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Royal Decree appointing Inspector General of Police and Customs



His Majesty Sultan Qaboos issued a Royal Decree as follows:

Royal Decree No 40 / 2011 on appointment of an inspector general of police and customs.

We, Qaboos bin Said, Sultan of Oman,

After perusal of the Basic Law of the State issued by Royal Decree No. 101 / 96, and according to the requirements of the public good, have decreed as follows:

Article I. Major General Hassan bin Muhsin bin Salem Al Shuraiqi shall be promoted to the rank of Lt. General, and shall be appointed Inspector General of Police and Customs in the rank of minister.

Article II. This Decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall be in force as from the date of its issuance.

Issued on 13 Dec. 2011

His Excellency the Lt. General took oath of office before His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said on 16 / 3 / 2011 at Bait Al Baraka Palace.

10,000 job opportunities available at ROP

In response to His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said's instructions to employ 50,000 Omani job seekers in the public and the private sectors, Royal Oman Police have the availability of 10,000 job opportunities at the police force. Following coordination with the Ministry of Manpower some batches of the new recruits have already been sent to the Sultan Qaboos Academy for Police Sciences in Nizwa for training.

Royal Decree: pensions increase for ROP retirees

Within His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said's attention to the happiness of the Omani citizens and to the improvement of their living conditions, His Majesty ordered the increase of pensions of the Royal Oman Police pensioners, who have retired before Royal Decree No. 2/2002. Accordingly, instead of 60% of the basic salary, the pension will become 80% of the basic salary plus 50% of the housing, electricity and water allowances.

On this occasion His Excellency, Lt. General Hassan bin Muhsin bin Salem Al Shuraiqi held a dinner party for the pensioners and informed them of His Majesty's orders.



Decade of Action for Road Safety' launched



The Sultanate launched the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011 - 2020 under the auspices of His Excellency Lieutenant General Hassan bin Mohsin Al Shraiqi, the Inspector General of Police and Customs on May 11 at the Traffic Safety Institute.

In a statement on the occasion, Al Shraiqi, who is also Head of the National Committee for Road Safety, said it is important for the Sultanate to join the rest of the world in launching this road safety plan based on the UN resolution to intensify efforts to reduce the number of road accidents.

The Sultanate takes great efforts in this field and has always been a pioneer in taking practical measures to limit the number of road

accidents and maintain safety. This is a fixed and permanent policy, under the guidance of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos who closely follows this issue and gives his directives to Royal Oman Police (ROP) to ensure safety of human life and property. Work will continue to achieve the prospective aims of this plan. Al Shraiqi also hailed the efforts of the public and private agencies, as well as, individuals for their tangible role, initiatives and studies in this field. He affirmed that this solidarity and responsible feeling by everyone will achieve the sought aim. His Excellency Ali bin Masoud Al Sunaidy, Minister of Sports Affairs, said this year witnessed a decline in road accidents compared to last year. All sectors of society should abide by the traffic

laws and bear their responsibilities side by side with the government.

The event was held in presence of the representatives of the United Nations organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF among other high profile officials of the government, security and private sector organisations.

In her speech, Dr Jihan Tawilah, WHO Representative in the Sultanate said the declaration of the Decade of Action by the UN General Assembly is one step in the right direction towards safer roads and better lives across the globe. What we hope to achieve collectively in the next decade is to stabilise and then reduce road traffic fatalities around the world by the year 2020.

If this ambitious target is achieved, a cumulative total of 5 million lives, 50 million serious injuries and US\$ 5 trillion could be saved over the next Decade.

The WHO is pleased that, even before this global commitment, the 20 recommendations outlined at the National Symposium on Traffic Safety (NSTS) and endorsed by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos, are in line with the global plan. Joint efforts should concentrate on the five pillars of this plan, which focus on overall road safety management, safer road networks, safer vehicles, safer road users and post-crash response. The Decade comes at a time when road traffic injuries are a major public health concern, not only globally. They claim 1.3 million deaths globally; 20 - 50 millions disabilities and more specifically, up to 1.5 per cent of the gross national products in Eastern Mediterranean countries.



