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## *Inspector General Sponsors Criminal Investigators' Workshop*



His Excellency Lt. General Hassan bin Muhsin Al-Shuraiqi, Inspector General of Police and Customs sponsored recently a workshop for the directors of criminal investigations at the Royal Oman Police governorates commands.

His Excellency praised the criminal investigators' role in the detection of crimes and arresting of perpetrators. He said that more efforts were needed to cope with the international variations in human behaviour, information revolution, increasing rate of crime and the diverse methods of perpetration. He urged them to improve the crime combating mechanism.

## *Inspector General Opens 3rd Conference of Emergency Medicine*

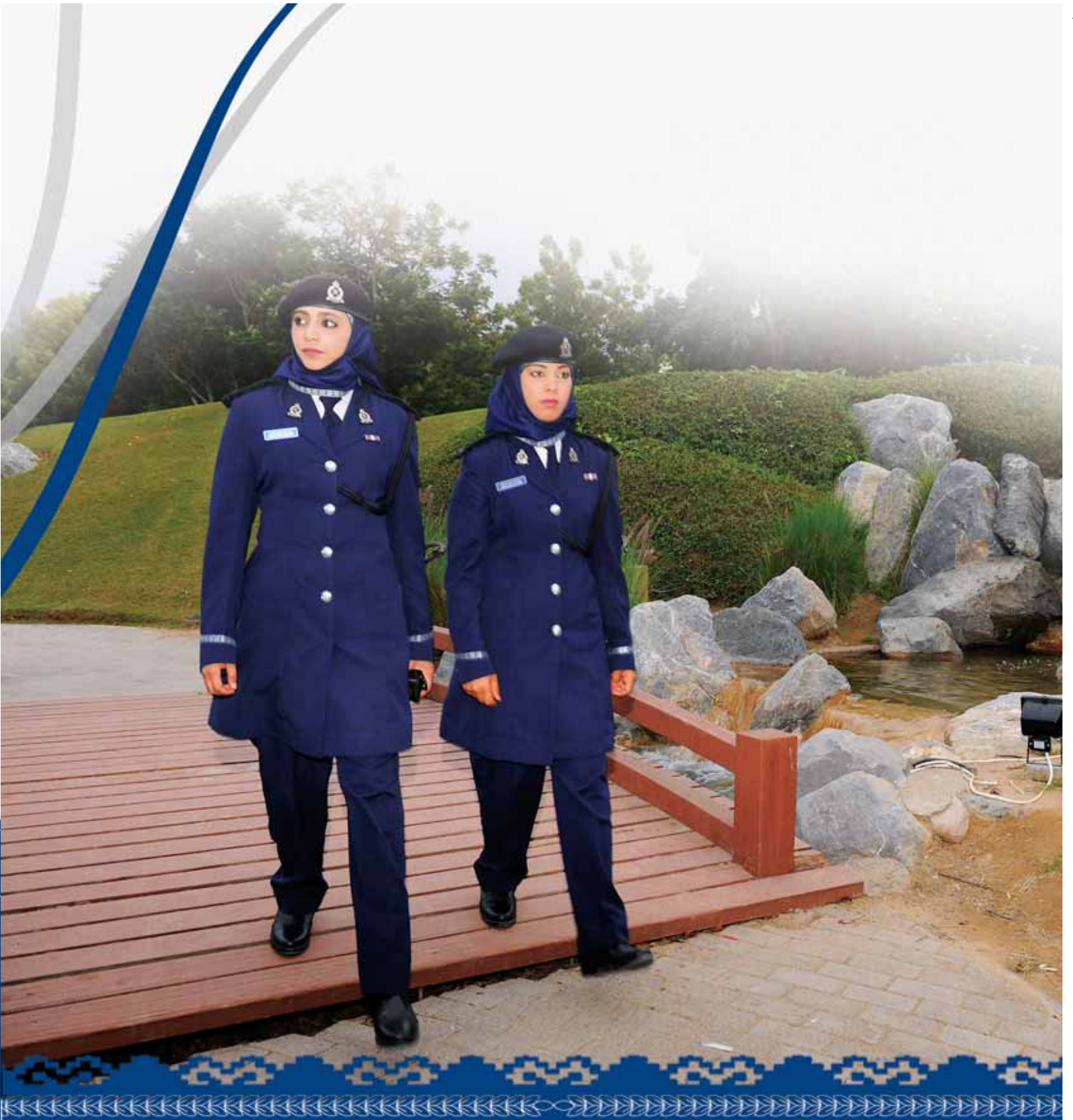


His Excellency Lt. General Hassan bin Muhsin Al-Shuraiqi opened on 12/10/2011 the 3rd Conference of Emergency Medicine under the banner "For Better Care of Emergency Cases" at Grand Hayat

Muscat. The conference focused on the health problems caused by road accidents. By cooperation of all sectors involved, an integrate plan was to be set up to enhance the efficiency of the emergency services, medical performance, employ medical and psychological staff and provide ambulance services and first aid on the roads.

Dr. Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Saidi, Minister of Health, senior armed forces and ROP officers, dignitaries, representative of some government, non-government organizations attended the opening session.





