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people, strong with its  
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# 46th National Day...

## A reality we live in all its glory

These days we are celebrating the 46th national day; we commemorated our martyrs a day prior. Two dear anniversaries to each and every citizen and resident who lives in our beloved country. We are celebrating a strong union, a one that is solid and unbreakable. We are celebrating what we have achieved over the years in all aspects and on all levels.

The national day is a distinguished anniversary that lives deep within our minds and souls. This day when the union was formed and eliminated all forms of separation. This great day on which one of the epic stories of glory was written down by the Late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, who built a nation overcoming all obstacles and challenges. His road was not easy; however, he gave all that he had to build and serve the nation and its people along with his brothers the members of the Federal Supreme Council rulers of the emirates in order to realize a national dream. This dream came true and we are living it today.

We are celebrating what our wise leadership headed by His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, is providing for its people from continuous support on all levels. We are also celebrating the helping hand our wise leadership extended to the people of Yemen and the participation of our brave soldiers in the coalition forces to liberate Yemeni people from Coup militias who threaten its safety and independency.

On the national day, a very dear anniversary to our hearts, I pray for those who sacrificed their lives in defending the right, standing by the oppressed, stopping the oppressive, establishing justice, deterring injustice, ending aggression, having pride and dignity, raising the nation flag up high, and relieving the Yemeni people... These soldiers are men who offered their pure souls in exchange for the love of our beloved country and our Arab and Islamic nation.

I am honored to extend my sincere congratulations on this glorious day to His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE; His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai; His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces; and to His Highness Shaikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior.



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## A shining star and a glorious day recorded by history

No doubt that celebrating the national day bring back to our minds the anniversary of establishing the union when the will and resolve of the founding fathers came together to establish a young country that made history and gave the right to Emirati people to be proud of their country. This anniversary that lives within our souls reminds us with the accomplishments and efforts of the sons and daughters of the UAE to realize the dream of the union and to be able to stand tall against all challenges.

Our beloved country was able to occupy an advanced position on all regional and international levels. This reflected positively on the political climate and the fast-paced world economy.

Our wise leadership headed by His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE; His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai; His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, and the rulers of the emirates, is continuing the march of our founding fathers in leading the country towards success and prosperity.

The fundamental changes on all levels made out from the UAE a modern and contemporary country in a record period of time until it occupied a prestigious place amongst developed countries and now it competes them to top development, growth and prosperity indexes.

The UAE has become a role model in the concept of national unity and social cohesiveness. Martyrs from our armed forces gave their lives for the country and their souls to stand by the oppressed by answering their national duty in joining the forces participating in Operation Restoring Hope under the leadership of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Finally, we renew our pledge and loyalty to our country and its wise leadership and reaffirm our pledge to its flag, the flag of glory and pride, in the march of progression and prosperity. We ask God Almighty to keep our beloved country safe and to bring more prosperity and welfare to its people and wise leadership.

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## 46 Years of Accomplishments

**Khalifa:  
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His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, has emphasized that the leadership will stay the course laid down by the nation's founding fathers and continue to deepen the Spirit of the Union with a strong will that achieved glorious accomplishments and huge productivity bases and made changes to the course of history.

In a statement to Nation Shield journal on the occasion of the UAE's 46th National Day, The President, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa said that the prime job of the government is to make people happy; its mandate is to make the homeland a good place in which to live; its goal is to create an environment that revives hopes, to adopt policies that foster dreams, to launch projects that realize great expectations, to engage in actions that make citizens feel safe and enjoy care, employment, education and housing.

His Highness Sheikh Khalifa extended his warm congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai; His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces; and Their Highnesses the Supreme Council Members and Rulers of the Emirates, who are sharing their far-sighted vision in guiding a nation that is great with its people, proud of its values and principles, strong with its giving and its achievements.



- The prime job of the government is to make people happy and to make the country a good place to live
- The UAE is also among the elite actors in spreading the culture of peace

As the nation is preparing to celebrate the «Year of Zayed» to mark 100 years since the birth of the founding father, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa invited all government entities and community forces to launch initiatives that deepen the noble values that Sheikh Zayed instilled in the people of the UAE so as to further encourage them to build and to give and to enhance their resilience to confront challenges. "Nations prosper by respecting and appreciating themselves, immortalizing their national figures and by committing to values of solidarity and participation. We also urge you to make the Year of Zayed a year for loyalty and belonging as well as for the enhancement



of creative and innovative practices which enable our state to become a pivotal actor regionally and globally," he said.

His Highness pointed to the enthusiastic response to the «Year of Giving» which was developed by the government and the private sector into a national strategy, which objectives were to promote humanitarian work practices in the country and deepen the traits of generosity and cohesion, which have set our people apart from others over centuries.