ROP services at Comex 2011



The Royal Oman Police participated in Comex 2011 held on April 25 at the Oman International Exhibition Centre. The ROP's corner reviewed the services rendered to the public via its website, the DG of Passports and Residence, the DG of Civil status, and the DG of Traffic.

The ROP's corner also briefed the visitors about the electronic polling system that has been installed in citizens' identity cards in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior to avoid the duplication of votes during the Majlis Asshura elections.



International Civil Defence Day marked

The Sultanate of Oman represented by the Directorate General of Civil Defence, Royal Oman Police observed the annual International Civil Defence Day, which falls on the first of March every year.

This year, the civil defence day was celebrated under the banner " Woman's Role in the Civil Protection" to highlight women's role in civil protection, first-aid, awareness and information. Women are mainly responsible for the protection of children at home from drowning, burning and electrocution.

Women contribute also to awareness activities to enhance the sense of prevention among community groups, especially women and children. Lectures, exhibitions and practical drills will be organized at schools, colleges, universities, Oman women's associations and women training centres.



ROP celebrates AGCC traffic week

Royal Oman Police celebrated on 13/3/2011 the 27th AGCC Traffic Week, which is observed this year under the banner: *Let's Work Together to Reduce Accidents to highlight the necessity to solve road accidents problem, safeguard lives and spread the sense of road safety among people.*

On this occasion, the Directorate General of Traffic organized an exhibition at Muscat City Centre. The exhibition consisted of 5 main sections in the form of towers each containing an aspect of road traffic.

On 14/3/2011 the activities of Shell Prize for Road Safety were held at the Traffic Safety Institute in collaboration between Royal Oman Police, Ministry of Education and Shell Development, Oman.

Delegates from AGCC directorates of traffic, who were in Oman to participate in this occasion visited the traffic accidents victims at Khawla Hospital, talked to them about their accidents, wished them early recovery and gave them gifts.



Royal Oman Police **Guests**



His Excellency Lt. General Hassan bin Muhsin Al Shuraiqi, Inspector General of Police and Customs received at his Excellency's office at the Police Headquarters, Qurum. Brigadier Ali Mohammed Al-Rashed, Director of Office of His Excellency the Commander of the Internal Security Force in Qatar, Ministry of Interior and his accompanying delegation.

Inspector General meets with ROP leaders



His Excellency Hassan bin Mohsin Al Shuraiqi, Inspector General of Police and Customs met with the leaders of the ROP divisions on 3/5/2011 at the Police Headquarters, Qurum.

The meeting discussed issues with regard to improvement of the police work in all governorates and regions, ways of providing more convenient services for the public, the problems facing the police work and how to solve them.

Study and consultancy contract for computerization of customs works



A contract was signed on 9/3/2011 for a study and consultancy for the computerization of the customs work at Royal Oman Police. The contract was signed with Bozand Company (EM) for RO 1,200,000. Under this contract the company will carry out a technical study of the computerization of the work and the services provided by the Directorate General of Customs, and will provide consultancy during the implementation of the project. The signing of the contract was attended by Major General Salem bin Musallam bin Ali Qatan, Assistant Inspector General of Police and Customs, some police officers and company officials.



Major General Salem bin Musallam bin Ali Qatan, Assistant Inspector General of Police and Customs received on 9/1/2011 Brigadier Jawad Hussein A'shatti, Public Attorney, Ministry of Interior, Kuwait and his accompanying delegation during their visit to the Sultanate.

Ambulance division, forensic laboratory buildings opened



Royal Oman Police opened on 21/2/2011 the new buildings of the Ambulance Division and the Forensic Laboratory at the airport heights.

The ceremony started with graduation of the seventh batch of the emergency paramedics. The civilian medical officer, Khalid bin Hilal Al-Siyabi of the Ambulance Division delivered a speech in the ceremony. He thanked Qalhat Liquefied Natural Gas company for its financial contribution to the purchasing of 15 new ambulance vehicles within the social investment programme adopted by the company.

Prizes and certificates were given to the 67 graduate paramedics, who also took the Hippocratic Oath, and medals were awarded to the forensic laboratory staff.

The new ambulances provided by Qalhat were commissioned. Tapes were cut inaugurating respectively the new buildings of the ambulance division, and the forensic laboratory.

