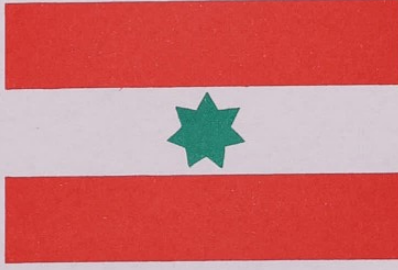


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مكتب التطوير

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## 1. General

At the meeting of the Executive Committee on 4th May, it was decided that the four Sub-committees recommended at the previous meeting should be revised and formed with the following membership:-

### Committee for Financial and Administration Affairs

Sayyid Oteiba Abdullah	Abu Dhabi
Sayyid Essa al Gurg	Dubai
Sayyid Ibrahim al Midfa	Sharjah
Sayyid Abdullah Amin	Ajman
Sayyid Rashid bin Humaid	Umm al Qawain
Sayyid Mohamed Ibrahim Ubaidullah	Ras al Khaimah
Sayyid Abdullah Abdulrahman Faris	Fujairah

### Committee for Health and Education Affairs

Sayyid Ahmed bin Sultan bin Slayyem	Dubai
Sayyid Mohamed bin Hamed al Midfa	Sharjah
Sayyid Sultan Abdullah al Shaibah	Ajman
Sayyid Said bin Nassir	Umm al Qaiwain
Sayyid Mohamed Issa al Ali	Ras al Khaimah
Sayyid Abdullah Abdulrahman Faris	Fujairah

### Committee for Agriculture, Fisheries & Cooperative Affairs

Sayyid Hamed Abdullah al-Owais	Sharjah
Sayyid Ali al Kameiti	Ajman
Sayyid Ahmed bin Sultan Jacor	Umm al Qawain
Sayyid Saif al Jarwan	Ras al Khaimah
Sayyid Saif bin Sultan	Fujairah

### Planning and Steering Committee

Sayyid Ahmed bin Sultan bin Slayyem	Dubai
Sayyid Mohamed bin Ubaid al-Shamsi	Sharjah
Sayyid Salem bin Said al Suaidi	Ajman
Sayyid Sultan al Khariji	Umm al Qaiwain
Sayyid Saif al Jarwan	Ras al Khaimah
Sayyid Yousuf Abdulrahman Hafez	Fujairah

The Committee for Health and Education Affairs held its first meeting on Monday 18th May and reviewed names of 29 students who are receiving education abroad under the Council Scholarship scheme, as well as students who receive partial assistance from the Council. The Committee reiterated the policy which had been adopted of only making grants for Scholarships to bonafide Trucial States nationals.

The Committee also approved an increase of allowances paid to students of Trucial States Trade Schools to encourage technical education. The allowances were revised as follows:-

1st Year	QDR. 50	(Unchanged)
2nd "	QDR.100	
3rd "	QDR.115	
4th "	QDR.130	

The Committee also reviewed Health Department staff and activities, particularly those of the Malaria Control Unit which is now being formed.

The Committee/-

The Committee also considered fees currently charged by Al-Maktoom Hospital and recommended that the O.P.D. fee of QDR.1 should remain but that Xrays should be provided free of charge for outpatients.

The Planning and Steering Sub-Committee held its first meeting on Saturday 23rd and noted the contents of the reports on Capital projects and progress of work on the Ras al Khaimah Hospital Complex, promised for completion by mid June.

The Committee discussed the problem of laying the 6" Water mains to Jazeerat Za'ab and recommended support to P.W.D. in its plans to lay the pipeline within the main road shoulder in order to speed up water supply to Jazeerat.

The Committee also decided to visit development projects in the northern states and East Coast.

On Monday 24th the Sub-Committee of Finance and Administration held its first meeting and discussed staff matters in general and charged Acting Director of development with the preparation of new nominal rolls covering all necessary information in respect of the employees of each department of the Council.

The Committee noted also the Administrative and Financial procedures currently applicable in the Council and recommended measures for the custody and expenditure of development funds. The formation of a Purchasing section and also a trainees scheme in P.W.D. for local nationals were discussed.

The Committee decided that Rulers of the Trucial States, should be supplied with copies of any advertisement of Vacancies in the Council and that priority should always be given to local nationals. Where there were any locals who could competently fill posts occupied by foreigners in Public Utilities schemes under the Council's administration, they should be employed under training for one month beside the foreigners; if the locals should then prove fully capable of carrying out the duties of these posts they could then take them over.

