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## India seeks stronger ties with EU

PRESIDENT Abdul Kalam, in an address to the European parliament yesterday, called for stronger ties with the EU, particularly on the environment and in technology. Kalam, who received a warm welcome from the assembled Euro MPs in their Strasbourg chamber, stressed the similarities and links between multi-language, multi-culture and multi-religious India and the European Union.



## Aussies crush Proteas, enter final

GLENN McGrath and Shaun Tait struck it rich as Australia stormed into a fourth successive World Cup final with a crushing seven-wicket win over South Africa in Gros Islet, St Lucia yesterday. South Africa were dismissed for 149, their lowest-ever Cup total as Tait finished with four for 39 while man-of-the-match McGrath took three for 18. Australia then raced to the target with more than 18 overs to spare.

## HM greets Tanzania leader on national day

HIS Majesty Sultan Qaboos has sent a cable of greetings to President Jakaya Kikwete of Tanzania on his country's National Day. His Majesty wished President Kikwete good health and happiness and the friendly people of Tanzania progress and prosperity. — ONA

## Sultanate supports efforts for Iraq's stability, says Fahd

HIS Highness Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmood al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for the Council of Ministers, welcomed Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri Kamil al Maliki who commenced a two-day visit to the Sultanate yesterday.

HH Sayyid Fahd said in a statement that the Sultanate supports all efforts aimed to achieve stability and unity of Iraq. He described Al Maliki's visit as a brotherly gesture. He wished Al Maliki success in his endeavours to gain support for Iraq. Al Maliki expressed his delight to visit the Sultanate. He said the visit aims to strengthen relations between the two brotherly countries and foster co-operation among Arab countries to help them shoulder their responsibilities towards their peoples.

He added, "With wisdom and balanced policies, the region will get out of its serious crisis. There are wise people who are capable of saving the Arab peoples and the region, God willing." — ONA

## Oman United Insurance, Al Ahlia plan merger

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# HM, Iraq premier hold talks



MUSCAT — His Majesty Sultan Qaboos received at Bait al Baraka yesterday Nuri Kamil al Maliki, Prime Minister of Iraq, who arrived in the Sultanate on a two-day visit.

His Majesty the Sultan and Al Maliki held a session of talks during which they reviewed relations between the two countries and ways of enhancing co-operation for the welfare of the brotherly Omani and Iraqi peoples. The session also dealt with the current situation in Iraq and the latest developments in the

regional and international arenas.

The talks were attended from the Omani side by Gen Ali bin Majid al Maamari, the Royal Office Minister, Yusuf bin Alawi bin Abdallah, Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdallah al Hinai, Justice Minister, and Sayyid Badr bin Hamad al Busaidy, Foreign Ministry Under-Secretary. The talks were also attended by the delegation accompanying the Iraqi premier. — ONA

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# \$1.6 billion oceanfront tourism project gets nod

By A Staff Reporter

MUSCAT — Alfa International Holdings Corp has announced that it has received approval from the Omani government for the establishment of the Omagine Project, a \$1.6 billion oceanfront real estate development at Seeb.

The Omagine Project is planned to be an integration of cultural, heritage, educational, entertainment and residential components, including a 'high culture' theme park containing seven pearl shaped buildings, each approximately 60 feet in diameter and associated exhibition buildings (collectively, the 'Landmark'); a five-star resort hotel; a four star hotel; a boardwalk; an open air amphitheatre and stage; a canal and enclosed harbour area; boat slips; commercial office buildings; shopping and retail establishments; restaurants and open space green areas.

Additionally, Omagine, as presently conceived, includes the construction and sale by Omagine LLC of approximately 3,900 residences consisting of a combination of villas, town homes and apartments.

On Tuesday, the project's promoters, Alfa International Holdings Corp said its wholly owned subsidiary Journey of Light, Inc (JOL) received an Offer Letter from the Ministry of Tourism setting out the basis for a draft agreement concerning the project.

