
6. Al-Raud Trading & Contracting Co.

7. Hasan Haji Juma Backer Corp.
8. Jernan Trading & Contracting Co.

#### Bids in ascending order

1. RO 121,200.000
2. RO 132,850.000
3. RO 138,800.000
4. RO 140,760.000
5. RO 147,477.000
6. RO 153,100.000
7. RO 154,614.000
8. RO 161,810.000

81/85 Operation and maintenance of Masirah Island power and desalination plant.

#### Tenderers in alphabetical order

1. Global Chemical and Maintenance System.

2. International Electric Co.
3. Oman National Electric Co.
4. Sogex Oman.

5. Voltamp Electricals Ltd.

#### Bids in ascending order

1. RO 569,297.000
2. RO 1,097,280.000
3. RO 1,143,029,000
4. RO 1,672,886.000

### The following tender bids were opened on October 2: 76/85 Dispensary at Al Falaj.

#### Tenderers in alphabetical order:

1. Abdullah Said al-Farsy
2. Al Jadawil Trading & Contracting
3. Hasan Haji Juma Backer Corpr.
4. Nous Trading & Contracting Est.

#### Bids in ascending order:

1. RO 165,265.000
2. RO 200,310.000
3. RO 209,000.000
4. RO 230,600.000

### 78/85 Dispensary at Wadi Nam.

#### Tenderers in alphabetical order:

1. Abdullah Said al Farsy
2. Al Jawi Trading & Contracting Est.
3. Al Raud Trading & Contracting
4. Hasan Haji Juma Backer Corp

5. Jernan Trading & Contracting Co.
6. Mubarak Mohamed al Jawi.

7. Nous Trading & Contracting Est.

#### Bids in ascending order:

1. RO 146,151.000
2. RO 151,100.000
3. RO 183,921.000
4. RO 195,625.000
5. RO 201,000,000
6. RO 209,000.000
7. RO 229,200.000

77/85 Malaria Control Centre, Mother and Child care Centre at Al Khaboura.

#### Tenderers in alphabetical order:

1. Abdullah Said Musallim al Farsy.

2. Al Hassan Trading & Contracting
3. Al Jadawil Trading Industrial & Contracting Est.

4. Al Jawi General Trading & Contracting Est.

5. Al Mubarak Co.

6. Al Qasim Trading & Contracting

7. Baboud Contracting & Trading.

8. Hasan Haji Juma Backer Corpr.

9. Marzuf General Trading & Contracting Co.

10. Oman Contracting Est.

11. Sohar General Trading & Contracting Est.

12. Thai Trading & Contracting Co.

13. Waaba Trading & Contracting Co.

#### Bids in ascending order:

1. RO 198,820.000
2. RO 207,660.000
3. RO 208,900.000
4. RO 230,480.000
5. RO 248,789.400
6. RO 249,350.000
7. RO 252,864.360
8. RO 256,100.000
9. RO 271,594.000
10. RO 289,600.000
11. RO 333,100.000
12. RO 345,200.000
13. RO 421,851.000

## New tenders

The following tenders have been announced by the Tender Board. Bids should be in by the date in brackets.

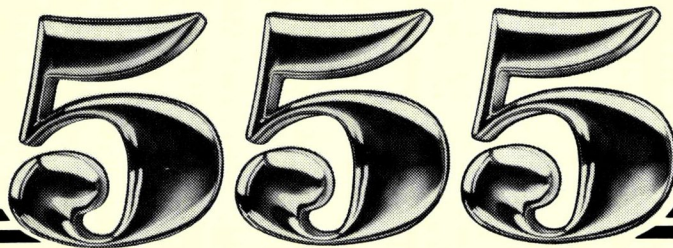
88/85 Water supply scheme for Baushar area (27.11.85).

89/85 Supply of pipes and fittings for the Sultan Qaboos University water supply link. (9.12.85).

90/85 Supply of medicine (23.12.85)

91/85 Government properties insurance/1986 (16.12.85)

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# Business Times

## 'Arab Boycott of Israel' list

**The Director-General of Customs, Royal Oman Police has issued the following list of companies placed under the Israel Boycott regulations.**

**Canada:** Aldrich Chemical Company (Canada) Limited, All State Life Insurance Company of Canada, Metco Canda, E.L. Microtel Limited, Microtel Pacific Research Limited, Viscount Industries Limited, North-West Telephone company and Okanagan Telephone Company. B.C.L. Canada.

**Australia :** G.T.E. Australia Pvt Limited, W.G. Hagerty and Sons (Australia) Inc., Wrightcel Limited.

**New Zealand:** G.T.E. (New Zealand) Limited, W.J. Hagerty and Sons (New Zealand) Inc.,

**Great Britain:** Sigma Chemical Limited, Cadbury Scheppe, Dean Witter Reynolds Limited (UK), Dean Witter Reynolds (Commodities) Limited UK, Cadbury Scheppe, Teh Scientific Insecticides Company Pvt. Limited, National Plastics Group (NP), National Plastics Limited, Amtico Division of National Plastics Limited, The Courtaulds Limited, Courtaulds Central Trading Limited, Courtaulds Distributors Limited, Courtaulds Export Services Limited, Courtaulds Furnishing Fabrics Limited, Courtaulds Knitwear Limited, Kayser Bondor Limited, Macanie (London) Limited, Moygashel Limited, Samuel Courtauld and Company Limited, Courtaulds Hilton Limited, British Cellophane Limited - bonded fibre fabric division, colodense division, BCL cellop fills division, BCL plastic film division, Canning Parry Packaging Division, Metco Limited, Perkin Elmer (UK) Limited, Centronics Data Computer Corporation, Gibco Limited.

**Spain :** Grupo Time Inc. Fondo Industrial S.A., Market SA, Ceisa Compania Exploitora Instaladora de Servicios, SA, Cebado Cosmitic SA, Timexport SA, Kives Sa, Comeacial Muebles de Radio SA, Grupo Diseno SA, Centro Medico De Diagnosticos SA, Bobby Time SA, Autotracion Electrica SA, Rotel Esapnola SA, Rio Blanca SA, Iberia Mart de Productos SA. Dicalite Espanola,

**Italy :** De Tomaso Modema Spa, Finanziaria de Tomaso Spa, Dean Witter Reynolds Spa (Italy), Dicalite Europe Sud Spa.

**France :** Imetal and other companies in the group - Compagnie Fran-

caise de Mokta, Salem, Huguenot - Fenal, Richardmenil, Sarcal, Waitohm, Minemet Recherche, Parimetal, Seri, Penarroya, Le Bourneix, Traitment des Minerais, Gerda Bel, Formageries Bel, Raphael of Paris, Cuzzolin S.A.R.L. Dean Witter Reynolds International SA (France), Champagne Perrier-Jouet, Corima, Societe Civile Immobiliere de Marzilly, Courtaulds S.A., Metco France, Sofirec.

**India :** CBS Gramophone Records and Tares Limited, Pahlaj Bajaj and Company, Bajaj Leathers Pvt Limited, Avon Industries, The Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Limited, The Mica Trading Corporation, New Chem Industries Pvt. Limited, Rohit Exports Pvt. Limited, Vijay Flexible Containers Pvt Limited, Sacha Exporters and Investors Pvt. Limited, Gellusosics Consultant (I) P Limited, Kirti Plastics Industries, Sonika Investments Pvt. Limited, The W.I.A.A. Hotels Limited, Neeta Exports Pvt. Limited, Everest Gems, B. Arunkumar and Company, Rup Diamonds, H. Patel and Company.

**Belgium :** Goody Europe S.A., Metco Belgium, Gibco Europe N.V. The Netherlands : Gibco B.V., Metco Netherlands, Envi B.V., Sears, Roebuck and Company B.V. (Netherlands, Antilles), All State Indemnity Company.

**Singapore :** Drug Houses of Australia (Asia) Pte Limited, Haw Par Brothers International Limited, Haw Par Eng Aun Tong Pte Limited, Jack Chia Industries (S) Pte Limited, Dean Witter Reynolds (SEA) Pte Limited.

**Switzerland :** Dean Witter Reynolds (Lausanne) SA, Switzerland, Dean Witter Reynolds SA., Rothschild Bank A.G, Banque Privee S.A., Banca Privata di Lucano, Creadin A.G.

**Malaysia :** Ajinomoto (Malaysia) Berhad,

**Sweden :** Intong AB, Metco Sweden,

**Panama :** Dean Witter Reynolds Internationals inc. (Panama).

**West Germany :** Dean Witter Reynolds GMBH (Germany).

**Hong Kong :** Dean Witter Reynolds (Hong Kong) Limited, Dean Witter Reynolds Overseas Limited (Del),

DWRO Insurance Holdings Inc. (DEL), Thai India Steel Company Limited.

**Turkey :** Ytong Sanayii SA.

**Greece :** Neopak SA.

**Ireland :** Irish Preserves Limited.

**Brazil :** Seraco Enterprises Inc. (Del), Sear Services Tec Nicos S.C. Limited.

The Israeli Boycott Office has lifted the ban on the following companies.

**Malaysia:** Ajinomoto (Malaysia) Berhad, Aji Shio Aji-no-moto.,

**France:** B.S.N. Gervais Danone (Boussois Souchon Neuve Gervais Danone), Gervais Danone SA, Stenval, Gerdable, SDG, Verzola, Laiterie de Villecomtal, PMF, CIE Gervais Danone, Societe Europeene de Braserie SA, Establishments Rossignol SA, Societe Financiere de Saintloup de Naud, Expanver SA, Societe Verriere Industrielle est Financiere, Societe D'Ingerierie et D'Etudes Economique, Lyon Air SA, Les Verreries Du Gier, Seprosy, Domites D'Auvergne, Durpoix Et Fond, Somiver, Societe Civile Immorillere Soucheon Nuevesel, BSN Emballage, SCI Souchon Neuevesel, Financer, Savima, Gie Duplessis Mornay, Saema, Societe Anonyme Fauxminerales D'Evian, Faux Minerales D'Evian, Terence Conran Et Associes, Habitat France, Thomson Brandt, Zenith Time France SA, Mirox France Sa.

**Belgium:** Gervais Danon Belgique, Compagnie Financiere Eteverriere S, Mecaniver SA. B.R. Ice-Cream, Belgian Designs S.A. Glaverbes S.A. Assoco SA, Mirox SA, Mirvital N.V., Verreries E. Gobbe Hocqueniller SA, Mirodian N.V., Splintex Belge.

**Holland:** Gerdable Netherlands B.V. National Bezit Van Aandelen, Vereinigte Glasfabrieken, B.V. Koninklijke Pharmaceutische, Glaverned B.V. De Maas, Veiliglas B.V.

**Italy:** Gervais Danone Italiana.

**Cameron:** Sodiacam.

**Ivory Coast:** Codis.

**United States:** Groupdesign Office, Conran Stores Inc.,

**Japan:** Ajinomomto Co. Inc., Ajinomto Danone, Kanematus - Kanematsu Goshio Limited, Kanematsu Sporting Good Com-

pany Limited, I.M. of Japan, Kurabo Industries Limited, Kurashiki Spinning Company Limited, Kurashiki Boseki Kabushiki Kaisha Unitika Limited, Nichibo Co. Ltd, Omikensh, Morita Mengyo K.K., Morita Trading Co. Ltd, National Federation of Agricultural Co-operative Associations, Asahi Glass Company Limited.

**Mexico:** Danone De Mexico.

**Spain:** Ebamsa, Sodispa, Vidieria Viella, Font Vella, Tubacce, Taylor Accessories SA, Sovietec Iberica SA.

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**Turkey:** Alarko Sanayii Ve Tic As, Aldag A.S. Alamsas Agri Makina Sanayii, Alisman, Alarko Turistik Tesisleri AS, Alarko Finni Malzeme Satis ve im Alat AS, Aletas Alarko Egitim Tesisleri SA, Almut Divion, Alsac, Alim, Albim, Aletim, Aterum, Alsim, Alsim (Water Department), Alpom, Afenas, Tekiz, Toplu Konut Holding AS, Gonen, Doysan Yag Sanayii (Anohim Sirketi).