"Investment in human being has always been the essence of the vision for the development of our state since its establishment. Consequently, our focus is mainly directed towards fostering and supporting excellence and innovation and developing the capacities and skills of Emirati human resources. A development that is not human-oriented is doomed to failure," he added. "As a successful state, we believe that the prime job of the government is to make people happy; its mandate is to make the homeland a good place in which to live; its goal is to create an environment that revives hopes, to adopt policies that foster dreams, to launch projects that realize great expectations, to engage in actions that make citizens feel safe and enjoy care, employment, education and housing."

H.H the President continued: "For all these reasons, we recognize and appreciate cultural and human diversity, which we consider a key engine for sustainable development and a means for deepening the culture of openness, dialogue, communication and coexistence, and the denunciation of intolerance, extremism and intellectual isolation. To advance this approach, we launched the National Programme for Tolerance and created a ministry specifically for that purpose and also issued the Anti-Discriminatory Law, which criminalizes all forms of discrimination and hatred on the grounds of religion, creed, doctrine, sect, race, colour or language. We also issued a law to combat crimes of terrorism."

"Preparing for the future - near or far - starts today, not tomorrow. Out of this conviction, we approved in last October a cabinet reshuffle, which included unprecedented and qualitative portfolios, whose mandate is to prepare the country for the UAE Centennial Plan 2071 so as to become more capable and resilient to absorb the potential transformations over the next five decades and their implications in areas of businesses, jobs, services and the development of qualified manpower and excellent leaders," he added.



Sheikh Khalifa pointed out that the experiment has proven the soundness of the approach adopted by the UAE foreign policy since the establishment of the state, "which is characterized by an active vibrancy and presence at regional and international scenes to serve our national interests, to safeguard the state's sovereignty, to activate the GCC system, to advance efforts towards Arab integration and to contribute towards the emergence of a more just and fair international order in addition to positive participation in whatever effort that strengthens international cooperation to confront the common challenges."

Once again, H.H. Sheikh Khalifa called on the Iranian government to sit at the negotiating table for dialogue or to accept international arbitration to resolve the issue of our three occupied islands as part of efforts to maintain security and stability in the Arabian Gulf region since it is a top priority in the UAE policy. "We also renew our rejection of any foreign interference undermining our security or security and the stability of our brethren in the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia or any other sisterly or friendly state," he emphasized.

His Highness also extended his profound gratitude to the armed forces and security agencies, confirming the relentless efforts to modernize and upgrade their capabilities and to take care of their personnel. "We also appreciate and salute our soldiers, officers and commanders for their dedication and devotion in performing their national duties and for their efforts to develop our defence and security capabilities. Thanks and appreciation also go to the loyal people of UAE for their solidarity and deep consciousness as well as to the expatriate residents from sisterly and friendly countries," he concluded.

## Mohammed Bin Rashid

### We are forging ahead toward a fresh phase titled Emirates of the Future

Speaking on the occasion of the 46th National Day, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, said that the 46th anniversary of the establishment of the Union comes at a time the UAE has become more stable and powerful thanks to the noble legacy of the Founding Fathers who instilled values of patriotism for the country.

#### Following is the full text of the statement:

The 46th anniversary of the establishment of the Union comes at a time the UAE has become more stable and powerful thanks to the noble legacy passed down through the years and shaped the vision of the Founding Fathers who instilled values of patriotism and love for the Homeland. The UAE is getting more prosperous over the years thanks to the tireless efforts made by our men and women who hold the name of the United Arab Emirates in high esteem in their hearts, translating their love for their nation in word and deed.

I seize the opportunity of this auspicious occasion to extend my heartfelt greetings to my brother, President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, my brother His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and all my brothers, Their Highnesses the Supreme Council Members and Rulers of the Emirates. God bless them all and support them to continue working for the supremacy of our Homeland and the social welfare and wellbeing of our people. I also extend my sincere greetings to our brave soldiers in the UAE Armed Forces - the shields of this nation who keep our national flag flying high in pride and dignity amongst world nations so that the UAE will continue to remain an oasis of security and stability, and maintain its sovereignty and safety.

Next year is named the Year of Zayed which gives us an opportunity to reflect on the myriad accomplishments made by our Late Leader and Founding Father Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan,



- The first strategy of its kind to place a complete framework for the next 50 years
- We work to place the UAE amongst the best of the best countries of the world
- Zayed and his brother Rashid, God bless their souls, initiated their common dream that was founded on the unity of objective
- To be on top requires from us to preserve our heritage and our national gains

God bless his soul, whose centennial birth anniversary dawns next year on a land where he spared no effort to ensure stability and prosperity for his people.