★ Omagine complex envisages luxurious tourism, cultural and residential development at Seeb  
★ One million square metres of beachfront facing the Gulf of Oman just west of Muscat and the Seeb Airport to be developed

It follows an 'approval letter' from the Ministry of Tourism last month, notifying JOL that the Omani government had approved the development of the Omagine Project.

Alfa's President, Frank J Drohan, remarked, "We are tremendously pleased with the progress of events to date. JOL's management, its attorneys and Alfa's Board of Directors look forward to finalising the Development Agreement with the Government and starting the final design and construction of Omagine." — To page 3

## Bangladesh lifts ban on former PMs

DHAKA — Bangladesh's emergency government yesterday said it had lifted restrictions on two former prime ministers whom it had been trying to exile.

In a U-turn, the government said it would drop a ban on Sheikh Hasina Wajed returning to the country and stated there would be no restriction on the movements of her bitter rival Khaleda Zia.

"The government says clearly that there is no pressure on Khaleda Zia to go abroad and there have been no restrictions on her movements," the government said in a statement, read out by information officer Makhan Lal Hira. The statement followed a cabinet meeting to decide the fate of the two women leaders. — AFP

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## Ethiopia hunts for seized Chinese oil workers

ADDIS ABABA — Ethiopia searched for up to seven seized Chinese oil workers yesterday after an attack on a Chinese-run oil venture which killed 77 people, according to a new toll.

Ethiopia sent an investigation team to the Ogaden oil prospecting site in a remote eastern region, while a local leader added three more Ethiopians to the death toll, which includes nine Chinese.

The Ogaden National Liberation Front separatist group claimed responsibility for Tuesday's attack in a statement on its website in which it said it had completely destroyed the oil facility.

Up to seven Chinese workers were kidnapped in the dawn raid on the oil venture in Ethiopia's Ogaden region, where the ONLF is fighting for the independence of ethnic Somalis.

"Officials of the government are going there today, along with defence officials to assess the situation," said Berekat Simon, spokesman for Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi. — AFP/Reuters

# Baghdad barrier stalled

BAGHDAD — Iraqi opinion hardened yesterday against a US plan to wall in a Baghdad district, with more street protests and Prime Minister Nuri al Maliki making clear his opposition to the project.

Maliki is on a tour of Iraq's neighbours, and in his absence Iraqi and US commanders have defended the building of a five-kilometre barrier around the east Baghdad enclave of Adhamiyah.

But the prime minister has now made his opposition crystal clear. "We said before coming here that it must stop and other measures be taken to protect people living in Adhamiyah. We will go back to Baghdad and follow up the issue, God willing," he said in Kuwait.

The move to alter the controversial project follows an order from Prime Minister Nuri al Maliki to halt construction of the 5-km wall around Adhamiyah.

Residents have complained bitterly that the walls, up to 3.5 metres tall, would isolate them from other communities and sharpen sectarian tensions. Iraqi President Jalal Talabani added his voice yesterday to a chorus of criticism of moves to build a security barrier in Baghdad.

"I do not agree on such barriers. I don't believe this is something good. We can set up less harsh barriers," he told a press conference in the northern city of Sulaimaniyah.



IRAQIS demonstrate in the Sadr City to protest against the concrete walls installed around an area in the capital yesterday. — AFP

US and Iraqi forces are engaged in a large-scale operation to erect security barriers between many areas of Baghdad, and insist this is simply a short-term measure to protect residents from bombers and death squads.

But last week, when the US military revealed a plan to surround a district with a barricade, anger erupted among Baghdadis opposed to what they see as a plot to segregate the capital.

US forces have killed an Al Qaeda kingpin they allege sent 12-year-old Iraqi boys to their deaths as suicide car bombers, they said yesterday, amid an intense battle with insurgents around Baghdad.