The Sub-Committee of Agriculture, Fisheries and Cooperatives held its first meeting on Wednesday 27th and reviewed the activities of the Agricultural Department and its Veterinary services and recommended that premises for Veterinary Assistants should be hired in every area where a Veterinary Assistant was available, to help livestock owners to find their way to him when his services were required. It also recommended that the Veterinary Officer stationed at Digdaga should visit Fujairah State for the treatment of their animals at least once a month; further, a candidate should be sent by the Government of Fujairah for training as a Veterinary assistant who would then be able to carry out these services in Fujairah after completion of his training.

The Committee also reviewed the activities of the Fisheries Department and recommended the employment of a local national as an additional Mechanic at Umm al Qawain to assist in the repairs to the large number of Marine Engines of the fishermen there.

After reviewing the activities of the Co-operatives Department the Committee recommended the follow up of the construction of the Auction Market promised by the Government of Dubai. It urged that there should be Coordination between Agriculture and Cooperatives Departments to prevent any duplication of activities.

The Committee/-

The Committee also recommended that graduates of the Agricultural School at Digdaga should be given higher education in this field and referred this matter to the Education and Health Committee.

2. Staffing of the Development Office

The Executive Committee has shown itself greatly concerned with the staffing of the departments of the Development Office, and that as many of the appointments as possible should be filled by genuine Trucial States Subjects. The following summary of established posts at all levels, department by department, may be of interest, and a further break-down of details of the present position of the establishment is given in appendices, together with a resume of the duties of the staff of each department.

Department	Established Posts	Post filled by		Monthly payments QDR.
		Omanis T.S. Subjects	or Expatriates	
Council Headquarters	21	15	13	28,585
Agricultural Services	105	54	27	41,672
Technical Education	104	36	58	103,726
Health (excluding Al Maktum Hospital)	1512	41	59	74,605
Public Works Department	87	7	48	50,430
Fisheries	37	13	17	24,105
Agricultural School	9	4	4	5,925
Veterinary Services	17	12	2	7,165
Marketing & Cooperatives	8	3	2	4,260
Mileiha Agricultural Scheme	26	10	7	8,555
<b>Total</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>349,028</b>

The above figures include a very much larger establishment of Health posts than there are officials to fill them; this is because the complete establishment for all the new Health Centers (at Ras al Khaimah, Dibba, Sharjah and Dhaid) have been tentatively worked out in advance, but until these centers are completed there will not be the need to staff them. That at Ras al Khaimah is approaching completion, and appointments are now being accelerated.

There will be a very steep rise in the recurrent expenditure of the Development Fund as these hospitals come into operation, and this factor is probably the most significant of all in the future pattern of commitments brought about by the Development Programme.

These figures do not include daily paid labour, mostly employed by the P.W.D., on capital projects such as roads, buildings and water schemes, nor do they include employees of the public utilities, such as electricity undertakings at Ajman, Umm al Qawain & Fujairah, and of the Mechanical Transport Division of the P.W.D. which should be self supporting on commercial lines.

3. Cooperatives

The Director of the Department of Marketing & Co-operatives, Sayyid Azmi al Dajani, recently attended a meeting of Cooperative experts from the Arab World in Cairo and submitted a report on the Cooperative Movement in the Northern Trucial States.

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This stresses the fact that the Cooperative movement is a recent development here; the first and only registered Cooperative Society was registered on 7th April, 1970 under the name of the "Agricultural Cooperative Society of the Eastern Region", and there are fifty members. There are also two Agricultural Cooperatives under registration in Ras al Khaimah State, where there is scope in Dubai for the formation of Consumer Cooperatives and in Umm al Qawain, Fujairah and Ajman of fishermen's Cooperatives.

There is as yet no common cooperative law applicable to all the Trucial States, and cooperatives are currently initiated by ordinances issued by the Ruler of the affected States, which together with by-laws based on those applicable to other areas with similar conditions, form the legal documents of the Society.

A Ras al Khaimah University graduate, Sayyid Hamed Abdullah Salmaan, is currently undergoing cooperative training in the U.K. and will be returning to the Trucial States later in the year to join the Department.

