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ITS FIVE GOLDEN YEARS

(By Khalid Bin Sultan Alqasimi, Director of Air & Sea Ports Administration).

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Let me introduce him to you; He is HIS HIGHNESS SHAIKH KHALID BIN MOHAMMAD ALQASIMI - THE RULER OF SHARJAH, AND ITS DEPENDENCIES. This 39yrs. old, charming, religious, and sincere man, placed his people and his country before himself. On the 24th of June, 1965, he thought of the present state of affairs in Sharjah and accepted the call of his country, so he took over.

When he became RULER, he found the Country bankrupt. Sharjah had no electricity except for the Palace. The water was supplied by Motor Tankers, not one single road was asphalted and there were no modern buildings - briefly there was absolutely nothing.

His young brain kept working day and night and meetings with the Directors of his Government never stopped. He had to save his country in order to join the other countries in the benefits of development. GOD ALMIGHTY was with him and there he started at the right point.

- 1st. Plan's for the Town.
- 2nd. Developeng a road system.
- 3rd. Compensation to the People who lost their lands.
- 4th. Increase in the Electricity Power Supply.
- 5th. Underground water pipes to reach every house in the Town.
- 6th. Increase of the water supply.
- 7th. Asphalt roads.
- 8th. Modern street lighting.
- 9th. Building a deep water Jetty (specifications to follow).
- 10th. Contracting a modern Airport Building.
- 11th. Signing Oil concessions inland and offshore (This gives the Government revenue which covers some of it's expenses).
- 12th. An up to date Hospital - most of it's equipment is electronic
- 13th. Developing an efficient Municipality.
- 14th. The Police force started with a small number of men and is increasing daily, trained by a highly qualified expert, Scotsman Major J. Burns and assisted by Major D. Turner. This Department of the Government is a part of it's life, as there is no Government without security. The Police Force is strongly supported by His Highness.

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THE NEW YORK

(The United States National Archives at the 2nd floor)

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15th. AGRICULTURE. There are one hundred square miles under development and the lands are given free to those who want to start cultivation and these market Gardens have already started producing fruit and vegetables. Apart from dates the following are produced: ~~Mangoes,~~ Lemons, limes, chicos, guavas, bananas, mulberries etc., etc.

16th. Last but not least HIS HIGHNESS has signed an agreement to develop a sheltered harbour, which is being constructed adjacent to the town and is still in progress. The harbour will accept ships upto 3,000 tons and will have over 1,000ft. of quay.

In 1969 when THE RULER signed the contract someone told him "the piling hammer will disturb your people by making such a noise". HIS HIGHNESS'S reply was - "never will it disturb, this is the music of their future".

On the 8th. of May, 1970, the Dredger started it's work in deepening the Harbour and continuing the future of Sharjah.

There are many things in HIS HIGHNESS'S mind still to be done and only the future will tell INSHA ALLAH.

THE SHARJAH DEPENDENCIES

Sharjah extends from the Arabian Gulf as far as ~~the coast~~ ~~substantially~~, capital town being Sharjah. In the Eastern Province the capital is Kalba, the commercial capital is Khor - Fakkan.

The agricultural developments are advancing at Dhaid Oasis and Mulaha.

The following are the names of the Sharjah dependencies:- Kalba, Khor - Fakkan, Diba, Hemryah, Khan Layyah and Wadi Alhelu, the latter growing tobacco which is exported.

There are two islands belonging to Sharjah in the Gulf, one of which Abu-Musa produces large quantities of red iron oxide, the ~~other~~ being Sir Abu-Nair, which is 30 miles from the oil wells of Abu Dhabi.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

1. Municipality of Sharjah.
2. Petroleum & Mineral Affairs.
3. Air & Sea Ports Administration.
4. Education Department.
5. Police Force Department.
6. Labour & Social Affairs Department.
7. Post Office.
8. Electricity & Water Department.
9. Legal Courts.
10. Islamic Sharia Court.
11. Government Accounts Department.
12. Land Department.

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AIR & SEA PORTS

AIRPORT

Sharjah Airport is 38 years old. The run-way is 7,500 feet long and 100 feet wide. It is equipped with Radar and Radio guidance and is operational day and night. The building has a transit hall, tax-free shop, VIP room, departure hall, handling office, immigration office, Health Inspection Office, Police Department and stores for transit goods. The Airport will handle the Aircraft within 35 minutes minimum.

It also has an Air training School with qualified Pilots, which issues a certificate approved by the Board of trade in the U.K. This School has two brand new single engined Pipers and we are expecting the delivery of four more.

SEA PORTS

a) SHARJAH

The deep water Jetty, specifications are as follows:-

1. Distance of the Pier (middle) from sea shore (abutment) 2,000 ft
2. Length of the Pier (platform) 270 ft
3. Breadth of the Pier 104 ft
4. Depth of Water L.T.L. 30 ft
5. Depth of Water H. T. L. 34 ft
6. Height of the Pier above sea bed 45 ft

b) KHOR-PAKKAN

Khor-Fakkan has a large natural harbour which provides excellent shelter for shipping as it is protected on three sides by mountains. As Khor-Fakkan is the commercial centre for the coast of the Gulf of Oman, it has been provided with a small Jetty which can accept three to four thousand ton vessels. For the larger ships goods can be off-loaded by barges between the ship and the Jetty.

