

Oman judiciary undergoing progress in various spheres

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Oman's top police officer has underscored the security and stability enjoyed by the country and the government's success in enforcing law and order. This, in turn, has resulted in a fall in crime rates, according to Inspector-General of Police and Customs Lt-Gen. Malick bin Sulaiman Al Ma'amari.

He was speaking at a ceremony here on Wednesday where a new group of public prosecutors took their oath of office. He said their induction was a 'major step' in meeting the requirements of the Sultanate's judiciary which, he noted, was "undergoing progress in various spheres".

The 22 newly-graduated prosecutors include five women who, Gen. Ma'amari said, had "proved their capability in handling such tough work". He praised the role of Public Prosecutors "in spreading the umbrella of justice", thanks to their cooperation with both the judicial and police authorities to "achieve security, justice and stability for those who live on the Sultanate's land".

Attorney-General Hussain bin Ali Al Hilali said they would be appointed in different parts of the country to bring judiciary closer to the people, "as intended by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, President of the Judiciary Supreme Council".

Hilali said the new prosecutors had undergone extensive training, such as the foundation course for Public Prosecution Assistants, the Interrogation and Criminal Evidence course in cooperation with the Royal Oman Police, a course on 'Law between Theory and Application', Legal Sciences and Security Awareness course and the Financial Crimes course.

Hilali said that he was confident that the new group and more public prosecutors that would graduate in the coming years would contribute to the goal of achieving "justice that will serve the march of progress and prosperity in the Sultanate". He particularly highlighted the role of women public prosecutors "in driving the judiciary march", noting that their number had now reached 11.

Women prosecutors, he said, had proved their capabilities "in conducting interrogations similar to men and even better in many cases". Hilali said six assistant public prosecutors were now under training and would graduate at the beginning of next year.