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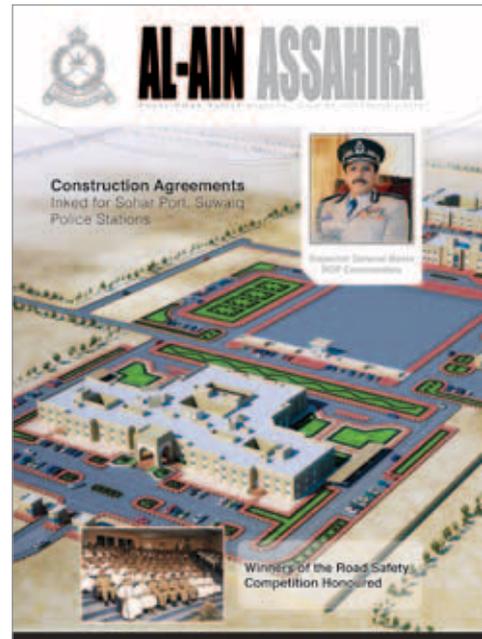
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ROP

Celebrates Annual Day



Royal Oman Police celebrated on 5th January 2014 its Annual Day. A day which was blessed by His Majesty the Sultan to be marked on this date every year. The celebration was carried out at the Sultan Academy Qaboos for Police Sciences under the patronage of His Excellency Sayed Badr bin Saud bin Hareb, the Minister Responsible for Defence and attended by His Excellency the Inspector General of Police and Customs, Ministers, senior police officers and dignitaries. In this event a new batch of police officers, new recruits and policewomen detachments were graduated.

The ROP Annual Day is an event for all ROP members to express their allegiance, loyalty to His Majesty the Supreme Commander, the country and the people.



Winners of the Road Safety Competition Honoured



Under the auspices of His Excellency Lt. General Hassan bin Mohsin Al-Shuraiqi, Inspector General of Police and Customs the winners of the road safety competition were honoured in a ceremony held on 8 Dec. 2013 at the Road Safety Institute.

Lt. General Rukn Ahmed bin Harith Al-Nabhani, Chief of Staff of the Sultan Armed Forces, some of their Excellencies, military and police officers, and members of the main committee and the sub-committees of the competition attended the ceremony.

The Head of the main committee of the Road Safety Competition Maj. General Hamad bin Sulaiman Al-Hatimi, Assistant Inspector General of Police and Customs for Operations made a

speech at the ceremony. Then His Excellency the Inspector General presented the prizes to the winners of the three first place of each one of the competing categories.

In the wilayas category the first place was won by the Wilaya of Bidiya, North Sharqiya Governorate, Wilaya of Al-Awabi, North Batina Governorate won the 2nd place, and Wilaya of Muhdah, Al-Buraimi Governorate the 3rd place.

In the government institutions, the Armed Forces Transports, Ministry of Defence won the 1st place, the Ministry of Education won the 2nd, and the State Council the 3rd place.

From the private sector, Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) won the 1st place, Oman Natural Liquefied Gas Company the 2nd, and Shell

Development Oman the 3rd.

From the non-government organizations the Sablat Al-Dhahira website won the 1st place, Oman Women Association, Salalah the 2nd, and the Dumbs Club, Al-Buraimi the 3rd place.

In the individuals category Dr. Fakhriya bint Khalfan Al-Yahyaia won the 1st place, Khalid bin Azhar Al-Hinae the 2nd, and Engineer Ibrahim bin said Al-Sawae the 3rd place.

The Road Safety Competition was initiated by Royal Oman Police to promote road safety awareness and involve all community groups in the issue by giving them the opportunity to research and propose solutions to reduce the road accidents and the human and material losses.



Inspector General Meets ROP Commanders

On 15 Dec. 2013 His Excellency Lt. General Hassan bin Mohsin Al-Shuraiqi, Inspector General of Police and Customs met at his office the Royal Oman Police Commanders.

The meeting reviewed some issues in relation to the multiple functions of the ROP. His Excellency praised the efforts exerted. He expressed his thanks and appreciation to all ROP personnel of all ranks, and urged everyone to continue and even double their efforts to improve further the services to standards satisfactory to His Majesty Sultan Qaboos, the Supreme Commander.



Lt. General Hassan bin Mohsin Al-Shuraiqi



Construction Agreements Inked for Sohar Port, Suwaiq Police Stations



His Excellency Lt. General Hassan bin Mohsin Al-Shuraiqi, Inspector General of Police and Customs signed two agreements separately on Monday 13 Jan. 2014, for two projects in the North Batinah Governorate. One agreement was for construction of Sohar Port security police station, and the other for the construction of a new building for Assuwaiq police station.

