



Fourth Anniversary of SEZAD

Al-Jabri: SEZAD establishment highlights the extent of care given by His Majesty the Sultan to national economy

Muscat - October 26, 2015

H.E. Yahiya bin Said bin Abdullah Al-Jabri, Chairperson of Special Economic Zone Authority in Duqm (SEZAD), stated that SEZAD has worked during the past four years to place the Special Economic Zone in Duqm (SEZD) within the circle of attention of local and global investors. He pointed out that the establishment of SEZAD under Royal Decree (119/2011) on 26 October 2011 confirms the keenness of His Majesty the Sultan to enhance the performance of national economy. It stresses the attention accorded to distribution of the fruits of development to the various governorates of the Sultanate while considering the comparative advantages of each governorate and taking advantage of the geographical location of the country in strengthening the capabilities and capacities of our national economy.

In his opening speech for the second issue of Duqm Economist, H.E. added that SEZAD has made efforts in the past years to make SEZD attractive to investors. It developed incen-



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Preparation of the incentives and facilities that keep up with the ambitions of investors and focus on the promotion and organization of the investment environment

tives and facilities to keep pace with their aspirations according to the prevalent practices adopted in many economic zones around the world. We also promoted SEZD locally and abroad and held a number of meetings

with local and international companies to familiarize them with SEZD, the investment opportunities available therein, and the projects underway. At the same time, there were efforts to organize the investment environment and issue legislation that achieve this. We signed a number of memoranda of understanding with the governmental units to organize work and avoid any problems that

may face SEZD investors or residents.

The date of 26 October is a special day for SEZAD because it witnessed the issuance of Royal Decree (119/2011) in 2011 establishing SEZAD to oversee the implementation of the project to develop Wilayat of Duqm, manage and develop SEZD in line with SEZD System to contribute to the overall economic and social development.

**“GIS” Posts a Link to Track the Path of the Hurricane
Precautionary measures to avoid the effects of “Tshabalala”**

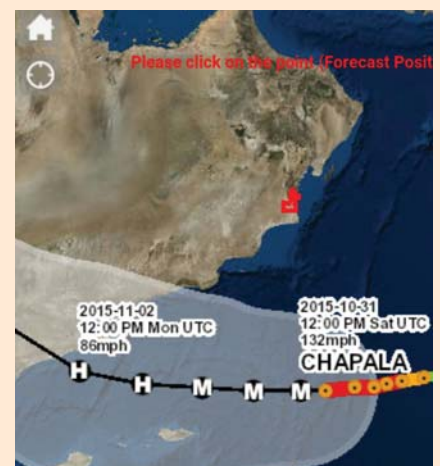
Duqm – 31 October 2015

The Special Economic Zone Authority in Duqm (SEZAD), the government agencies and companies operating in SEZD have taken all precautionary measures to avoid the negative effects of Hurricane (Tshabalala) formed in the Arabian Sea, passed near the coast of Oman, was expected to affect Dhofar Governorate and parts of Al-Wusta Governorate.

The Emergency Management Committee in Duqm chaired by H.E. Mohsin bin Hamad

Al-Maskari, Wali of Duqm in the presence of representatives of the concerned civil and military government agencies and the owners of companies operating in SEZD discussed the precautionary measures to be taken to reduce the expected adversity effects. The Committee also paid a field visit to review the projects and actions taken by companies operating in SEZD.

At the same level, the GIS team at SEZAD published an electronic link connected to the National Hurricane Center that monitors the movements and the path of Hurricane (Tshabalala).



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Muscat - 22 October 2015

The second issue of Duqm Economist issued on 22 October 2015 highlighted the results of recent visits of SEZAD officials to China and Iran. H.E. Yahya bin Said Al-Jabri visited China in September that achieved good results with signing an agreement in principle with the autonomous Ningxia Province in China for the allocation of land for 16 projects Chinese companies that would implement projects in SEZD.

The quarterly magazine highlighted the projects being implemented in SEZD and considered Duqm as a major workshop on 800 square kilometers. It pointed out that the number of infrastructure projects in SEZD are 92 in addition to the projects prepared for the next five-year plan. Engineer Saleh bin Rashid Al-Hashmi, Director of Projects at SEZAD, stated that 41 infrastructure projects have already been completed, 37 are under implementation and 14 projects are in the stage of determining the scope of work or tendering, preparation of documents and taking final approvals. He added that the projects implemented have contributed to activate the economic movement in SEZD, stressing that SEZAD is keen to provide integrated infrastructure that would



make Duqm a global investment zone.