US command said it had identified a suspect killed northwest of Baghdad on April 20 as Muhammad Abdullah Abbas al Issawi, also known as Abu Akram and

Abu Abd al Sattar, the Al Qaeda "security emir" in eastern Anbar province.

"Coalition forces were conducting operations targeting associates of a known senior leader within Al Qaeda in Iraq," the statement said.

"During the operation the terrorists engaged ground forces with small arms fire. Coalition forces used appropriate self-defence measures and engaged the armed men, killing two and detaining one," it said. — Reuters/ AFP

## Tearful farewell to Yeltsin

MOSCOW — Russia bid solemn farewell yesterday to Boris Yeltsin with an ornate state funeral at which President Vladimir Putin and two former US presidents paid tribute to the man who brought democracy to the ruins of the Soviet Union.

After lengthy ceremonies in Moscow's gold-domed Christ the Saviour cathedral, chanting Orthodox priests led Yeltsin's weeping family to a 16th century convent where he was buried alongside the remains of other celebrated Russians, including playwright Anton Chekhov.

The open coffin was carried to the Novodevichy convent on an olive-green gun carriage, with Putin and former US presidents Bill Clinton and George H W Bush among the mourners following behind.

Yeltsin's two daughters supported his widow Naina as she kissed her husband a final goodbye.

Then the coffin was shut and lowered into the ground to the accompaniment of three artillery salvos and the national anthem. — AFP

# Israel holds back Gaza offensive

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert opted yesterday for limited military action in Gaza after Hamas's armed wing fired rockets into Israel and declared a ceasefire in the territory dead, political sources said.

Ruling out a ground offensive, Olmert decided in talks with security chiefs to step up "targeted attacks" against Palestinian rocket-launching crews but refrain from trying to kill senior militants or political leaders, the sources said.

"Israel will not hesitate to take harsh measures against those who try to harm its sovereignty by firing rockets into our territory, attempting attacks on soldiers and other means," Olmert's office said in a statement after the security session.

Hamas's Izz el Deen al Qassam Brigades launched eight rockets at Israel from



JOURNALISTS protest outside the Beit Hanun crossing into Israel in the northern Gaza Strip in support of BBC colleague Alan Johnston, kidnapped more than a month ago in the territory. — AFP

Gaza on Tuesday in what the group said was retaliation for Israel's killing of nine Palestinians in raids against militants in the occupied West Bank.

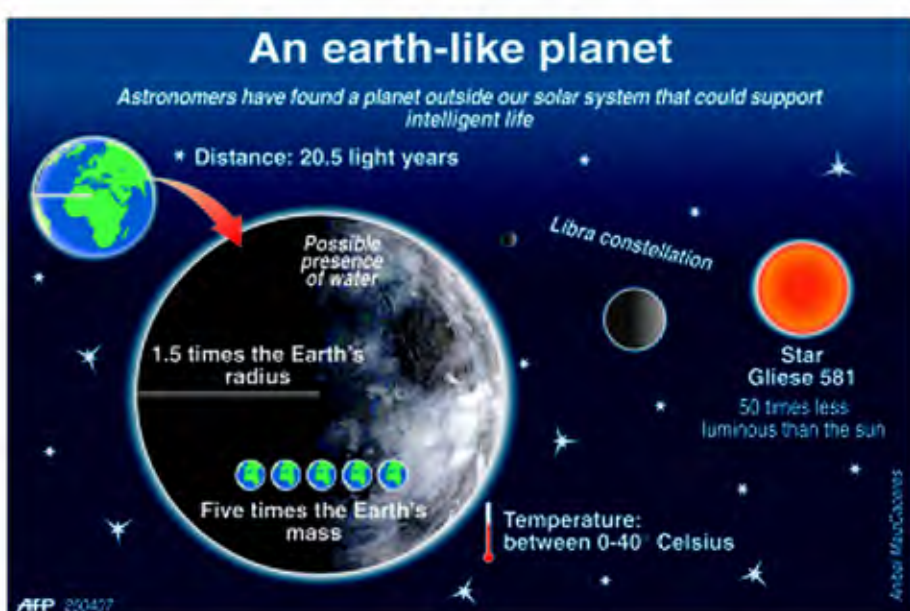
The military said two of the rockets landed in Israel on Tuesday, its 59th Independence Day, causing minor damage but no casualties. One political source said Olmert, his popu-

larity flagging since last year's inconclusive Lebanon war, was not interested in a massive assault at this time.