**India:** Ratan Re-roller Limited, Ravi Chem Dye.

**Hong Kong:** Morita and Company.

**Cyprus:** Domestica

**Switzerland:** Schaublin S.A. Glaverbel, Glaverbel Handels A.G.

**Sweden:** Glaverbel Svenska A.B.

## PAL regional meeting

Convening recently in Karachi for their Regional meeting, Philippine Airlines General Sales Agents and staff met to discuss year-end results from 1984-85 as well as plans for the 1985-86 year. One of the highlights of the discussion was the substantial improvement PAL achieved in terms of international marketing.

## RO 1.5m loan for Oman Lubricants

The Oman Development Bank on Saturday signed a loan agreement with Oman Lubricants Company LLC for a new lubricants plant at Mina al Fahal.

The RO 1,500,000 loan agreement was signed by Mr. Mohammed bin Moosa al Yousuf, Chairman of the bank and Mr. C.P. Harrison, General Manager of Oman Lubricants.

Oman Lubricants Company is currently constructing a plant incorporating the most advanced blending systems of its kind in the world. Representing a several million Rials joint venture between Shell and a group of Omani partners, the high-technology plant is being constructed by a local company Yahya Costain - Process Engineering Division.

Oman Lubricants Company was

incorporated in January 1984 and is managed by Shell Markets (Middle East) Limited. The engineering design used in the construction of the plant and the advanced computer process technology is being supplied by the Royal Dutch Shell Group of Companies. When the plant is commissioned at the beginning of 1986, it will initially have an annual capacity of 15,000 tonnes covering about 30 different lubricants.

At present all lubricants sold in the Sultanate are imported from manufacturers in Europe and the Far East. In future, most local demand is expected to be met by the output from the new plant, including such popular brands as Super Motor Oil, Rotella 40, Rimula X, Spirax and Tellus.

## ...and loans for four other firms

Oman Development Bank has also signed four other loan agreements with promoters of various new industrial projects.

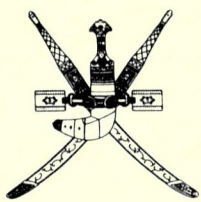
The Under-Secretary of Finance, Mohammed bin Moosa, who is also Chairman of ODB, signed for the bank while the promoters signed on behalf of their companies.

According to one of the agreements, the bank will extend RO 30,000 to the Gulf Aluminium Company which has an investment of RO 115,000 and will have a production capacity of 100 tonnes per year.

The Bid Bid Plastic Products LLC - with an investment of RO 150,000 and a production capacity of 50,000 polypropylene mats a year, will get RO 75,000 from the bank.

The bank has also granted RO 300,000 to the Oman Metal Industries Company which has an investment of RO 600,000. The company specialises in the production of truck bodies, dumpers, tankers and flat-bed trailers.

A loan of RO 15,000 has been sanctioned by the bank for the Mohammed Tayyeb al Alawi Establishment which has a capital of RO 25,000.



REFERENCE 'A' FPD/PD/291-D dt. 3 Nov 85

'B' FPD/PD/291-D dt. 9 Nov 85

1. The Ministry of Defence has invited the following tenders under reference 'A' and 'B' above. Please note the revised closing dates of tenders to read as under:

Sr. No.	Description	Commodity	Tender Control	Revised Closing Date
1.	Contract for	Cleaning (Shafa Medical Centre)	764	01-2-86
2.	Contract for	Cleaning (Shafa Camp Izki)	803	01-2-86

2. Tender documents may be obtained on payment of R.O. 10.000 (Rials Omani Ten Only) each in cash, from the Secretary to the Tender Board, JSWO Building, MAM, between 0800 am and 1100 am from Saturday to Wednesday inclusive.



# Business Times

## • Emergency warning system

### Australian firm keen on joint venture

An innovative Australian company, Werner Electronic Industries Pty Ltd., is interested in making a joint venture or manufacturing under licence agreements, and in making suitable agency arrangements with Omani companies for its efficient emergency warning system for evacuating buildings.

W.E.I.'s microprocessor-controlled warning system enables high-rise buildings to be evacuated according to a pre-determined plan, minimising panic in such events as fire, earthquake and terrorist activity.

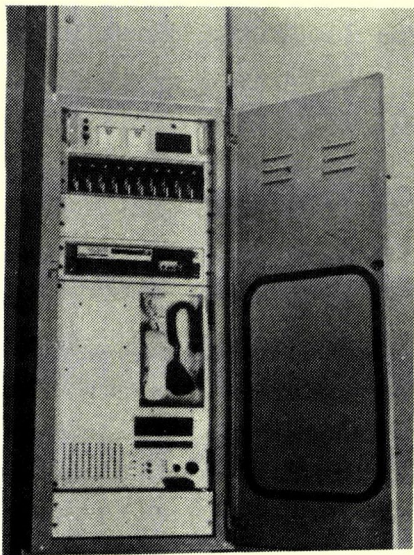
discreet paging facilities on their own floors, operating independently through the main system.

Options are available for tape recording tones, public address and intercom conversations simultaneously.

The microprocessor based system permits updated programmes to be offered by the company as and when they become available.

These systems are used in hotels, public buildings and office blocks. The company claims its system performed most creditably when fire broke out in a big Australian hotel recently.

All inquiries can be directed through the Australian Trade Commissioner at Abu Dhabi.



The W.E.I. system is manufactured to stringent standards devised by the Australian Standards Association.

The system is controlled totally by microprocessor and provides intercom and speaker line supervision with audio and visual fault indications for open circuit, short circuit and signal to ground as standard features.

It also can be used as a public address or background music system with the microprocessor control ensuring immediate and automatic changeover to the emergency functions when necessary.

Individual tenants can have their own

## Solar heating systems

An enterprising Australian company, Beasley Industries Pty Ltd, is looking for established agents in the Sultanate for its solar powered water heating system.

The 'Solapak' flat collectors, developed by the company, are designed to heat water for domestic and commercial applications and suit both constant or mains pressure operation.

The system is greatly enhanced by its AMCRO selective surface coating developed and patented by the Australian Government's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).

The cost of installing one for an average household can be retrieved in power-cost savings in about five to six years.

The absorber is housed in a rain-proofed, slim-line, insulated, galvanised outer case with a clear low-iron glass cover.

Low-iron glass improves performance and, used by architects for aesthetic affect, enhances the appearance of the collectors.

The company also makes hot water systems, including electric and slow combustion boosted models for connection to the collectors.

All inquiries can be directed through the Australian Trade Commissioner at Abu Dhabi.

## Marginal fall in profits for Gulf Helicopters

The Gulf Helicopters Company, a Gulf Air subsidiary, expects to make a profit of QR 2.5 million this year against last year's QR 3 million. Abdullah al Attiya, Chairman, said recession had been the main reason for the fall in profits.

He was talking to newsmen after a meeting of the board of directors of the Doha-based company last week in Doha. The board also discussed future plans. "Future expansion plans depend on the North Field gas project," Mr Attiya said.

The gas project is likely to provide substantial opportunities for the expansion of the fleet and of manpower. He said it was necessary to train nationals as pilots and engineers.

Gulf Helicopters, now registered in England, has decided to register itself in

Qatar. Mr Attiya said it offered several advantages to become a national company.

The company has a fleet of six helicopters. The main client is Qatar General Petroleum Corporation, which has a three-year contract due to expire in 1988. Occasional charter requests are made from Abu Dhabi and Oman.

The board decided to limit operating expenditure next year to QR 21 million, decreasing it by 4.5 per cent from the current year figure.

A new gas turbine station is to be set up in Dubai with a capacity of 200 Mw of electricity per hour, the daily 'Al Bayan' said. The plant, consisting of four gas turbines, will also include desalination units to provide Dubai with 20 million gallons of water per day.

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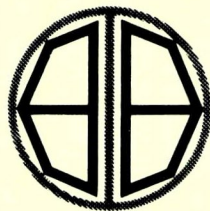
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Three Star Book Shop, P.O. Box 4834, Ruwi. Tel: 772630.  
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### RUWI

Khalid Information Book Shop, P.O. Box 901, Muscat.  
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Family Bookshop, P.O. Box 3376, Ruwi (near Rex Cinema). Tel: 706816.  
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Al Marfa Book Shop.  
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Fair Trade (Al Falaj Hotel).  
Hind Supermarket, opp. Zubair Automotive, P.O. Box 5137, Ruwi.  
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Ramniklal B. Kothary, P.O. Box 66, Muscat.  
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### CORNICHE

Yaseen Foodstuff Division, P.O. Box 7581, Muttrah, Corniche, Near Al Nahda Hotel.

### QURM

Sharikat Fanniya Omaniya L.L.C., P.O. Box 4949, Ruwi. Tel: 704400.  
P.N. Gandhi & Co., P.O. Box 185, Muscat.  
Al Fair Supermarket, P.O. Box 5636, Ruwi.  
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Haridas Nensey & Co., P.O. Box 452, Muscat.  
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Muscat Pharmacy (Gulf Hotel).

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### AL-KHUWAIIR

Khalil al Khalil Supermarket, P.O. Box 537, Muscat. Tel: 601032, Near Habib Bank.

### SEEB

Family Book Shop, Movotel.  
Seeb Airport Cold Stores, P.O. Box 3014, Ruwi. Tel: 705177.

### RUSAIL

Matrah Cold Stores. Tel: 610288.

### SALALAH

Family Book Shop & Co., P.O. Box 8884, Salalah. Tel: 460027.  
Al Fawaz Cultural Library. P.O. Box 12242, Tel: 292946.

### WADIKABIR

Al Fair Supermarket, next to BP Filling Station.

**Algeria**, Mr. Abdelmajid Fasla, P.O. Box 6942, Ruwi.

**Austria**, (Consulate), P.O. Box 223, House 2, Road 4, Medinat Qaboos West. (Tel: 600307/701921).

**Bangladesh**, Mumtaz area, near Ruwi Hotel, Ruwi. P.O. Box 6959, Ruwi. (Tel: 707462).

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**China**, P.O. Box 3315, off Al Khalid bin Ahmed Street, Ruwi (Tel: 702451).

**Cyprus**, (Consulate), Mr Andreas Laissis, J and P Camp, P.O. Box 603, Muscat. (Tel: 590200).

**Denmark**, (Consulate), Hans Hugo From — vice-counsel, P.O. Box 4040, Towel Admin building, (opp. Central Bank), Ruwi. (Tel: 793887).

**Egypt**, P.O. Box 5252, Diplomatic Quarter, Al-Khuwair. (Tel: 600411/60982).

**France**, P.O. Box 591, Muscat — Sidab Road, Muscat. (Tel: 737421/737495 Culture Section).

**Germany**, P.O. Box 3128, Qaboos Street, Ruwi. (Tel: 702482).

**Greece**, (Consulate), P.O. Box 5031, Al Falaj Hotel, Ruwi. (Tel: 702311).

## Pharmacies

### CAPITAL AREA (Day Duty)

Thursday — Mazoon, Muttrah souq; Al Farabi, opp. Sabir Supermarket, Walja.

Saturday 8 Muscat, Muttrah souq; Salaiman Gharib, opp. Ministry of Health Housings, Ruwi.

Sunday — Mazoon, near Muttrah taxi stand, Al-Wahga, main street, near Hamriya roundabout, Ruwi.

Monday — Al Farabi, near Muttrah taxi stand; Muttrah, near Housing Bank, Ruwi.

Tuesday — Al Razi, near Wadi Hattat Municipality; Reem, opp. BCCI, Ruwi.

Wednesday — Mazoon, Muttrah souq; Faiz, Hamriya, main street, Ruwi.

### (Night Duty)

Thursday — Muscat, Main road, near Ministry of Commerce, Muscat.

Friday — Ibn Rushd, opp. Bahwan Centre, Greater Muttrah; Ibn Sina, Ammar Centre, near Commercial Bank of Oman, Ruwi.

Saturday — Muscat, opp NBO, Greater Muttrah; Oriental, Walja entrance, Ruwi; Al-Khuwair, near Oman International Bank, Al Khuwair.

Sunday — Al-Hashar, opp. Mazoon Trading, Ruwi; Al Khalij, opp. Al Nahda Hospital, Ruwi, Yasrub, Seeb souq.

Monday — National, opp. Masjid Qaboos, Ruwi; Capital, Near Wadikabir; Muscat, Al Khuwair Commercial centre, Al Khuwair.

## Embassies

**Iran**, P.O. Box 6155, off. Al Khalid bin Ahmed Street, Ruwi. (Tel: 722668).

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**Jordan**, P.O. Box 5281, Diplomatic Quarter, Al-Khuwair. (Tel: 602561).