The ambulance division building consists of an administrative block that comprises all administrative and operational sections, and an educational block that includes classrooms, lecture rooms, medical laboratories, a library and students rest room. The building also includes the medical store of the unit and the Azaiba ambulance station.

The Directorate of Forensic Laboratory is part of the Directorate General of Enquiries and Criminal Investigations. Its new building has been constructed at international standards, technically equipped for up-to-date criminal investigations with facilities for the examination of biological, chemical evidence, traces of counterfeiting, fire arms, machines and fire. The building comprises also a coordination and follow-up section.

Discipline students of Al Sahwa Schools graduated



His Excellency Mohammed bin Al Zubair bin Ali, Advisor of His Majesty the Sultan for Economic Planning presided over on 7/3/2011 the graduation ceremony of batch 15 of the military discipline course for Al Sahwa Schools. The ceremony was held at the training ground of the Police Taskforce Command and attended by some of their highnesses and excellences, a number of senior officers of the security and military organizations, members of the Schools' council of trustees and parents of the students.

Sixty nine of form 9 and form 10 students participated in the course, which was conducted within the cooperation between the Schools and the Police Task Force Command. It is aimed to inculcate in the students values and principles of patriotism, military discipline, sense of security, enhance their physical fitness, and to train them on arms and military skills.

Interpol honours ROP officer

Brig Bait Fadhil was honoured by Dr Roland Noble, Secretary-General of the Interpol, on the sidelines of the Interpol's 7th conference held on April 21 in Lyon, France, and attended by delegates from 188 countries. Brig Bait Fadhil was also awarded the Interpol Distinguished International Police Medal for his role as ex-chief of Interpol Muscat, a unit which gained global acclaim for enhancing the international organisation's capabilities in crime control and repatriation of criminals.

ROP signs training contract



The Royal Oman Police (ROP) and the Capital Market Authority (CMA) signed a contract to finance the training of 200 taxi drivers. The agreement was signed by Maj Gen Salim bin Musalam bin Ali Qattan, Assistant Inspector General of Police and Customs, and Yahya bin Said al Jabri, Executive President of CMA.

Maj Gen Qattan said that signing of the contract comes as part of ongoing co-operation between the ROP and the CMA in the field of traffic safety. He added that the programme for offering further training to such a large number of taxi drivers at the Traffic Safety Institute seeks to provide the group with high-level knowledge and skills and keep them updated with regulations governing the transportation of passengers and other aspects of safe driving.

The programme also aims at advising taxi drivers about easy entry and exit into tourist and commercial sites and other installations in the Sultanate. Al Jabri reaffirmed that traffic safety tops the priorities of CMA which believes in developing suitable solutions for spreading public awareness about the issue and limiting the social and economic impacts of road accidents. The Traffic Safety Institute is the only one of this kind in the whole GCC

Workshop on ROP, Public Prosecution Joint Work

Under the auspices of His Excellency Hussein bin Ali Al-Hilaly, the Public Attorney Al-Batina Region's Police Command organized a workshop between Royal Oman Police and the Public Prosecution on investigations and evidence collection. The opening session was attended by Major General Salem bin Musallam bin Ali Qatan, Assistant Inspector General of Police and Customs, and a number of senior police officers and members of the Public Prosecution.

The workshop discussed the criminal statistics of 2010 and comments thereon. Suggestions were made on how to improve the efficiency of the joint work between ROP and the Public Prosecution.

150 driving instructors, taxi drivers graduate



Under the auspices of Major General Salim bin Musallam bin Ali Qattan, Assistant Inspector General of Police and Customs 150 driving instructors and taxi drivers were graduated in a ceremony held on Sunday, 20 Febr. 2011 at the Traffic Safety Institute.

The training programme was conducted by the institute in partnership with Petroleum Development Oman (PDO).

Major General Musallam bin Ali Qattan honoured the top graduates and presented certificates to the participants of the programme.

Role of training courses in ROP development plans



by Major/
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I. Training Policy, Royal Oman Police

Although the methods of training, and the names and positions of the training departments in any organizational structure differ from one institution to another, the need to attach importance to training remains the same.

