Oman’s beloved His Majesty Sultan Qaboos has passed away. His Majesty Sultan Haitham has said that the late ruler’s legacy will live on.

Muscat - The Defence Council on Saturday issued a statement as follows:

The Defence Council would like to bring to the attention of citizens that, in pursuance of the first statement, it called the Royal Family Council to convene to determine who will assume power.

The Defence Council received today (Saturday, the 15th of Jumada al Ula 1441 AH, January 11, 2020) a reply from the Royal Family Council in which it reported that it convened and decided to assign the Defence Council to open the will of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos and instate the person he had recommended.

This is in accordance with the provision of Article 6 of the Basic Law of the State and undertake measures to instate the person recommended by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos in cooperation with the Royal Family Council, whose gesture reflects its gratitude and appreciation of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos’ well-known wisdom and farsighted vision.

The ‘will-opening’ session was held on Saturday, the 15th of Jumada al Ula 1441 AH, January 11, 2020, in the presence of:

- Gen Sultan bin Mohammed al Nu’amani, Minister of the Royal Office and Acting Chairman of the Defence Council
- Lt Gen Hassan bin Mohsen al Shuraiqi, Inspector General of Police and Customs
- Lt Gen Said bin Ali al Habsi, Head of the Internal Security Service
- Lt Gen Ahmed bin Harith al Nabhani, Chief of Staff of the Sultan’s Armed Forces
- Maj Gen Mattar bin Salim al Balushi, Commander of the Royal Army of Oman
- Air Vice Marshal Mattar bin Ali al Obaidani, Commander of the Royal Air Force of Oman
- Rear Admiral Abdullah bin Khamis al Ru’eesi, Commander of the Royal Navy of Oman
- Maj Gen Khalifa bin Abdullah al Junaibi, Commander of the Royal Guard of Oman
- Dr Yahya bin Mahfoudh al Manthri, Chairman of the State Council
- Khalid bin Hilal al Ma’awali, Chairman of Majlis A’Shura
- Sheikh Dr Is’haq bin Ahmed al Busaidi, Chairman of the Supreme Court
- Dr Saleh bin Hamad al Rashdi, Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Court
- Dr Khalifa bin Mohammed al Hadhrami, Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Court

The session was also attended by:

- Dr Fahd bin Mohammed al Yasheeri, Chairman of the State Council
- Dr Hamad bin Ali al Marzouni, Chairman of Majlis A’Shura
- Dr Abdulla bin Sa’ad bin Ahmed al Bu Said, Chairman of the Supreme Court
- Sahl bin Harward al Badil, Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Court

The Defence Council was honoured to have members of the Royal Family as witnesses to the procedure. The Defence Council was also honoured to have the will read out directly to the audience and to declare His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq bin Taimour al Said as the Sultan of Oman. May the Almighty Allah protect Oman and His Majesty the Sultan.
Dear People of Oman:

Words fall short of articulating a eulogy for a man whose features have crystallised in a modern state that is now recognised by all, far and near. We cannot serve right by such a speech, as no words can calculate what he had achieved and accomplished.

A state of modernity rose from scratch, a state that is now recognized by all, far and near. It would not have been established without a will to achieve the stability of this country and channel the progress of its march towards the prosperity that is desired.

Dear Citizens:

We will continue contact with our brethren, leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), to ensure our countries’ march of collaboration to achieve our peoples’ aspirations and to push the GCC forward.

In the Arab front, we will continue to support the Arab League and cooperate with our brethren, leaders of Arab states, to achieve the goals of the Arab League, promote our interests, address the region’s crises, and promote the comprehensive Arab economic integration plan.

As an Assembly of Truth in the Presence of a Sovereign Omnipotent and Venerated One, the One Allowed to Intervene in the Affairs of Others, respect the sovereignty and international cooperation of various spheres. We will remain as the world’s honest nationals, as leaders of the reign of the Forgiven one. God willing, His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimour and reward him plentifully. May Allah bless him, a constant source of contentment and distress; Glory Be to Him Who has no equal; words cannot calculate what he had achieved and accomplished.

