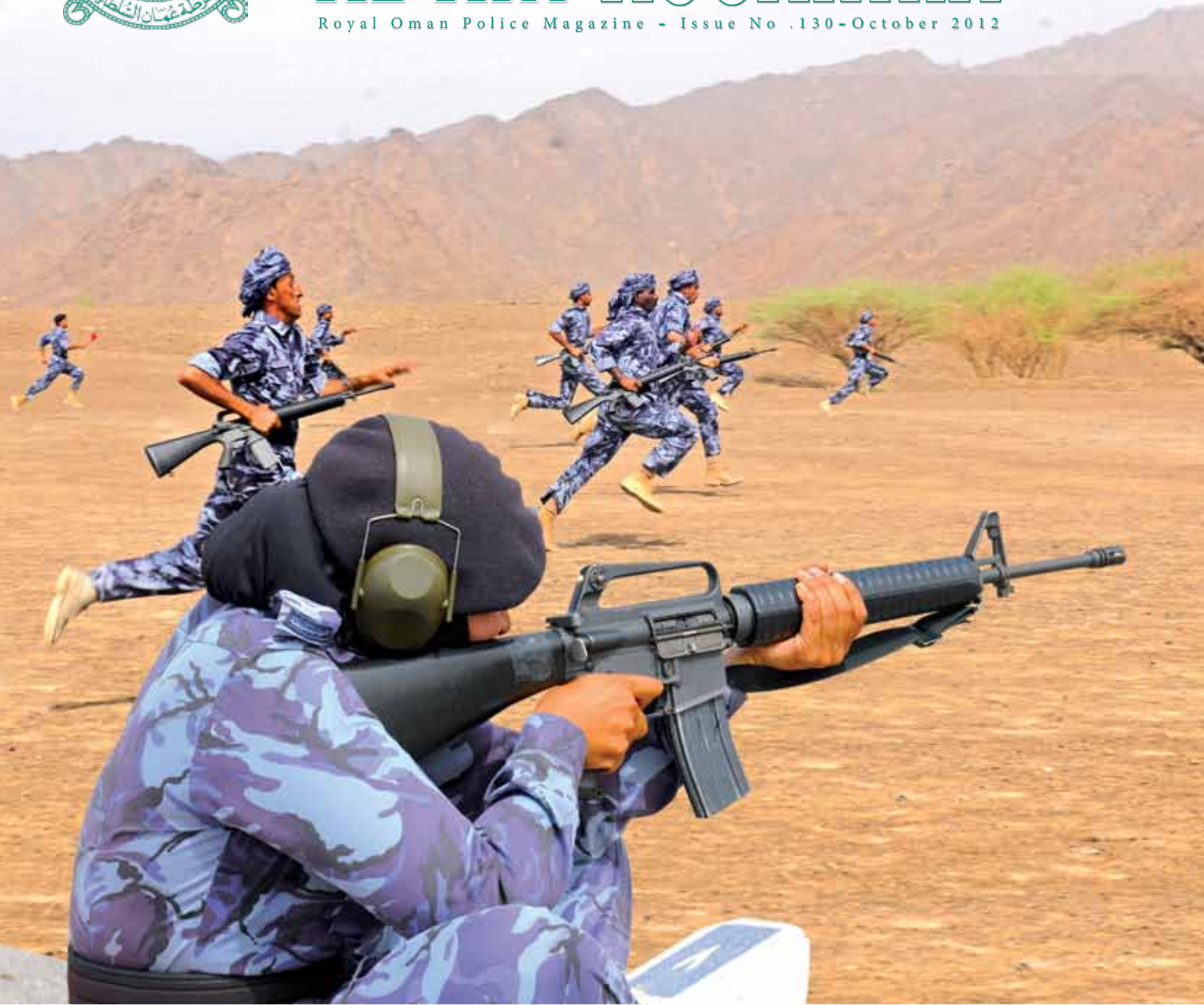




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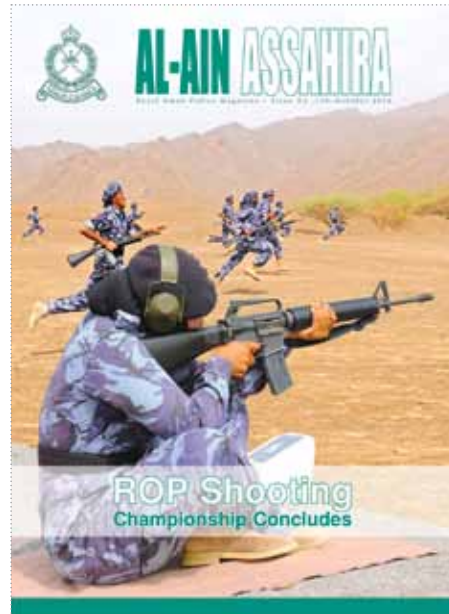
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Contract Signed for Construction of STF Complex, Sohar



His Excellency Lt. General Hassan bin Muhsin Al-Shuraiqe, Inspector General of Police and Customs signed on 28/7/2012 a contract for the construction of Phase I of the Special Task Force Police complex in Sohar, Al-Batina Governorate.

The project includes the administrative and residential buildings, training ground, sports facilities and other relevant services.

The signature was attended by a number of royal Oman Police officers, and the contractor's officials.



Advanced Speed Monitors to be Installed



His Excellency Lt. General Hassan bin Mohsin Al-Shuraiqi, Inspector General of Police and Customs signed two agreements on 5/8/2012 for supplying advanced speed monitoring equipment. One agreement was for mobile monitors, and the other for fixed monitors of speed and traffic lights offences.

The new equipment are high-performance in still and moving photography, remote monitoring of the speeds of vehicles. The mobile monitors will be used by uniformed and plain-clothed traffic police patrols in all governorates.

The signing of the agreements, which took place at the Royal Oman Police Headquarters, Qurum was attended by some ROP officers and officials of the two companies.

Earlier this year Royal Oman Police launched phase I of a traffic control initiative and intensified patrols on the roads within their continuous efforts to ensure safety of all road users.

ROP Shooting

Championship Concludes

Royal Oman Police shooting championship was concluded on September 18 under the auspices of His Excellency Lt General Hassan bin Mohsen al Shuraiqi , Inspector General of Police and Customs at Sultan Qaboos Academy for Police Sciences with participation of 765 marksmen from ROP and various military and security services.

