

IN BRIEF

● **BEIRUT** Libyan leader Moammar Khadafi has urged the Sultan of Oman to annexe "by force" seven neighbouring shiekhdoms in the Persian Gulf, a Lebanese expert on Gulf affairs said.

The seven shiekhdoms in question are Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharja, Ajman, Fujaira, Umm Al Qaiwan and Ras Al Khaima. They formed their federation after Britain announced its withdrawal from the Gulf by the end of 1971.

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