**Korea**, P.O. Box 5220, opp. Old Oman Chamber of Commerce. (Tel: 702322).

**Kuwait**, P.O. Box 4798, Ruwi, Qaboos Street, Al Falaj Roundabout. (Tel: 706444).

**Malaysia**, Opp. Al Falaj Hotel, P.O. Box 6939, Ruwi. (Tel: 706116).

**Morocco**, Behind Ruwi Hotel, P.O. Box 6125, Ruwi. (Tel: 701977, 701706, 702281).

**Netherlands**, P.O. Box 6302, Ruwi, 7th Floor, OK Centre. (Tel: 705410, 705420).

**Pakistan**, Villa No. 7-B Road No. 3, Medinat Qaboos (Behind British Council), P.O. Box 4302, Muscat. (Tel: 603090).

**Portugal**, (Consulate), Dr Ali

Mohammed Moosa (Honorary), P.O. Box 496, (Tel: 704981, 702772).

**Qatar**, P.O. Box 802, Government Flats, Ruwi. (Tel: 705820).

**Saudi Arabia**, Behind Ruwi Hotel. P.O. Box 4411, Ruwi. (Tel: 701111).

**Somalia**, P.O. Box 4767, Nara Street, Ruwi. (Tel: 701322).

**Sudan**, Mr Ali Abdul Rahman Al Mumeiri, P.O. Box 6971, Ruwi. Mumtaz Area. (Tel: 703666).

**Sweden**, (Consulate), Mr. Suhail Salim Bahwan (Honorary), P.O. Box 169, Muscat. (Tel: 714201).

**Switzerland**, (Consulate), Bosch, showroom, Qaboos Street, Ruwi. P.O. Box 696. (Tel: 701548).

**Tunisia**, P.O. Box 5755, Near Hassan Bin Thabit School, Muttrah. (Tel: 704859).

**United Arab Emirates**, P.O. Box 355, Diplomatic Quarter, Al Khuwair. (Tel: 601372).

**United Kingdom**, P.O. Box 300, near Al Alam Palace, Muscat. (Tel: 738501).

**United States of America**, P.O. Box 966, Near Al Alam Palace, Muscat (Tel: 738233).

**Yemen Arab Republic**, P.O. Box 3701, Khamis Al Shaqai Street, Govt. Flats, Ruwi. (Tel: 706445).

## Shipping

Tohgo Maru	Containers	21.11
Dairy Maru	Vehicles	21.11
Al Wajba	Containers	21.11
Oriental Merch.	Containers	21.11
Hual Carmencia	Ro-Ro	21.11
Figaro	Vehicles	21.11
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Albert Maersk	Containers	23.11
Dubai	Containers	24.11
Colaba Pioneer	Containers	24.11
Buzet	Containers	25.11
Australia Star	Containers	25.11
Serafirm	Steel	26.11
Niagara Falls	Visit	26.11
Tackler Dosinia	Containers	26.11
Nangaparabat	Containers	26.11
Meltem	Reefer	26.11

## Emergencies

Fire	999
Police	560099
Al Rahma Hospital	712281
Khoula Hospital	560455
Al Nahda Hospital	701255
Muscat Hospital	738036
Police Hospital	560435
Force Base Hospital	614334
Assada Hospital	736088
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## Light-up time

Lighting-up time for all vehicles in the Capital Area is 5.15 pm.



Information

Airline timetable

Weekly schedule (international and domestic) through Seeb International Airport by courtesy of Oman Aviation Services Co. (S.A.O.)

Flt. No.	A/C	From	Arr.	To.	Dep.
WEDNESDAY					
KL813	B747	Ex-KL813 Tue	0040		KHI/KUL/SIN
GF002/2002	L1011	LHR/BAH/DXB	0010	0130	DEL
GF030/1030	L1011	LHR/AUH	0035	0135	BOM
GF072	L1011	CAI/DOH/DXB	0035		Ops GF1710 Wed
ME438	B707	BEY/DXB	0100		Ops ME437 Wed
BA12	B747	SYD/MEL/PER/SIN	0050	0155	LHR
TG511	DC10	BKK	0240	0340	CAI
GF1701	L1011	EX-GF072 Wed		0700	AUH/DOH/JED/KRT
ME437	B707	Ex-ME438 Wed		0715	AUH/BEY
WY255	DHC6			0730	KHS
WY253	F27			0800	MSH
BA11	B747	LHR	0730	0835	SIN/SYD/BNE
GF1003/003	L1011	BOM	0745	0845	DXB/BAH/LHR
GF973-843	B737	Ex-GF942 Tue		0850	BAH/AMM-LCA
GF388/237	B737	AUH	0820	0920	SHJ/KWI
PK205/206	B707	KHI	0825	0940	KHI
A1865/864	AB4	BOM	1005	1120	DEL/BOM
WY253/855	F27	MSH	1030	1130	SLL
WY255/254	DHC6	KHS	1050	1320	RMB
GF2022	L1011	LHR/CDG/DOH/AUH	1120	1215	BOM
GF356/738	B737	BAH/DXB	1130	1215	KHI
TL231/232	B707F	BEY	1130	1300	BEY
GF1711/711	L1011	BAH/AUH	1320	1430	NBO/DAR (eff. 1 Jan)
WY254	DHC6	RMB	1555		
WY856	F27	SLL	1645		
GF739/WY409	B737	KHI	1630	1715	SLL
GF238/355	B737	KWI/SHJ	1620	1800	BAH
WY410/GF387	B737	SLL	2110	2210	AUH/DOH
GF974-844/363	B737	LCA-AMM/DOH/DXB	2110	2225	SHJ/BAH
TG512	DC10	CAI	2130	2330	BKK
GF036/1036	L1011	LHR/AUH	2235	2330	BOM
GF144/3144	L1011	BAH/DOH	2225	2335	CMB
BG023	DC10	DAC	2320		Ops BG024 Thu
GF1037	L1011	BOM	2345		Ops GF037 Thu
THURSDAY					
KL814	B747	SIN/KUL/KHI	0030	0120	AMS
BG024	DC10	Ex-BG023 Wed		0100	DAC
GF037	L1011	Ex-GF1037 Wed		0115	LHR
BA12	B747	MEL/SYD/SIN	0050	0155	LHR (upto 28 Nov)
BA12	B747	MEL/SYD/SIN	0145	0245	LHR (Eff 02 Dec)
GF1702	L1011	KRT/JED/DOH/AUH	0205		Ops GF971 Thu
RJ080/081	B707F	AMM	0220	0350	DOH/AMM
LH610/639	A300	FRA/CAI	0155	0510	KWI/FRA
KU671	B727	KWI/DOH	0255		Ops KU672 Thu
RJ600	L15	AMM/DXB	0315		Ops RJ601 Thu
WY263	DHC6			0630	KHS/BYB
GF971	L1011	Ex-GF1702 Thu		0640	DXB/BAH/LCA/AMM
WY6010	F27			0645	GWD (31 Oct only)
KU672	B727	Ex-KU671 Thu		0650	DOH/KWI
RJ601	L15	Ex-RJ600 Thu		0645	DXB/AMM
GF712/1712	L1011	DAR/NBO	0620	0730	AUH/BAH (Eff 1 Jan)
BA149	L12	LHR/DXB	0840		Ops BA148 Thu
GF3145/145	L1011	CMB	0820	0920	BAH
GF1011/011	L1011	BOM	0830	0930	WY236
WY6011	F27	GWD	1005		GF381
GF372/WY407	B737	DOH/DXB	1010	1110	WY235
GF026/1026	L1011	LHR/CDG/BAH	1005	1115	SLL
GF398/081	L1011	BAH/AUH	1025	1130	BOM
WY263/264	DHC6	BYB/KHS	1125	1300	AUH/CAI
PK501/502	F27	GWD	1145	1225	SUH/MSH
TL231/232	B707F	BEY	1130	1300	GWD
A1867/866	B707	BOM	1205	1320	BEY
SV228/233	B737	JED/RUH/DOH	1335	1420	BOM
WY408/GF734	B737	SLL	1500	1545	DOH/RUH/JED
MS906/907	B737	CAI/SHJ	1535	1620	KHI
PK219/220	B737	KHI	1740	1855	SHJ/CAI
WY264	DHC6	MSH/SUH	1810		KHI
GF065	L1011	BOM	1845	1945	BAH
GF735/377	B737	KHI	2005	2045	DXB/DOH
AI837/836	B707	BOM	2035	2150	BOM
BA148	L12	EX-BA149 Thu		2230	DXB/KWI/LHR
GF044/031	L1011	FRA/ATH/BAH	2240	2359	AUH/LHR
TG507/508	AB4	BKK/KHI	2305	2359	KHI/BKK
GF360	B737	BAH/DXB	2335		Ops GF362 Fri
FRIDAY					
GF082/1082	L1011	CAI/AUH	0010	0110	BOM
GF004/4004	L1011	LHR/DOH	0040	0200	KHI
GF945	B737	Ex-GF360 Thu		0740	DXB/DOH/LCA
GF384/WY411	B737	AUH	0650	0745	SLL
GF376/975	B737	SHJ	0705	0750	AUH/DOH/AMM
GF3003/003	L1011	DEL	0700	0830	AUH/BAH/LHR
BA11	B747	LHR	0730	0835	SIN/SYD/MEL
GF034/1034	L1011	LHR	0810	0915	BOM
GF1087/087	L1011	BOM	0945	1045	BAH/CAI/TUN
WY412/GF738	B737	SLL	1130	1215	KHI
TL231/232	B707F	BEY	1130	1300	BEY
WY273	DHC6			1300	SUH
GF362	B737	BAH/AUH	1350		Ops GF235 Fri
WY273/274	DHC6	SUH	1510	1540	RMB
GF739/WY409	B737	KHI	1630	1715	SLL
GF235	B737	Ex-GF362 Fri		1730	SHJ/KWI
AI889/888	B707	BOM	1635	1750	BOM
PK219/220	B737	KHI	1740	1855	KHI
WY274	DHC6	RMB	1830		
GF976-846/1187	B737	LCA-AMM/DOH	2000	2045	AUH/DOH/DHA
WY410/GF367	B737	SLL	2110	2150	DXB/BAH
GF392/025	L1011	BAH/AUH	2115	2330	BAH/CDG/LHR
SATURDAY					
GF002/1002	L1011	LHR/BAH/DXB	0100	0110	BOM
GF236	B737	KWI/SHJ	0035		Ops GF979 Sat
GF004/4004	L1011	LHR/DOH	0040	0200	KHI
BA12	B747	MEL/ADL/SIN	0050	0155	LHR
ME436	B707	BEY/AUH	0100		
TG511	DC10	BKK	0240	0340	CAI
UT568	DC10	CDG	0315	0425	CMB/SIN
WY215	DHC6	—	—	0630	KHS/BYB
GF979	B737	Ex-GF236 Sat	—	0700	AUH/BAH/AMM
ME439	B707	Ex-ME436 Sat	—	0715	DXB/BEY
GF1003/003	L1011	BOM	0745	0845	DXB/BAH/LHR
WY816	F27	—	—	0900	SLL
GF386/237	B737	SHJ	0820	0920	SHJ/KWI
GF088/397	L1011	TUN/CAI/BAH	0945	1045	DOH/BAH
GF374/738	B737	BAH/DOH/AUH	1050	1215	KHI
WY215	DHC6	BYK/KHS	1125		
TL231/232	B707F	BEY	1130	1300	BEY
PK511/512	F27	KHI/GWD	1145	1225	Ops GF383 Tue
WY817	F27	SLL	1415		BOM
WY216	DHC6			1500	SLL
WY739/WY409	B737	KHI	1630	1715	