Both projects are within the Royal Oman Police ongoing endeavor to improve the services ROP provides to citizens to meet the demands of the expanding urban development and increasing population in Oman.

Both the projects consist of the main building of the police station and other facilities.

The signing was attended by a number of ROP senior officers and officials representing the contractors.





ROP Guests



On 24/11/2013 His Excellency Lt. General Hassan bin Muhsin Al-Shuraiqi, Inspector General of Police and Customs received Her Excellency Gritacy Holtz, the US Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman.



On 30/12/2013

His Excellency met separately Her Excellency Amal Musa Hussein, Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq,

His Excellency Kim Dai Sik, the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea,

His Excellency Fahd Hajar Al Mutairi, the Ambassador of Kuwait, who are accredited to the Sultanate of Oman.



During the meetings, matters of joint concern were discussed.

His Excellency met on 6/1/2014 His Excellency Omar Azzayat, the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Sultanate of Oman.



The Assist. Inspector General of Police and Customs for Administrative and Financial Affairs received on 24 Nov, 2013 the delegation of the Libyan Ministry of Interior headed by Col. Yahya Musa Tabona, who were on a visit to the Sultanate of Oman.



He received on 8 Dec, 2013 the AGCC delegations representing their respective AGCC member states in the activities of the 2nd Gulf Prison Inmates Week.



The Assist. Inspector General for Administrative and Financial Affairs received on 6/1/ 2014 His Excellency Woo Jue, the Ambassador of the Republic of China to the Sultanate of Oman.





Driver's Double Standards



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Why?

Oman has the highest death rate from road accidents in the GCC and third highest in the Eastern Mediterranean region, according to figures released by the World Health Organization (WHO). The Global Road Safety Report 2013 released by WHO recently shows that in 2010 Oman registered 30.4 deaths per 100,000 people. This figure puts the sultanate third after Iran (34.1) and Iraq (31.5) in the Eastern Mediterranean region. The Eastern Mediterranean region has the second highest road traffic deaths in the world after the African region. Data from the Global Status Report on Road Safety 2013 shows the high burden of road traffic injuries and resultant disabilities and deaths in the region," the official said. He added that WHO will be organising the second UN Global Road Safety Week from May 6-12. Death rate in GCC states (per 100,000 in

2010) Oman 30.4, Saudi Arabia 24.8, Kuwait, 16.5, Qatar, 14.0, UAE 12.7, and Bahrain 10.5

Even though the Road safety appears to have improved in Oman, with a significant dip in deaths and injuries caused by accidents from January to October this year (2013) compared to the same period in 2012, still the issue of cars accident raises the highest concern at all levels in the official or public means.

Royal Oman Police, represented by the Directorate General of Traffic, in charge of road traffic, has urged the whole community, particularly the institutions concerned to contribute to enhancing road safety, in an effort to reduce the rate of accidents, deaths and injuries. To support the national road safety efforts

It is known predicating speeding, seatbelts, using mobile phones while driving and fatigue, stressing that these four

causes could be eliminated if people paid more attention to safety and made it a priority while driving rather than blaming the occurrence of road accidents on fate and pre-determination. It is strongly believed that fast driving is a major killer for drivers because "the faster you go, the more difficult it is to control your vehicle. Your reaction time in responding to an emergency is also slow, so it's never safe to speed. It's better to be late than to never arrive".

Is this resulted as of considering Oman as a young society in terms of driving and many who get behind the wheel lack driver's training, and often times a license. Is the driving skills the reason to be accused as many Omanis travel at excessive speeds on highways and roads. Almost all drivers including the local consider themselves good drivers. When they gain experience and confidence, they probably will think of themselves as good drivers, too.

It's important for you to observe your causal attributions in traffic so that you can convince yourself that your logic is biased, being blindly in favor of your actions even when you're wrong. Drivers tend to take credit for a skillful maneuver like squeezing into a densely packed line of cars, or getting somewhere faster than usual. However, when we find a parking ticket on the windshield we want to blame the "over-zealous" police officer. We congratulate ourselves for doing our job well, but criticize police for doing their job! Our logic is biased We treat others

harshly by seeing their behavior as what they freely choose to do; but we excuse what we do by seeing it as "forced" on us by an inevitable result of the situation. We permit ourselves to close the gap in our line to prevent entry, but when others do it to us, they're doing it to "irritate" us. We look like a fool "because of them." When we speed, it's not because we choose to break the limit, it's because we "have to", being in the left lane. Becoming aware of this natural tendency for attributional bias can help us change our attitudes and feelings towards other drivers, to extend a sense of community to traveling on the road.