In Royal Oman Police the training policy was issued in the Decision No.8/2005 dated 27 February 2005, which stipulates that training is an organized and planned activity aimed to improving knowledge and skills of the ROP personnel to enhance their efficiency, and qualify them for their present and future tasks.

The training policy is based on some principles, including the belief that training is fundamental for realizing the Royal Oman Police objectives, ensuring quality performance and services, planning and implementing the training courses according to the needs, and assessing the results of these courses.

The ROP training policy identified the joint responsibilities of the departments involved in the training process.

II. Beginnings of Training at ROP

Since established, the ROP considered training an important factor to enable the police personnel to carry out their main duties of maintaining the public security. Basic training programmes were provided at the then ROP training school in Qurum, and later at Sultan Qaboos Academy for

Police Sciences in Nizwa to cope with the rapid expansion of the force. The training programmes covered some specialized areas like the investigations, road traffic, passports, customs, civil defence etc. However, with the expansion of these services it became necessary for the personnel to undergo further specialized training. Therefore, independent training programmes were prepared and implemented to qualify them for work at the specialized sectors.

With the steady expansion of the Royal Oman Police during the last two decades, training began to crystallize from a central activity linked to the basic capabilities of the policeman in public security and other specialized fields to a comprehensive activity linked to the ROP development plans and strategies. Therefore, a professional and methodical partnership developed between the ROP divisions and the training departments: the Directorate of Training at the Directorate General of Human Resources, Sultan Qaboos Academy for Police Sciences, and the Officers Training Institute.

III. Directorate of Training and ROP Development Plans

It's obvious that ROP is always concerned with the development plans of its different sectors. These plans involved major projects for improving the infrastructure, and others for improving the quality of the services provided by Royal Oman Police.

Therefore, it was inevitable for the departments involved in training to cope with the development plans and provide training programmes inside the country and abroad.

The development plans targeted some ROP sectors, and the Directorate of Training provided training for the personnel in these sectors e.g. the civil defence development project included the training of the new staff and further qualification of the already working personnel. In the Directorate General of Police Aviation the plan included the training of a new generation of pilots and aviation engineers to meet the expansion of the fleet and the services. Other development projects included the expansion of the Ambulance Division services, which required specialized training of big numbers of first-aid staff and paramedics at reputed medical training centres abroad.

The Directorate of Training worked together with these divisions on well planned training programmes for each of them. It has been proved later through the Directorate of Training's contribution to different development projects that coordination between divisions concerned in the training programmes is important. This must take place in all stages of the training process from planning to the implementation and the assessment of the results.

Knowledge

Food for Thought:



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- 1- *Tsunami is a Japanese word meaning " Harbour Wave".*
- 2- *Trafalgar Square in London was created in memory of the victory of Admiral Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805*
- 3- *The Great Wall of China is the longest artificial structure in the world, stretching for 2400 km.*
- 4- *Mozart composed four short piano pieces when he was six years old*
- 5- *Winston Churchill is regarded as Britain's greatest 20th-century statesman*
- 6- *Einstein didn't speak until the age of three*
- 7- *Thomas Edison patented more than 1000 inventions*
- 8- *It has been estimated that the present English vocabulary consists of more than one million words*
- 9- *Geoffrey Chaucer's masterpiece "The Canterbury Tales" was one of the most important influences on the development of English Literature*
- 10- *Statue of Liberty was designed by French sculptor Frederic Bartholdi and given by France to the US to celebrate the US independence in 1876.*

Definitions:

- **Etymology:** A science which deals with the origin and development of words. It is derived from Greek (etymos "true", logos "word")
- **Surrealism:** Movement in literature and fine arts founded by the French poet and critic Andre Breton which emphasizes the role of the unconscious in creative activity
- **Catharsis:** (Greek, Purification): A psychological term which



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was first applied in 1895 to the therapeutic release of emotions that cause tension or anxiety.

- **Domino Theory:** Theory of international conflict suggesting that in some circumstances one defeat is likely to be followed by others, as one toppling domino in a row of dominoes standing on end might knock over others.