Special Taskforce Police won the first prize In the officers' pistol shooting competition, rifle competition , trap shooting competition for other ranks, and pistol shooting for police women. Sultan Qaboos Academy for Police Science become first in in the trap shooting competition for officers and police women. The DG of Airport Security won the first prize in the pistol shooting competition for other ranks.



Graduation Ceremony, Officers and New Recruits



His Excellency Lt. General Munthir bin Majed Al Said, Chief Liaison Service at the Royal Office presided over the Royal Oman Police graduation ceremony held on 18/7/2012 for the graduation of batch 29 of specialized university level officers, non-commissioned officers and new recruits. The ceremony held on the parade ground was attended by His Excellency Lt. General Hassan bin Muhsin Al-Shuraiqi, Inspector General of Police and Customs, some commanders of military, security organizations and Royal Oman Police, directors of government departments, dignitaries of Wilayat Nizwa, supervisors and instructors. The graduates parade saluted His Excellency the Chief Guest, then slow-marched past the grandstand. Then he handed over prizes to top graduates. The graduates performed the ROP song “ Protectors of the Right” , saluted the Chief Guest, and past out in parade being the end of the ceremony.



ROP Marching Competition Concluded at Academy



Marching competition between Royal Oman Police divisions was concluded on 14/7/2012 on the Parade Ground at Sultan Qaboos Academy for Police Sciences under the auspices of Major General Musallam bin Ali Qatan, Assistant Inspector General of Police and Customs. Twenty-two teams representing different ROP divisions participated in the competition, which was meant to enhance the policemen's parading skill, military formations, and to implant in them the spirit of discipline and competition. The results were calculated by points given for dressing, marching, movements with arms and without arms, movement skills of the team's leader and instructor.