The will of the Almighty Allah on His beings is equally in contentment and distress; Glory Be to Him Who has no equal; we shall march forward on this road so that Oman could continue to maintain its prominent place in which His Majesty Sultan Qaboos wished to position it and for which he laboriously worked to achieve that goal. The Sultan immense responsibilities require us all to fully protect the interests of citizens and their families.

His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq

The Legacy Continues

His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq sworn in

Muscat - His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq bin Taimour was sworn in on Saturday, the 15th of January (At Al Iftikhar), January 11, 2020, at a joint session of the Council of Oman and the Defense Council in implementation of the provision of Article 7 of the Basic Law of the State.

Upon His Majesty the Sultan’s arrival, he performed the oath reading as follows: “I swear in the name of His Majesty the Sultan to respect the Basic Law of the State and the laws, to fully protect the interests of citizens and their families and safeguard the independence of the nation and the safety of its territories.”

Then, His Majesty the Sultan gave a speech, reading as follows:

“...in the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, Most Merciful, the name of the Prophet of Allah, the Winner, Vanquished One, the One Followed equally in constraint and delusion. Give Him Whose judgment cannot be revoked. One Who conducts all affairs with no intercessor acting beyond His will. To Him we resort in praise, forever and finally - peace and blessings upon His prophets, his messengers and their faithful disciples.”

The Royal Anthem was played while the artillery fired a 21-gun salute to His Majesty the Sultan. We will build our relations with all world countries on the basis of the great heritage left behind for us by the late Sultan, God bless him, a heritage whose essence is based on commitment to relations of friendship and cooperation with all and respect for charters, laws and agreements signed with other countries and organisations.

Dear Citizens:

“Our country could not have achieved this if it had not been for the national leadership of the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimour, as well as the solid principles on which he set up the edifice of the modern state. It would not have been realised without your standing around his leadership, your pride over what we have all achieved under his judicious leadership.

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Dear People of Oman:

Words fall short of articulating a eulogy for a Sultan as great as him (Qaboos bin Said), to describe his good deeds and accomplishments. Our only relief - the best with which we can write is to enrich all efforts of progress, development and prosperity will be highly appreciated.

May the Almighty Allah protect you in His grace and may I convey our good wishes to all and respect for charters, laws and agreements signed with other countries and organisations.

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Photos: Mohammed Mustafa
Our Correspondent
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After a prayer led by the Grand Mufti Ahmed bin Hamad al Khalili at Grand Mosque, the remains of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos was taken in a military vehicle to the Royal Cemetery in Ghala.

The final prayer at the mosque was attended by His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq bin Taimour al Said who was declared as the Sultan of Oman as per the will of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos. The body was then taken to the burial place by the family members and ministers led by His Majesty Sultan Haitham.

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Diwan of Royal Court issues obituary

Muscat - The Diwan of Royal Court issued an obituary on Saturday reading as follows: "To the righteous soul will be said, O (thou) soul, in (complete) rest and satisfaction! Come back to thy Lord - well pleased (thou) thyself, and well-pleasing unto Him! Enter thou, then, among My devotees! Yea, enter thou My Heaven! (Holy Q’uran, Surt al Fajr).

"To the people of the beloved homeland in all its districts, to the Arab and Islamic nations and to the world at large."

"It is with hearts filled with faith in Allah and His Providence, and with great sorrow and deep sadness - yet with complete satisfaction and absolute submission to the will of the Almighty Allah, that the Diwan of Royal Court mourns His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, who passed away on Friday, the 14th of Jumada al Ula, January 10, 2020, after establishing a comprehensive renaissance over the past 50 years since he assumed power on July 23, 1970, and after leading a prudent and triumphant march, abundant with bounty that prevailed all over Oman, from corner to corner, and even spread over to the Arab world, Islamic nation and the rest of the world. This renaissance resulted in a balanced foreign policy that was saluted with solemn respect by the whole world."

