



## **Oman to spend USD 5 bln on developing airports**

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MUSCAT, June 24 (KUNA) -- The development of four of Oman's airports will cost more than RO 2 billion (about USD 5 billion), and agreements are setting up the finances needed.

Oman signed, Tuesday evening, a number of agreements on the development of Muscat International Airport and Salalah Airport, which will cost RO 450 million, and the construction of the first phase of two new airports in Sahar and A'Duqum regions, with the cost of RO 60 million.

Oman's Commerce and Industry Minister Maqbul bin Ali bin Sultan said last May that the development of airports was part of the development process in Oman.

The development of airports would boost tourism and trade with all countries, he added.

Director General of Meteorology and Air Navigation at the Transport and Communications Ministry Abdulraheem bin Salim Al-Harami said that the development of Muscat International Airport and Salalah Airport will conclude in 2012, adding that operation would begin in 2013.

He said that the development of Sahar and A'Duqum airports would also conclude in 2012.(end)