New Building of Bidiya Police Station Opened



The new building of Bidiya police station was opened on 18/7/2012 in a ceremony sponsored by His Excellency Yahiya bin Hamoud Al-Ma'mary, Governor of North Sharqiya and Major General Salem bin

Musallam Qatan, Assistant Inspector General of Police and Customs, a number of Majlis Addawla and Majils Ashura members.

Col. Salem, Commander of the North Sharqiya Governorate Police, addressed the ceremony and said that the station served Wilayat Bidiya and Wilayat Wadi Bani Khalid.

The station is part of a complex built on a total area of 7,000 sq.m. and comprises also a civil defence station, ambulance station, personnel barracks, officers rest house, helipad, vehicle pound. The station is well equipped to provide security, civil defence and ambulance services.

Main Committee of Traffic Safety Competition Meets



Major General Salim bin Musallam bin Ali Qatan, Assist. Inspector General of Police and Customs and Chairman of the Main Committee of the Traffic Safety Competition chaired the Committee's 5th meeting held on 11/9/2012 at the Traffic Safety Institute.

The meeting reviewed the points raised at the meeting of the undersecretaries of ministries, the addition of government departments to the evaluation teams, the follow-up of the evaluation forms of different categories of participants.



Technical Committee for Road Safety Meets



The Road Safety Technical Committee held its third meeting on 9/9/2012 chaired by Brigadier Engineer Mohammed bin Aswadh Al-Rawass, Director General of Traffic, Chairman of the Committee, which membership comprises representatives of the organizations involved in roads construction.

The meeting discussed the priority to solve problems at vulnerable points, a proposal for installing speed-limit boards, signs prohibiting the overcoming by trucks and heavy vehicles, the provision of parking lots for heavy vehicles and trucks in the residential and commercial areas.

At the conclusion of the meeting, which was held at the Directorate General of Traffic the attendees made a field visit to some sites in Muscat Governorate to acquaint themselves with road safety aspects.

More Classrooms for Juvenile Traffic School



Royal Oman Police and Shell Development, Oman signed a memorandum of cooperation, Monday 10 Sept. 2010, by which Shell would build classrooms at the Juvenile Traffic School in order to enhance the traffic awareness among visitors of the school.

Brigadier Engineer Mohammed bin Awadh Al-Rawass, Director General of Traffic signed for ROP, and on behalf of Shell signed the Director of the Foreign Affairs, Hilall bin Yahya Al-Ma'wali.

Following the signing ceremony the Director General of Traffic said that the signing of the memorandum is an activation of the private sector's role to support road safety, and spread safety awareness among the young generation.

Hilall binYahya Al-Ma'wali also said that this project falls within his company's initiatives and periodical programmes to enhance road safety. He added that the traffic school provides safety programmes for an important sector of the society in order to change the present improper driving practices.

Snooker and Darts Games Held in Ramadhan



The Royal Oman Police annual competitions of the snooker and darts games for officers was held at the officers club in Wattaya on 12/8/2012. Twenty officers competed in the snooker and twenty four officers in the darts games.

The championship was held under the auspices of Brigadier Hamad bin Sulaiman Al-Hatimy, Head of the Special Section, ROP.

In the snooker, 1st Lt. Tallal bin Saif Al-Yaqoubi won the first place, Lt. Col. Ahmed bin Ali Al-Owaisi the second, and Lt. Col. Hassan bin Said Al-Baluchi the third.

In the darts Major Mohamed bin Khalfan Al-Hadi won the first place, Major Yahya bin Omer Al-Baluchi the second, and Lt. Col. Mahfoudh bin Said Al Azzan the third.

The winners were awarded trophies and medals.



ROP Attend Interpol Meeting for Enhancing Police Training

Royal Oman Police attended the meeting of the scientific committee for enhancing the police training in Arab countries. The meeting was held at the Interpol headquarters on 11th and 12th Sept. 2012.

