

# NATIONAL MOURNING FOR OMAN SULTAN

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A day of state mourning will be observed across India on Monday in memory of Sultan Qaboos who steered Oman's India-friendly policy for five decades. The Ministry of Home Affairs notified that the tricolour would be flown at half mast as a mark of respect to the departed Sultan.

The monarch who passed away on Saturday was a special personality in the Gulf region which is critical for India from multiple points of view.

He was the most consistent partner from the Gulf for years before the UAE took a similar role in the Modi government.

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