- **Deconstruction (literature):** branch of critical theory, and in particular a way of reading texts, which contests the idea that language can guarantee absolute meaning in any form of discourse, and which attempts to analyze texts by uncovering the conflicts within them and deciphering some of their multiple meanings.

"O 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..

My Last Duchess

By

Robert Browning

That's my last Duchess painted on the wall,
Looking as if she were alive.
I call
That piece a wonder, now: Frà Pandolf's hands
Worked busily a day, and there she stands.
Will't please you sit and look at her? I said
"Frà Pandolf" by design, for never read
Strangers like you that pictured countenance,
The depth and passion of its earnest glance,
But to myself they turned
(since none puts by
The curtain I have drawn for you, but I)
And seemed as they would ask me, if they durst,
How such a glance came there; so, not the first
Are you to turn and ask thus.
Sir, 't was not
Her husband's presence only,
called that spot
Of joy into the Duchess' cheek:
perhaps
Frà Pandolf chanced to say
"Her mantle laps

Over my lady's wrist too much,"
or "Paint
Must never hope to reproduce the faint
Half-flush that dies along her throat:" such stuff
Was courtesy, she thought,
and cause enough
For calling up that spot of joy.
She had
A heart-how shall I say?-too soon made glad,
Too easily impressed; she liked whate'er
She looked on, and her looks went everywhere.
Sir, 't was all one! My favour at her breast,
The dropping of the daylight in the West,
The bough of cherries some officious fool
Broke in the orchard for her, the white mule
She rode with round the terrace-all and each
Would draw from her alike the approving speech,
Or blush, at least. She thanked men,-good! but thanked
Somehow-I know not how-as if she ranked
My gift of a nine-hundred-years-old name
With anybody's gift. Who'd stoop to blame
This sort of trifling? Even had you skill
In speech-(which I have not)-to make your will
Quite clear to such an one,



and say, "Just this
Or that in you disgusts me;
here you miss,
Or there exceed the mark"-
and if she let
Herself be lessoned so, nor
plainly set
Her wits to yours, forsooth,
and made excuse,
-Een then would be some
stooping; and I choose
Never to stoop. Oh sir, she
smiled, no doubt,
Whene'er I passed her; but
who passed without
Much the same smile? This
grew; I gave commands;
Then all smiles stopped
together. There she stands
As if alive. Will't please you
rise? We'll meet
The company below, then. I
repeat,
The Count your master's
known munificence
Is ample warrant that no just
pretence
Of mine for dowry will be dis-
allowed;
Though his fair daughter's self,
as I avowed
At starting, is my object. Nay,
we'll go
Together down, sir. Notice
Neptune, though,
Taming a sea-horse, thought
a rarity,
Which Claus of Innsbruck cast
in bronze for me!

Story of The Phoenix

Ovid tells the story of the Phoenix as follows: "Most beings spring from other individuals; but there is a certain kind which reproduces itself. The Assyrians call it the

Phoenix. It does not live on fruit or flowers, but on frankincense and odoriferous gums. When it has lived five hundred years, it builds itself a nest in the branches of an oak, or on the top of a palm tree. In this it collects cinnamon, and spikenard, and myrrh, and of these materials builds a pile on which it deposits itself, and dying, breathes out its last breath amidst odours. From the body of the parent bird, a young Phoenix issues forth, destined to live as long a life as its predecessor. When this has grown up and gained sufficient strength, it lifts its nest from the tree (its own cradle and its parent's sepulchre), and carries it to the city of Heliopolis in Egypt, and deposits it in the temple of the Sun."

Such is the account given by a poet. Now let us see that of a philosophic historian. Tacitus says, "in the consulship of Paulus Fabius (ad 34) the miraculous bird known to the world by the name of the Phoenix, after disappearing for a series of ages, revisited Egypt. It was attended in its flight by a group of various birds, all attracted by the novelty, and gazing with wonder at so beautiful an appearance." He then gives an account of the bird, not varying materially from the preceding, but adding some details. "The first care of the young bird as soon as fledged, and able to trust to his wings,

is to perform the obsequies of his father. But this duty is not undertaken rashly. He collects a quantity of myrrh, and to try his strength makes frequent excursions with a load on his back. When he has gained sufficient confidence in his own vigour, he takes up the body of his father and flies with it to the altar of the Sun, where he leaves it to be consumed in flames of fragrance." Other writers add a few particulars. The myrrh is compacted in the form of an egg, in which the dead Phoenix is enclosed. From the mouldering flesh of the dead bird a worm springs, and this worm, when grown large, is transformed into a bird. Herodotus describes the bird, though he says, "I have not seen it myself, except in a picture. Part of his plumage is gold-coloured, and part crimson; and he is for the most part very much like an eagle in outline and bulk."

