

# Thrust on Al Qabil Omanisation drive

AL QABIL — The Sanad Committee in the Wilayat of Al Qabil yesterday recommended Omanisation of sale of perfumes, incense (bokhour) and sports equipment.

At a meeting of the committee yesterday, Shaikh Saqar bin Sultan al Shukaili, wali of the wilayat and head of the committee, stressed the importance of supporting Omani youths in their initiatives and the importance of intensifying efforts to raise awareness towards the significance of small and medium enterprises in providing

jobs.

He also pointed out the value of spreading the culture of free work in the society and the love of work and profession among the citizens in the wilayat.

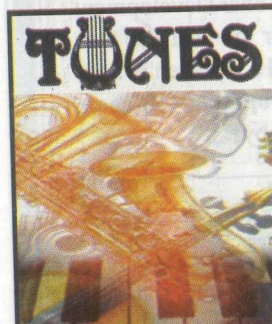
Dr Nassir bin Saif al Shamsi, Director-General of Manpower in the Al Sharqiyah Region, underlined the accomplishments achieved by the Sanad Programme in the wilayat by Omanising seven professions and trade activities, which provided many job opportunities for Omanis. — ONA



ISRAELI soldiers clash with Palestinian and Israeli demonstration against Jewish settlements in the West Bank village of Beit Omar

## Prayer Timings Muscat

Dhuhr	12.03 pm
Asr	03.29 pm
Maghrib	06.05 pm
Isha	07.15 pm
Fajr	04.42 am



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	Max	Min
Muscat	34	25
Seeb	34	25
Sohar	35	25
Salalah	31	23

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## Spotlight on energy conservation

By A Staff Reporter

MUSCAT — International energy conservation experts are among a host of distinguished speakers due to present at the Muscat Green Days Conference, which will be held at Grand Hyatt Muscat during October 5-6.

In all, sixteen experts from different fields will discuss ways how to save energy “today and for the well-being of our future generations”, according to Professor Dr Burkhard Rauhut, Rector at the German University of Technology in Oman (GUtech), which is back-

ing the first of its kind event to be held in Muscat. The two-day conference will be held under the auspices of Sayyid Salim Musallam al Busaidy, Under-Secretary for Administrative Development Affairs at the Ministry of Civil Services.

It has been organised by Sesam Consulting, a German-Emirati consultancy in co-operation with GUtech.

The conference will be chaired by Dr Dieter Fuchs, General Manager of Fraunhofer Middle East and President of the World Association of Applied Research, WAITRO. ■ To page 3

## Ed Miliband is new leader of Britain's Labour Party

MANCHESTER — Former climate change minister Ed Miliband was elected the new leader of Britain's opposition Labour Party yesterday, beating his older brother David in a knife-edge race. After a five-month contest, Ed Miliband won by 50.65 per cent to 49.35 per cent for David, the former foreign minister, who led until the final days.

The left-leaning 40-year-old faces a battle to reshape the centre-left party of former prime ministers Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, which suffered a heavy defeat in the general election in May after 13 years in power.

Ed Miliband told party members that a new generation had taken over and was hungry for the fight against Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition government. — AFP

## 2m displaced: dams opening

DUTSE, Nigeria — Opened dams have displaced some two million people in northern Nigeria, officials said, adding to flood misery that has already washed away entire villages across a wide swathe of the region.

The flooding in Jigawa state following the opening of the dams last month has wiped out huge areas of farmland and sent residents seeking shelter in schools, according to the local government.

In Sokoto state in the country's northwestern corner, local chiefs told NGO workers that around 40 people were killed when a dam burst. — AFP

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## Green meet to target decision makers



PROF Dr Rauhut of GUTech (right) with Richard Lisker

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“In a typical community buildings consume more than 45 per cent of the energy. If the energy for traffic, connected travel between residence and work, is included, the ratio rises up to 75 per cent,” said Professor Dr Rauhut at a press briefing here yesterday.

The Muscat Green Days Conference — like previous Green Conferences in the Gulf region — has a strong educational message for environmentally friendly and sustainable use of energy, water and resources in buildings as well as conservation of nature and culture. Moreover, the conference serves as a networking platform for related industries — both national and international, fostering long lasting relations and exchange of knowledge and ideas. Significantly, sustainable urban planning and architectural design are an integral part of GUTech study programmes.

Renewable energies integrated in sustainable architecture, urban planning and waste management will be the most important topics that will be presented by international experts during the conference. The architect group Hoehler & Partner LLC, will talk about the new GUTech campus in Halban which will have many environmentally friendly features.

“For example we will include green courtyards that create a microclimate and will reduce the use of air-conditioning. Sustainable building practices go beyond energy and water conservation and incorporate environmentally sensitive site planning, resource efficient building materials and superior indoor environmental quality,” said Richard Lisker, Architect Consultant at Hoehler & Partner LLC.

The conference will target decision-makers in the top and mid-level management of the local and international building and construction industry as well as journalists, architects, urban planners, engineers, students and the general public interested in sustainable green building. Green-building strategies offer technologies and applications that achieve efficient levels of energy and water consumption for today and for generations.

A workshop programme will include a US Green Building Council Course in Leadership, Energy and Environmental Design. The course includes an understanding of the Building Design + Construction LEED Rating System, a course on sustainable lighting strategies and a session on Sustainable Company Management Policies.