Brigadier Rashid bin Salim Al-Badi, Commander of the Sultan Qaboos Academy for Police Sciences represented Royal Oman Police at this meeting, which was to bring together Arab countries, members of the Interpol to review future initiatives to develop police training, foster cooperation in this area and support the Interpol training activities.



National Search, Rescue Team Carries out Exercise in Dhofar



The National Search and Rescue Team of the Directorate General of Civil Defence carried out a practical exercise in the Governorate of Dhofar from 8 to 10 Sept. 2012. The exercise included scenarios of search, rescues and extraction of victims from rubble. The team could work in various climatic conditions.

The team has been recognized this year by the United Nations as international search and rescue team.

ROP Participate in Tunisia Meetings



Royal Oman Police participated in two meetings held in Tunis during the period 10 – 13 Sept. 2012. One was the meeting of a committee drafting a security agreement between Arab Countries, the other was considering the establishment of a Higher Arab Security Committee.

The ROP delegation to the two meetings was headed by Brigadier Hamad bin Sulaiman Al-Hatmi, Head of the Special Section, accompanied by Lt. Col. Said bin Hamad Al-Baluchi, Director of the Legal Affairs.

Ways of fostering security in different aspects were also discussed in the meetings.

Earlier, the 15th Arab Conference of the Heads of Immigration, Passports and Nationality, was also held in Tunis 29-30 August 2012.

Lt. Col. Ali bin Hamed Al-Sulaimani, Assist. Director of Passports and Residency accompanied by Captain Ahmed bin Said Al-Ghafri a legal affairs officer at the Directorate. represented Royal Oman Police at the Conference

The conference discussed the agenda including the results of the previous meeting's recommendations, the enhancement of cooperation between Arab countries in immigration, passports and visas, and the introduction of new technologies in this field.

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Values and Hospitality

By
Harold Bekker

After a scenic trip through the mountains between Ibri and Sohar in the north of Oman, it was time for my wife and I to find a nice place to camp and put up our tent for the night. Driving through Wadi Hawasinah there was a small track leading out of the wadi (river valley) that looked promising. The track winded up towards a gated settlement of four buildings and just before this, we found an ideal camping spot, an area high enough above the wadi and with a small stream of fresh water.

After putting up our tent, refreshing ourselves and preparing some food, it was

time to relax and enjoy the silence under a starlit sky. Suddenly our attention was drawn to a small light that seemed to be of a torch approaching “our” campsite. As the light came closer we could see a young man walking towards us carrying a teapot and a plastic bag. As soon as he was next to us he introduced himself as Salim.

As we sat together and spoke in simple English, Salim told us that he lives in the small settlement and that the land we were camping on belongs to his family – and that his sister had made tea for us to share. Our surprise was big with such hospitality coming out of the blue.

After a few cups of tea together and some conversation, Salim left and told us he will be visiting us the next morning.