"On this occasion, the Diwan of Royal Court has announced a state of mourning and the halt of official work in the public and private sector for three days and the flying of flags at half-mast over the forthcoming 40 days. The Diwan of Royal Court prixis to the Almighty Allah to compensate His Majesty Sultan Qaboos fully for his good deeds, to have mercy on his soul and to rest it in peace in paradise along with martyrs and the faithful. May the Almighty Allah grant us patience to bear this immense loss. Truly, to Allah we belong and truly, to Him we shall return."
Salute to Qaboos

His Majesty Sultan Haitham to receive mourners from today

Muscat – The Diwan of Royal Court on Saturday issued a statement, which reads as follows: The Diwan of Royal Court would like to inform that His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq bin Taimur al Said and the ruling family will receive mourners on the death of the Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimur al Alani Palace for the next three days, starting from Sunday 16th of Jumada al Ula, January 12, 2020, from 9am to 12pm and 4-5.30pm. ‘May the Almighty Allah rest the deceased soul in mercy and forgiveness, and reward His Majesty in the hereafter for the achievements and sacrifices for the sake of Oman and its people.’
In all stages of the sultanate’s long-term development strategy, top priority has been accorded to the Omani citizen, regarded as the nation’s most precious resource in the drive towards achieving sustainable development.

In his address before the Council of Oman in 2002, he said, “We have always affirmed, on various occasions, that human being is the ultimate goal of the development process, and its instrument and means at the same time. The more effective this instrument is, the more capable it becomes of achieving targeted development. Thus, we always call for the development of human resources, their scientific capabilities, technical skills, and technological expertise in order to meet society’s urgent requirements and needs, and to provide opportunities for those resources to fully contribute to the Blessed Renaissance witnessed by Oman in all walks of life.”

Before the opening of the annual session of the Council of Oman (Majlis Oman’s) fifth term at Hisn al Shumukh in Manah, Dakhliyah on October 31, 2011, His Majesty Sultan Qaboos expressed total confidence in his countrymen and women and urged them to work diligently, inspired by consciousness of their responsibilities and duties.

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos pointed out that the next phase in Oman’s development would be a critical one, which will demand further sacrifices from all citizens.

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos’ speech also touched on the consultation (Shura) process in Oman.

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos confirmed his intention to give top priority to the development of human resources and reiterated his belief that people are the cornerstone of any development process designed to promote human happiness, decent living standards and security.

“Education is the cornerstone of progress and development, and in order to produce a responsible, aware generation endowed with expertise, skills and aspirations, towards a higher level of knowledge, a comprehensive assessment of the country’s educational progress needs to be carried out in order to ensure that those aspirations become realities and enable people to benefit from the available job opportunities in the public and private sectors.”

We extend our deepest condolences to the people of Oman on the demise of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said.

May His Majesty’s soul rest in peace.

Our heartfelt condolences and prayers from:

Kempinski Hotel Muscat
Sultanate of Oman
Muscat woke up on Saturday morning to the heartbreaking news of the demise of its ruler His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said.

During his tenure of 50 years, His Majesty Sultan Qaboos was one of the most beloved rulers in the region. Known for his just reign as well as socio-economic developments in the country, he also facilitated harmony among conflicting sides.

People from all walks of life expressed their grief in personal meetings, on social media and other platforms remembering his peace-loving role and long-standing vision for his country.

Anselm Perera, a Sri Lankan expatriate and an ex-banker living in Oman for the last 45 years, said, “This is indeed a very emotional day for all of us. I have been in the country for over four decades since 1975 and my daughter was the first expatriate to be born in the Salalah hospital. I am the longest serving Sri Lankan in Oman and thus closely attached to the country. When I reached Oman, there were hardly any hospitals, roads or schools but in a short span, our beloved His Majesty the Sultan made developments in every sector including education, health and infrastructure.