4. Finance

The Acting Director, Mr. C.B. Kendall, Deputy Director, Sayyid Abdullah Humaid al Mazrooi and Assistant Director, Sayyid Said Shaksy, visited Abu Dhabi on 27th May to meet the Abu Dhabi Director of Finance, Mr. J.H. Butter, who has been authorised by H.H. the Ruler to make disbursements throughout the year within the BD.2½ million promised to the Development Fund for 1970, in accordance with the periodic needs of the Fund. A further BD. 250,000 was paid at the end of the month, bringing the total payments during the year to half of that promised.

Appendix A

The Staffing Situation of the Departments of the  
Development Office

A. Council Headquarters

(a) Secretary General's Office

To assist the Chairman of the Council in his duties and to assume responsibility for organising and record proceedings of the meetings of Council, Executive Committee and Sub-Committees.

(b) Development Directorate

The general control of the Development Fund, preparation of Budgets, presentation of matters to the Executive Committee and Sub-Committees, general supervision over all departments and all projects, and to arrange publicity and all necessary information to be available. The two main sections are clerical and accounting.

B. Agriculture

(a) Agricultural Headquarters

General supervision over the other sections of the Department and also over the Agricultural School, Veterinary Services and the Mileiha Scheme. The office is also responsible for the distribution of seeds, seedlings and insecticides though it is hoped that this will be taken over by the Co-operatives and Marketing Department. Specialist services in entomology and agronomy/soil science (with particular attention to water duty) are to be provided, but the latter post has not yet been filled.

(b) Extension Services

Extension Officers are to be based on Digdaga, Dhaid or Mileiha, and Kalba. There are 12 posts of Extension Agent established, but not all are filled; ideally they should be held by men who have had training at the Agricultural School, and the number could well be doubled. Their duties not only consist of transmitting information resulting from trials to farmers but also arranging for sales of insecticides, etc. and tractor ploughing services.

(c) Trial Gardens, Livestock & Forestry

Staff are based on the three gardens at Digdaga, Falaj al Mo'alla and Kalba, vegetable trials being conducted and forest seedlings raised at Digdaga, and fruit at the other two places. At Digdaga Friesian cattle, Damascus goats and poultry are also being experimentally raised.

C. Technical Education

The Headquarter Office is situated in Dubai, but teaching staff are distributed between the Trade & Technical Schools in Dubai (including the Commercial Wing), Sharjah and Ras al Khaimah. The approximate distribution between the Schools of teaching staff is as follows:

	<u>Classroom</u>	<u>Workshop</u>
Dubai (131 students)	11	18
Dubai Commercial (19 students)	3	-
Sharjah (78 students)	6	6
Ras al Khaimah (32 students)	3	3

D. Public Health

(a) Health Headquarters

The Health Adviser, assisted by the Senior Nursing Supervisor, is in overall charge of the Council's Health Centres and Clinics and of the newly formed Malaria Survey Team. The office has a small clerical staff and will need a strong accounting section in order to cope with the considerable increase of work which will arise on the establishment of the four new Health Centres.

(b) Central Hospital

The Development Fund contributes half the recurrent expenses of the Al Maktum Hospital, which is administered by a Committee chaired by the Political Agent. As it seems likely that the Hospital Authorities will be unable to achieve the 25% cut in expenditure from their estimates it may be necessary to consider whether the Government of Dubai should be asked to increase the proportion of their expenditure, so that the reduced Development Fund allocation is not significantly overspent.

(c) Health Centres & Clinics

Previously this item covered the running of the small hospital at Ras al Khaimah, the busy clinic at Sharjah, and 10 other clinics scattered throughout the northern Trucial States, and the expenses of a number of Touring Doctors based on Dubai.

With the establishment of new hospitals in Ras al Khaimah (56 beds), Sharjah (100 beds), Dibba (50 beds) and Dhaid (16 beds) the provision of these services will cost the Development Fund approximately a 50% increase in its total recurrent expenditure. The approximate annual recurrent costs of these hospitals are likely to be:

	BD
Sharjah	281,400
Ras al Khaimah	151,600
Dibba	135,700
Dhaid	32,600

The total annual recurrent cost of the Al Maktum Hospital is now approximately BD 350,000.

Steps are being taken to implement the establishment of the Ras al Khaimah Hospital, now that its completion approaches; additional staff have been required for Sharjah before completion of the hospital, due to the very great increase in out-patient work there.