The magazine conducted several press interviews with the officials of the companies operating in SEZD, including an interview with Eng. Abdullah Al-Hashmi, Managing Director at Central Industrial Facilities Company. He confirmed that the company would tender at the end of this year the establishment of seawater intake station for reuse in industrial purposes at SEZD after the completion of all related preparatory work for it recently.

The issue included also a number of articles, such as the one by journalist Misbah Qutb, specialized in economic affairs. He dealt with the similarities in the challenges and objectives between SEZD and the New Suez Canal calling for an integration between them and pointing out that the cooperation between the two zones would lead to the establishment of an Arab union for special economic zones or even an association within the Arab Union of Free Zones. He added that aim of this cooperation is to "exchange experiences and coordinate work and study everything that would promote the integration of different activities, or (enlarge the cake) as per the jargon of these days to achieve the highest return of the two zones." He concluded his article by saying: "I am confident that the cooperation between Suez and Duqm will be in favor of all special economic zones in the Arab world and all Arab ports."

Misbah Qutb calls for cooperation between "Suez and Duqm" and establishment of an Arab union for special economic zones



Duqm at night ... one of the recent photos published in the magazine

Al-Zaman Newspaper Issues a Special Supplement on Duqm



Muscat - 26 October 2015

Al-Zaman Newspaper, in cooperation with the Awareness and Information Department at SEZAD, issued a special supplement on Duqm and the projects therein.

The 16-page supplement included an interview with H.E. the Chairperson in which he talked about the government's efforts in building infrastructure for SEZD and the extent to keep pace with development plans. He also touched upon the efforts of the promotion team that continuously seeks to market SEZD in order to attract local and international investments.

The supplement also included an interview with Eng. Hashim bin Taher Al Ibrahim, General Manager of Business Services at Duqm Port in which he talked about a number of projects being implemented in SEZD and cooperation between SEZAD and Duqm Port.

The supplement referred to the workers accommodation compound being implemented by Renaissance Services, which accommodates 17 thousand beds.

Galfar shall implement the Project of Operation and Maintenance of Sewage Treatment Plant in Duqm

Duqm - 4 October 2015

The Special Economic Zone Authority in Duqm (SEZAD) assigned the project for operation and maintenance of sewage treatment plant in Duqm to Galfar Engineering and Contracting Company.

The production capacity of the plant

shall be 2000 cubic meters per day, and Galfar stated that it got this project as a contractor for the maintenance period, noting that the contract value is OMR 365,000.

Galfar Engineering and Contracting Company is implementing a number of projects at SEZD, including the development of water desalination plant in Duqm, which it gained last June by the

Rural Areas Electricity Company worth OMR 729,970.

The project for site processing services for Duqm Refinery is one of the main projects under implementation implemented by Galfar after the company got it in May from Duqm Refinery and Petroleum Industries Company according to a contract of OMR 32.7 million for 60 weeks.

Duqm Police Compound Opens and New Police Recruits Graduate

Yahiya Al-Jabri: the Compound is an embodiment of the government's attention to the distribution of the fruits of development to the various governorates of the Sultanate



Duqm – 20 October 2015

Royal Oman Police (ROP) celebrated the opening of Duqm Police Compound and graduation of new police recruits on 20 October 2015.

The celebration was under the patronage of H.E. Yahiya bin Said Al-Jabri, SEZAD Chairperson, in the presence of Lieutenant General Hassan bin Mohsen Al-Shuraiqi, Inspector General of Police and Customs, H.E. Dr. Ali bin Masaud Al-Sunaidi, Minister of Commerce and Industry, H.E. Dr. Abdullah bin Nasser Al-Harrasi, President of the Public Authority for Radio and Television and a number of honorees, excellencies and senior ROP and Sultan Armed Forces officers and other security agencies, the elders and notables of the Region, directors of government departments and citizens of the Wilayat of Duqm. The ceremony began with unveiling the commemorative plaque to mark the official opening of the Compound. Then H.E. Al-Jabri and the audience witnessed the graduation of the new police. The ceremony began by the military salute for the patron of the celebration, and then the queue commander approached the patron to inspect the first row of the queue. Then, the line of graduates moved in front of the podium in a military parade marching slowly then normally. Afterwards, the patron delivered proficiency awards for the top graduates.

In a press statement, H.E. Yahiya bin Said Al-Jabri stated: "I am pleased to welcome you today in SEZAD while Oman is preparing for the celebration of the Forty-Fifth National Day. He congrat-



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ulated His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said -may God protect him - and thanked him for his endeavors to this dear country, and the achievements of the Sultanate under the reign of His Majesty that included various walks of life, embodied the cohesion between the leadership and the people towards

the elevation, pride and glory of Oman.

H.E. stressed that the opening of the ROP Compound is an embodiment of the government's attention to the distribution of the fruits of development to the various governorates of the Sultanate and delivery of various services to citizens wherever they are.

