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# A Safe Return A Father and a Leader

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**Sultan Qaboos Bin Said,**  
we pray to Almighty Allah to protect  
His Majesty, to bless His Majesty with  
health and a long life, and to protect  
our Country Oman and Its People.



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## **H.M's Return, as a new nationwide festival in the country, Al Jabri says**



**Muscat, March 23**

H.E. Yahya bin Said bin Abdullah al Jabri, Chairman of the Special Economic Zone Authority in Duqm (SEZAD), congratulated the Omani people on the return of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said - may God protect him - to Oman.

His Excellency mentioned in a press statement that this day – the return of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos to his country – is considered as a new nationwide festival

in the country demonstrating the high level of joy it has placed on the hearts of the Omani people. The celebrations came as a result of support and love for His Majesty, as well as the appreciation for his enlightenment and wisdom displayed in the affairs of our country and the Sultanate's foreign relations.

His Excellency further added that Oman has accomplished a lot during the era of His Majesty, particularly in the development of various sectors.

“Today, we are proud of what has been achieved during the years of the modern Renaissance and the development of the country and we thank God Almighty for his grace and kindness for the return of our beloved leader and his wellbeing. We can now once again proceed with the process of building a modern state, continuing what has started on July 23, 1970. May God the Almighty protect His Majesty Sultan Qaboos giving him excellent health, joy, and wellness”.

## **The People of Duqm Organize a Loyalty and a Gratitude March**

**March 31, 2015**

The People of the Wilayat of Duqm organized a march to express their happiness for the safe return of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said – May Allah protect and save HM – to the Country back from Germany. The March started at the Center of the Wilayat and up to the office of H.E. Wali of Duqm with the participation of large numbers of people from the Wilayat, H.E. Sheikh Mohsin Al Maskary Wali of Duqm, H.E. Salam bin Sqat Member of the Shura Council and representative of Willayat of Duqm, a number of dignitaries, school students, women and children.

The march included poetry and of traditional art show. This march was an appropriate platform for the people to express their love to the our visionary leader by holding pictures of His Majesty and flags of the Sultanate expressing their overwhelming joy for the safe return and exhibiting a sincere image of true loyalty and love.



## **Dr. Hamad al Awfi Construction works of fishing port in Duqm shall start in the second half of 2015**

**Muscat – March 7, 2015**

H.E. Dr. Haman bin Said Al Awfi Undersecretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries said that the second half of this year shall witness

the launch of construction works for the biggest fishing port in the Sultanate in Duqm with a value estimated to be 30 million O.R.

H.E. explained in a statement to Oman News Agency that the construction of this port comes as a

part of the Ministry's strategy to develop the fishing sector and to enhance its infrastructure. In addition, the port will host local and international fishing enterprises and will support the fishery industries area that will be established in Duqm.

# Providing modern accommodation to 16,000 employees

Duqm – March 4, 2015

H.E. Yahya bin Said Al Jabiri, Chairman of the Duqm Special Economic Zone Authority (SEZAD) visited the Permanent Accommodation for Contractors Project site, which is a joint initiative between SEZAD and Renaissance Services Company.

H.E. said in a press statement “This project is a viable and an important project, as this labor city, which Renaissance Services SAOG is implementing, will have a positive impact on the workers in the Duqm Special Economic Zone (SEZD) and through this initiative the private sector proved its commitment and we hope to see more participation from the private sector in SEZD development projects”.

H.E. indicated that Renaissance Services SAOG is one of the leading companies and it is listed in Muscat Securities Market and therefore its participation in this project will have a positive impact on the company as well as on the shareholders.



**195 Million USD invested in this project**

are other phases that will be implemented in SEZD, indicating that this project is amongst them.

Renaissance Services SAOG has formed a special purpose vehicle (SPV) company to own and develop the project, Renaissance Duqm Holding Company. Renaissance holds 51.9% shares with the balance 58.1% held by Royal Court Affairs, Ministry of Defense Pension Fund, al Khonji Development and Bank Muscat.

H.E. added that the Permanent Accommodation for Contractors Project is a mega project that can accommodate 16,000 beds in its first phase and there



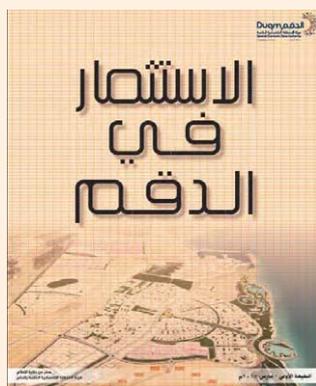
## Awareness and Media Department publishes a booklet about Investing in SEZAD

Muscat – March 22, 2015

The Awareness and Media department in SEZAD has published a booklet “Investing in Duqm” that aims to provide the information needed by those who wish to invest in the Duqm Special Economic Zone (SEZD).

The book contains information about the Duqm Special Economic Zone Authority (SEZAD), SEZD, the one-stop shop, the advantages of investing in SEZD, as well as the incentives provided by SEZAD to investors, in addition to other information needed by investors.

The booklet has been published in Arabic and will be translated and published in English in April 2015.



## Al Madina Group to develop a business, tourist and residential integrated project in Duqm

Muscat – March 19, 2015

Qatari investor Eng. Abdullah Ali Al Abdullah, Vice Chairman of Al Madina Real Estate Group, member of the Board of Directors of Al Madina Investment and a member of the board of directors of Tital Development Company, said that many Investors from GCC countries look to the Sultanate of Oman as their investment destination, adding that investors can make better revenues in Oman than in other places, in addition to the fact that project implementation costs in the Sultanate are reasonable compared to other GCC countries.