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# Minister of Interior

## *Opens the Road Safety Exhibition*

Royal Oman Police observed on Tuesday the traffic safety day, which falls on 18th October, every year in commemoration of the guidelines given by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, the Supreme Leader at Saih al-Makarem, Wilayat Sohar on 18 October 2009 on the death toll on the roads.

On this occasion His Excellency Sayed Hamoud bin Faisal Al Said, Minister of Interior opened on Tuesday 18 October the Traffic Safety Exhibition. The three-day exhibition was organized by Royal Oman Police for the second year with participation of governmental and private sector organizations.

A total of 22 governmental organizations participated including: the Directorate General of Traffic, Directorate General of Civil Defence, ROP Ambulance Division, Ministry of Health, Ministry of justice, Scientific Research Council, Sultan Qaboos University, the Higher





Committee for Town Planning, Muscat Securities Market, Ministry of Social Development, ROP Trust Fund, ROP Hospital, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Regional Municipalities and Water Resources, Ministry of Oil and Gas, Ministry of Awqaff and Religious Affairs, Muscat Municipality, Dhofar Municipality, Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Manpower, the Road Safety Society and other non-government organizations.

On the same occasion H.E. the Minister of Interior, declared the inauguration of the second traffic safety contest, which had been recommended by the traffic safety symposium held in May 2010.

Competition for the contest is open for governmental and private bodies as well as individuals by carrying out researches, studies or giving proposals for spreading awareness, and encouraging private bodies to train road users. Traffic safety contest committees will be formed in wilyats with members comprising walis, representatives of governmental and non-governmental bodies, sheikhs, dignitaries, ROP officers.



## *New Police Recruits Graduated*



New police recruits, Batch 43, were graduated on 4 Oct. 2011 in a ceremony held on the Parade Ground at the Sultan Qaboos Academy for Police Sciences in Nizwa.

The event was presided over by His Excellency Sultan bin Salem Al-Habsi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance. In his speech on this occasion he urged the graduates to willfully serve their country and spare no effort to maintain the country's safety and stability. He also commended the Academy and the other police training centres for training and qualifying batches of new police recruits and trainees.

Major General Salim bin Musallam Qatan, Assistant Inspector General of Police and Customs, senior officers of Royal Oman Police, Sultan Armed Forces and security bodies as well as directors of government departments, dignitaries of Addakhiliya Region and the parents attended the ceremony.

The graduates underwent programmes that covered military, physical training, simulated policing, shooting, fixing and dismantling of arms.





## *Central Prison Staff Graduated*



On 23/10/2011 Major General Salim bin Musallam Qatan, Assistant Inspector General of Police and Customs presided over the graduation ceremony of the 9th basic course for the central prison staff in Samail.

The graduates made a military parade, then he presented prizes to the best performers.

He also met the central prison officers and personnel, and praised their performance, efforts in safeguarding order in the prison.

## Assistant Inspector General Receives South Korean Customs Team



Major General Salem bin Musallam Qatan received on 12/10/2011 the deputy head of customs in the Republic of South Korea, and his delegation, who were on a visit to the Sultanate.

They discussed aspects of cooperation, exchange of expertise and visits between the two countries in relation to customs.

The meeting was attended by a number of senior police officers.



## *ROP Holds a Road Safety Training Programme*



Under the auspices of Colonel Hafeedh bin Amer Al-Shanfary, Director General of Human Resources, Royal Oman Police the Traffic Safety Institute held a road safety training course initiated by the US Embassy in Muscat.

In a speech at the opening session, Lt. Col. Ahmed bin Sultan Al-Nabhani, Assistant Director General of Traffic valued the US Embassy's initiative, which reflected their concern about road safety and the need to share experiences in this regard within the close cooperation between the two countries. He emphasized the fact that road accidents became an annoyance to most countries of the world.

Patricia Attixon, 1st Secretary, Cultural and Media Attache, US Embassy also spoke at the session, and commended the Sultanate of Oman's concern for road accidents, and its initiative at the United Nations. She said that such programmes were opportunities to share road traffic experiences.

Dr. Roy Lock, a lecturer, pointed out that this training programme included the US traffic institute's experience in road safety, investigation of accidents, awareness, and conducting of studies and strategies on road traffic.

The 4-day programme was aimed to inform the participants of the advanced nations experiences on road safety.

The opening session was attended by H.E. the US ambassador to the Sultanate, a number of senior police, military officers, government and private sector officials.



## *WHO, EU Delegation Visits the Emergency Information Management System*



A delegation representing the World Health Organization ( WHO ), the European Community (EU ), and the AGCC Health Ministers Council visited on 23 /10/2011 the emergency information management system at the Directorate General of Civil Defence. The delegation inspected the progress of work on the project, which was aimed at establishing a modern data base for all civilian facilities, roads, terrains and geographical information systems..

The delegation attended a presentation on the national system of emergency management and the stages of its implementation.