Brothers and sisters, we can be proud that the UAE has become among the world's most advanced nations. As we have, over the past years, made strenuous efforts to create a culture of empowerment and finalize our ambitious capacity-building plans, today we are forging ahead toward a fresh phase, the headline strategy of which is «Emirates of the Future».

We have already embarked on the UAE Centennial 2071 Strategy, which is a unique, future-oriented,



long-term government plan aimed at sustaining UAE's development into its 100th anniversary, charting a path and laying a solid foundation for the future of the UAE. Our objective is for future generations in the UAE to lead happier lives in a thriving environment with abundant opportunities, more connectivity and global influence.

Many people think that we are just dreaming. But we remind these people of the fact that our Union started as a dream at the hands of visionary people. The late Sheikh Zayed along with his brother, the late Sheikh Rashid, God bless their souls, initiated their drive based on a common dream that was founded on the principle of unity of objective and destiny and they were joined by their brothers, the Rulers of the Emirates, to make this dream come true and build a nation, the backbone of which is the determination of Emirati people who are the State's most cherished asset.

the UAE last year had blazed a trail in the world by establishing ministries for tolerance, happiness, future and youth out of a strong belief that no society can succeed without giving its human wealth its utmost care, attention and tools of empowerment. On top of these tools is happiness, being a basic right for citizens. Happiness, as we interpret it, materializes when a citizen feels that his or her safety, dignity, home, future and land are being taken care of and

protected and that his or her dreams and ambitions are achievable.

And herein I would love to relay a message to all nationalities living and working in the UAE: We truly cherish and value your significant contributions for the country to maintain its positive reputation and bolster its developmental drive. You are an integral part of the UAE social fabric whose power lies in possessing an ideal environment for multiculturalism.

The youth are the country's true wealth who are spearheading the nation's drive to deliver the future. The UAE leadership's determination to provide youth with all resources to help them build the State of Tomorrow on solid, unshaken basis.

There is no room for waiting and complacency, and, as the UAE youth represent our future, we renew our strong belief in their potential and innovative ideas to take up the lead in charting a path for a prosperous future.

The road to the future is not smooth sailing; but by your strong will, determination and hard work, we will realize our ambitions and become best of the best, always and forever.

I pray to God to keep the UAE safe and stable and to lead us for the better future of our country, nation and people.



## Mohammed Bin Zayed

### Our country has become a successful model of building united and cohesive nations

His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, has said that the 2nd of December is a day that is associated with a fond memory that lives deep in the heart and mind of each and every single UAE citizen. It is the day that witnessed the founding of our beloved country; it is the day that saw the establishment of a country that would become, within the space of just a few decades, a model of successful state building and a fine example of the united and cohesive nation. Indeed, the UAE has become a source of inspiration for states that seek unity, progress and excellence and for states that aspire to overcome challenges and step confidently into the future. In that, the UAE, truly, serves as a role model not only for the region's countries, but for the rest of the world.

In a statement on the UAE's 46th National Day, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed added: As we celebrate this glorious day, we remember, with our hearts filled with pride and appreciation, the Nation's Founder, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, and his brothers the Founding Fathers, who, together, built a great nation, a nation that is based on universal values. It is upon the strong foundations that our Founding Fathers laid that our country developed and will keep prospering.

#### Following is the full text of the statement:

Brothers and Sisters,

Some days in the history of nations are remembered forever - and the 2nd of December is such a day in the history of the United Arab Emirates. This is a day that is associated with a fond memory that lives deep in the heart and mind of each and every single UAE citizen - it is the day that witnessed the founding of our beloved country; it is the day that saw the establishment of a country that would become, within



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- The 2nd of December visits us every year to remind us of our national values
- The sacrifices of our sons in the battle of righteousness will be recorded in history
- Our country needs to be cohesive, not to confront challenges, but to change the bitter reality of a lot of Arab countries

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Brothers and Sisters,

We should celebrate the 46th National Day by



reflecting on the experience of our Founding Fathers, who, collectively, provide us with a wealth of knowledge that we should learn from. We should learn from them how to sharpen our sense of belonging to our homeland, how to work together so that our country remains strong and united, how to work together to keep our country safe and stable, how to provide for our people the means of a prosperous life, how to plant the values of loyalty to our country and people in everyone's heart, how to teach our people that our own lives are of little value when it comes to defending the integrity of our nation.

The 2nd of December visits us every year to remind us of our national values, which teach us that sacrifice for the sake of our country and work for the sake of its progress should be the highest and noblest of goals that we should all strive to reach. This day should fuel all of us with an inexhaustible energy to do more and to work harder to preserve our national heritage that was bequeathed to us by the Founding Fathers; to do more to keep the UAE a beacon of unity and strength and a center of charity and unconditional giving that extends to the entire human race.