The ROP Duqm Compound in Al-Wusta Governorate is one of the vital projects implemented by the Royal Oman Police to provide the best police services to citizens and residents and to keep pace with urbanization and current and future population growth. The Compound includes security

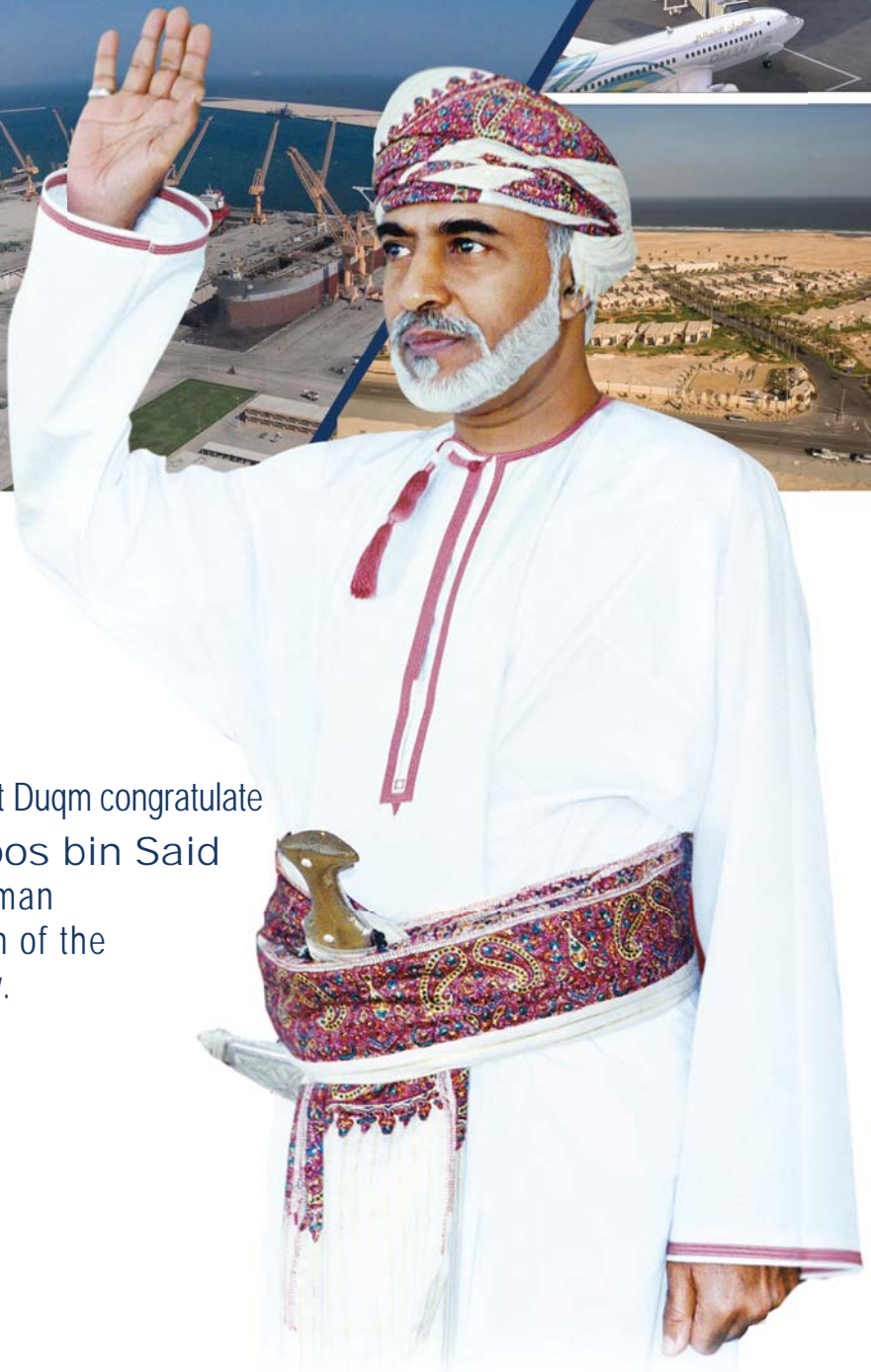
and customs facilities, immigration, residence, civil status, traffic, and civil defense, and ambulance services. Moreover, ROP Duqm Compound shall maintain security and public order, protect lives, money and properties, and ensure the safety and tranquility for all citizens and residents of the region. It may be expanded later to meet the needs in the future.





Celebrating 45 years of His Majesty's visionary leadership

The Special Economic Zone Authority at Duqm congratulate
His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said
and the people of Oman
on the glorious occasion of the
45th National Day.



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