(d) Malaria Control Unit

The appointment of a Malariologist, an Entomologist and a sanitarian has been made. The Unit is expected to commence work shortly at the East Coast and Ras al Khaimah. It is estimated that the Survey will be completed in three years.

E. Public Works Department

(a) Headquarters

Headquarter staff are responsible for study of projects, their design and preparation of specifications. A separate accounts section is now being set up, under the general supervision of the central accounts section, and a proper system of cost accountancy is being implemented. Central stores section is also being strengthened, as recommended by the Auditors.

(b) Water & Irrigation

This section has taken over the work previously carried out by the Consultants, Sir William Halcrow & Partners, and is divided between:

(a) Research & Records, based on the Water Resources Survey,

(b) Water Development Work, both urban & rural.

The section operates many direct labour works, of which the main current ones are Ras al Khaimah/Jezira Water Supply, East Coast Water Supplies, extensions to the Ajman system, well drilling operations (4 Council rigs) and test pumping, and repair and improvement to falajes and springs.

(c) Electrical & Mechanical

The section supervises the installation of all new electrical work undertaken by the Council (Ajman, Umm al Qaiwain, Fujairah & Dibba) and also their maintenance and running until the State concerned is prepared to undertake this. To this end supervisory staff on the establishment will be required for both the West and East Coasts.

(d) Motor Transport & Plant

The principal M.T. Yard and store is located in Dubai, with new branches set up in Khor Fakkan and Ras al Khaimah. The operation of the main yard has been extended and it can now undertake most repair work not only to vehicles but heavy plant and drilling rigs rather than send it out at greater expense to private workshops.

(e) Roads

The principal operation of this section is now on the East Coast and Wadi Ham, the work being carried out as a direct labour operation.

(f) Buildings

This section undertakes the design and preparation of specifications for all building work, and supervision of construction work and arrangements for direct labour work. The following are the main projects currently involved:

Contract

Abu Musa Clinic and School  
Dibba Hospital & Staff Housing  
Ras al Khaimah Hospital  
Sharjah Hospital  
Dhaid Hospital

Direct Labour

East Coast Houses  
Ajman Power Station  
Veterinary Clinic, Sharjah  
Mileiha work  
O.P.D. Ras al Khaimah  
O.P.D. Dibba.

/ (g) Public Utilities



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The Department exercises general supervision over the following utilities until such time as individual States are prepared to take these over:

Water Supplies

Ajman  
Fujairah  
Dibba

Electricity Supplies

Ajman  
Umm al Qaiwain  
Fujairah  
Dibba  
Falaj al Mo'alla

The Council has insisted on the adoption of artificially low consumer prices and States have claimed large number of exemptions from payments, so that all these utilities will inevitably run at a loss. H.H. the Ruler of Abu Dhabi has however agreed to bear these losses from outside the contribution to the Development Fund.

F. Fisheries

(a) Administration

This covers advisory and subordinate staff at both the Khor Fakkan Headquarters and Umm al Qaiwain office. The tiny headquarter staff will soon have to be strengthened with additional scientific, clerical and accounting staff.

(b) Workshops, Slipway & Ice Factories

Workshops are established at Khor Fakkan, Umm al Qaiwain and Ajman and fitters are employed to give free service in the repair of marine engines in these places. A slipway is still to be built in Khor Fakkan. The Council proposes to build and run ice factories in Khor Fakkan and Dibba, and the Government of Umm al Qaiwain has asked the Development Office to assist in running its own ice plant.

(c) Survey Vessel

The vessel is currently engaged on the Fisheries Survey in the Gulf of Oman, assisted financially and materially by a company interested in operating in the area. The expatriate Captain has recently been replaced by an Omani trainee Captain.

G. Marketing & Co-operatives

The Economic Survey stressed the great importance of developing marketing facilities for agriculture as a very high priority and a Director of Co-operatives was appointed in late 1969.

So far development of Co-operatives has been disappointing, but a lot of useful statistics have been collected, but with the establishment of an Auction Market in Dubai, promised by H.H. the Ruler, greater progress should be made.

#### H. Agricultural School

The Economic Survey attaches high importance to the training of agricultural extension workers and of farmers, and the School at Digdaga remains at present the only means of achieving this. Despite the recent disappointing response, support for the School is still desirable unless or until other arrangements for this training are made.