He has been a role model for both locals and expatriates. I had a choice to go back to either Canada or Sri Lanka but I chose to stay forever.”

Kanak Khimji, director at Khimji Ramdas, said, “The demise of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said marks a sad juncture in Oman’s glorious era. He was a visionary leader, a statesman par excellence and a true son of the soil who lovingly built our nation. We ask Almighty to grant us strength in this difficult time and enable us to follow in his footsteps towards achieving his plans for our beloved nation. May Almighty shower mercy on his soul and grant him Jannatul Firdaus.”

The social media pages of people in the country are flooded with images, videos and GIFs of the ruler. People expressed their condolences and memories on their Facebook pages, Instagram stories and WhatsApp statuses. Many have also shared their personal stories including glimpses of His Majesty the Sultan during his visits in palaces and parades. One user by the name bader_muscat said, “May Allah Almighty give our beloved leader eternal peace. You will be missed.”

Most of the users changed their WhatsApp status to either quotes by HM, images of his younger days, meetings with diplomats or videos of him. Balakrishana M, a businessman who runs restaurants and has been in Muscat for over 40 years, said, “When I come to Oman I only speak with walking in Mutrah from as far as Seeb. They would take almost a day to come in. There were hardly any hotels or hospitals but the developments accelerated as soon as His Majesty the Sultan took over. He shall always be missed and this is a very sad day for all of us.”

Dr Azad Moopen, founder chairman and managing director, Aster DM Healthcare, said, “We are deeply saddened by the demise of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said. A real visionary leader, His Majesty Sultan Qaboos was responsible for the transformation of Oman into one of the leading countries in the Middle East and a very prominent member of the GCC. The longest reigning Arab leader, he was the darling of the masses for five decades and lived the living conditions of millions of Omani.”

“He was not only responsible for modernising the country but has also transformed the Sultanate’s healthcare and education sectors. He was also a very astute statesman, respected all over the world.”

A resident of Muscat, Saada al Naa mani, said, “I can’t believe that our leader who was equivalent to our father, mentor and guide is no more with us. I am saddened and in a state of severe grief. Over the decades, His Majesty Sultan Qaboos single-handedly took control of the country and developed every sector from health, education to roads. This is a big loss but we are confident our new ruler will work hard to take forward the magnificent legacy that His Majesty Sultan Qaboos created for all of us.”

Tributes pour in for His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said al Said

We extend our deepest condolences on the sad demise of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said al Said

Our heartfelt condolences and prayers from YAHYA GROUP HOLDING LLC

MAY HIS MAJESTY’S SOUL REST IN PEACE
Leaders of the GCC countries have mourned the death of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said and declared three days of mourning.

Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani, Emir of Qatar, in a statement by the Amiri Diwan, said that His Majesty Sultan Qaboos was a great leader characterised by wisdom, moderation, and a long-term vision. He added that the late sultan dedicated his life to serve his country and his ‘Ummah’, calling for dialogue and rejecting violence and extremism. He also ordered three days of mourning in Qatar.

In Kuwait, all government institutions will be shut and their flag will fly at half-mast for three days, according to a government statement read by Anas al Saleh, the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs. Saleh eulogised His Majesty Sultan Qaboos as a great, kind and sagacious leader who had played a key role in making enormous achievements in his country, which played a pivotal role in maintaining the unity of the GCC states.

The Kuwaiti government, he added, recalled with deep admiration the brave stance of the sultanate rejecting the blatant aggression by the defunct Iraqi regime against the State of Kuwait. In the UAE too, the leaders mourned the death of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos. UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al Nahyan ordered a funeral prayer in absentia for the late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos across all the UAE mosques after Maghrib prayers on Saturday. The UAE has also declared three days of mourning and flags to be flown half mast, according to the official news agency WAM.