Flt No.	A/C	From.	Arr.	Dep.	To.
GF238/357	B737	KWI/SHJ	1620	1745	AUH/DOH/BAH
AI811/810	AB4	BOM/DEL	1745	1900	BOM
WY216	DHC6	RMB	1755		
WY410/GF365	B737	SLL	2110	2200	DXB/DOH/BAH
GF168	B737	RUH/DOH	2130		Ops. GF947 Sun
TG512	DC10	CAI	2130	2230	BKK
PK233/234	B707	KHI	2140	2255	KHI
TC760	B737	DAR/JIB	2205	2250	DXB
GF1031/031	L1011	BOM	2300	2359	AUH/LHR
GF146	L1011	BAH/DOH	2355		Ops GF3146 Sun
KL521	A310	AMS	2359		Ops KL522 Sun
SUNDAY					
GF3146	L1011	Ex-GF146 Sat		0100	CMB
GF006/1006	L1011	LHR/BAH/SHJ	0010	0110	BOM
G1156/156	B747	BAH	0015	0115	DAC/BKK
KL522	A310	Ex-KL521 Sat		0125	AMS
GF134	L1011	BAH/AUH	0020	0130	DEL
UT567	DC10	SIN/CMB	0030	0140	CDG
WY224	DHC6			0630	KHS/BYB
GF947	B737	EX-GF168 Sat		0815	BAH/LCA
GF1073/073	L1011	BOM	0715	0830	DXB/DOH/CAI
BA11	B747	LHR	0730	0835	SIN/SYD/ADL
GF131	L1011	DEL	0845	0945	AUH/BAH
AI835/832	AB4	BOM	0850	1020	BOM
GF3035/035	L1011	CMB	0950	1100	DOH/LHR
GF352/738	B737	BAH/AUH/SHJ	1050	1215	KHI
GF2022	L1011	LHR/CDG/DOH/AUH	1120	1215	BOM
PK501/502	F27	GWD	1145	1225	GWD
WY224/225	DHC6	BYB/KHS	1125	1300	SUH/MSH
TL231/232	B707F	BEY	1130	1300	BEY
SD224/225	B707	KRT/DXB	1325	1425	KRT
GF1711/711	L1011	BAH/AUH	1320	1430	NBO/DAR (Eff. 1.1.86)
GF739/WY409	B737	KHI	1630	1715	SLL
WY225	DHC6	MSH/SUH	1810		
WY410/GF367	B737	SLL	2110	2150	DXB/BAH
GF2025	L1011	BOM	2100	2210	AUH/BAH/CDG/LHR
GF940/185	B737	LCA/BAH/DXB	2120	2200	DOH/DHA
GF396/041	L1011	BAH	2110	2220	DOH/BAH/ATH/FRA
PK225/226	B707	KHI	2240	2355	KHI
TG507/508	AB4	BKK/KHI	2305	2359	KHI/BKK
TC771	B737	DXB	2330		Ops TC771 Mon
KL811	B747	AMS	2340		Ops KL811 Mon
MONDAY					
GF008	L1011	LHR/DOH/DXB	0010		Ops GF007 Mon
TC771	B737	Ex-TC771 Sun		0015	JIB/ZNZ/DAR
GF1234	B737	KWI/AUH	0020		Ops GF381 Mon
KL811	B747	Ex-KL811 Sun		0040	KHI/CMB/SIN
BG039	B707	DAC	0005	0105	DXB/DHA/DAC
BA12	B747	MEL/SYD/SIN	0050	0155	LHR
LH610/639	A300	FRA/CAI	0155	0510	KHI/FRA
RJ600/601	L15	AMM/DXB	0315	0645	DXB/AMM
WY236	DHC6			0630	RMB
GF381	B737	Ex-GF1234 Mon		0645	AUH
WY235	F27			0700	KHS
GF712/1712	L1011	DAR/NBO	0620	0730	AUH/BAH (Eff 1.1.86)
GF157/1157	B747	BKK/DAC	0630	0730	BAH
BA11	B747	LHR	0700	0800	SIN/MEL/SYD
GF380/730	B737	DOH	0810	0900	KHI
GF007	L1011	Ex-GF008 Mon		0930	DXB/DOH/LHR
WY236/237	DHC6	RMB	0920	0950	SUH
WY235	F27	KHS	1015		
AI881/880	AB4	BOM	1005	1120	DEL/BOM
GF382/161	B737	AUH/SHJ	1020	1100	DOH/RUH
GF012/1012	L1011	LHR/BAH/AUH	1120	1215	BOM
TL231/232	B707F	BEY	1130	1300	BEY
WY237/238	DHC6	SUH	1200	1500	RMB
GF731/WY401	B737	KHI	1315	1400	SLL
WY838	F27			1500	SLL
TC710	B737	DAR/JIB	1735	1820	DXB
WY402/GF361	B737	SLL	1750	1845	DOH/BAH
WY238	DHC6	RMB	1755		
WY839	F27	SLL	2015		
GF354/369	B737	BAH/DOH/DXB	2145	2225	DXB/AUH
PK225/226	F27	KHI	2240	2355	KHI
GF038	L1011	LHR	2310		Ops GF1038 Tue
TUESDAY					
GF1038	L1011	Ex-GF038 Mon		0030	BOM
GF042/2042	L1011	FRA/ATH/BAH/DOH	0025	0125	DEL
KL812	B747	SIN/CMB/KHI	0030	0120	AMS
GF1039/039	L1011	BOM	0030	0140	LHR
GF1070	L1011	CAI/BAH/AUH	0035		Ops GF073 Tue
BA12	B747	ADL/SYD/SIN	0050	0155	LHR
BA11	B747	LHR	0130	0230	SIN/PER/SYD/MEL (02 Dec)
LH682	B747F	FRA	0140	0240	HKG
UL207	L1011	CMB	0155	0255	DXB
WY246	DHC6			0630	KHS
BA11	B747	LHR	0600	0700	SIN/PER/SYD/MEL Nov. 25)
UL208	L1011	DXB	0610	0700	CMB
GF4941/941	B737	KHI	0655	0745	AUH/DOH/LCA
GF073	L1011	Ex-GF070 Tue		0830	DXB/DOH/CAI
GF1005/005	L1011	BOM	0745	0845	SHJ/BAH/LHR
GF135	L1011	DEL	0845	0945	DOH/BAH
TC721	B737	DXB	1015	1100	JIB/ZNZ/DAR
GF2026	L1011	LHR/CDG/BAH/AUH	1120	1215	BOM
GF182/738	B737	DHA/DOH	1125	1215	KHI
PK501/502	F27	GWD	1145	1225	GWD
TL231/232	B707F	BEY	1130	1300	BEY
GF364	B737	BAH/DXB	1305		
AI863/862	B747	BOM/DEL	1330	1445	Ops GF383 Tue
WY246	DHC6	KHS	1430		BOM
GF739/WY409	B737	KHI	1630	1715	SLL
GF383	B737	Ex-GF364 Tue		1930	SHJ/DOH
GF942	B737	LCA/BAH	2000		Ops GF973 Wed
WY410/GF367	B737	SLL	2110	2150	DXB/BAH
GF1023/1023	L1011	BOM	2100	2210	AUH/DOH/CDG/LHR
KL813	B747	AMS	2340		Ops KL814 Wed



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## Sit. Wanted

**Dietician cum-catering** supervisor five years' Gulf experience in hospitals seeks suitable employment. Contact Shetty, P.O. Box 8876, Muttrah.

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**Graduate Indian lady** with post-graduate diploma in computer operation, telex, telephone and typewriting seeks suitable employment to join husband. Please contact: P.O. box 3674, Ruwi.

**Mechanical engineering** diploma holder, 19 years' varied experience in Indian Air Force seeks suitable assignment. Please apply P.O. Box 3783, Ruwi.

**Ten years' experienced** graduate secretary with typing, telex, self-correspondence. Please contact: Narayanan, P.O. Box 3378, Ruwi.

**Sri Lankan lady** secretary with eight years' working experience seeks suitable employment in Oman. Contact Farzana Nizamdeen, No. 108, Dematagoda Road, Colombo 9.

**Chemistry post graduate** with three years' teaching experience seeks suitable post in Oman. Contact Ubald, Box No. 3751, Ruwi.

**Graduate mechanical engineer**, six years' experience in oilfields, heavy plant construction and contracting seeks change. Visa expiring soon. Contact: Khaja, Box 6400, Ruwi.

**Clerical/counter** sales job wanted for Indian graduate lady to join her husband. Contact: Varghese, tel: 562615 between 2-6 pm.

**Sri Lankan seeks** suitable, employment as heavy vehicle driver or supervisor. Two years' experience in Saudi Arabia. Holding Saudi driving licences. Contact: Mr M.F. Mohamed Fahmy. P.O. Box 4525, Ruwi.

**Graduate mechanical engineer** with six years construction experience in oilfield, power plants, project management and contracting seeks change. Contact Khaja, Box 6400, Ruwi.

## Sit. Vacant

**Required: Dynamic field-sales representatives** with technical ability, ready to join immediately. Phone 794479 or send application with photo to P.O. Box 6413, Ruwi.

**Wanted immediately**, an experienced AC mechanic with valid Omani driving licence. Apply with full details to Box No. 7234, Muttrah.

**Wanted: Sales executive** - cum-accounts. Minimum five years' experience. Salary negotiable. Send bio-data, Advertiser, P.O. Box 179, Muscat.

**Wanted:** Civil engineer diploma or degree holder. Minimum ten years' experience. Send bio-data. Salary negotiable. Advertiser, P.O. Box 179, Muscat.

**Wanted:** Light duty driver with 5 years' experience. Preferably Omani licence holder visa expiring shortly. Contact Mr. T.A. Khan, P.O. Box 6088, Ruwi, Oman.

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**Two bedrooms**, dining and sitting room flat available on first January. Al Wadi Al Kabeer main road. Call Hussain 793224 and 793226 Ext. 115

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**Wanted, a small car** in good condition. Contact Sanjay Jaggi, Telephone 591540/9 between 7.30 am and 2pm.

## Matrimonial

**Bombay employed postgraduate** good looking Reddy girl 28, seeks alliance from doctor, engineer, CAs Mktg & computer executives. Correspond, Col. Gill, P.O. Box 5254, Ruwi. Oman.

## For Sale

**Kawasaki 250cc** Trail, 1984, excellent condition ins/reg'n. RO 350. Alphacomp windsurfer, two sails, extras, RO 190. Akai stereo, RO 140. Garry 799425/6. 8.00-1.00, 4.00-7.00.

**Mercedes 230 model** 1979 in perfect running condition RO 1400 o.n.o. Contact Tel: 702482 morning.

**Mazda 626, 1981** model in very good condition, well maintained 1800cc. Contact: Mr Baqir 702717.

**Commodore MPS 801** printer new condition with paper and spare ribbon for R.O. 100/- Phone 290810.

## Tuition

**Lady tutor** available in Ruwi area for primary and secondary section for all subjects. Also teaches Indian classical dancing for children. Contact: Annie on 700296.

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**To Yvette and Vincent** Sequeira a baby boy on 28/10/1985 brother for Vanessa, grandson for Mrs. Sequeira, and Mr./Mrs. Machado.

   
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# Project feasibility studies available at OCCI

A collection of project feasibility studies that can be implemented in the Sultanate of Oman is now available in the library of the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The studies have been prepared by a specialised institute in the Republic of China (Taiwan) and presented to the Chamber by the Muscat-based representative of the Far East Trade Service.

The OCCI has invited all members of the organisation to make full use of the collection comprising 55 studies for light industrial projects.

Additional details on each of the projects are available from Metal Industries Development Centre, 6F/162, Sec. 3, Hsin Yi Road, Taipei, Taiwan. Telex: 23957 UEEMIDC. Tel: 7034061-2, 7082187-9.

The list: Nutritives tofu plant (Soyfoods), High fructose syrup plant, marble floor tile plant, toilet/laundry

soap making plant, artificial coal making plant, flexible polyurethane foam making plant, sodium silicate (water glass) making plant, metal film resistor making plant, hard candy making plant, biscuit making plant, confectionery making plant, aggregate plant (stone crushing plant), tire retreading plant, Red Brick making plant, plastic shoes making plant, electric wires & cables making plant, paper tube (bobbin) making plant, prestressed concrete pole & pile making plant, decorative board laminating making plant (paper overlay making plant), ceramic capacitor making plant, athletic shoe (pvc outsole) making plant, ice cream making plant, cement constructed athletic shoe (sporting, jogging and tennis shoe) making plant, polyurethane synthetic leather making plant, arc welding electrode making plant, self-adhe-

sive tape manufacturing plant, power cable making plant, ready-mixed concrete plant, powder milk canning plant, communication cable making plant, automatic rubber latex dipping plant, yarn dyeing plant, carbonated beverage making plant, ABS cases, dissolved acetylene making plant, paper egg tray making plant, milk (regular and flavored) processing plant, fruit juice making plant, milk (regular and flavored) processing plant, fruit juice making plant, soy sauce making plant, chopstick making plant, aluminium profile/window/door manufacturing plant, salt washing plant, sanitary napkin making plant, non-kiln brick making plant, pickled cucumber processing plant, egg pudding making plant, lacquer & paint making plant, incandescent lamp making plant, fluorescent lamp making plant, fancy plywood making plant, socks making plant, edible oil extraciton and purification plant.