An official inquiry into the 34-day conflict with Lebanon's Hizbullah guerrillas and the military's preparedness for the war will release interim findings on Monday, a panel spokesman said.

In Gaza, a Palestinian official said an Egyptian security team held separate meetings with Hamas and the Islamic Jihad group and stressed the need to restore calm to avoid giving Israel a pretext to mount a ground offensive.

The team headed by Major-General Burhan Hammad plays a mediating role in the enclave. It then went to Israel "to try to convince the Israelis to stop the military campaigns in exchange for a halt to rocket fire", a Palestinian official said. — Reuters.



## First habitable planet

EUROPEAN astronomers have spotted a new planet known as Gliese 581 c orbiting a red dwarf star what they say is the most Earth-like planet yet outside our solar system, with balmy temperatures that could support water and, potentially, life.

About five times the mass of Earth, the planet orbits a cool, dim "red dwarf" star located in the constellation of Libra. The star, Gliese 581, has already been identified as hosting a planet similar in size to Neptune. The new planet is 14 times closer to Gliese 581 than the Earth is to the Sun. — AFP

## PRAYER TIMINGS MUSCAT

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## Majlis elections team visits continue



MUSCAT — The awareness team for the Majlis Ash'shura Sixth Term elections (2008-2011) yesterday continued its field visits in the Governorate of Muscat. The team visited the Directorate General of Education in Muscat urging citizens who haven't yet registered to speed up registration of their names in the Electoral Register. The team presented the Voter's Registration Form and screened a documentary on procedures and regulations of the Majlis Ash'shura elections. The citizens were advised to select the candidate who will best represent them at the Majlis's forth term. — ONA

## Shuwain reviews awareness programme

MUSCAT — Shaikh Abdullah bin Shuwain al Hosni, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Head of the Information Committee of the Majlis Ash'shura Sixth Term Elections, held a meeting here yesterday with Shaikh Ali bin Nasser al Mahrouqi, Wali of Bidbid, who heads the Majlis elections awareness team.

The two reviewed the outcome of the team's meetings in government and private sector establishments in the Governorate of Muscat. They also reviewed the programme of visits to be conducted in the wilayats by the team from Saturday. — ONA



MUSCAT — The Royal Guard of Oman yesterday celebrated the passing out of officers at the end of training courses. The ceremony was presided over by Brigadier Ramis bin Jamaan al Oweira, Director General of the RGO band.

## Fahd hosts luncheon in honour of Maliki

MUSCAT — His Highness Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmood al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for the Council of Ministers, hosted a luncheon at Grand Hyatt Muscat yesterday in honour of Nuri Kamil al Maliki, Prime Minister of Iraq, who is currently visiting the Sultanate. The luncheon was attended by members of the Royal family and ministers. — ONA

## Attractive products showcased at Family Consumer Exhibition

MUSCAT — A consumer exhibition featuring attractive products ranging from trendy fashion wear and designs to accessories, furniture and handicraft products, opened at the Oman International Exhibition Centre yesterday.

Organised by World National Exhibition, the Family Consumer Exhibition also displays competitively-priced collections of gift items, jewellery, cosmetics, accessories, artificial plants and flowers.

More than 400 exhibitors from 18 Gulf, Middle Eastern and Asian countries are displaying a huge assortment of merchandise at the 10-day event.