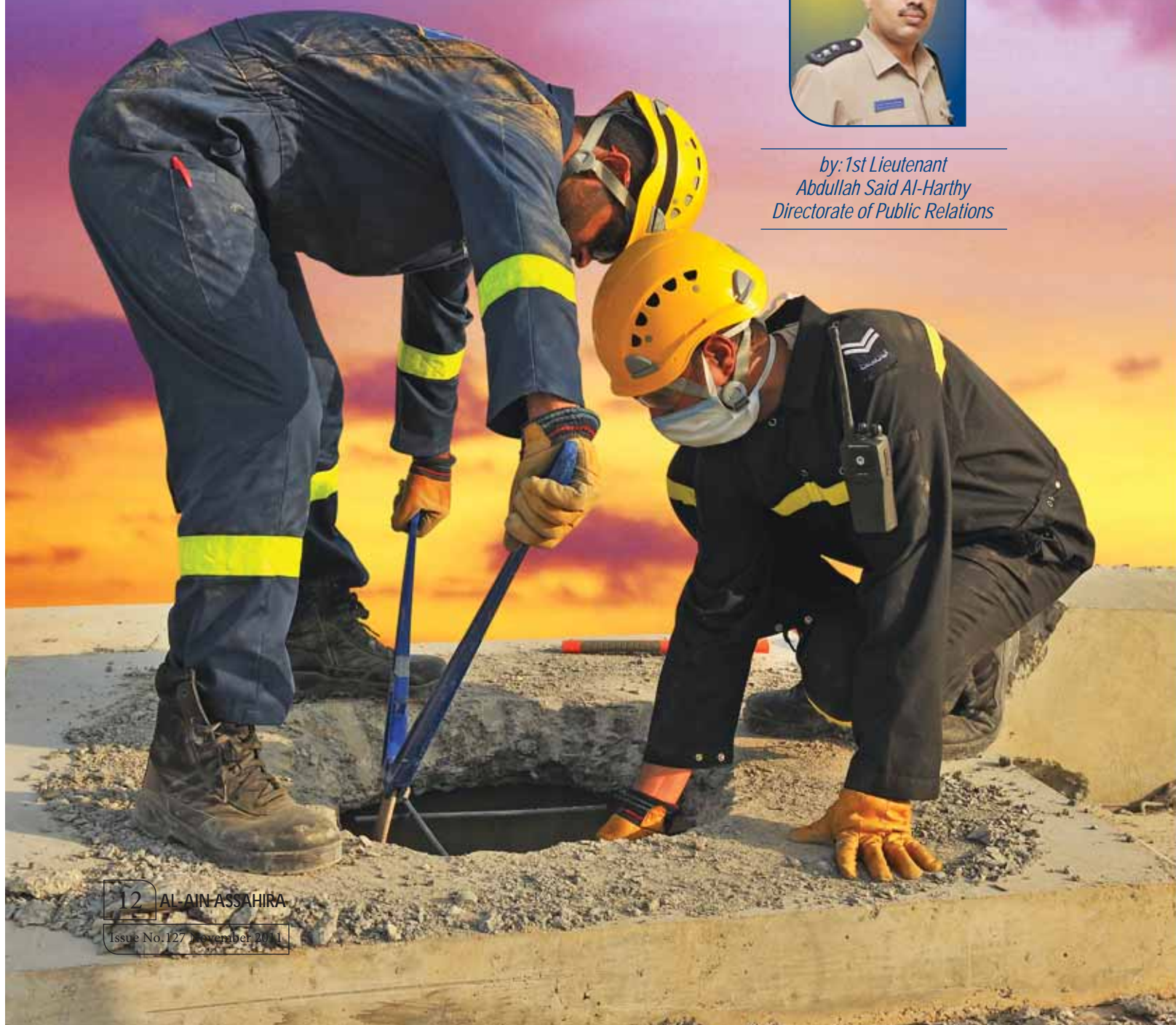
The delegation was headed by Dr. Hassan Jazaeri, WHO Regional Director, HE Dr. Tawfiq Khoja, Director General of the AGCC Health Ministers Council, HE Dr. Mohammed bin Saif Al-Hosani, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health for Health Affairs and HE Dr. Jihan Taweelah, WHO Representative in Oman.



# Oman Search and Rescue Team: In the service of humanity



*by: 1st Lieutenant  
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Oman Search and Rescue Team is regarded the first of its kind in the Sultanate of Oman. It was formed after reviewing the Sultanate's need to deal with the devastating implications of natural disasters especially that the 72 hours after any event is a real challenge with regard to searching for missing people and rescuing those trapped under the rubble. Thus, such a job requires expertise and practical skills, along with using specialized technical equipment.

The team carries out urban, land, and water search and rescue operations undertaken by the DG of Civil Defence once it is notified about any incident

### Training of the team.

In September, 2006 members of ( RAPID-UK) were invited to visit the Sultanate in order to determine how it can deal with the impact of earthquakes. During their visit, they met with a number of authorities concerned including Royal Oman Police. After the visit, they submitted a report in which they recommended the formation of a team to deal with earthquakes and collapse incidents in the Sultanate. Upon seeking the technical assistance from specialized international organizations, 39 competent individuals from ROP, Sultan's Armed Forces, and Ministry of Health were selected as members of Oman NSRT. The team currently comprises 79 members.

