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## Oman-Belgium agreement to boost road safety

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The agreement, signed between Oman National Transportation Company (ONTC), Omani Expert Software Company and the Belgian Market-IP Company, is related to equipping ONTC with road safety software for controlling the behaviour of those behind the wheels. The software will be able to notify parents via SMS about bus pickup and drop off.

The agreement was signed by Saleh bin Ahmed Al Badi, CEO of ONTC, Yousef Al Yahmadi, CEO of Expert Software Company and Arnaud Stroder, CEO of Belgian Market-IP Company.

This was one among the three agreements signed between the Belgian trade mission and a number of Omani businessmen and companies in the presence of Princess Astrid, representative of King Philip of the Kingdom of Belgium and members of her accompanying delegation.

Another agreement signed between the Omani Expert Software Company, the Belgian Market-IP Company and one of the Omani innovators, is related to conducting of a research programme to develop a specific device dedicated to the improvement of public safety.

The agreement was signed by Dr. Jameel Al Shaqsi from Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) (the Omani Innovator), Yousef Al Yahmadi, CEO of Expert Software Company and Arnaud Stroder, CEO of Belgian Market-IP Company.

The third agreement, signed between Sohar Industrial Port Company and Phaeros Group in Belgium, worth about half a million euros is related to installing a new port management information system for the Port of Sohar.

The agreement was signed by Andre Toet, CEO of Sohar Industrial Port Company and Constant De Smet, General Manager of Phaeros Group.

Andre Toet, CEO of Sohar Industrial Port Company affirmed that as per the agreement, the Belgium group will replace the existing system with a new one to support the marine safety in the port.

Speaking to the media he said that the new system will facilitate business in the port and internal administration processes in the company, pointing out that the Belgian group will start replacing the system starting from next week as the new system is expected to be run by the end of this year.