Participating countries include Syria, Egypt, India, China, Korea, Iran, Bahrain, UAE, Saudi Arabia,

By A Staff Reporter

Bangladesh, Lebanon, Jordan, Pakistan, Palestine, Thailand, Turkey, Sri Lanka and the Sultanate of Oman.

Taking up a significant section of the exhibition area are furniture dealers offering a staggering variety of living room furniture, many in ornate and regal styles.

Of potential interest to young women visitors is a stall featuring a delightful selection of wedding dresses and special gowns in different shades and designs, but at relatively attractive prices.

Among the many novel items on show is a selection of multipurpose propane cylinders specifically designed to cater

for picnics and outdoor activities. Showcased at the exhibition for the first time, the mini cylinders range in sizes and suitable for barbecuing, lighting and cooking. The lantern cylinder is convenient for long hours of usage depending on the strength of the flame and the size of the cylinder.

The Family Consumer Exhibition is one of the biggest annual family-oriented consumer fairs showcasing a wide variety of some unique and attractive products from many countries under one roof.

Visitor timings are 10am to 1pm, and 5pm to 10pm (Friday 5 - 10pm). Entry on Monday, April 30, is reserved for women during the morning hours, and for families during the evening hours.

## ROAD SAFETY SEMINAR FOCUSES ON YOUTH: Shaikh Abdullah bin Saif al Mahrouqi, Deputy Governor of Dhofar, presided over a seminar on road safety at Salalah Crowned Plaza Resort yesterday.

The seminar is organised by the Road Safety Committee at the Foreign Ministry in cooperation with Salalah Technical College to mark the 1st Global Road Safety Week.

The seminar is focusing on the importance of traffic awareness among youth, notably students at universities, colleges and secondary schools. The seminar is organised to mark the UN General Assembly's celebrations of the 1st Road Safety Week from April 23 to 29.

## \$1.6bn oceanfront tourism project gets nod

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We believe that the few remaining minor ambiguous terms and conditions can be expeditiously resolved in the Development Agreement to the satisfaction of all parties. We are delighted with the steady progress JOL has made with its plans for developing the Omagine Project in Oman — at a presently estimated cost of construction of \$1.6 billion. We look forward together with our strategic partner J&P to delivering a

truly world-class development in Oman of which the Government and the Omani people will be proud."

Imagine is proposed to be developed by Omagine LLC (a company to be owned jointly by JOL and J&P). As presently contemplated, JOL will own 85 per cent of Omagine LLC, J&P will own 15 per cent, and the Government will not own any equity of Omagine LLC.

The development site is one million square metres (equal to approximately 245

acres) of beachfront land facing the Gulf of Oman just west of the capital city of Muscat and nearby the Seeb International Airport.

Joannou & Paraskevaides (Overseas) Ltd (J&P), an Athens-based general contractor, and JOL have a written agreement with respect to J&P's participation as an investor in Omagine LLC and as the contractor for the Omagine Project.

Alfa International Holdings Corp conducts all its real-estate development busi-

ness activities through its wholly owned subsidiary JOL.

JOL is a real-estate development, entertainment and hospitality company focusing on Middle Eastern development opportunities resulting from the recent aggressive growth strategies adopted by governments in the Arabian Gulf region. These governments are seeking to diversify their economies through mega projects that create tourist destination hot spots.

## OGTech gearing for Sept launch of pre-university programme

By A Staff Reporter

MUSCAT — The newly established Oman-German University (OGTech), which is affiliated to RWTH Aachen University in Germany, is gearing for the launch of its pre-university programme in September at its Foundation Campus in Al Athaiba.

OGTech's stall at the recent Gulf Higher Education exhibition (GHEDEX 2007) attracted great interest from visitors about the range of its study programmes. Its stand buzzed with activity as representatives handed out brochures and information as well as talked to prospective students and their parents.