In Bahrain, His Majesty Sultan Qaboos’ death was mourned by the King of Bahrain, Hamad bin Isa al Khalifa, and the island nation’s Royal Court. A statement issued by the Bahrain News Agency, the state-run news agency of the Kingdom, said, “HM the King paid homage to late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos who spent a life full of achievements in serving his people as well as the Arab and Islamic nations.” Bahrain has also announced a three-day mourning period during which the flag of the country over its embassies, government buildings and diplomatic missions will fly at half-mast.

In Saudi Arabia, King Salman and the Crown Prince expressed their sorrow over the death of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos, state news agency SPA said on Saturday. The Kingdom’s Royal Palace said, “Saudis share the sorrow of the Sultanate of Oman and its people.”
World leaders on Saturday mourned the demise of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, the founder of modern Oman, who passed away in Muscat on Friday.

The world’s one of the tallest leaders, the Late Sultan made his country a vital mediator through non-partisan approach - one of the greatest achievements being a successful mediation between the regional power Iran and the western world.

Iran’s Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on Saturday said the death of the Late Sultan Qaboos was a ‘loss for the region’ and expressed hope that relations between the two nations will grow under his successor, His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq bin Taimour al Said.

‘We offer our dear neighbour Oman our condolences... (and) we congratulate it for its selection of His Majesty Haitham bin Tariq as sultan, hoping our relations grow as they have before and that the future draws inspiration from the past’, Zarif tweeted in Arabic.

‘I had the pleasure of meeting His Majesty Sultan Qaboos and was struck by his commitment to peace and understanding between nations and between faiths’, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said, while extending his condolences to the people of Oman, following the demise of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos.

‘I am deeply saddened to hear of the death of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said al Said, Sultan of Oman’, said Johnson. ‘He was an exceptionally wise and respected leader who will be missed enormously. He will be remembered for his devotion to the development of Oman into a stable and prosperous nation, and as the father of the nation who sought to improve the lives of the Omani people.

‘He leaves a profound legacy, not only in Oman but across the region too’, added Johnson. ‘The UK is a proud friend and enduring partner of Oman, and our thoughts and prayers are with the Omani people’.

‘Sultan Qaboos was a true friend of India and endeared himself deeply to the Indian people’, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi added. ‘I will always cherish the warmth and affection I received from him. May his soul rest in peace’, Modi said.

‘Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan also extended ‘deepest condolences to the people of Oman’ on the demise of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos. ‘He was an ally and friend who transformed Oman into a modern and prosperous nation’, Khan tweeted.

With the then US President Nelson Mandela on April 6, 1999 (AFP)
Oman, Egypt relations got a boost under HM Sultan Qaboos bin Said with the then President of Egypt Hosni Mubarak in Nuweiba, Egypt on April 25, 1985. Oman was one of the only three Arab nations that maintained close ties with Egypt after it signed a peace treaty with Israel.

Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev has condoled the death of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said.

Shavkat Mirziyoyev’s Press-er... 📞

President Shavkat Mirziyoyev sends a condolence letter to Sultan Haitham bin Tariq Al Said of Oman on the death of Sultan Qaboos bin Said.

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World leaders pay tributes

‘His Majesty’s vision steered a foreign policy that placed Oman among the EU’s closest partners’

Canada’s Prime Minister Justin Trudeau issued the following statement on the death of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said:

Canada offers its deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to the people of Oman and the royal family at the news of Sultan Qaboos’ passing. Yirking, beat is power since 1970, Sultan Qaboos was the longest serving leader in the Arab world. We recognize his efforts to modernize Oman, establishing the building of extensive infrastructure and the establishment of the Omani rial, the national currency of Oman. We also acknowledge his steadfast role as a mediator in the region, including his efforts to successfully conclude the last Comprehensive Plan of Action between Iran as well as the permanent members of the UN Security Council (China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States) and Germany.

