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## NEW SULTAN OF OMAN

Oman held three days of official mourning this week, with flags to be flown at half-mast for forty days, following the passing of the Sultan Qaboos bin Said al-Said, early last Saturday.

Sultan Qaboos' reign was characterised by unprecedented economic progress for Oman, along with modern infrastructure development and a reputation of maintaining stability and increasing tolerance and temperance.

While Omani law provided up to three days for the ruling family to choose a successor, HM Sayyid Haitham bin Tariq al-Said was sworn in on Saturday morning, with the family council deciding to follow the guidance of the late Sultan Qaboos who recommended Sayyid Haitham as his successor.

The swift and smooth transition of the Middle East's longest-ruling monarch is another testament to the late Sultan's positive influence and the respect he engendered among the Omani people.

Such clear and prompt action bodes well for the future stability of Oman and its ongoing renaissance under the leadership of Sultan Haitham who, among other things, previously served as Chairman of Oman's 'Vision 2040' which aims to diversify Oman's economy, including expansion of the mining sector.

In his first public speech, Sultan Haitham said he would continue to pursue former Sultan Qaboos' peace-oriented foreign policy and focus on Oman's economic growth.

Alara joins its partners and friends in recognising Sultan Qaboos' great legacy and welcomes Oman's continuing development under the leadership of Sultan Haitham.

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