### Phases of training.

The first phase of training initiated between 10 and 21 November, 2007 which included lectures on search and rescue operations, along with some practical exercises. After that, the team underwent an intensive training programme for 15 weeks, one full day per week. The organization mentioned earlier visited the Sultanate from 8-12 February, 2008 for four days in a bid to get acquainted with the available equipment, allocate proper places for practical exercises and assessing the team level. As for the

second phase it commenced between 2 and 16 April, 2008 which included a practical exercise for 36 continuous hours on how to deal with different scenarios of different incidents. During this time, four members of the team were dispatched to participate in the international training OCHA held in the Philippines. In October, 2008 Oman NSRT graduated after completing its training programme. Orders were issued that the team would come under the responsibility of DG of Civil Defence.

### Official Accreditation of the Team.

The Inspector General of Police and Customs issued a decision no (9/2010) to establish a department entitled "Support and Rescue Department" and it shall be responsible for Oman NSRT. The team's structure is as follows:

### Roles of the team.

When asked about the main roles of Oman NSRT, 1st Lt Mohammed Al Mahmodi, the team commander said,

"The main role of the team is providing support for Civil Defence Directorates in Governorates and regions with regard to rescue incidents. It also takes part in local and international search and



rescue operations during major disasters as well as securing the venues of national and sports occasions.

### Seeking international expertise:

A number of (OCHA) experts visited the Sultanate from March 20 to April 1, 2009 during which they held a seminar attended by a number of authorities concerned. The recommendations of this seminar are as follows:

- The need to assess the team internationally by (OCHA) once it becomes functional.
- Implementation of INSARAG requirements in order to acquire international recognition

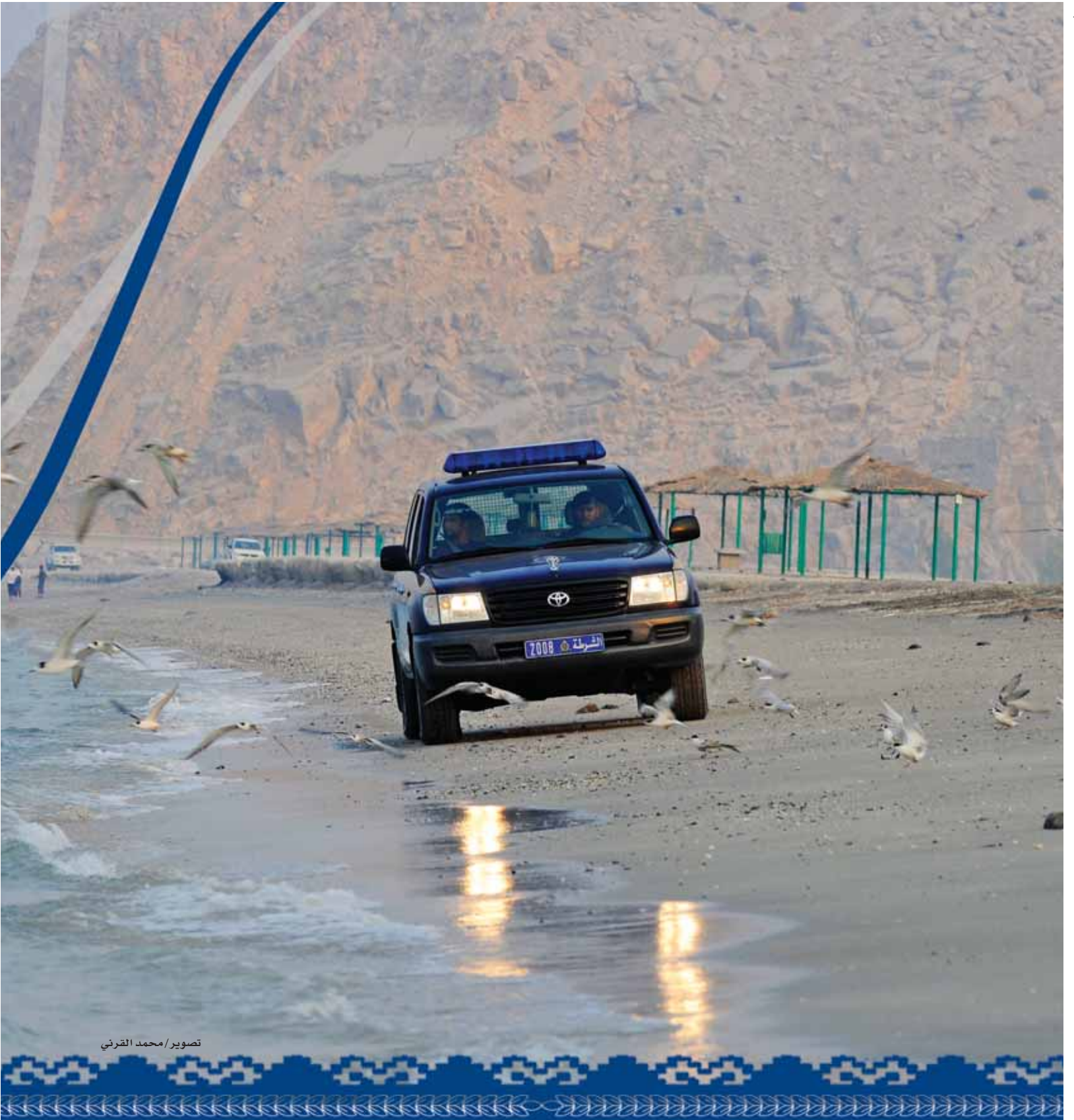
The official day of assessment has been decided to be held between 23 to 29 March, 2012. To this end, the office will send from 4-5 of its experts to Oman for a week to help prepare Oman NSRT. Search and rescue officers will also be invited from GCC and other Arab countries.