As we mark the 46th Anniversary of the founding of our nation, we also remember the great achievements of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the founder of the UAE, and his brothers, the Rulers of the Emirates. We remember their historic role in creating and strengthening our union. This year, we have the more reason to rejoice because our celebrations coincide with an initiative by President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan that has declared 2018 as the «Year of Zayed» to mark 100 years since the birth of the country's founder. Truly, Sheikh Zayed is celebrated as a universal symbol of charity and unlimited giving and global proponent of peaceful coexistence among all nations.

Brothers and Sisters,

On this auspicious occasion, we renew our pledge that we will stay on the path that was first trodden by Zayed and his brothers - the founding fathers - and that we will save no effort to foster and strengthen our unity and cohesiveness. As we renew this solemn pledge, we realize that our unity is the source of our strength in the face of adversities, that our unity is the point from which we move into building and growing our nation, that our unity is the most important guarantee that we have to maintain the state of security and stability that our country has enjoyed for decades. Maintaining this stability is more pressing than ever as nation-states, in many parts of the world, face challenges to their very existence.

We will work together so that our country remain united, as it has always been; we will work together to

keep it as a symbol, as a role model of the successful federal state not only in our region but across the globe. We will do this by developing its different institutions and enhancing the work of the government so that it to keep up to date with the requirements of development. This is the path that our country will take so that it remains young and prosperous, so that its people enjoy a life of peace and prosperity, so that we keep our country in the vanguard of great nations.

Our aspirations for our nation have no limits; our ambitions are boundless.

We aspire to be one of the best states in the world in all fields because we believe that the wheel of development is not limited to a specific culture or civilization. Rather, we believe that development is a right for all countries to enjoy as long as they have a strong will and a true driving force. Once a nation arms itself with knowledge and science, once it believes in the capabilities and talents of its people, once a state creates for its people the right environment that embraces their innovations - once all of that happens, the state will become a developed one in every sense of the word.

It is because of this that we look to the future of our nation with full confidence and optimism; we see the future of our nation not only as a developed one, but also as a nation that contributes to the enrichment of human civilization and its development.

Indeed, we are able to place our country on the map of the best countries of the world in different fields in the coming years. We are already moving in that direction because we have drawn up the right plans, came up with accurate outlooks, trained our sons and daughters and enabled them to be future leaders in different areas; we are moving in that direction because we have developed the way our government works so that it is able to deal with the requirements of development.

Brothers and Sisters,

The high rankings achieved by the UAE in international indices - compiled by distinguished global institutions in areas of competitiveness, development, happiness, investment in both people and infrastructure - surely boost our confidence that we are moving in the right direction, which has been set down for our country under the leadership of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa and the support of his brother, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, and their brothers Their Highnesses the members of the Supreme Council and Rulers of the Emirates. But as much as these achievements satisfy us, they also put us in a perpetual state of self-challenge, not only to maintain them, but also to build on them and to

add new successes that help boost the UAE's leading position in the world's map.

Indeed, we are capable of positioning our country among the world's most developed nations within the coming years. Just as the Nation's Founder, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, and the other Founding Fathers, bequeathed to us a young and powerful country that made us proud to be part of it before the entire world, it is our responsibility to hand it to future generation as one of the best countries in the world. It is in this spirit that I and my brother Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum launched the «UAE Centennial 2071» project at the end of the First Annual Government meeting in September 2017. In its essence, the «UAE Centennial 2071» reflects the ambition of the UAE to be a global pioneer. It includes major goals and mechanisms that will help us continue in the journey of construction and development, that will help us work to secure a better future for the coming generations, that will help us elevate the status of the UAE among the world's most developed nations.

Brothers and Sisters,

We are betting on the young sons and daughters of the UAE to execute the goals of the «UAE Centennial 2071»; to turn the grand plan into a reality.

Our young are our true and perpetual wealth, they are the pillars on which our renaissance stands, the pivot of our development and the leaders of the future. Our young have already proven that they are fit to carry this great responsibility, being already armed with knowledge and confidence. We will continue to develop their capabilities by providing them with first-class education that will help them develop their talents and utilize their positive energies; an education that qualifies them to deal with and lead the UAE's post-oil economy, towards which we have already been working for many years. They will lead a post-oil economy that is based on science and knowledge.

Make no mistake that, while we bet on the strength of our young to venture into the future, armed with their knowledge and qualifications, we are also keen on sowing high moral values in the hearts and souls of our young so that the symphony of knowledge and morality is orchestrated masterfully.

Undoubtedly, high moral values help maintain the stability and balance of societies, because, no matter how developed nations become, their development and success will always be fragile if it is not based on a solid moral grounding. The UAE has always been a nurturing home for tolerance and a deep-rooted value system, which we work hard to instill in our current and future generations.

