

Speech of

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On occasion of

Graduation of the twenty-four session of Command and Staff College

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Thank Allah for His collaborated blessings and graces, May peace and blessings of Allah be upon the His best prophet, and his preceding messengers, pious people and righteous followers.

Dear Audience,

May Peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you,

I am pleased at the beginning of this glorious day of Oman to honorably greet His Majesty, may Allah bless Him, with my sincerest prayers and merriest wishes for this solemn national occasion. I pray to Allah to perpetuate King with abundant graces, care, glory and empowerment. I pray to Allah that Sultan witness many returns of these occasions while enjoying health, glory and happiness.

It is my honor to participate in celebrating this occasion with graduates this year, wishing them and preceding and subsequent graduates all the best of success. This occasion, is a merciful Sunni destiny, with the beginning of

State's memory of the twenty-third of July; Day of Omani Renaissance and starting process of building and construction, until State has reached to this large horizon of goodness and safety. We thank and praise to Allah for the abundant blessings, graces and generosity granted.

Dear Audience,

Oman military experience has been a model for civilization throughout history, in its morals and values, its noble goals, and its clear methods and manner. This is not surprising, as Omanis whose homeland received one of Prophet Muhammad's Messages; may prayers and peace of Allah be upon Him. Prophet Muhammad praised Omanis, when he dispatched one of his companions to an Arab neighborhood whose people struck and cursed. Upon coming back and telling his story, Prophet Muhammad told his companion: "you would never be struck or cursed if you went to Omani people."

Oman has been distinguished due to receiving one of Prophet's five messages. This is evidence for Oman's other characteristics. This can be manifested in Oman's geography which remains an important focus in the international balances, and Oman's distinguished demography known by other countries, which have clear effect in directing military and political path for Omani people and leaders, who went through Indian Ocean for sailing, trade, discovery and openness. All spots on banks of the ocean knew Omanis or known to Omanis. From Malay Archipelago, Canton in China, ports of India and others, they arrived to banks of the other world, East Africa and America and its direction

Dear Audience,

Omani military school, through its tasks on seas in defense and justice, has been established for combat theory that was deduced to this current edifice, so as to link between the privacy of history and geography of place. Military institutes and colleges in the country has received high attention of His Majesty Qaboos bin Said, may Allah bless him, and due to the grace of Allah Almighty, and his instructions, May Allah protect Allah, lighthouse of science and landmarks of knowledge that always have achievements, Allah willing. Under his sound directives in checking military and security aspects, His Majesty provided modern systems and efficient trainers, developed methods that enhance and upgrade training and rehabilitation. Now, Command and Staff College celebrates the graduation of its outputs and achievements. It is a high model of your honorable attention, and it is just like the major military academies in the world.

Dear Graduates:

Your graduation is not the end but the beginning towards starting bearing responsibility and performing duties so as to enhance belongingness and loyalty, to maintain security and stability of the homeland and to enhance development in each part of Oman. These are major religious and national responsibilities. Allah Almighty loves the person who perfectly masters his duty, obligation and performance.

I thank from this rostrum, being invited to your celebration. I pray to Allah to grant you success in your scientific and practical future, and goodness for Oman, its people and residents, and to preserve the commander of Oman His Majesty, May Allah bless him, with abundant blessings and graces together with health, wellness and happiness.

Praise be to Allah,

May Peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you