Sultan Qaboos was ‘a constant supporter of Arab unity and the Arab and Islamic causes’. The Sultan’s work will continue to be felt both at home in Oman as well as through the wider region.

Deepest condolences to the people of Oman and the Sultanate from the Directors, Management and the Staff of Al Anwar Ceramic Tiles Co. SAOG on the loss of our visionary leader His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said. May God have mercy on his departed soul.

Great wisdom: Syria

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said ‘always worked to strengthen of (Arab) solidarity in the face of the challenges that threaten our countries and peoples’. He paid tribute to Qaboos’s “sense of pragmatism: EU”

The EU’s closest partners, in a region mired in conflict and gripped by ten- sions over the region. Wars and divisions that prevailed during various stages of conflicts, were and persist today, a test for leadership and the Arab world. We recognise his efforts to modernize Oman, establishing the building of extensive infrastructure and the establishment of the Omani rial, the national currency of Oman. We also acknowledge his steadfast role as a mediator in the region, including his efforts to successfully conclude the last Comprehensive Plan of Action between Iran as well as the permanent members of the UN Security Council (China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States) and Germany.

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Sultan Qaboos’s death meant ‘the loss of a good friend for Germany’, a statement from President Frank-Walter Steinmeier said. ‘Sultan Qaboos was a responsible actor for mutual understanding and compromise in the Middle East and Gulf region. His word was widely heeded.’

The German Embassy in Oman in a tweet said, ‘We are deeply saddened by the death of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos. Our deepest condolences go to the family and people of Oman.’

Sultan Qaboos bin Said al Said

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The great leader who shielded Oman from the Middle East turmoil

Muscat, Oman - Oman's Sultan Qaboos, who died on Friday aged 79, transformed the former Arab Peninsula backwater into a modern state and sought after mediator while shielding the sultanate from a region in turmoil.

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos was born on November 18, 1940, into the centuries-old Al-Said dynasty in the southern provincial capital of Salalah, in an isolated country on the margins of the modern world.

Older Omanis recall the capital Muscat had no electricity or running water and the gates of the medieval city were locked at dusk.

The young Qaboos was sent abroad for his education to Britain, attending the elite Sandhurst Royal Military Academy from where he graduated in 1962.

He went on to join a British infantry battalion in Germany, returning home to bide his time under the close watch of his father, Sultan Said bin Taymur.

On July 23, 1970, young Qaboos took charge of the country pledging a new era.

Guardian of the Strait

Oman is strategically located on the Strait of Hormuz - the narrow seaway through which much of the world's oil supply passes - and between regional rivals Iran and Saudi Arabia.

The Late Sultan maintained good ties with both nations, a balancing act that made his capital a must-stop for Western and Arab diplomats as well as military chiefs alike.

His Majesty Sultan's first foreign trip was to Iran, whose shah - along with the British - helped him quell the Marxist insurgency in the restive Dhofar region.

Those ties endured through Iran's 1979 Islamic revolution. Muscat would serve as the back channel for talks between the United States and Iran in the lead-up to a landmark 2015 nuclear deal.

The Late Qaboos also worked to preserve ties with Saudi Arabia and the rest of the wealthy six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council to which Oman belongs, but stuck to his principle of non-interference.

In 2015, Oman was the only GCC country not to join a Saudi-led military coalition against Iran-backed Huthi rebels in Yemen. It leveraged this neutrality to mediate the release of multiple foreign hostages captured by Yemen's warring factions.

Young Sultan Qaboos on his father's lap in Oman.

The Sultan assumed power as an unknown and spent his first years cultivating the respect of his countrymen from the mountainous interior to the coast.

"In the early years, he went village to village and had a weekly radio address - that was the only way to reach the entire population at the time," said Muscat-based public policy analyst Ahmed al Mukhaini.

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The Great Mediator

As the longest-serving ruler in the Middle East, the Late Sultan Qaboos earned enormous respect for his ability to bring rivals to negotiating tables.