Brothers and Sisters,

As we celebrate today the limitless giving of our Founding Fathers, who laid down the foundations of the UAE and built its pillars, we can never forget our martyrs who sacrificed their own lives in defense of our nation, in defence of our values, in defence of our way of life. Indeed, they went far and beyond the call of duty and proved to all that the UAE and its people are willing to offer the ultimate sacrifice in support of its friends and allies in time of crisis. Truly, the heroic actions of our martyrs on the battlefield will be written in letters of light and will always be a bright page in our history and the history of Arab and Muslim nations. Their sacrifices unmistakably show that when the people of the UAE respond to the call of duty, they spare no effort in safeguarding our homeland and protecting their right to development and stability.

The Arab world faces today an intertwined set of threats and challenges, namely the menace of terrorism and extremism, the escalating sectarian tension, the continuous attempts by foreign parties to meddle in the region's internal affairs; these are parties that aim to achieve their own agenda and ambitions at the expense of the region and its peoples. Under these conditions, the Arab states need, today and more than ever, to promote their cooperation and common action. Their increased and effective cooperation is needed not only to face these challenges, but also to change the bitter realities that the peoples of the Arab world are facing on a daily basis. It is imperative that we bring the Arab peoples hope and to boost their morale, it is important that we do not leave them a vulnerable prey to extremist groups and terrorist organizations, which seek to brainwash the young and bring them up under the dark shadow of their nihilist ideologies.

It is now, more than ever, a pressing need that the Arab peoples, the young in particular, know that these ideologies are maiming the beautiful and shining face of our faith, that the version of Islam that they have produced has nothing to do with the true Islam that rejects extremism and encourages tolerance, moderation and peaceful dialogue among all people.

Therefore, we will continue to do all in our power to confront these groups and those who stand behind them, support them or incite them to carry out acts of hatred and terror. We will do so armed with a comprehensive strategy that is based on boosting the values of tolerance, moderation and acceptance of others; a strategy that is based on reforming existing religious discourse and promoting the true, civilized face of Islam. We will do so through effective participation in any regional or international efforts



to confront the dark forces of extremism and terror, because we believe that the war on extremism and terrorism is a war that must be won. We should emerge out of this war victorious because it concerns the very safety and well-being of the peoples of the region. Undoubtedly, this is a war that concerns the entire world, because the menace of terror makes no exceptions and targets all of us. Therefore, fighting terrorism should be a joint and comprehensive global effort.

The UAE realizes its historic responsibility to stand by its friends and allies, to help them overcome their plights and crises. We will spare no effort to provide any form of support that helps to make the region and the entire world a better place, because we believe that security is the bedrock of development.

We live in a world that is fraught with accelerating changes in all areas and we cannot, therefore, live in isolation. It is because of this that we believe in the importance of opening up to others and the importance of learning from the successful experiences of others in all fields of technology and development. As a result, we are working on diversifying our foreign policy by making it open to all of the world's countries. Our foreign policy is based on building effective relationships with the major powers in a way that promotes our country's position on the map of the world's advanced economies and boosts its active participation in both the regional and global arenas.

Brothers and Sisters: On this eternal day, we renew our pledge to President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan that we will do our best to meet the aspirations of our people, to work with sincerity and dedication for the sake of our homeland, so that it remains a symbol of giving and charity, so that it remains a beacon of tolerance and coexistence and so that it continues to carry the torch of hope.

Happy National Day.

## Saif Bin Zayed

### The UAE is moving forward towards a bright future

Lt-General His Highness Shaikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior, said the UAE National Day represents a beacon that lights the way for the coming generations and guides them towards development and growth. He pointed out that as the UAE celebrates its 46th national day, it is moving firmly and confidently towards a bright future like an icon of sustainable



## ● The UAE would not have realized the sustainability of such accomplishments if not for the wise leadership of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE

success and a pioneering model in the region and the world, which was wisely built by its leadership and the will of its people.

"On this day which represents a beacon that lights the way for the coming generations and guides them towards development and growth, we get inspired by the founding fathers of the union who outlined the roads of success with their strong will, wisdom and determination and thanks to its founder the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, God bless his soul," he said.

"The UAE would not have realized the sustainability of such accomplishments if not for the wise leadership of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, in moving ahead on the steps of the founding fathers of the union and the determination of his brother Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai; His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces; and Their Highnesses the Supreme Council Members and Rulers of the Emirates, to whom we extend our gratitude and praise and to whom we renew our pledge and loyalty for our country to preserve its place amongst the most secure and prosperous countries," he added.