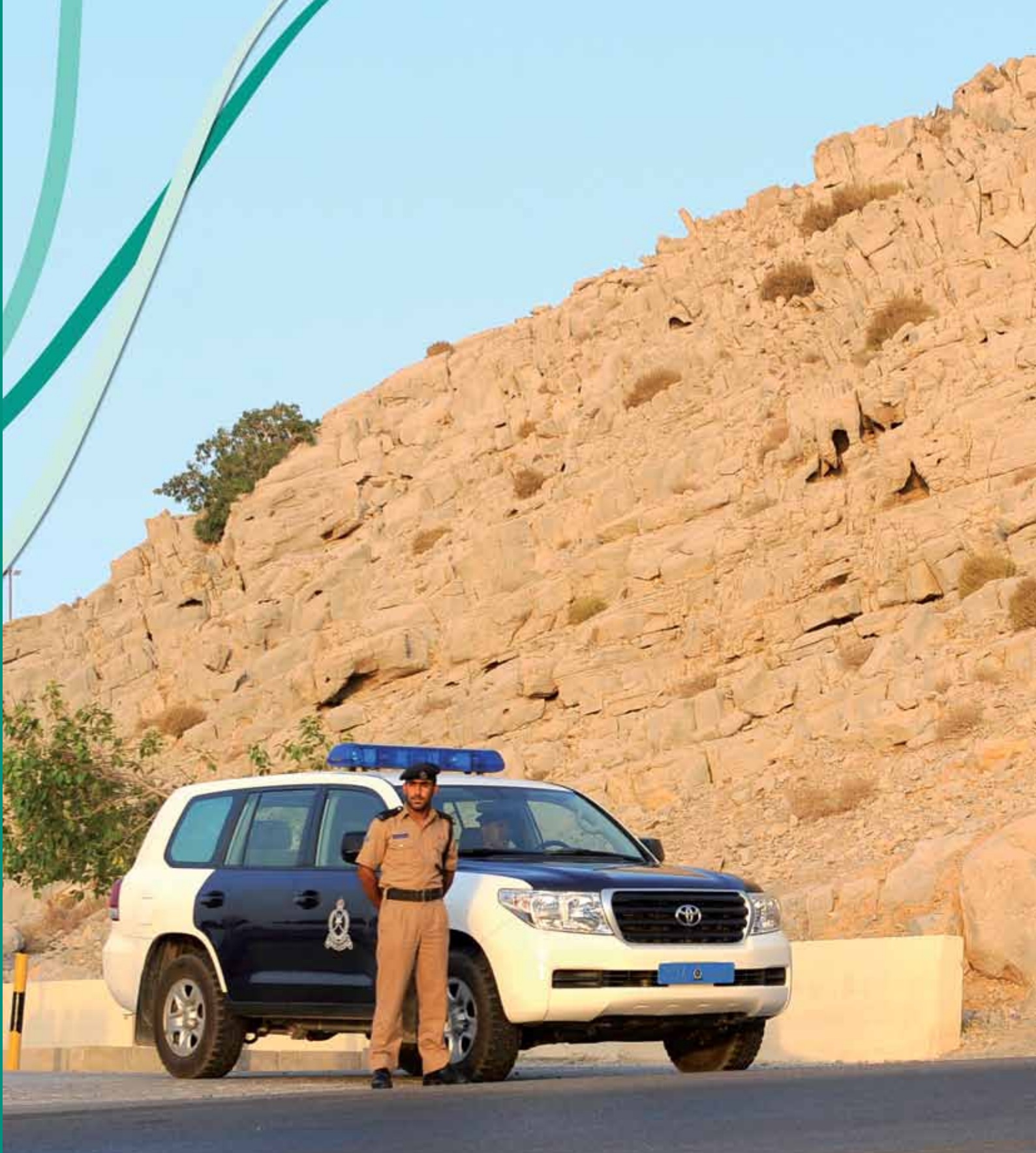
The next morning he was there and he showed us around his land, explaining about the bee hives in the mountains, medicinal plants and the ancient tombs on the hill tops.

Already surprised by this young man, he even surprised us more by telling that a couple of years ago, during a rainy period he had saved two people from Austria who got stuck in the wadi by helping them out just before a flash flood turned the wadi in a wild river. He received a reward (official letter) for his brave behaviour and a watch for his father.

Unfortunately it was soon time for us to leave to continue our trip and he invited us to visit him next time we were around.

I returned there recently and again received a warm welcome and was treated with cakes, coffee and an evening meal, and in the morning, Salim showed us around in his garden. It was good to see him again.