Professors from RWTH Aachen University were in attendance to give first-hand advice and information to visitors, as well as practical demonstrations about some of the basics students can expect to encounter during their first year at OGTech.

German Ambassador Klaus Geyer visited the OGTech stand at GHEDEX and talked to visitors, professors and OGTech staff. He talked about Germany's long tradition of co-operation with Oman and said, "I am very optimistic about the future of OGTech."

We've had a lot of interest through the embassy, not only from prospective students but also from people in Oman's industries who are keen to have a link with the university.

Oman needs skilled people and the key to success is co-operation with



GERMAN Ambassador Klaus Geyer visiting the OGTech stall at GHEDEX 2007.

industry here, just as it is with RWTH Aachen in Germany, which has established close ties with many renowned corporations."

Dr Guenter Fluegge, Professor of Physics at RWTH Aachen University, is involved in setting up the Pre-University Programme that will begin at OGTech in September. His aim is to get students really involved in the programme through practical demonstrations and work, as well as traditional-style lectures.

He explained that the ability to be able to think critically and find solutions to problems by considering all angles is something that will become the norm for OGTech students, putting them in a strong position to continue

with post-graduate studies at RWTH Aachen or any university in Europe.

Professor Dr Christoph Hilgers, Vice-Rector of OGTech, adds, "We have had some interesting queries from prospective students, and I believe Oman has a bright future when these intelligent young people graduate and practice their skills in their chosen profession. As a geologist, I can see the enormous potential for graduates from OGTech. They will have a wide range of career choices."

Ernst Hoehler, an architect and engineer, and a graduate from RWTH Aachen University will be involved in the design and construction of the OGTech campus, which will be in the wider Muscat area between Seeb and

Barka, as well as lecturing in architectural design at University.

Professor Dr Michael Jansen, Acting Rector of the Oman-German University of Technology, has had a long association with Oman through his work at the important Al Balid site in Salalah. He is enthusiastic about OGTech opening its doors to its first intake of students and believes that their education there, which will reflect world-renowned German precision and quality, will help develop the country.

He said, "It is important for there to be higher technical research levels for the future and a strong co-operation between the university and Omani industry in research projects. Integrated research trains students to think systematically and to appreciate solution finding in the early stages of their education. We will be the gateway to success for our students, and to European universities if they wish to further their studies."

OGTech will initially offer Bachelor of Science degrees in Applied Geosciences, Applied Information and Technology, Regional Management and Tourism, and Urban Planning and Architectural Design. A pre-university programme will help students to develop knowledge and skills relevant to their graduate studies.

(For more information, visit OGTech's website at [www.ogtech.edu.om](http://www.ogtech.edu.om) or the university's Foundation Campus in Al Athaiba, Muscat (Tel: 24493051).

## Nawras sponsors National Laser Championship

By A Staff Reporter

MUSCAT — Nawras sponsored the recent 2007 Oman Open National Laser Championship, taking the opportunity during this nautical event to highlight the quality of its offshore coverage, as the flotilla of small, single sail boats set off from the beach of Ras Al Hamra boat club at PDO.

The race was open for any Laser sailor to enter, and Henrik Norgaard, Nawras Chief Commercial Officer participated in the event, winning the first race.

Once all the races had been completed and competitors were back on dry land at the end of day two, Nawras Marketing Director, Tore Solberg, presented the Nawras prizes to the winners, during the closing ceremony of the event, attended by Saif Said al Shebli of the Ministry of Sports Affairs.

Solberg said, "Our warmest congratulations to the overall winner Douwe Sicker and to the best Omani sailor, Rashid Khalfan al Yahyai. Nawras has been delighted to be the sponsor of the Oman Open National Laser Championship, a pleasingly different, thrilling event that



has witnessed a series of exciting races, not to mention the magnificent appearance of a humpback whale! With this entire experience taking place against a backdrop of beautiful scenery along the Sultanate's striking coastline, it was a natural affiliation for Nawras, being the ideal mobile communication choice for sailors and fishermen due to its excellent quality and widest coverage at sea."