## Delightful activities in celebrating the 46th National Day

The UAE has witnessed massive celebrations across the country varied between marches, folklore festivals and traditional shows. These celebrations brought the Emirati people together with their brothers from the rest of the GCC and the multicultural communities, who expressed their pleasure and joy in celebrating the 46th National Day of the UAE.







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# Our Martyrs

## Stars lightening up the UAE sky

**Khalifa: The sacrifices of our people will only increase our resolve, strength, solidarity and cohesion**

**Mohammed bin Rashid and Mohammed bin Zayed:**

**We stand tall with the sacrifices of our righteous martyrs**

"The heroism showed by our martyrs 'civilians or servicemen' will remain engraved in the nation's memory and immortal in our conscience. These sacrifices are prestigious medals of pride and glory," said His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, in a statement he gave to Nation Shield Magazine on the occasion of Commemoration Day.

On this occasion, H.H. Sheikh Khalifa emphasized that "the sacrifices of our people will only increase our resolve, strength, solidarity and cohesion to defend this country, which our fathers founded on the values of sacrifice, magnanimity, advocacy of that which is right and standing with the oppressed."

«On this spectacular day, on which our nation glorifies the values of sacrifice and heroism, we raise greetings of praise, recognition and reverence to our valiant martyrs, who wrote with their pure blood the greatest chapters of courage, glory and pride."

H.H. the President also pledged to the families of martyrs that they will receive the highest regards and appreciation, and the utmost care and full support. "Because we are a nation that treasures the value of sacrifice and never forgets those who devoted their lives and offered their precious blood to keep the nation's flag flying high," he elaborated.

He called on the UAE people – men and women – to keep alive the noble values of sacrifice in their memory and take martyrs as good role models so as to sanctify national duty and to work faithfully for the betterment of the nation and community, noting that



great nations are built by sacrifice and sincere loyalty.

H.H. Sheikh Khalifa prayed to Allah to shower His mercy on the souls of martyrs and make Paradise their eternal abode for truly keeping the promise they made to Allah and to the homeland.

«We also ask Allah Almighty to give their children and relatives the best reward for their firm conviction, composure, patriotism and great patience. May Allah save our country, have mercy on our martyrs and perpetuate peace and security in our nation," he added.

Following is the remarks of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa on this occasion: On this spectacular day, on which our nation glorifies the values of sacrifice and heroism, we raise greetings of praise, recognition and reverence to our valiant martyrs, who wrote with their





pure blood the greatest chapters of courage, glory and pride. We also pray to Allah Almighty to have mercy on their souls and we extend.

We also pledge to their families that they will receive the highest regards and appreciation, and the utmost care and full support from us, the nation and community at large, because we are a nation that treasures the value of sacrifice and never forgets those who devoted their lives and offered their precious blood to keep the nation's flag flying high.

On this blessed day, we celebrate and salute our vigilant soldiers, officers and commanders of our armed forces for protecting and defending the homeland. We also greet our citizens across all lines of duty inside and outside the country.

May Allah shower His mercy on the souls of our martyrs and make Paradise their eternal abode for truly keeping the promise they made to Allah and to the homeland. We also ask Allah Almighty to give their children and relatives the best reward for their firm conviction, composure, patriotism and great patience. May Allah save our country, have mercy on our martyrs and perpetuate peace and security in our nation.»



### **Mohammed Bin Rashid: UAE Martyrs inspire us to mobilize our efforts to keep on building**

His Highness Shaikh Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, said that the UAE has made myriad and widely-coveted achievements. The most notable of which is instilling national pride in generations of Emiratis capable of giving and sacrificing their lives to keep the flag of their nation flying high in pride and dignity.

This came in a statement he delivered to Nation Shield Magazine on the Commemoration Day in

which he paid homage to the bravery of those who have sacrificed their very lives in the line of duty, defending the sovereignty of their nation.

«All segments of society are vying with each other to best observe and perpetuate the memory of their sacrifices,» Shaikh Mohammad said.

The Vice-President extended his deep thanks to his brother Shaikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan for his magnanimous support to the families of the martyrs and his close follow-up of their affairs and needs.

The statement of H.H. Shaikh Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, on the commemoration day follows:

On this glorious day, we reiterate our firm determination to follow in their footsteps, ensure synergy across all State sectors and continue our efforts to ensure that their sacrifices, which will remain indelible in the annals of history, will continue to serve the supreme interests of our homeland.

We bow in respect for the souls of our brave, heroic martyrs; whose names will live eternally as martyrs of honour, courage and patriotism.

The UAE's martyrs have set a magnificent example of sacrifices that entrust us with a great responsibility to preserve our unity and become more committed and dedicated to continue the drive of evolving our beloved homeland.

The entire nation takes pride in seeing the UAE soldiers bravely seeking martyrdom in fulfillment of their duty, filling our hearts with reassurance that we have true heroes who spare no efforts to either ensure supremacy for their homeland or to sacrifice their souls for heavenly rewards in the Hereafter.

