

# Tawasul launches website on Majlis A'Shura polls

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Tawasul launched a website on the Majlis A'Shura elections at its headquarters in Azaiba on Saturday. The portal is a shared project between Tawasul and the forum, Sablat Oman, which designed the website.

The website started a week ago and has the latest articles and news coverage on Majlis A'Shura elections from the Omani media. It contains interviews with the previous members of the Majlis A'Shura council and information about the council. Through the website, people can interact and post opinions on candidates and the candidates can also post information on their activities and request for media coverage through e-mails.

Moosa al Farei, general manager of Sablat Oman, said, "The



(L to R) Hatim al Tarei, chief editor of Al Roya newspaper, Moosa al Farei, Khalid al Haribi and Khalid al Balushi during the launch of the website on Saturday (Muscat Daily)

main idea behind the partnership with Tawasul for launching this website is the active interest in engaging the public to translate matters of national significance into practical projects."

Khalid al Haribi, managing director of Tawasul, said, "We

made use of Sablat Oman's experiences in designing the website. Besides the main link to the Sablat Oman forum, the website also has links to other social media websites like Twitter and Facebook. We did our best to make the issue of elections and

politics more attractive. We also tried to encourage people to elect women by stressing that they are an important part of the country's development."

Haribi said that Tawasul will organise two seminars to promote the elections on September 18 in Muscat and September 21 in Salalah. "About 150 candidates have already submitted their resumes to the website."

Referring to some calls recently for boycotting the elections, Farei said, "They reflect a negative attitude. It is time to take the lead and choose the best candidate instead of boycotting the elections."

Khalid al Balushi, a Sablat Oman administrator, said, "The website has a team of 50 volunteers who are in charge of updating the content. There is also a group, with members from Tawasul and Sablat Oman, which will monitor the website around the clock."

Noora Abdulrahman al Zadjali, an election candidate, said, "A large number of voters still stay away from voting, which is a challenge that needs to be addressed by everyone."