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Widespread security

Knowledge

Fairy Tale by the Brothers Grimm

Briar-Rose



Captain/ Abdullah bin Said AlHarthy

Directorate of Public Relations

Long ago there lived a king and a queen and never a day passed but they said: "Oh, if only we had a child!" and yet they never had one. Then it happened one day when the queen was taking her bath that a frog crawled ashore out of the water and said to her: "Your wish is to be granted; before a year is over you will give birth to a daughter." It happened as the frog had said, and the queen gave birth to a little girl of such beauty that the king was beside himself with joy and ordered a great feast. He invited to it not only his relatives and friends and acquaintances but also the wise-women of the land, in the hope that they would show the child affection and favour. There were thirteen of them in his kingdom, but because he had only twelve golden plates for them to eat from, one of them had to stay at home. The feast was celebrated with great magnificence, and when it was over the wise-women bestowed their magic gifts on the child: one gave her virtue, another beauty, a third wealth, and so on, till she had everything in the world you could wish for. Just as the eleventh of them had spoken her spell, the thirteenth suddenly entered. She meant to avenge herself for not having been invited, and without greeting or looking at anyone she cried out in a loud voice: "In her fifteenth year the princess shall prick herself on a spindle and fall dead." And without speaking another word she turned her back and left the hall. Everyone was horrified but then the twelfth wise-woman, who still had not uttered her wish, stepped forward: she could not cancel the evil spell but only lessen its effect, so she said: "But it shall not be death the princess falls into, only a deep sleep lasting a hundred years."

Garden

The king, who dearly wished to protect his beloved child from this misfortune, gave orders that every spindle in his kingdom was to be burnt. But the blessings of the wise-women on the girl were all fulfilled, for she was so beautiful, well behaved, kind and intelligent that no one could look at her without loving her. It happened that on the very day she was to reach the age of fifteen the king and queen were not at home and the girl stayed behind in the palace all by herself, so she explored everything, looked at the rooms and bedrooms just as she pleased, and finally came to an old tower. She climbed to the top of the narrow spiral stair and came to a little door. In the lock was an old rusty key; when she turned it the door sprang open and there, in a little room, sat an old woman with a spindle, busily spinning her flax. "Good morning, old lady," said the princess, "what's that you're doing?" "I'm spinning," said the old woman, nodding her head. "And what's this funny little thing jumping about?" asked the girl. And she took the spindle in her hand and wanted to learn how to spin too. But she had scarcely touched it when the spell was fulfilled and she pricked herself in the finger.

The moment she felt the prick she fell down on the bed that was standing there, and lay in a deep sleep. And this sleep spread over the entire palace: the king and queen, who had just got back and entered the hall, began to fall asleep, and so did their whole court with them. And the horses in the stable fell asleep, and the dogs in the courtyard, the pigeons on the roof, the flies on the wall, in fact even the fire blazing in the hearth stood still and fell asleep, and the roast stopped crackling, and the cook, who was in the act of pulling the kitchen boy's hair for something he had done wrong, let him go and fell asleep. And the wind died down, and on the trees in front of the palace not a single leaf stirred.

But round the palace a thorn thicket began to grow, which grew taller every year and in the end surrounded the entire castle and grew up above the top of it so that you couldn't see any castle any more, not even the flag on the roof. But the legend of the lovely sleeping Briar-Rose (for so the princess came to be called) was told in the land, so that from time to time princes would come and try to force their way through the thicket into the castle. But none of them succeeded, because the thorn bushes gripped each other as if they had hands, and the young men got trapped among them, and couldn't free themselves and died a piteous death. After many many years another prince came to that country and heard an old man tell the story of the thorn thicket, and of how it was said that a palace stood behind it in which a most beautiful princess called Briar-Rose had been sleeping

for the last hundred years, and the king and the queen and the whole court lay asleep there with her, and of how he had also heard from his grandfather that many princes had already come and tried to force their way through the thorns but had got trapped in them and perished miserably. Then the young man said: "I'm not afraid, I'll go out and find this beautiful Briar-Rose." The kind old man tried his best to dissuade him, but the prince didn't listen.