The Inspector General of Police and Customs signed in June, 2010 at his office in Qurum on Consultancy Services Agreement between ROP and Singaporean (Cosmos Safety and Security Services) to train and qualify civil defence personnel on civil search and rescue operations. The courses which have been held are as follows:

Course	Date	Number of Participants
Search and Rescue (Phase1)	September 2010	20
Supplies and Logistics	October 2010	6
First Aid	October 2010	6
Search and Rescue (Phase2)	February 2011	20
Canine	February 2011	6
Communications	February 2011	6
Team Commanders	August 2011	10

Oman NSRT has been accorded great importance by the government under the wise leadership of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, the Supreme Commander. Thus, it will maintain its progress and strive to attain international standards.





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# 1st Lt. Fatima Al-Manthariah, First Omani Airwoman

Interviewed by  
Civilian Officer/  
Thuraia bint Humood Al Aisaria  
Directorate of Public Relations



The Sultanate of Oman is one of the leading Arab countries in which women enjoyed the liberty to get involved in social work, and joined the police force since 1972. At the beginning their work in the police was limited to prisons and airports. But as from 1974 policewomen started to undergo regular training, and they became an integral part of the police force.

Fatima bint Hussain bin Ali Al-Manthariah was a graduate of law from the Shari'a and Law College, 2003. Filled with ambition, enthusiasm and confidence she joined Royal Oman Police (ROP) as a civilian officer, then attended policing courses at the Sultan Qaboos Academy for Police Studies, and graduated on 5 January 2005 as a uniformed police officer. She was appointed an administrative officer at the Directorate General of Airport Security. "It was a good experience," she said. Then she was transferred to the Directorate General of Traffic as head of the newly established section of the traffic policewomen patrols.

In 2009 Fatima was transferred to the Directorate General of Police Aviation, where she started to dream of being the first ever Omani airwoman. She was sent to Australia on an aviation scholarship, and within one year she completed her study and was awarded the pilot licence.

In an interview with Al Ain Assahira Fatima said that at the beginning she faced a difficulty in the English Language, as she did not practice her English since she left secondary school. "The other difficulty was that I found myself the only female among a group of Omani male students on aviation scholarships...However, my principle was to be or not to be, and I did everything possible to achieve my ambition."

She was asked whether the policewomen had added any value to the Royal Oman police. She said that the Omani woman filled high posts, and was able to prove her competence in all areas of policing: the public security, inquiries and investigations, passports and residency, airports security, and the police taskforce. Now the policewomen are in every department in the ROP. "To be a successful policewoman, one must be characterized by discipline, respectfulness, perseverance, decision making and the ability to improve," she said

About her first flying attempts, she said that they were a mixture of fear, happiness and challenge. "Every time I flew I was as nervous as in the first time. However, it was enjoyable adventure. Thank God that I could prove myself, acquired more patience, perseverance from this experience, and now I feel proud while flying high above the clouds."

I dedicate my success in the first place to His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, to my family, who supported me, and to the Omani women. I owe a great deal to all those who helped me in Royal Oman Police.





# Oman....

## My Second Home



by  
Maggie Jeans



Photographs by: Salim Yaqoob AlDiffai



The achievements in Oman over that last 41 years are staggering. We arrived at the recently opened Sultan Qaboos University in 199. At that time the campus had only five colleges and 5,000 students and the University Hospital opened three weeks after we arrived. Now the SQU campus is four times this size and has been joined by 30 private colleges of higher education throughout the country. Many of these colleges are UK affiliated.

Much of Oman's progress can be attributed to education-and especially to women's education. One of the lessons of Oman is that the best and most cost-effective way to build a nation is to promote education for all. The sultanate offers equal opportunity to women. Recent government legislation not only gives women financial security but also provides them with the potential to further consolidate their positions as equal players to men towards contributing to the development of Oman. Omani women can now look forward to receiving free government-allotted plots to build their own homes, just as men have for decades.

Oman has become the most economically and politically stable country in the Middle East. The development of Oman is encouraged by very favourable government policies which attract investors from all over the world. Omanis are known for their generosity, friendliness, and tolerance. Expatriates benefit from the open Omani society which includes freedom of worship and modern facilities.

Omani culture emphasizes the building of strong bonds and relationships in both social and professional contexts. Britain and Oman have enjoyed a special relationship spanning many years and we are delighted that Her Majesty the Queen has visited Oman for the 40th National Day.

In just 41 years, Oman has arisen from an unchanging simple existence into a most remarkable nation. Its landscape is varied and beautiful, its people are friendly and hospitable, and its government is enlightened and effective. It enjoys dignity, the rule of law, and well-developed institutions.





