

Passengers at Muscat airport rise 4.7 pc

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Muscat: Muscat International Airport experienced a 4.7pc increase in both international and domestic passengers in the first nine months of the current year.

In total, 9,764,530 passengers travelled through the airport, facilitated by 73,137 flights, a 3.4 per cent increase. This number included 16,826 transit passengers, as reported by Oman's newspaper.

Salalah Airport recorded 1,230,326 passengers from 8,374 flights, reflecting a 6.8 per cent growth.

Sohar Airport welcomed 62,842 passengers on 544 flights, and Duqm Airport in Al Wusta received 44,753 passengers from 233 flights during the same period.

Muscat International Airport alone managed over 7.5 million passengers in the first seven months of the year. Additionally, Oman attracted over

two million visitors in the first half of 2024.

In August 2024, Middle Eastern airlines reported a 4.9 per cent year-on-year increase in demand, with a 5.6 per cent rise in capacity and a load factor of 82.5 per cent, compared to the previous year.

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