Now it happened that the hundred years had just passed, and the day had come on which Briar-Rose was to wake up. When the prince approached the thorn thicket, the thorns had all turned into enormous beautiful flowers, which parted of their own accord and let him through unharmed, and behind him they closed up again and made a hedge. In the palace courtyard he saw all the horses and the brindled hunting-hounds lying asleep, and on the roof the pigeons were roosting with their heads tucked under their wings. And when he went indoors, the flies were asleep on the wall, the cook in the kitchen still had his hand outstretched as if to grab the kitchen boy, and the kitchen maid was sitting with a black chicken in her lap, about to pluck it. Then he went further and saw the whole court lying asleep in the hall, and up there beside the throne lay the king and the queen. Then he went still further, and everything was so silent that he could hear his own breathing; and in the end he came to the tower and opened the door of the little room where Briar-Rose was sleeping. There she lay, and she was so beautiful he couldn't take his eyes off her, and he stooped down and kissed her. As his lips touched hers, Briar-Rose opened her eyes, woke up and smiled at him. Then they went downstairs together, and the king woke up and so did the queen and the whole court, and they looked at each other in astonishment. And the horses in the yard got to their feet and shook themselves, the hounds jumped up and wagged their tails, the pigeons on the roof took their heads from under their wings, looked about them and flew off over the fields, the flies began crawling up the walls again, the fire in the kitchen revived and blazed up and cooked the dinner, the roast began to crackle again, and the cook gave the boy such a box on the ear that he howled, and the maid finished plucking the chicken. And after that the wedding of the prince with Briar-Rose was celebrated with great magnificence, and they lived happily till the end of their days.



Source: Grimm, Jacob and Wilhelm. Selected Tales. London: Penguin [<http://www.penguin.com>], 1988

Aesop's "Country Mouse and Town Mouse"

Once upon a time a Country Mouse who had a friend in town invited him, for old acquaintance sake, to pay him a visit in the country. The invitation being accepted in due form, the Country Mouse, though plain and rough and somewhat frugal in his nature, opened his heart and store, in honour of hospitality and an old friend. There was not a carefully stored up morsel that he did not bring forth out of his larder, peas and barley, cheese-parings and nuts, hoping by quantity to make up what he feared was wanting in quality, to suit the palate of his dainty guest. The Town Mouse, condescending to pick a bit here and a bit there, while the host sat nibbling a blade of barley-straw, at length exclaimed, "How is it, my good friend, that you can endure the dulness of this unpolished life? You are living like a toad in a hole. You can't really prefer these solitary rocks and woods to streets teeming with carriages and men. On my honour, you are wasting your time miserably here. We must make the most of life while it lasts. A mouse, you know, does not live for ever. So come with me, and I'll show you life and the town." Overpowered with such fine words and so polished a manner, the Country Mouse assented; and they set out together on their journey to town. It was late in the evening when they crept stealthily into the city, and midnight ere they reached the great house, where the Town Mouse took up his quarters. Here were couches of crimson velvet, carvings in ivory, everything in short that denoted wealth and luxury. On the table were the remains of a splendid banquet, to procure which all the choicest shops in the town had been ransacked the day before. It was now the turn of the courtier to play the host; he places his country friend on purple, runs to and fro to supply all his wants, presses dish upon dish and dainty upon dainty, and, as though he were waiting on a king, tastes every course ere he ventures to place it before his rustic cousin. The Country Mouse, for his part, affects to make himself quite at home, and blesses the good fortune that has wrought such a change in his way of life; when, in the midst of his enjoyment, as he is thinking with contempt of the poor fare he has forsaken, on a sudden the door flies open, and a party of revellers returning from a late entertainment, bursts into the room. The affrighted friends jump from the table in the greatest consternation and hide themselves in the first corner they can reach. No sooner do they venture to creep out again than the

barking of dogs drives them back in still greater terror than before. At length, when things seemed quiet, the Country Mouse stole out from his hiding-place, and bidding his friend good-bye, whispered in his ear, "Oh, my good sir, this fine mode of living may do for those who like it; but give me my barley bread in peace and security before the daintiest feast where Fear and Care are in waiting."

Source: James, Thomas, ed. Aesop's Fables. London: John Murray, 1882

"Solitude! If I must with thee dwell"

By

John Keats

O Solitude! if I must with thee dwell,
Let it not be among the jumbled heap
Of murky buildings; climb with me the steep—
Nature's observatory—whence the dell,
Its flowery slopes, its river's crystal swell,
May seem a span; let me thy vigils keep
'Mongst boughs pavilioned, where the deer's swift leap
Startles the wild bee from the foxglove bell.
But though I'll gladly trace these scenes with thee,
Yet the sweet converse of an innocent mind,
Whose words are images of thoughts refined,
Is my soul's pleasure; and it sure must be
Almost the highest bliss of human-kind,
When to thy haunts two kindred spirits flee.