# Knowledge

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## Food for Thought

- Blood circulation was discovered by English doctor, William Harvey.
- Opera as an art began in Italy in the late 16th and early 17th centuries.
- English writer, Thomas Hardy wrote the famous novel 'Far from the Madding Crowd' in 1874.
- Kathmandu is the capital of Nepal
- Maltese language is a mixture of the Semitic and the Romance.

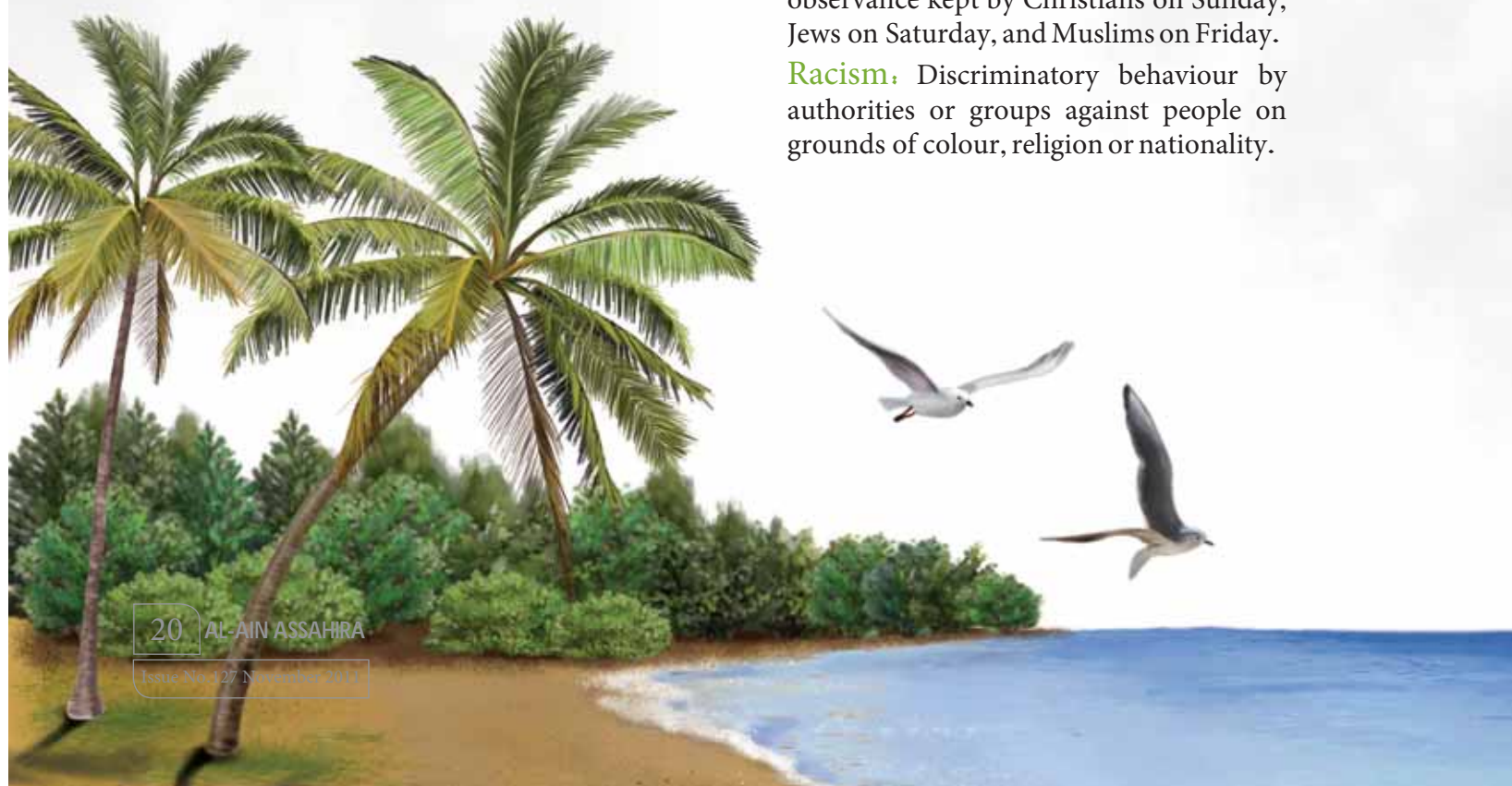
## Definitions

**Memorabilia.** Souvenirs of memorable events and people.

**Metonymy.** A figure of speech which consists in substituting for the name of a thing the name of an attribute of it or of something closely related. For example, we call Queen Elizabeth the crown

**Sabbath.** A day of rest and religious observance kept by Christians on Sunday, Jews on Saturday, and Muslims on Friday.

**Racism.** Discriminatory behaviour by authorities or groups against people on grounds of colour, religion or nationality.





# Garden

**Philology:** The study of the structure and development language or of a particular language or language family.

## World of Poetry:

### Frost at Midnight

By

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The Frost performs its secret ministry,  
Unhelped by any wind. The owl's cry.  
Came loud - and hark, again! loud as  
before.

The inmates of my cottage, all at rest,  
Have left me to that solitude, which suits  
Abstruser musings: save that at my side.  
My cradled infant slumbers peacefully.