## Auction of Islamic art in UAE

Sothebys, the famous London-based auction house, will be visiting Dubai to hold an auction at the Dubai International Trade Centre, Exhibition Hall No. 1.

They will be featuring such items as Islamic and Mogul Art, and expect to auction items to the value of 15 million dollars during this event.

Viewing dates will be November 30, December 1 and 2, with the actual auction taking place on the evenings of December 3, 4 and 5.

Direct telephone lines from guest rooms in the Dubai Hilton to the exhibition hall and indoor video channel link broadcasting the auction directly, will be only just two of the special services provided for the auction.

## Kuwait's I-card campaign

Some 19,612 Kuwaitis and expatriates have been fingerprinted in the first phase of the 'identity card' campaign, according to the Director of the Criminal Investigation Department, Brig. Mansour Ahmad al Ibrahim.

The programme began in September and covered the areas of Dasmah, Deiya and Al She'b and all residents above the age of 18.

Of the total, 9,430 were Kuwaitis, Brig. al Ibrahim said. Those found to be stateless numbered 306.

Defaulters who failed to register fingerprints with the department have been asked to report to special centres during working hours.

The programme is expected to last 18 months and the second phase is expected to start shortly in the areas of Qadisiyah, Mansouriyah, Shamiyah, Nuzha, Shuweikh, Fayha and Abdalla al Salem.

In the Failaka Island, fingerprints of 1,850 Kuwaitis have been recorded, Brig. Al Ibrahim said.

## Saudi film on deserts

A documentary film on the destruction of arable land and desertification in Saudi Arabia has been produced in Riyadh.

The film was produced in the Al Nafuz desert in Rub al Khali in the Eastern Province. It shows different sandstorms and various experiments on the subject conducted by the University of Petroleum and Minerals and King Saud University.

The film was inspired by the studies made in Riyadh city by King Saud University - on the 3,700 tonnes of sand found in the city every month. The film suggests a plantation programme as the best solution to the problem of desertification.

## 'Palm Tree' meeting

The fourth meeting of the UAE National Committee on Palm Trees ended in Ras al Khaimah on Thursday last with a call for the setting up of an Arab Fund for date palm. The meeting also decided to hold a seminar on date cultivation at King Faisal University in Saudi Arabia in March next year.

• A 'Dental Week' begins in schools throughout the UAE from December 7. Organised by the Ministry of Health, the programme includes lectures by experts on dental care.

**Kerrygold**  
**Pure Irish Butter**  
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The advertisement shows a scenic view of a lush green Irish landscape with rolling hills and several cows grazing in a field. In the foreground, there are several boxes and tubs of Kerrygold dairy products. Two large boxes are prominently displayed: one for 'Salted Butter' and another for 'Unsalted Butter', both labeled '227 g NET'. Below these, there are smaller tubs of 'Whipping Cream' and 'Double Cream', as well as a box of 'Irish Cheddar Cheese'. The Kerrygold logo, featuring a cow and the text 'kerrygold', is visible on the product packaging.

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# Your TV and radio

**WEDNESDAY**

10.00 Royal Anthem, Holy Koran, Religious talk, programme review  
10.30 World stories for children  
11.30 Rays from the past  
11.55 Prayers  
12.05 National songs  
12.15 National Day celebrations 'Folklore dances'  
12.50 National songs  
1.00 News headlines  
1.10 Arab drama  
2.30 Cartoon, Children' serial, Prayers  
3.30 Arabic serial  
4.20 Variety Omani songs  
4.30 Science and belief  
5.20 Prayers  
5.30 Remiscences  
5.55 Traffic programme 'Quif'  
6.00 Arabic serial  
6.50 Prayers  
7.00 Tatoo Show  
8.00 National songs  
8.15 Documentary films  
8.45 National songs  
9.00 Arabic news  
9.30 National songs  
9.35 Arabic serial  
10.30 English news  
11.00 This is my nation  
11.15 National songs  
11.20 Tomorrow's programme review  
11.25 International film  
12.55 News headlines  
1.00 Holy Koran, Royal Anthem.

**THURSDAY**

10.00 Royal Anthem, Holy Koran, Religious talk, programme review  
10.30 World stories for children  
11.30 Rays from the past  
11.55 Prayers  
12.05 National songs  
12.15 National Day celebrations 'Folklore dances'  
12.50 National songs  
1.00 News headlines  
1.10 Arabic film  
2.20 Cartoon, Children' serial, Prayers  
3.30 Arabic serial  
4.20 Variety Omani songs  
4.30 Around the world  
5.20 Prayers

11.05 programme review.

## Oman Television

5.30 Languages' Institute  
5.55 Traffic programme 'Quif'  
6.00 Arabic serial  
6.50 Prayers  
7.00 Local news  
7.20 The family  
7.50 International serial  
8.35 Documentary films  
9.00 Arabic news  
9.30 National songs  
9.35 Arabic serial  
10.30 English news  
11.00 This is my nation  
11.20 Tomorrow's programme review  
11.25 Local Play/drama 'Al-Mahar'  
1.30 News headlines  
1.35 Holy Koran  
1.40 Royal Anthem.

**FRIDAY**

10.00 Royal Anthem, Holy Koran, Religious talk, programme review  
10.30 Children's serial 'Alath-al-Zaman'  
11.00 Children's world  
11.45 Woman of the age in Islam  
11.50 Holy Koran and Friday Prayers  
12.35 Religious songs  
12.40 Why Islam?  
1.00 News headlines  
1.05 Variety songs  
1.35 Soccer  
3.05 Prayers  
3.15 Weekly serial  
4.35 Walt Disney  
5.25 Prayers  
5.35 In the light of Koran  
6.05 Traffic programme 'Quif'  
6.10 Arabic serial  
6.50 Prayers  
7.00 Oman in the week  
7.15 Arabic film (Abyadh & Aswad)  
9.00 Arabic news  
9.30 National songs  
9.35 Wrestling  
10.30 English news  
10.50 This is my nation  
11.10 Tomorrow's programme review  
11.15 Historic serial (Zahra-al-Undlus)  
12.00 News headlines

12.05 Holy Koran  
12.10 Royal Anthem.

**SATURDAY**

10.00 Royal Anthem, Holy Koran, Religious talk, programme review  
2.20 Cartoon, Children's serial, Prayers  
3.30 Arabic serial  
4.20 Variety Omani songs  
4.35 Arabs and science  
5.20 Prayers  
5.30 Songs  
6.00 Traffic programme 'Quif'  
6.05 Arabic serial  
6.50 Prayers  
7.00 Local news  
7.20 Towards a better life  
8.00 Variety songs  
8.15 Documentary film  
8.45 National songs  
9.00 Arabic serial  
10.30 English news  
11.05 Tomorrow's programme review  
11.10 Cultural play (Mawid Falqa)  
12.30 News headline  
12.35 Holy Koran  
12.40 Royal Anthem.

**SUNDAY**

10.00 Royal Anthem, Holy Koran, Religious talk, programme review  
2.20 Cartoon, Children's serial, Prayers  
3.30 Arabic serial  
4.20 Variety Omani songs  
4.35 Arabs and science  
5.20 Prayers  
5.30 From here and there  
6.00 Traffic programme 'Quif'  
6.05 Arabic serial  
6.50 Prayers  
7.00 Local news  
7.20 Police and citizen  
7.50 Weekly meet  
8.30 Documentary film  
9.00 Arabic news  
9.30 National songs  
9.35 Arabic serial  
10.30 English news  
10.50 This is my nation  
11.05 Tomorrow's programme review

11.10 International film  
12.35 News headline

**MONDAY**

10.00 Royal Anthem, Holy Koran, Religious talk, programme review  
2.30 Cartoon, Children's serial, Prayers  
3.30 Variety songs  
4.00 Horce race (Direct relay) Prayers  
6.00 National songs  
6.05 Arabic serial, Prayers  
7.00 Local news  
7.20 Our Hero Commandos  
7.50 International serial  
8.30 Documentary film  
8.55 National songs  
9.00 Arabic news  
9.30 National songs  
9.35 Arabic serial  
10.30 English news  
10.50 This is my nation  
11.05 National songs  
11.10 Tomorrow's programme review  
11.15 Arabic film  
12.45 News headlines  
12.50 Holy Koran  
12.55 Royal Anthem.

**TUESDAY**

10.00 Royal Anthem, Holy Koran, Religious talk, programme review  
2.20 Cartoon, Children's serial, Prayers  
3.30 Arabic serial  
4.20 Variety songs  
4.35 Arabs women  
5.20 Prayers  
5.30 Short Comedy serial  
5.55 Traffic programme  
6.00 Arabic serial  
6.45 Prayers  
7.00 Local news  
7.20 Salamatak  
7.40 Religious programme  
8.10 Documentary film  
9.00 Arabic news  
9.35 Arabic serial  
10.30 English news  
10.50 This is my nation  
11.05 National programme  
11.10 Cinema night 'Yesterday & Tomorrow'  
12.30 News headline  
12.35 Holy Koran  
12.30 Royal Anthem.

## Radio Oman

**WEDNESDAY**

1.00 Opening, Koran Karim, Preview of Programmes and news headlines.  
1.08 Oman Chamber of Commerce.  
1.15 Feminine Focus : Women Move Forward.  
1.45 Light Music from The Netherlands.  
1.58 Weather Forecast, T.V. Programme and Announcements.  
2.00 Meet the Press.  
2.30 News Bulletin.  
2.40 Guest: Under-Secretary of Interior.  
2.55 Weather Forecast, T.V. Programmes, F.M. Stereo Music details and Preview of next day's Programme.  
3.00 Easy Listening Music.  
4.00 Classical Music.  
5.00 Easy Listening Music.  
6.00 Omani Symphony.  
6.30 News Bulletin/Weather Forecast/  
Guest:  
7.00 Special Omani Music.  
8.00 Instrumental Music.  
8.45 Koran Karim.  
9.00 Closedown.

**THURSDAY**

1.00 Opening, Koran Karim, Preview of Programmes and News Headlines.  
1.08 Taking Care of Business.  
1.15 Mary-Go-Round — Children of Oman.  
1.45 Song and Music from France.  
1.58 Weather Forecast, T.V. Programme and Announcements.  
2.00 National Heritage: Preserving the Past for the Future.  
2.30 News Bulletin.  
2.40 Guest: Under-Secretary of Information.  
2.55 Weather Forecast, T.V. Programmes, F.M. Stereo Music Details and Preview of next day's programme.

3.00 Classic Music.  
4.00 Easy Listening Music.  
5.00 Classical Music.  
6.00 Omani Symphony.  
6.30 News Bulletin/Weather Forecast/  
Guest:  
7.00 Special Omani Music.  
8.00 Instrumental Music.  
8.45 Koran Karim.  
9.00 Closedown.

**FRIDAY**

1.00 Opening, Koran Karim, Preview of Programmes, T.V. Programmes Weather Forecast and Headlines.  
1.08 Radio Newsreel.  
1.30 Weekend Special.  
2.30 News Bulletin.  
2.40 (Repeat) His Majesty's Speech to the Nation.  
2.55 Weather Forecast, T.V. Programmes, F.M. Stereo Music Details and Preview of next day's programmes.  
3.00 Classical Music.  
4.00 Easy Listening Music.  
5.00 A Guide to the Classics.  
6.00 Instrumental Gulf music.  
6.30 News Bulletin/Weather Forecast/ (Repeat) His Majesty's Speech to the Nation.  
7.00 Easy Listening Music.  
8.00 Light Classical Music.  
8.45 Koran Karim.  
9.00 Closedown.

**SATURDAY**

1.00 Opening, Koran Karim, Preview and Headlines.  
1.08 Footlight Parade.  
1.30 Great Heroes of Islam.  
1.45 Country Music.  
1.58 Weather Forecast, T.V. Programme, and announcement.  
2.00 Lifespan.