The course last two years and there are currently 10 students at the School.

#### I. Veterinary Services

A second Veterinary Officer has recently been appointed, and a clinic will be established at Sharjah as well as the existing one at Digdaga. Part of the duties of the officers is the training of local veterinary orderlies for each State. It is also hoped to appoint Stockmen so that the Central (Dhaid) and East Coast areas will be more effectively covered by Veterinary Services.

#### J. Mileiha Agricultural Scheme

The future of the Mileiha Scheme is being considered separately by the Agricultural Sub-Committee. The most urgent point is the appointment of a Manager with a commercial rather than an agricultural background. Until an effective Mileiha Board can be set up the Agricultural Department will of necessity continue to run it, but the situation is far from satisfactory.

Summary of Staff numbers and Monthly Salaries

<u>Trucial States Subjects or Omanis</u>			<u>Expatriates</u>		
	<u>No.</u>	<u>Monthly Salaries</u> <u>QDRs</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Monthly Salaries</u> <u>QDRs</u>	
Council H.Q	Senior Staff	9	10,780	11	15,470
	Junior "	6	1,875	2	460
Agricultural Services					
	Senior Staff	1	800	14	17,952
	Junior "	53	18,205	13	4,715
Technical Education					
	Senior Staff	24	28,575	34	63,646
	Junior "	12	3,960	24	7,545
Health -	Senior Staff	16	17,815	36	43,975
	Junior "	25	6,245	23	6,570
P.W.D. -	Senior Staff	3	2,790	18	35,240
	Junior "	4	1,265	30	11,135
Fisheries -	Senior Staff	4	4,100	4	9,950
	Junior "	9	3,830	13	6,225
Agricultural School					
	Senior Staff	-	-	3	4,400
	Junior "	4	1,245	1	280
Veterinary Services -					
	Senior Staff	-	-	2	3,490
	Junior "	12	3,675	-	-
Marketing & Cooperative					
	Senior Staff	2	1,150	1	2,550
	Junior "	1	330	1	230
Milaha Scheme -					
	Senior Staff	2	1,300	1	1,750
	Junior "	3	2,435	6	3,070
	<u>Total</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>110,375</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>238,653</u>

SUMMARY OF EXPATRIATES1. NUMBERS

	<u>Jordanian/ Palestinian</u>	<u>Pakistani</u>	<u>Indian</u>	<u>British</u>	<u>Iranian</u>	<u>Lebanese</u>	<u>East African</u>	<u>Sudanese</u>	<u>Egyptian</u>	<u>Baluchi</u>	<u>Adani or Hadhrani</u>	<u>U.S.A.</u>
Council H.Q.	4	2	3	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Agricultural Services	3	3	12	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Technical Education	8	-	4	10	4	1	10	4	2	15	-	-
Health	2	30	5	5	6	1	1	-	5	2	2	-
P.W.D.	-	20	14	6	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Fisheries	-	2	2	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	6	1
Agricultural School	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Veterinary Services	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Marketing and Cooperative	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mileiha Agricultural Sch.	3	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total:</b>	<u>25</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>

2. MONTHLY SALARIES

Council H.Q.	4,150	1,950	3,000	5,520	460	850	-	-	-	-	-	-
Agricultural Services	4,540	2,955	6,770	7,352	-	-	1,050	-	-	-	-	-
Technical Education	12,675	-	2,855	24,496	1,110	1,625	13,825	7,225	3,450	3,930	-	-
Health	3,105	18,745	3,580	10,605	1,650	520	2,575	-	8,545	560	660	-
P.W.D.	-	10,460	9,450	23,100	3,010	-	-	355	-	-	-	-
Fisheries	-	1,200	780	4,000	-	-	2,115	-	-	-	3,580	4,500
Agricultural School	4,400	-	230	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Veterinary Service	2,850	-	640	-	-	-	-	-	-	230	-	-
Marketing & Cooperative	2,550	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mileiha Agricultural Sch.	2,830	1,510	-	-	-	-	480	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total:</b>	<u>37,100</u>	<u>36,820</u>	<u>27,355</u>	<u>74,973</u>	<u>6,230</u>	<u>2,995</u>	<u>20,045</u>	<u>7,580</u>	<u>11,995</u>	<u>4,720</u>	<u>4,240</u>	<u>4,500</u>