'Tis calm indeed! so calm, that it disturbs  
And vexes meditation with its strange  
And extreme silentness. Sea, hill, and  
wood,

This populous village! Sea, and hill, and  
wood,

With all the numberless goings-on of life,  
Inaudible as dreams! the thin blue flame  
Lies on my low-burnt fire, and quivers  
not,

Only that film, which fluttered on the  
grate,

Still flutters there, the sole unquiet thing.

Methinks its motion in this hush of  
nature

Gives it dim sympathies with me who live,  
Making it a companionable form,

Whose puny flaps and freaks the idling  
Spirit

By its own moods interprets, everywhere  
Echo or mirror seeking of itself,  
And makes a toy of Thought.

## Poems by William Blake

### The Lamb

Little Lamb who made thee?  
Dost thou know who made thee?  
Gave thee life & bid thee feed  
By the stream & o'er the mead,  
Gave thee clothing of delight,  
Softest clothing wooly bright,  
Gave thee such a tender voice,  
Making all the vales rejoice  
Little Lamb who made thee?

Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb I'll tell thee,

Little Lamb I'll tell thee

He is called by thy name,

For he calls himself a Lamb

He is meek & he is mild,

He became a little child

I a child & thou a lamb,

We are called by his name.

Little Lamb God bless thee.

Little Lamb God bless thee.