2.30 News Bulletin.  
2.40 Arab Traditions and Customs.  
2.55 Weather Forecast, T.V. Programmes, F.M. Stereo Music details and Preview of next day's Programmes.  
3.00-4.00 Easy Listening Music.  
4.00-5.00 Classical Music.  
5.00-6.00 Easy Listening Music.  
6.00-6.30 Instrumental Music.  
6.30 News Bulletin/Weather Forecast/ Arab Traditions and Customs.  
7.00-8.00 Classical Music.  
8.00-8.45 Instrumental Music.  
8.45 Koran.  
9.00 Closedown.

**SUNDAY**

1.00 Opening, Koran Karim, Preview and Headlines.  
1.08 Aspects of Arab Civilisation.  
1.30 Jazz Time.  
1.58 Weather Forecast, T.V. Programme, and announcements.  
2.00 In and Around Salalah.  
2.30 News Bulletin.  
2.40 Mirror of the Nation.  
2.55 Weather Forecast, T.V. Programmes, F.M. Stereo Music details and Preview of next day's programme.  
3.00-4.00 Classical Music.  
4.00-5.00 Easy Listening Music.  
5.00-6.00 A Guide to the Classics.  
6.00-6.30 Instrumental Music.  
6.30 News Bulletin/Weather Forecast/ Mirror of the Nation.  
7.00-8.00 Easy Listening Music.  
8.00-8.45 Light Classical Music.  
8.45 Koran.  
9.00 Closedown.

**MONDAY**

1.00 Opening, Koran Karim, Preview  
1.08 Album Tracks.  
1.30 The Young Muslims.  
1.45 Songs and Music from France.

1.58 Weather Forecast, T.V. Programme and Announcements.  
2.00 Dateline.  
2.30 News Bulletin.  
2.40 Letters from Oman.  
2.55 Weather Forecast, T.V. Programmes, F.M. Stereo Music Details and Preview of next day's programmes.  
3.00-4.00 Easy Listening Music.  
4.00-5.00 Classical Music.  
5.00-6.00 Easy Listening Music.  
6.00-6.30 Jazz Club (In Arabic).  
6.30 News Bulletin/Weather Forecast/ Letters from Oman.  
7.00-8.00 Classical Music.  
8.00-8.45 Instrumental Music.  
8.45 Koran.  
9.00 Closedown.

**TUESDAY**

1.00 Opening, Koran Karim, Preview and Headlines.  
1.08 Stop and Think.  
1.15 Play: Al Muhalab bin Abby Sufrah.  
1.30 Discovering Music.  
1.58 Weather Forecast, T.V. Programmes and Announcements.  
2.00 Oriental Panorama.  
2.30 News Bulletin.  
2.40 Guest of the Week.  
2.55 Weather Forest, T.V. Programmes, F.M. Stereo Music details and privew of next day's programme.  
3.00-4.00 Classical Music.  
4.00-5.00 Easy Listening Music.  
5.00-6.00 Classical Music.  
6.00-6.30 Instrumental Music.  
6.30 News Bulletin/Weather Forecast/ Guest of the Week.  
7.00-8.00 Easy Listening Music.  
8.00-8.45 Instrumental Music.  
8.45 Koran.  
9.00 Closedown.



# Times Sport

## India's fallen idols in salvage mission

India, fallen idols of one-day cricket, must try to salvage their pride when they go into the firing line against the mighty West Indies in the crunch match of the \$100,000 Rothmans Cup in Sharjah tomorrow.

A bleak tour of Sri Lanka and a 49-run drubbing by traditional Pakistan in the Rothmans match on Sunday have rammed home to Indian captain, Kapil Dev that six months is a long time in cricket.

Six months ago "Kapil's evils" were being heralded for their extraordinary feats at one-day level, including winning the three biggest tournaments in the world, the World Cup, World Series and Sharjah's Rothmans Trophy.

"I don't think they've got the wickets to contain top-class batsmen," says Imran Khan, the Pakistan captain whose side had the difficulty beating India. But Imran would love to see India beat the West Indies because if would mean each team in the triangular tournament would finish with a win apiece. The winner would then be

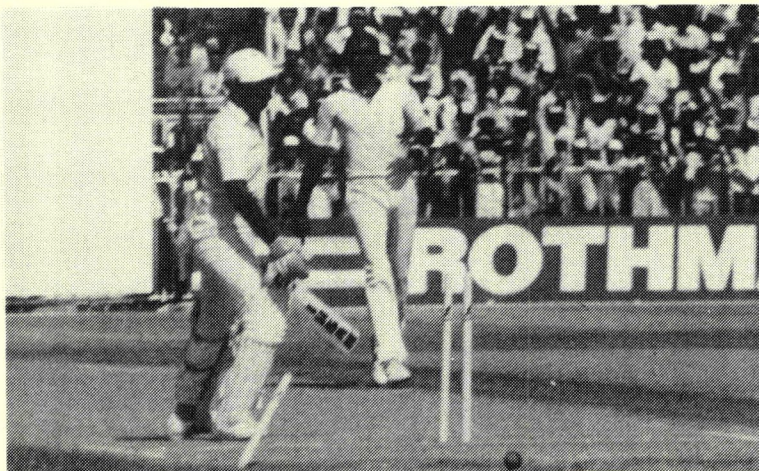
decided by dividing the number of runs scored by the number of overs bowled in the two innings the teams will have had in the tournament.

### Containment

Wes Hall, the West Indies manager, says his side will go all out for a major victory. "The world defeat simply isn't in our vocabulary," says Hall.

And Viv Richards, the master batsman now bequeathed Clive Lloyd's skipper duties, says the Indians can be taken on at their own game of containment on the dusty, even-paced Sharjah track.

"We knew all about the sort of wicket to expect here," Richards



No doubt about it - Pakistan's Javed Miandad is clean bowled by West Indies paceman Malcolm Marshall

said. "We heard it takes spin early on. That's why Roger Harper and I did so much bowling after the fast bowlers did their stuff against Pakistan."

Kapil admits he is disappointed by his side's form and so is the team's manager, the highly respected Venkat Raghvan.

"In addition, we need the practice because we've got a tour of

Australia coming up," he said.

Venkat warns the West Indies against complacency against India in front of what is certain to be the third capacity crowd in the three-match series. "We've taken them before - they know it - and there's no reason why we can't go out and do it again," says Venkat.

"We'll have only the job at hand on our minds. We'll be fully confident because we know we have the players for the job.

Both sides stress the necessity of a good start on a wicket, tailor-made for batting.

The West Indies have proved they have the man for the job in 23-year-old Richie Richardson.

Opener Richardson's match-winning 99 not out against Pakistan has been far and away the best knock of the Rothmans tournament so far.

And Sunil Gavaskar displayed all the old guile to hold India together with a tenacious 63 as wickets fell all round him against Pakistan.

"Times" sports writer Tony Lewis has flown to Sharjah for the climax of the Rothman's Cup. His report appears next week.

## Captain springs a shock

Skipper Simon Riding is the toast of the Taylor Woodrow team in the Northern Oman Snooker League.

He produced a captain's performance to help his struggling side - bottom of the First Division - pull off the shock result of the season with their first win.

Riding won a cliffhanger of crucial frame to send last season's league runners up and team Cup champions Al Madinah crashing to a 3-2 defeat.

First Division champions OHI had to be rescued in the final frame by captain Sohail Rizvi to keep their 100 per cent record intact against RAHRC.

Dolphin put up big fight against Falcon, but luck was against them and they went down 5-0.

The result pushes Falcon into second spot six points behind OHI with a game in hand.

Second Division pace-setters Batinah made it six wins out of six by whitewashing Embassy.

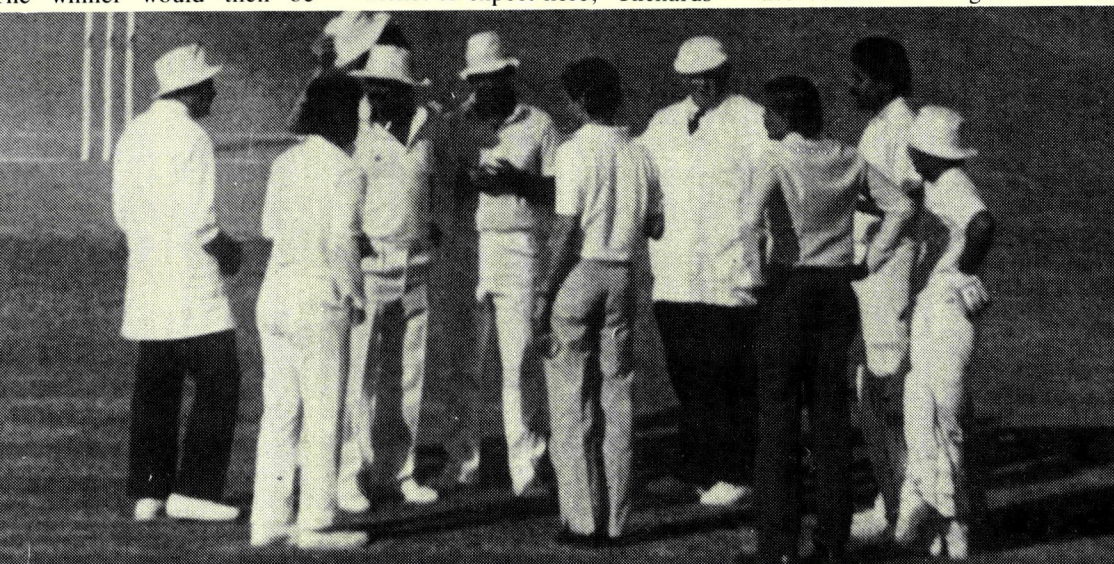
**First Division results:** RAHRC 2, OHI (1) 3; OVA 1, Sharqiya 4; Falcon 5, Dolphin 0; Al Madinah 2, Taylor Woodrow 3.

**Second Division:** Embassy 0, Batinah 5; Embassy 3, Shabab Al Madinah 2; Indian Club 4, TTI 1; Indian Club 3, Gulf 2; TTI 3, Shabab Al Madinah 2; Bausher 3, Wimpey 2; Garrison 4, ORC 1.

**Team Knockout results:** Shabab Al Madinah 0, Batinah 3; MAFRC 2, Indian Club 3; TTI 0, Al Madinah 3; Garrison 0; OHI (2) 3, ORC 0.

Holders Al Madinah have been drawn away to League champions OHI in the first round of the Khimji Ramdas team knockout.

**Draw:** Dolphin v OHI (2); Batinah v Gulf; Bausher v OVA; Cementation v Indian Club; Taylor Woodrow v Concorde; RAHRC v Sharqiya; Falcon v Embassy; OHI (1) v Al Madinah.



Summit meeting - the bizarre scene involving players, managers and umpires after Indian captain Kapil Dev protested about the number of leg-side fielders during the clash with Pakistan.

## Clemente boost

Oman's national soccer team coach Jose Antonio Clemente has been given a big vote of confidence by his bosses.

The frailties of Clemente's side, still in the process of being rebuilt, are shown clearly during last weekend's friendlies against a weak Egyptian outfit, Tersana.

But despite the results - a 2-2 draw followed by a 2-1 defeat - Oman Football Association officials believe Clemente is making progress.

"The side is showing a big improvement," said Khalifa Said, the national team supervisor.

"At least it is playing football and moving from A to B, not just kicking the ball anywhere. The players are attacking together and

defending together. They are playing with a plan now."

The OFA is not expecting miracles from the Brazilian coach, who took charge last December, as he prepares for the Gulf Cup in Bahrain next March.

The national team finished last in the previous Gulf Cup on home soil, and Khalifa admitted: "I would be foolish to say that we can win it next year."

But there is now much greater backing and organisation behind the national coach than before and the team certainly seems to be heading in the right direction.

Oman have fixed two more friendly matches, against the Malaysian national side on December 22 and 24.

## Mini marathon grows

The Muscat Mini Marathon, set to give Oman's disabled a big financial boost next week, is certain to expand in 1986.

With entries still coming in for the race on Thursday moves are already being made to take the event a step further next year.

Soud Al Rawahi, chairman of the mini marathon committee and president of the Oman Athletics Association, revealed that the 1986 race will be over a half marathon course of 21 kilometres.

"It will most probably start from the Seeb Novotel and finish at Baushar," he said. "We will use the service road so that

nobody is disturbed."



nobody is disturbed."