Using regular sail tests validated by the Ericsson Test Mobile System, Nawras has proved 93 per cent sea coverage within 5km of the shore, leading to high quality calls for customers.

Furthermore, Nawras

even measures impressive quality calls within a 10km range. Regular testing is undertaken along the entire coastal region of the Gulf of Oman, from Muscat to Shinas to maintain this performance.

Oman Laser Association spokesman, Tony van Thiel, said, "It has been a fiercely fought competition and I congratulate Douwe Sicker and Rashid Khalfan al Yahyai for their winning performances. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Nawras for their sponsorship. Nawras' presence at the event and the prizes given were most appreciated by all and we hope that this will be a recurring theme!"

## Specialist doctor joins Emirates Medical Centre

MUSCAT — Dr Anita Zutshi (pictured) has joined Emirates Medical Centre (EMC) as senior consultant obstetrics and gynaecology. EMC has welcomed the eminent doctor on board to assist in providing advanced gynecology services for women in Oman. Dr Anita has 24 years experience in the field of gynaecology. She graduated in 1980, winning five gold medals for securing highest marks in obstetrics and gynaecology, pathology, surgery and anatomy. She has attended various courses in India, the UK and the US. Dr Anita also has special expertise in gynecological ultrasound, foetal medicine and gynaecological endoscopic surgery. She is a specialist in various surgeries preferred by



women after childbirth.

Dr Anita has been working in Oman for over 20 years, involved in teaching post-graduate and undergraduate medical students from Sultan Qaboos University Hospital, nurses and midwives in the department, as well as actively involved in arranging national and international level conferences.

## Omani delegation for Kuwait

MUSCAT — An Omani judiciary delegation will visit Kuwait on Saturday.

The delegation, to be headed by Sayyid Sulaiman bin Hamoud al Busaidy, Director-General of Planning at the Justice Ministry, will review Kuwait's experience in courts management, as well as methods of implementing legislations relating to civil status, punitive, and commercial procedures and laws.

The delegation will visit a number of courts and other establishments of the Kuwaiti Justice Ministry. — ONA

## Feast of Urdu poetry at Mushairah 2007 tonight

By A Staff Reporter

MUSCAT — 'Mushairah 2007', the annual symposium of Urdu poets organised by Mustajab bin Ahmed Trading, will be held at Al Falaj Hotel this evening.

The event, presented by Al Omaniya Financial Services, promises to provide refined entertainment to a large audience from India and Pakistan, and will also be patronised by a fair number of local Omanis as well.

In the past, the Mushairah has introduced new and fresh talent while acknowledging the contribution of such great masters of Urdu poetry, as the late Sardar Jafri, Kaifi Azmi, Jagannath 'Azad, and Ahmed

Faraaz. Last year's show was a tribute to 83-year-old Pandit Anand Mohan Gulzar Dehalvi, the last of the *ustads* of the Delhi school of poetry.

This year the popular ghazal poet Ahmad Faraaz is visiting Muscat after a gap of six years. Almost all great contemporary singers have rendered his *ghazals* and his books in Urdu and Hindi are bestsellers.

Poets from India include Manzar Bhopali. The problems he voices in his verse send the audience into a contemplative mood and he

scores with sonorous renderings as well.

For Nayab Hallori and Ashok Sahel, this is their maiden debut on the Muscat Mushaira scene.

The humorist and satirist Saghar Khayyami will also enthral audiences tonight with his new and old favourite *nazms* and *qatas*. The mushairah will be compered and conducted by the veteran, Rais Ansari.

Entry to the mushairah is by invitation only. Free invitation cards can be collected from the Indian Social Club, Al Hashar Travels, Ruwi and Abdul Hamid Bin Adam Jewellers in Ruwi and Al Wadi al Kabir.

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