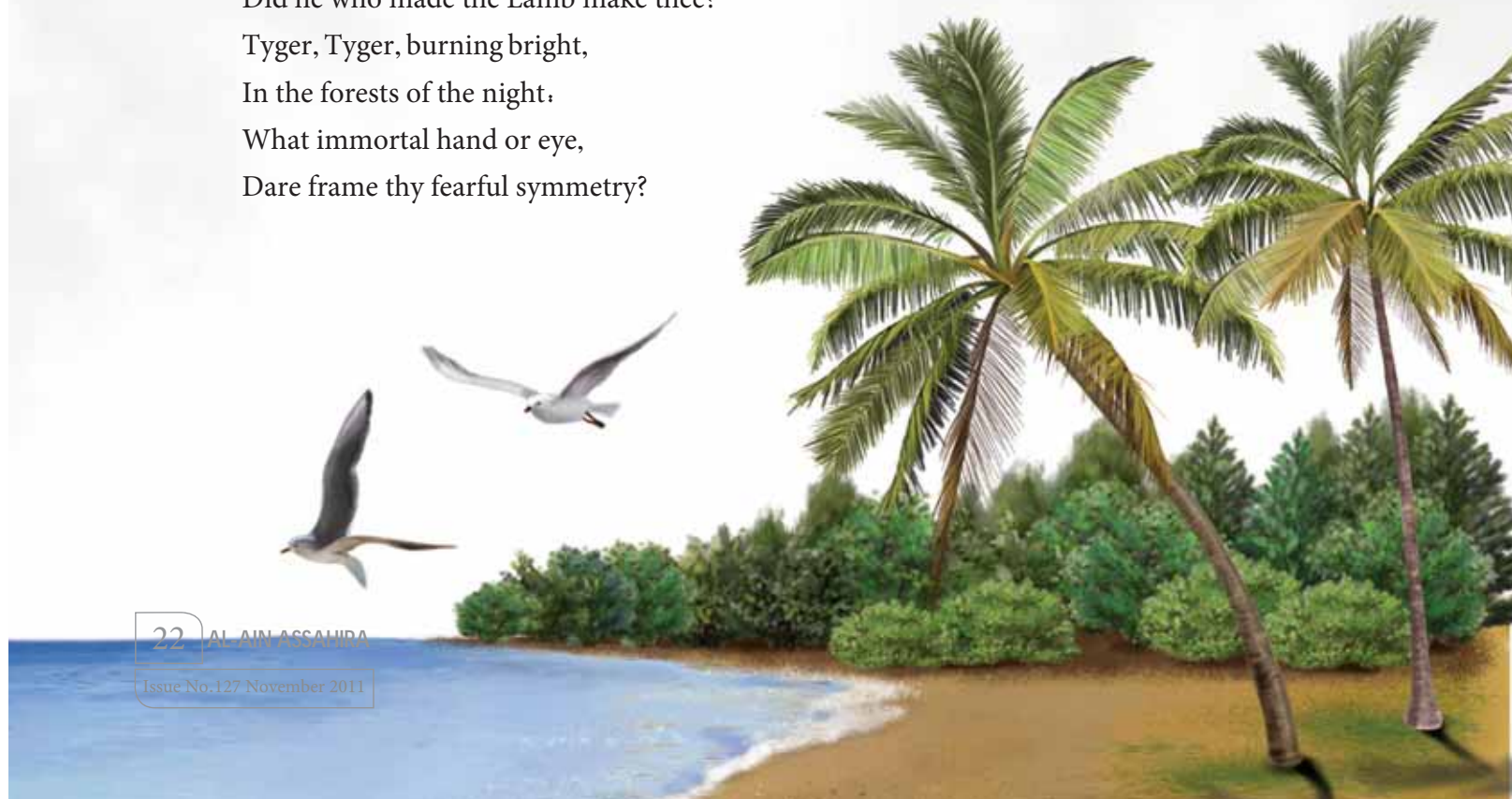


### The Tyger

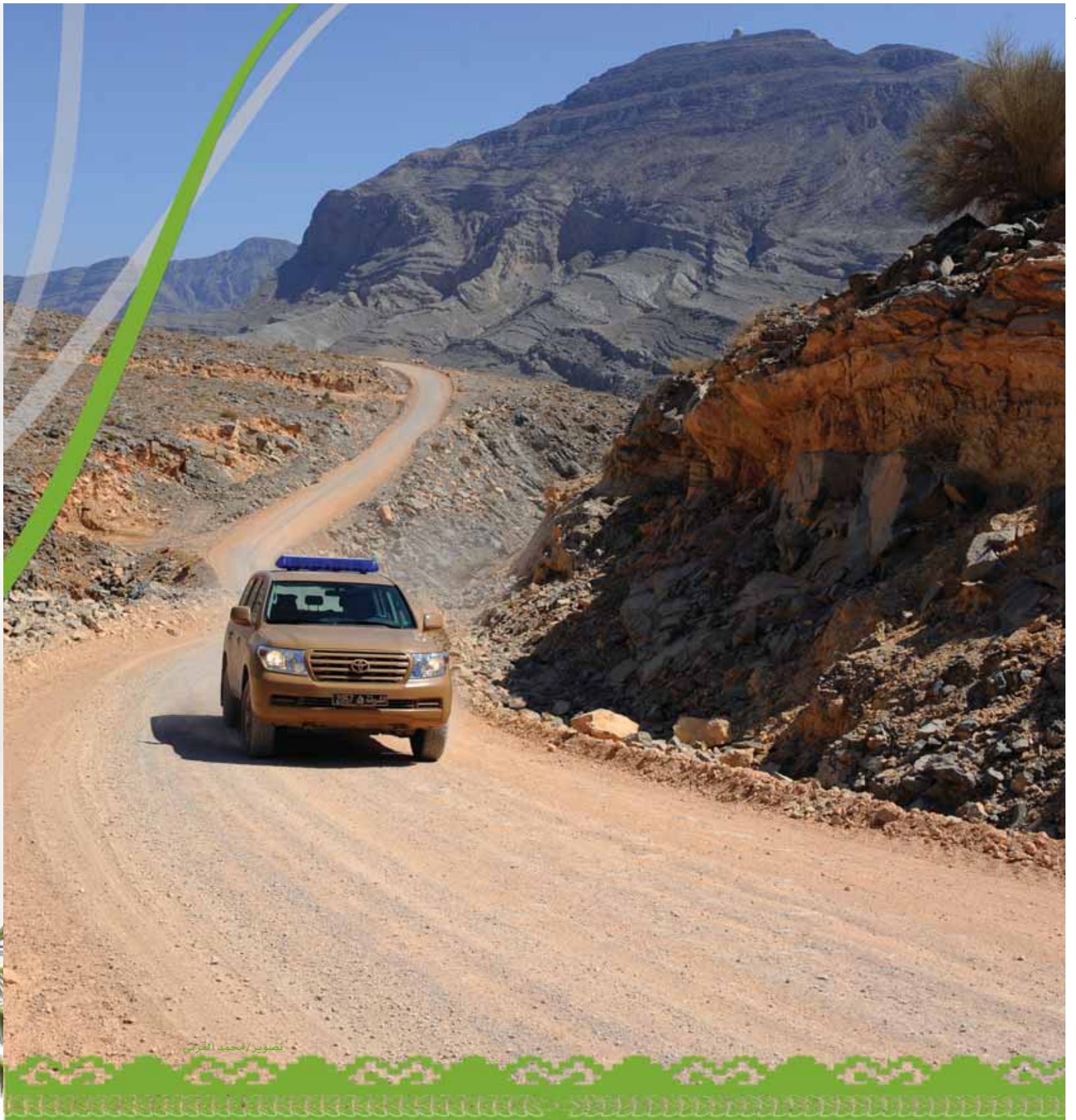
Tyger, Tyger, burning bright,  
In the forests of the night:  
What immortal hand or eye,  
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?  
In what distant deeps or skies  
Burnt the fire of thine eyes?  
On what wings dare he aspire?  
What the hand dare sieze the fire?  
And what shoulder, & what art,  
Could twist the sinews of thy heart?  
And when thy heart began to beat,  
What dread hand? & what dread feet?  
What the hammer? what the chain?  
In what furnace was thy brain?  
What the anvil? what dread grasp,  
Dare its deadly terrors clasp?  
When the stars threw down their spears  
And water'd heaven with their tears:  
Did he smile his work to see?  
Did he who made the Lamb make thee?  
Tyger, Tyger, burning bright,  
In the forests of the night:  
What immortal hand or eye,  
Dare frame thy fearful symmetry?

### The Garden of Love

I went to the Garden of Love,  
And saw what I never had seen:  
A Chapel was built in the midst,  
Where I used to play on the green.  
And the gates of this Chapel were shut,  
And "Thou shalt not" writ over the door,  
So I turn'd to the Garden of Love,  
That so many sweet flowers bore,  
And I saw it was filled with graves,  
And tomb-stones where flowers should  
be,  
And Priests in black gowns, were walking  
their rounds,  
And binding with briars, my joys &  
desires.







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إنتشار واسع لأمن دائم  
Widespread security