Al Abdullah revealed in an interview with Al Roya Newspaper that the Group will implement an integrated business, tourist, residential project in Duqm on an area of 500 Thousand Square Feet including a commercial project, hotel and a water park. The project will also include high-end residential units indicating that work is in progress to complete procedures and all remaining permits, expressing his hope that the implementation of the project will start this year.

Al Abdullah explained that his experience in investing in the Sultanate dates back to the early 90's emphasizing that his investments made positive and encouraging results for future expansion.

## SEZAD gives an awareness lecture in a school north of Al Sharqiya

Mudhaibi – March 18, 2015

SEZAD organized an awareness session about the Duqm Special Economic Zone to 12th grade students in Al Sheikh Said bin

Khalfan Al Khalili Basic Education School in North Al Sharqiya region.

It is worth mentioning that this awareness session was part of the activities of the social studies week that was conducted by the school.

# SEZAD Tender Committee Awards RO22.3 million worth Projects for Landfills and Water Drainage Systems

**A'Duqm - 21st March**

The Tender Committee of the Special Economic Zone Authority in Duqm (SEZAD) held its second meeting under the chairmanship of His Excellency Eng. Ahmed bin Hassan al Dheeb, Chairman of the Committee and member of SEZAD board and awarded RO22.3 million worth of tenders for a number of new projects including landfills for hazardous and non-hazardous wastes, the surface sanitary drainage system, the leveling of 180 hectares dedicated for heavy industries.

The landfill project includes the design and construction of integrated hazardous and non-hazardous wastes storage and treatment facilities. The project comes within the efforts made by SEZAD to reduce the negative effects on the environment. The project is also in line with the efforts made by the Sultanate to limit the negative health and environmental effects caused by the traditional landfills. It also aims at providing environment-friendly landfills that can handle different types of wastes safely and meet the constant growth in volumes of waste resulting from the construction activities and population growth. The project is expected to efficiently handle

the wastes that will be generated from the industries hosted at SEZAD.

The Committee also awarded a project to set up Danjrat channels located at the north areas in Duqm master plan. The construction of the 11 km long channel aims at discharging the surface rain water at the sea. The channel will be designed in a way to ensure having the required slope that will help the channel discharge the surface rain water in the sea very efficiently and smoothly.

The project is part of a series of projects that include protection dams, main and sub discharge channels with varying capacities. The aim of these channels is to collect rain water and discharge them safely through suitable streams for the expected volumes of rain. The project will provide protection for the front-line infrastructure at Duqm Port and at the heavy industries complex. It will also ensure safe disposal of rain water without causing any damage to the companies operating in the zone.

SEZAD Tender Committee also awarded the sixth package of the leveling and surface water discharge for the logistic area in Duqm port. The scope of the project covers the leveling of the lands on the main road to Duqm including digging

and filling as per the project plans. The contractor should ensure that all electricity, water and communication lines at the project area are not harmed by the digging and filling works.

The project is also one of a series of projects that aim at leveling the required land plots and making them ready for utilization by potential investors.

## Signing two R.O 71 million grants agreements to finance Projects in Duqm



**Muscat – March 18, 2015**

The Government signed in March 18, 2015 two grants agreements to finance the infrastructure development projects for the Special Economic Zone in Duqm and the construction of a fishing port in Duqm with the Saudi Fund for Development.

The first agreement includes financing the first phase of construction of the fishing port and the fishery industries complex in Duqm while the second agreement covers financing the first phase of the infrastructure project in SEZD, both agreements are worth 1 million O.R.



## The Private Sector in Al Buraimi Governorate Welcomes Investing at SEZAD

**Al Buraimi – 23 March 2015**

Entrepreneurs in Al Buraimi Governorate expressed their interest in investing at the Special Economic Zone in Duqm (SEZD), pointing out that SEZD has several investment opportunities and encouraging incentives to investors.

This came in the discussions that were held during the symposium organized by the Duqm Special Economic Zone Authority (SEZAD) on Monday 2 March 2015 in cooperation with Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry Branch in Al Buraimi Governorate.

Ismail Al Balushi, Deputy CEO in SEZAD, confirmed that SEZAD welcomes the private sector to invest at SEZD,



pointing out that SEZAD offers many privileges, incentives and facilities to investors.

He added that SEZAD has achieved many gains to the business sector in the Sultanate, and has contributed to the capital investment locally in addition to attracting foreign companies to operate in the Sultanate. He also expressed his hope that demand of the private sector to invest at SEZAD would increase.

Al Balushi highlighted in his speech the services provided by

the one-stop station at SEZAD, saying that we consider the one-stop the gateway of investing at SEZAD, and that it was created to provide the best of services to investors. The services provided by the one-stop station include providing necessary information and data to investors, providing guidance and advice about available investment opportunities at SEZD and the measures needed to invest. The station also provides commercial registration services, and the

issuance of municipal licenses, environmental permits, as well as commercial activity licenses at SEZD including industrial, tourism and mining licenses in addition to other services. Moreover, in order to provide facilities to investors, two offices has been established for the one-stop station, one in Muscat and the other in Duqm.

The Symposium included two presentations; the first was made by ubna Al Khonji, an investment promotion specialist in SEZAD, which highlighted the available investment opportunities at SEZD.

The second presentation was made by Eng. Hussein Al Zadjali Director of Projects' Buildings in SEZAD and focused on the projects that are being setup at SEZD.