The organisers are so eager to plan ahead that they will hold a meeting to discuss details on November 30, just two days after this year's event.

Sponsorship looks certain to

guarantee that the race raises more than RO 20,000 for the disabled.

"I am sure we will reach the target," said Soud. "And I am confident we will have more than 300 runners taking part."

Originally 20 prizes were on offer but this number has been boosted to 30. One prize will be a plane ticket donated by an airline company.

The favourite for the 10 kilometre race is the Oman national record holder for the distance and last year's winner, Sultan al Yooraby.

He has confirmed that he will return from working in the United Arab Emirates to compete.

Tony Lewis



# Times Sport

## Jonah goes along with Mr Invincible

Jahangir Khan will retain his Al Falaj World Grand Prix squash title in Muscat on December 12 by overwhelming New Zealand's Ross Norman in a repeat of last year's final.

England's Gawain Briars and Australian Greg Pollard will be the two players who taste the disappointment of defeat in the semi finals.

And anyone hoping for the merest hint that the world champion's crown could possibly be tilting, ever so slightly, can forget it.

For according to Jonah Barrington, still ranked No. 1 when it comes to talking about squash, the fabulous Pakistani will remain invincible for at least another year. The very least.

### By Tony Lewis

Jonah gave his verdict on Jahangir, and the rest of the games top 15 stars, after two fascinating days of exhibitions and clinics alongside his old sparring partner Geoff Hunt at the Ruwi Hotel last week.

Barrington and Hunt — two of the all-time greats, each close to being crippled by injury three years ago, but both fiercely competitive again during a tour taking in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Dubai and finally Oman.

Interviewing Jonah is a piece of cake. Just get him into a quiet corner of his hotel, ask the first question, and see how long it is before you have the chance to get the next one in.

This particular Barrington chat-show lasted precisely two hours. Some of the extracts now follow:

**On Jahangir** - "He is head and shoulders above everybody. None of his main rivals have shown an inclination to do the work on a daily basis as Jahangir has done since he was 15.

"There are so many youngsters around who are at such a high stan-

### Club stages a farewell event

Ras Al Hamra Golf Club staged a farewell competition for Iain Reid who is soon to leave the Sultanate.

Clive Jenner won the mens' 18-hole strokeplay event with a score of 87-23-64.

Runner up was Mike Ward (78-12-66), pipping Brian Watts (84-18-66) on a countback.

Mary Murphy (104-26-78) edged out Ellen de Bruin (89-11-78) to win the ladies' event.



Jonah Barrington with Richard Mosley after an exhibition match last year - "People should be thankful."

dard that somebody could come through with a challenge in the next three years. But I don't think it can happen in 12 months.

"I played him twice, my record was played two, won two, and no he wasn't 12 years old at the time. In fact he was about 12 months from becoming world champion.

"I beat him 3-1 in the British Open, and again in the Irish Open. That was one hour 48 minutes for four games. The next day I fell out of bed and crawled along the floor.

**On the Hunt and Barrington road-show** - "I don't think too far ahead and I'm sure Geoff doesn't. Three or four years ago we would both probably have said 'We've had it'.

"He couldn't play because of a chronic hip problem, and I couldn't even manage a practise match with a kiddie.

"I had a knee injury which looked as if it would be that one that ended my career.

**On the Al Falaj Grand Prix, and tournament director Richard Mosley** - "The people here should be thankful that Richard has been employed in Oman over this period, and so should his employer.

"He has really worked hard. The tournament is an amazing achievement."

Jonah arrived swiftly at his Al Falaj semi final line-up of Jahangir, Briars, Pollard and Norman, and finished off by assessing each first round pairing.

**Jahangir v Kelvin Smith** - "Smith has made a considerable advance in the last 12 months and it will be interesting to see if he can make any inroads into Jahangir".

**Maqsood Ahmed v Geoff Williams** -

"Six months ago I would have said Williams would have blitzkreiged him out of it but he has had a knee injury and this one will be really interesting.

**Stuart Davenport v David Lloyd** - "This will be a measure of David's progress or otherwise after a very demanding summer schedule. It will show whether he is ready to join the group of players behind Jahangir who tend to swap results

**Gawain Briars v Ross Thorne** - "This will be a lively match because Gawain has a fine array of strokes and most excellent ball control, while Ross has a lot of variety in his game."

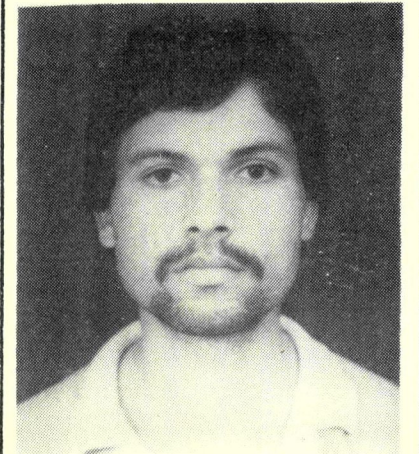
**Hiddy Jahan v Qamar Zaman** - "Six or seven years ago this would have been an astonishing match. Just about the most brilliant performance I have seen was in Karachi in 1976/77 when Hiddy beat Zaman in 26 minutes. I have never seen a man of Zaman's ability so comprehensively outplayed.

**Glenn Brumby v Greg Pollard** - "Brumby looked as if he would have to retire from competitive play a couple of years ago while Pollard has moved up into the top group in the last two years. It will be a hard uncompromising battle."

**Ricki Hill v Phil Kenyon** - "Phil Kenyon has a tough one here but he really should win. He is having a good spell, he's back in the top ten and he should have too much in his armoury for Hill."

**Gamal Awad v Ross Norman** - "I think Ross Norman will take apart Gamal Ahwad. He is very potent at the moment and if anyone was entitled to claim the No. 2 spot officially it would be him. His overall results are much more consistent."

## COURT ACTION



### By Yousef Khan

*The way you move around the squash court is just as important as the strokes you play.*

*No matter how good a stroke-maker you are, you won't win points if you don't have good court movement.*

*Firstly it is very important to watch the ball at all times, even when your opponent is about to serve.*

*Watch the ball, don't watch the front wall, and this will help you to anticipate where the ball is going.*

*When your opponent is ready to hit a shot, bend your knees. Then, when you take your first step towards the ball, move very quickly, and maintain the pace with your second movement.*

*The speed of your movements will determine how quickly you can put your opponent under pressure, so always be fast.*

## Champions edge home in thriller

Champions Al Hashar stayed on course to retain their title in the Filipino Basketball tournament with a thrilling victory over Setraphil.

The teams were tied with 30 seconds left of Monday night's game at the Oman Refinery Court when Al Hashar made vital interceptions to snatch two baskets and a 72-68 victory.

Top scorer for Al Hashar, who trailed 36-35 at half-time, was Noe Aguilar with 18 points. Pol Gotencio (28) led the way for Setraphil.

Conrad Briones guided OCS Wang to a 79-72 success over Pan Am World Services in the other game.

He grabbed 20 points while R. Baisas was top points scorer for Pan Am with 19. OCS led 38-30 at half-time.

The two matches were watched by a crowd of around 500. Al Hashar now lead the quarter final Group A with two wins from two games, while OHI Telecom top Group B with a similar record.

## Khalifa in hunt for rally title

Oman's Said Khalifa continues his challenge for the Middle East Group A rally championship in Dubai.

He goes into the Dubai International Rally on December 5 and 6 nine points adrift of Jeddah-based driver Mamdouh Khayat.

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# Times Sport

## Ton-up pair guide NBO in run feast

NBO and Sinha A produced a feast of cricket in their OCA Super League clash at the PDO ground.

Iktidar and Muthakrishna both slammed their way to centuries to set up their side's massive winning total while Frank Hubert hit 91 in Sinha's vain run-chase.

Play began sensationally when opener Merajuddin was out to the first ball of the day, spooning a catch to Vimal Jayanetti at cover point.

But Muthakrishna and Iktidhar put the dismissal behind them with some excellent running between the wickets and an array of delightful strokes. They put on 244 runs in an unbroken second wicket partnership.

Iktidar, a delight to watch, reached his century first while Muthakrishna reached the milestone in the 24th over.

Chasing a target of nearly ten runs per over Sinha began spiritedly but they were handicapped by the retirement of injured Rohan Wijesinghe.

Hubert carried the attack to the NBO bowlers and was unlucky to miss his century by nine runs when in full cry. Sinha were on 178 at the close, 66 runs short of their target.

Muscat A slid to their second successive defeat against ONEC in a match reduced to 22 overs, struggling against accurate seam bowling to reach 133.

Atkar Khan led ONEC's reply with a fine unbeaten 42 aided by Mohammed Saeed, Mohammed Rizwan and Tariq Aziz.

SAF turned the tables on Wimpey to win their key A Division match at the Garrison ground with Cross producing a good all-round performance.

Wimpey reached a respectable 158-3 and appeared right on top with three of the SAF batsmen out for 40 runs, but Cross guided his side to a thrilling win with one over to spare.

First Cross bowled accurately to capture the important wickets of Sarath and Sateesh Patel and then he chipped in with a matchwinning 54.

Sateesh Patel had stolen the show in the opening session but was unlucky to miss his century by four runs.

### League Scoreboard

**NBO** 244-1, Iktidar 135 no, Muthakrishna 108 no; **Sinha A** 178-4, F. Hubert 91.  
**Muscat A** 133-6, P. Smith 29, H. Bakshi 52; Perviaz 3-18;

**ONEC** 138-2, Khan 42 no., M. Saeed 35.  
**Wimpey** 158-3, S. Patel 96;  
**SAF** 159-8, Ranjith 34, Cross 54.  
**PDO** 89, Arshad 46 no, Khalid 33; Mazahar 3-24;  
**Lahore** 90-1, A. Siddiqui 50 not, R. Husain 35.

**Peat Marwick Mitchell** 120, Perves 62 no.

**Mina Hotel** 125-2, Uday Heble 56 no.  
**SOAF** 218-5, B. Knott 42, Pasqual 43, Patternott 55 no;  
**Muscat B** 125-7.

**Muscat Pharmacy** 186, K. Jani 35, K. Ketan 39, V. Vimal 65;

**CBOL** 140, Ismail 84; C. Parmar 3-22.  
**Oman Port Services** 118-8, Rahat 33, Shakeel 5-25;  
**Sur** 120-3, Ibrahim 43.

**ICS** 113, V.P. Sharma 43, Quyyum 4-5;  
**MCP** 114-2, A. Quyyum 59 no, G. Altaf 41 no;

**Al Hassan** 96, Jayanatha 3-20, Anil 6-12;  
**Century** 99-4, Subramaniam 41 no.

## Referee abandons game in goal row

A game in the Capital Area Football League had to be abandoned after an angry dispute over a goal.

The league's disciplinary committee was meeting on Tuesday night to discuss the incident during the game between French and J & P.

Referee Gerry Beale was forced to call off the match when French protests got out of hand after J & P had equalised a first-half goal.

MOD extended their lead at the top of the table to two points with a 3-0 victory over Ras Al Hamra.

Alan McInnes gave MOD a first-half lead but they were not safe until Ted Stordy and John Owen both struck inside the last 15 minutes.

Early pace-setters Oman Refinery fell to their first defeat of the season, beaten 3-1 by Desert Line who jump into second spot.

Refinery led 1-0 at the break, but let the game slip in the second half when they also had a player sent off.

Fosters suffered a surprise setback when they were beaten 3-1 by BBME. Tony Bratt was hero and villain for BBME, scoring an early goal but then heading an equaliser past his own keeper a few minutes earlier.

Mike Chamberlain headed BBME back in front before half-time and Malcolm Davidson made sure of victory.

**Results:** Fosters 1, BBME 3; Desert Line 3, Oman Refinery 1; MOD 3, Ras al Hamra 0; Britannia 8, Airworks 0; Siemens v Wimpey postponed; French v J & P abandoned.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MOD	7	6	0	1	46	5	12
Desert Line	6	5	0	1	14	4	10
Oman Refinery	6	4	1	1	18	6	9
Fosters	7	4	0	3	21	11	8
J & P	6	3	2	1	19	11	8
BBME	6	3	0	3	21	14	6
Siemens	6	3	0	3	18	23	6
Ras al Hamra	5	2	1	2	13	11	5
Britannia	7	2	0	5	16	31	4
Airworks	7	2	0	5	12	34	4
French	6	1	0	5	10	22	2
Wimpey	6	0	0	6	4	36	0

## The battle begins for Games spots

Nineteen youngsters, most of them under 21, resume training on Saturday for a place in the national hockey team preparing to compete in the Asian Games next September.