The UAE, under the wise leadership of my brother, President His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and the follow-up of my brother, His Highness Shaikh Mohammad bin Zayed, along with our brothers, the members of the Supreme Council and, Rulers of the Emirates, sets an example to be copied for building up a patriotic personality capable of continuing giving and sacrifices, while being armed with a strong belief in God and in the capabilities of their homeland and its leadership.

We pray to Allah the Almighty to bless the souls of UAE martyrs, and preserve freedom and prosperity for the homeland at the hands of its sincere sons and daughters, wishing them a speedy recovery for the nation's injured heroes.



### Mohammed Bin Zayed: Nations are built on the shoulders of the citizens

Commemoration Day is an occasion of pride, loyalty and patriotism in the UAE, said His Highness Shaikh Mohammad bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces. He added that Commemoration Day is an occasion where the people of the UAE stand together to remember our heroic martyrs who sacrificed their own lives for their country.

H.H Sheikh Mohammed pointed out that nations are built on the shoulders of the citizens and thrive on their love, loyalty, determination and sacrifices. "There is no greater sacrifice than that of those who offer their own lives for their country. The more this spirit prevails, the stronger the country becomes," he said.

He said the decision by Shaikh Khalifa to observe Commemoration Day on November 30 each year, shows how the UAE values its citizens who sacrificed their lives for their country and its keenness to make their epic heroism immortal, to ensure that future generations will always remember their noble deeds.

"The heroic sacrifices of our hero martyrs emanated from the deep-rooted Emirati traditions and translated the set of values, founded by the late Shaikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and his brothers, the founding fathers. Those values have come to fruition, with our heroes giving an example of resolve and persistence in defending the oppressed, helping brothers and ensuring their security and stability," he added.

Shaikh Mohammad saluted the mothers and fathers of the martyrs, who had raised them in the values of sacrifice, selflessness, loyalty and allegiance to their country.

"The mothers and fathers of the martyrs have demonstrated their true loyalty and love for their country by pledging to continue their sacrifices if the need arises. This spirit makes us more determined to

achieve the goals for which our martyrs sacrificed their lives, and to build a better future for our citizens."

He concluded his statement by praying to Allah the Almighty to safeguard the UAE and to bestow his mercy on the souls of the martyrs and to reward their sacrifices with Paradise.




### Saif Bin Zayed: Our martyrs will remain in our hearts

Lieutenant General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, has affirmed that the nation's martyrs are symbols of loyalty and giving, who will always be remembered with pride and honour and will remain in the people's hearts and souls.


In a speech marking Commemoration Day, Sheikh Saif said that it represents the highest values of patriotism and allegiance and the loyalty of those who have sacrificed greatly for their precious nation, and is a day to honour the courage and bravery of the country's martyrs.

«President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, and His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, and their brothers, Their Highnesses Supreme Council Members and Rulers of the Emirates, have provided the necessary support to the families and children of the nation's martyrs and have given them care and attention, in appreciation of their sacrifice to the citizens of the nation and for embodying the meaning of cohesion between the people of the UAE and its leadership,» he added.





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## Sheikha Fatima delivers a message of pride to martyrs' mothers: Our martyrs' heroism will forever be recorded with glory and pride

Her Highness Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak, Chairwoman of the General Women's Union, President of the Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood, and Supreme Chairwoman of the Family Development Foundation, has sent a message to the mothers of martyrs and their families expressing her pride in the nation's heroes who stood steadfast in defence of the nation and its neighbouring countries.

In her message to the martyrs' mothers on the occasion of Commemoration Day, H.H. Sheikha Fatima said, «Commemoration Day is a milestone in the history of the UAE. The wise leadership chose 30th November as a date close to UAE National Day celebrations to remind the nation of the great sacrifices our martyrs have given to protect our homeland.»

She went on to advise the mothers of martyrs to have patience and solace, adding that they are an example to all of the UAE people, as they have offered the ultimate sacrifice, their children, to protect the nation's security and stability. «It is you who deserve praise, honour, appreciation and

gratitude for your dedication and sacrifices made for the nation,» Sheikha Fatima added.

«Your sons and daughters are our children, we too have felt the pain of their loss as they were defending the security and stability of our country and our neighbouring states. We are proud despite the magnitude of this great loss. Our martyrs' heroism will forever be recorded with glory and pride.»

Sheikha Fatima called upon the mothers of children who have lost their fathers in battle to be the best educators for their children and raise them with the values and conviction for the love of the homeland on which their fathers were raised.