The first writer who disclaimed a belief in the existence of the Phoenix was Sir Thomas Browne, in his "Vulgar Errors," published in 1646. He was replied to a few years later by Alexander Ross, who says, in answer to the objection of the Phoenix so seldom making his appearance, "His instinct teaches him to keep out of the way of the tyrant of the creation, man, for if he were to be got at, some wealthy glutton would surely devour him, though there were no more in the world."

Dryden in one of his early poems has this allusion to the Phoenix:

"So when the new-born Phoenix first is seen
Her feathered subjects all adore their queen,
And while she makes her progress through the East,
From every grove her numerous train's increased;
Each poet of the air her glory sings,

And round him the pleased audience clap their wings."
Milton, in "Paradise Lost," Book V, compares the angel Raphael descending to earth to a Phoenix:

"...Down thither, prone in flight
He speeds, and through the vast ethereal sky
Sails between worlds and worlds, with steady wing,
Now on the polar winds, then with quick fan
Winnows the buxom air; till within soar
Of towering eagles, to all the fowls he seems
A Phoenix, gazed by all; as that sole bird
When, to enshrine his relics in the sun's
Bright temple, to Egyptian Thebes he flies."

Source: Bulfinch, Thomas. *Bulfinch's Mythology: The Age of Fable, The Age of Chivalry, Legends of Charlemagne*:

Story of The Sphinx

Laius, king of Thebes, was warned by an oracle that there was danger to his throne and life if his new-born son should be suffered to grow up. He

therefore committed the child to the care of a herdsman with orders to destroy him; but the herdsman, moved with pity, yet not daring entirely to disobey, tied up the child by the feet and left him hanging to the branch of a tree. In this condition the infant was found by a peasant, who carried him to his master and mistress, by whom he was adopted and called Œdipus, or Swollen-foot.

Many years afterwards Laius being on his way to Delphi, accompanied only by one attendant, met in a narrow road a young man also driving in a chariot. On his refusal to leave the way at their command the attendant killed one of his horses, and the stranger, filled with rage, slew both Laius and his attendant. The young man was Œdipus, who thus unknowingly became the slayer of his own father.

Shortly after this event the city of Thebes was afflicted with a monster which infested the highroad. It was called the Sphinx. It had the body of a lion and the upper part of a woman. It lay crouched on the top of a rock, and arrested all travellers who came that way, proposing to them a riddle, with the condition that those who could solve it should pass safe, but those who failed should be killed. Not one had yet succeeded in solving it, and all had been slain. Œdipus was not daunted by these alarming accounts, but boldly advanced to the trial. The

Sphinx asked him, "What animal is that which in the morning goes on four feet, at noon on two, and in the evening upon three?" Œdipus replied, "Man, who in childhood creeps on hands and knees, in manhood walks erect, and in old age with the aid of a staff." The Sphinx was so mortified at the solving of her riddle that she cast herself down from the rock and perished.

The gratitude of the people for their deliverance was so great that they made Œdipus their king, giving him in marriage their queen Jocasta. Œdipus, ignorant of his parentage, had already become the slayer of his father; in marrying the queen he became the husband of his mother. These horrors remained undiscovered, till at length Thebes was afflicted with famine and pestilence, and the oracle being consulted, the double crime of Œdipus came to light. Jocasta put an end to her own life, and Œdipus, seized with madness, tore out his eyes and wandered away from Thebes, dreaded and abandoned by all except his daughters, who faithfully adhered to him, till after a tedious period of miserable wandering he found the termination of his wretched life.

Source: Bulfinch, Thomas. *Bulfinch's Mythology: The Age of Fable, The Age of Chivalry, Legends of Charlemagne*.