They will be joined by 19 others every night at the Jaber Bin Zaid School, Wat-tayeh.

The team resumes its training in Oman after a successful three-nation tour during which they won the first

international gold medal in hockey for the Sultanate. The tour, which ended last month, covered Singapore, Malaysia and Sri Lanka.

"I tried many combinations and in my opinion the tour was very successful," said national coach Iftikar Ahmed.

### Experience

"We achieved our purpose of getting new players accustomed to playing conditions they can expect outside Oman," explained coach Ahmed, who said he now plans to invite foreign teams to Oman to give the Sultanate's national team further experience.

The 19 players out of which the final national team will be selected are: goalkeepers — Ramzan Murad, Mohammed Salman; fullbacks — Hasan Ali Muslim, Soud Kennan, Mohsin Ali, Abdul Rehman Yahya; half backs — Salim Said Mullah, Turmah Abdul Hussain (captain), Abdul Majid Fakhr, Rashid Jumrah, Mohammed Mohsin Mohammed; forwards — Shaban Ramzan, Sadiq Ahmed Darwish (vice captain), Ali Habib Musafir, Sabir Habib Musafir, Tariq Abdul Hamid, Husain Bakr Mohammed, Mustafa Ismail Kazim, Jawad Ibrahim Jawad;

## New strip in full swing

The Oman Cricket Association will make use of the newly-laid strip at the Taylor Woodrow-Towell camp at Baushar tomorrow for two D Division matches in the National Bank of Oman sponsored league tournament.

The ground will increase this weekend's matches to 12, the highest number ever played on a Friday.

But the main attraction will be at the PDO ground in the Super League when

Muscat A, seeking their first win this season, take on high-riding MODED 1.

**Fixtures, Super League, PDO Ground:** (am) ONEC v Al Ahli; (pm) MODED 1 v Muscat A; **A Division** — Lahore v Sinha B; PDO v SAF;

**B Division** — Garrison 2: (am) Airworks v Muscat B; (pm) SOAF v MODED 2;

**C Division** — (am) Assarain A v Zubair Enterprises; (pm) ICA v OAS;

**D Division** — Taylor Woodrow (am) Fair Trade v Shaheen B; (pm) Taylor Woodrow v OIFC;

**E Division** — MODED: (am) Amateurs v Al Hassan (pm) Century v Modern Colour Printers.

## High on your list!



Greg High — a wealth of experience to pass on

Greg High, at 6ft 5in, is too big to argue with — especially when he's talking tennis.

And that's exactly what the Muscat Inter-Continental Hotel's new American professional will be doing every week from now on in the "Times".

He is launching an instructional tennis column designed to help players of all ages and ability to recognise their mistakes, and improve their game.

It's never too late to learn from an expert. And Greg, raised on the game in the world's most successful tennis nation, has a wealth of professional playing and coaching experience to call on.

He has some invaluable tips to pass on — starting next week!

## Nurses home!

Omani Nurses made an encouraging start to their first competitive season in the Ladies Netball League.

They pulled off a 10-6 victory over Zubair A in Division A at the Seeb Novotel.

### Superior shooting

Only two points separated Drakes and Wimpey for most of their encounter. But superior shooting saw Drakes through for a 22-17 win.

PDO emphasised how difficult they will be to contain by crushing Desert Swingers 39-1.

**Division A results:** Drake 22, Wimpey Wasps 17; PDO 39, Desert Swingers 1; Omani Nurses 10, Zubair A 6. **Division B:** Wimpey Bees 14, Oryx 6; Zubair B 16, Sinha 3; Elles Belles 2, Dolphin 8.

## Kiwi swansong

Kiwi Dave Gettins has given Muscat Rugby Football Club a strong reminder of what they will be missing when he returns to his native New Zealand shortly.

Gettins was the outstanding forward in the SAF select side beaten 36-4 by the clubv at the MOFA pitch in last weekend's friendly.

The club later made a presentation to a player who has been a stalwart during his spell in the Sultanate.

Muscat run in six tries, with winger John Guthrie and flanker Lloyd Williams grabbing two apiece, while fullback Gary Owen converted the lot.

SAF's consolation try came when captain Alan Johnson, normally the Muscat No. 8, went over from a five metre scrum.



# Mubarak on 'outstanding' Egypt-Oman relations

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said on Wednesday that his talks with His Majesty Sultan Qaboos have dealt with bilateral relations and the latest Middle East developments.

The President told a press conference a few hours before leaving Muscat at the end of a four-day visit that he was always keen to brief His Majesty Sultan on any fresh developments.

Commenting on relations between Egypt and Oman, President Mubarak said they were outstanding and expressed hope that they

would gain further strength.

In reply to a question on the possibility of restoring Egypt's relations with the rest of the Arab world President Mubarak said Egypt will not seek such a step with Arab countries which severed relations with Egypt.

However, President Mubarak added that Egypt remains committed to its national obligation and support of the Arab causes including the Palestinian issue.

Regarding military cooperation between Oman and Egypt President Mubarak said that Egypt will

always be ready to meet any military orders demanded by Oman.

President Mubarak added that Egypt will always be ready to help any Arab country that may need to develop its military equipment. Egypt is the land of all Arabs and Arab demands will be welcomed by Egypt, President Mubarak said.

On the Iraq-Iran war the Egyptian President said Egypt was working to put an end to the war and appealed to both Iraq and Iran to stop the fighting.

In response to a question on the

possibility of freezing the Camp David accords, Hosni Mubarak said the accords were already frozen as a result of Israel's attitudes regarding the Palestinian issue. However President Mubarak said the cancellation of the Camp David accords will be an irrational step that will please Israel and relieve the Israelis from a commitment to solve the Palestinian issue as stipulated in the accords.

President Mubarak was seen off by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos and a number of senior Omani officials.

## LATEST

President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev ended their formal summit discussions on Wednesday and a US official said both sides were working together on a formula to present the outcome to the world.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said American and Russian aides had already reached broad agreement on how to depict the talks and would present their final versions to the two leaders.

The two leaders met for two long private sessions on Wednesday while their aides negotiated separately to tie up two days of discussions on arms control, human rights, bilateral relations, and regional conflicts.

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Police in South Africa have reported a serious outbreak of tribal fighting involving more than 2,000 people at a shanty town near Durban. The police said at least 16 people had been killed and hundreds wounded.

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The Indian Government has opened its official inquiry into the Air India Jumbo jet crash off the coast of Ireland in which 329 people were killed. According to a preliminary report, a baggage X-ray machine at Toronto airport where the flight began was faulty on the day of the flight. Some baggage was cleared before the fault was discovered.

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The Emir of Qatar arrived in Paris on Wednesday for a three-day State visit to France during which he will hold talks with President Francois Mitterrand and other French officials.

## India extends 'hand of co-operation'

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi spoke to the people of Oman in an address telecast by Oman Television during his visit to the Sultanate for the 15th National Day celebrations.

In his talk, Mr. Gandhi spoke of the traditional links between Oman and India and praised the Sultanate's development efforts.

He urged the Arab Gulf Cooperation Council to focus on the possibilities of what he called "South-South cooperation".

His address also covered global and regional tensions and the Palestinian issue.

Mr Gandhi said that there was a long tradition of contacts between Oman and India. The Gulf and Arabian Sea, he said have been a bridge between the two countries.

"Five thousand years ago the people of the Indus Valley traded

actively with Dilmun, the land we know today as Oman," he said adding that European sailors had depended on Omani navigators to find the sea route to India.

The Indian Prime Minister said India had followed with keen interest the strides made by Oman in the last 15 years under the enlightened guidance of His Majesty.

"This is my first visit to Oman and I take this opportunity to reiterate India's support for Oman's development endeavours," he said. "You are embarking on your third Five Year Plan. India extends her hand of cooperation to you in your task of utilising your country's rich resources and potentials."

Mr Gandhi said that as fellow members of the Non-Aligned Movement, Oman and India had

common interests in defusing global and regional tensions.

Turning to the Indian expatriates working in Oman, the Indian Prime Minister said there were nearly a quarter of a million Indian nationals in Oman who contributed to the Sultanate's national progress and prosperity.

"The Government and people of Oman have shown the friendliest of feeling for them. I am sure that Indians residing here in Oman will continue to work unsparingly for the progress and development of Oman to deepen the friendship that prevails between our two countries," he said.

"I wish the friendly people of Oman new achievements as they seek new horizons of progress and prosperity," he said.

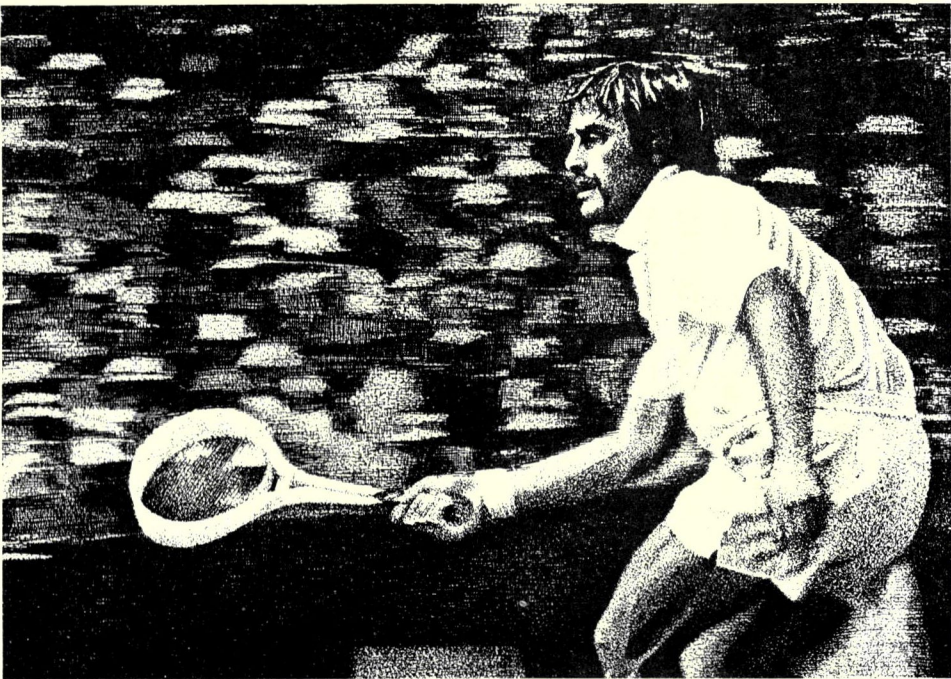
He wished His Majesty the Sultan continued success.

## Weather

The weather remained dry over the Sultanate over the last week. The day maximum temperatures were normal and the night minimum temperatures slightly above normal. These averaged 21C (88F) and 22C (72F) respectively over the capital Area.

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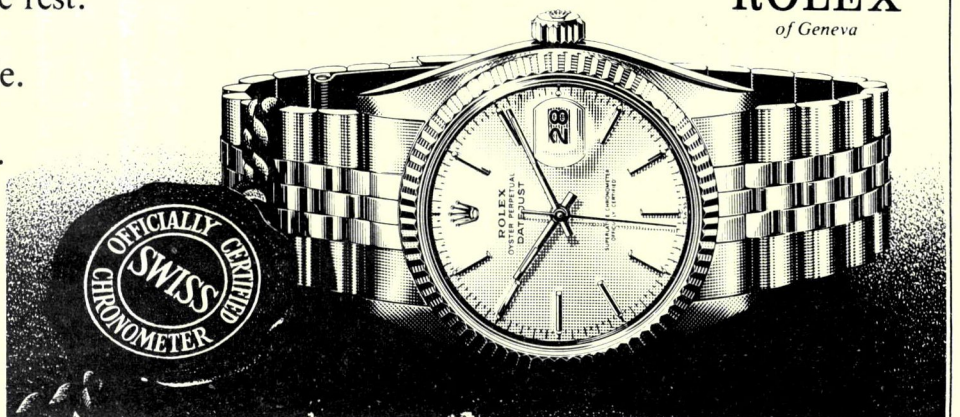
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