Research summarized clearly shows that a person's behavior style is not consistent, but is influenced by situation factors and person's behavior. These may include where you are and who's present. Applying this idea to traffic psychology, we can see that the behavior of motorists is influenced by both personality and situation factors. What factors cause a driver to drive

in a hazardous manner? It's an interaction between personality factors such as habit or character and driving conditions such as traffic or destination. When you try to get to an appointment in unexpected heavy traffic, you are creating a driving condition full of stress and impatience. Normally calm and cautious drivers start driving aggressively and take hair-raising risks that are totally out of character with your normal personality. It was found driver's error, intoxication and other human factors contribute wholly or partly to about 93% of crashes.

With the above in mind, Oman is an exceptionally safe society in terms of personal crime. Also Oman known as a very safe country compared to most nations. Its people have a reputation for being gentle, peaceful, and welcoming, but why we behave differently when they drive, why we have double standards during and off driving. Is it Hypocrisy, or negligence or lack of importance to our lives, or.....etc





Food for Thought



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World of Proverbs

- Where there's a will there's a way.
- A burnt child dreads fire.
- First come, first served.
- A friend in need is a friend indeed.
- Discretion is the better part of valor.
- A hungry man is an angry man.
- Empty vessels make the most noise.
- A man is as old as he feels.
- Great talkers are little doers.
- An idle brain is the devil's workshop.

I Wandered Lonely As A Cloud

WANDERED lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales
and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the
trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the
breeze.
Continuous as the stars that
shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending
line
Along the margin of a bay;
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly
dance.
The waves beside them danced;
but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in
glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed-and gazed-but little
thought
What wealth the show to me
had brought:
For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleas-
ure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

William Wordsworth

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If you can keep your head when all about you
 Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
 If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
 But make allowance for their doubting too;
 If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
 Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
 Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
 And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:
 If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;
 If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim;
 If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
 And treat those two impostors just the same;
 If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
 Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
 Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
 And stoop and build them up with worn-out tools:
 If you can make one heap of all your winnings
 And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
 And lose, and start again at your beginnings
 And never breathe a word about your loss;
 If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
 To serve your turn long after they are gone,
 And so hold on when there is nothing in you
 Except the Will which says to them: «Hold on!»
 If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
 Or walk with Kings - nor lose the common touch,

If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
 If all men count with you, but none too much;
 If you can fill the unforgiving minute
 With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
 Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
 And - which is more - you'll be a Man, my son

Rudyard Kipling

Don't Stand Beside My Grave And Weep

Don't stand beside my grave and weep,
 For I'm not there; I do not sleep.
 I am a thousand winds that blow,
 I am the diamond glints on snow,
 I am the sun on ripened grain,
 I am the gentle autumn rain.
 When you awaken in the morning's hush
 I am the swift uplifting rush
 Of quiet birds in circling flight.
 I am the soft star-shine at night.
 Do not stand at my grave and cry,
 I am not there; I did not die.

Mary Elizabeth Frye

My Five Kitty Cats



By Suzanne Hofbauer
 Buster, Sparkle, Newbie,
 Speedy
 and then there's Pixie our smallest kitty,
 One, two, three and four and five,
 they're so frisky, so alive.
 Sparkle is my number one,

14 years old and so much fun.
 Purrs and snuggles on my shoulder,
 she's getting slow and somewhat older.
 She meows for water from the sink,
 I turn it on, for her to drink.
 Speedy is my number two,
 Proud and handsome, I tell you!
 He prances like a little pony,
 And you know what? That's no baloney.
 He guards the others from above,
 And sometimes gives a little shove.
 Newbie is my number three,
 Chubby, plump as one can be.
 Always cleaning, always licking,
 He tries to run but his paws keep sticking.
 He keeps on searching for a hand,
 to scratch under his collar band.
 Buster is my number four,
 Always eating, more and more.
 Loves to snack on lots of munchies,
 Tender Vittles and some crunchies.
 Begging, pleading, day and nights.
 «Give me crunchies, or I'll bite!»
 Pixie is my number five,
 She jumps, rolls over, takes a dive.
 Up my back, onto my shoulder,
 Hoping I would grab and hold her.
 Then she jumps to catch a fly,
 She's four months old, my sweetie pie.
 Buster, Sparkle, Newbie, Speedy,
 and there's Pixie our smallest kitty.
 Five, four, three and two and one,
 I love my kitty cats, they're so much fun.