Life of a Great Scientist

Albert Einstein

Einstein, Albert (1879-1955), German-born American physicist and Nobel laureate, best known as the creator of the special and general theories of relativity and for his bold hypothesis concerning the particle nature of light. He is perhaps the best-known scientist of the 20th century.

Albert Einstein is considered one of the greatest scientists of all time. Three papers that he published in 1905 were pivotal in the development of physics and influential in wider Western thought. These papers discussed the quantum nature of light, provided a description of molecular motion, and introduced the special theory of relativity. Einstein was famous for continually reexamining traditional scientific assumptions and coming to straightforward, elegant conclusions that no one else had reached.

Einstein was born in Ulm on March 14, 1879, and spent his youth in Munich, where his family owned a small shop that manufactured electric machinery. He did not talk until the age of three, but even as a youth he showed a brilliant curiosity about nature and an ability to understand difficult mathematical concepts.

Einstein hated the dull regimentation and unimaginative spirit of school in Munich. When repeated business failure led the family to leave Germany for Milan, in

Italy, Einstein, who was then 15 years old, used the opportunity to withdraw from the school. He spent a year with his parents in Milan, and, when it became clear that he would have to make his own way in the world, he finished secondary school in Arrau, Switzerland, and entered the Swiss National Polytechnic in Zurich. Einstein did not enjoy the methods of instruction there. He often missed classes, using the time to study physics on his own or to play his beloved violin. He passed his examinations and graduated in 1900 by studying the notes of a classmate. His professors did not think highly of him and would not recommend him for a university position.

The difficulty that others had with Einstein's work was not because it was mathematically complex or technically obscure; the problem resulted, rather, from Einstein's beliefs about the nature of good theories and the relationship between experiment and theory. Although he maintained that the only source of knowledge is experience, he also believed that scientific theories are the free creations of a finely tuned physical intuition and that the premises on which theories are based cannot be connected logically to experiment. A good theory, therefore, is one in which a minimum number of postulates is required to account for the physical evidence. This sparseness of postulates, a feature of all Einstein's work, was what made his work so difficult for colleagues to comprehend, let alone support.

Einstein did have important supporters, however. His chief early patron was the German physicist Max Planck. Einstein remained at the Patent Office for four years after his star began to rise within the physics community. Then he moved rapidly upwards in the German-speaking academic world. His first academic appointment was in 1909 at the University of Zurich. In 1911 he moved to the German-speaking university at Prague, and in 1912 he returned to the Swiss National Polytechnic in Zurich. Finally, in 1913, he was appointed director of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Physics in Berlin.

On the basis of the general theory of relativity, Einstein accounted for previously unexplained variations in the orbital motion of the planets and predicted the bending of starlight in the vicinity of a massive body such as the Sun. The confirmation of this latter phenomenon during an eclipse of the Sun in 1919 became a media event, and

Einstein's fame spread worldwide.

For the rest of his life Einstein devoted considerable time to generalizing his theory even more. His last effort, a unified field theory, which was not entirely successful, was an attempt to understand all physical interactions—including electromagnetic interactions and weak and strong nuclear interactions—in terms of the modification of the geometry of space-time between interacting entities.

"God", Einstein once said, "does not play dice with the world"

After 1919 Einstein became internationally renowned. He accrued honours and awards, including the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1921, from various world scientific societies. His visit to any part of the world became a national event; photographers and reporters followed him everywhere. While regretting his loss of privacy, Einstein capitalized on his fame to further his own political and social views.

When Hitler came to power in Germany in 1933, Einstein immediately decided to emigrate to the United States. He took a position at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, New Jersey.

In 1939 Einstein collaborated with several other physicists in writing a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, pointing out the possibility of making an atomic bomb and the likelihood that the German government was embarking on such a course. The letter, which bore only Einstein's signature, helped lend urgency to efforts in the United States to build the atomic bomb, but Einstein himself played no role in the work and knew nothing about it at the time.

Einstein died in Princeton on April 18, 1955.

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