Her Highness concluded by noting that Emirati women are also dedicated to serving their country with great fervour, whether by joining the ranks of the Armed Forces, or at home, school and work. «UAE women are a source of pride for the nation. This is a natural result of the honour accorded to Emirati women who enjoy equal rights with their brothers in all fields.»

## MOI Leadership: Our martyrs' spirits will forever live within us

The Ministry of the Interior has celebrated the Martyr's Day in recognition to the sacrifices martyrs offered to defend the nation, righteousness and justice, and they gave their lives and souls so the flag of the UAE remains up high.

The ministry leaders and senior officers emphasized that they are proud in those who seek martyrdom in defending their honor and righteousness and in answering their duties to the nation. They said that martyrs will live forever within their souls and in the memory and consciousness of the nation.

They affirmed that Emirati martyrs are beacons that lighten the road of future generations towards a more proposes future where they can get inspired by their heroism stories and epics of bravery and sacrifice. They are the finest model of loyalty and belonging to the leadership of the country and its people.







### **Al Shafar: We stand today in honor before our martyrs**

His Excellency Lt. General Saif Abdullah Al Shafar, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Interior, said that Commemoration Day

will remain a dear national anniversary to all citizens and residents, pointing out that this anniversary is to remember the honorable sacrifices of the Emirati martyrs who gave their lives for the country and their national duties.

"We stand today in honor before our martyrs who sacrificed their souls to answer their holy national duty. We appreciate the directions of the wise leadership in making the 30th of November of every year an anniversary in which all citizens and resident commemorate martyrs," he said.

Al Shafar concluded his statement by praying to God to stand by our forces and to keep the UAE safe, secure and prosper.



### **Dahi Khalfan: Symbol of heroism and sacrifices**

His Excellency Lt. General Dahi Khalfan Tamim, Deputy Chairman of Police and Public Security, said: "We are the sons of this country. It does not matter how much

we say or write about how much we love our country, we will never be able to pay it back. It is our duty to work together and to sacrifice everything for it. It is our responsibility to preserve the gains and wealth our preceding leaders provided for us. We pledge our loyalty and allegiance to our country and current leaders and rulers."

I pray to God Almighty to have mercy on our martyrs and to safeguard their brothers who are fighting at the forefronts of pride and honor and to keep them away from any harm.



### **Al Rumaithi: Commemoration Day is a symbol of bravery and loyalty to the country**

His Excellency Major General Mohammed Khalfan Al Rumaithi, Commander-In-Chief of Abu Dhabi Police, said that Commemoration

Day on the 30th of November is a symbol of bravery and loyalty to the country and its wise leadership. "On this day, the UAE commemorate its sons who wrote heroic epics with their blood in defending its soil, who stand guards for the honor of the country," he said.

Al Rumaithi prayed to God Almighty to have mercy on the martyrs of the UAE and to have them alongside his prophets in paradise.



### **Al Khaili: we stand in honor for the sacrifices of our sons**

Major General. Khalifa Hareb Al Khaili, Chairman of the Executive Board at the Ministry of the Interior, said that on the 30th of November of every year we will stand in honor for the sacrifices of our

sons who gave their lives on battlefields, praying to God Almighty to have UAE martyrs in paradise.

"Commemoration Day will remain a beacon for our martyrs who are recorded in history in order to keep our flag up high," he said.



### **Salem Al-Shamisi: Their sacrifices will remain a beacon that lightens the road of pride**

Major General Salem Ali Mubarak Al-Shamisi, Acting Assistant Undersecretary for Resources and Support Services, said that Commemoration Day in the UAE reminds us with the



bravery of the UAE soldiers who sacrificed everything to protect the country and to save the lives of innocent and they gave examples of their bravery and heroism.

"History will commemorate those heroes who gave the best examples and who sacrificed their lives and souls for their country. Their sacrifices will remain a beacon that lightens the road of honor and pride," he said.



### **Abdullah Khalifa Al Marri: A living day in the memory of the UAE**

Major-General Abdullah Khalifa Al Marri, Commander-in-Chief of Dubai Police, expressed his utmost thanks and

appreciation to His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, for choosing the 30th of November as the Commemoration Day to commemorate martyrs' sacrifices in keeping the flag of the UAE up high while they perform their national duties inside the country and abroad.

"Commemoration Day reflects the appreciation of our wise leadership headed by His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE; His Highness Shaikh Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai; His Highness Shaikh Mohammad bin Zayed, along with our brothers, the members of the Supreme Council and, Rulers of the Emirates, to our martyrs," he said.



### **Ahmed Al Raisi: We will not forget our martyrs**

Major General Dr. Ahmed Naser Al Raisi, General Inspector of the Ministry of the Interior, expressed his pride in the UAE martyrs who gave all they have to



### **Jassem Al Marzouqi: We are proud of their sacrifices**

Major General Jassem Muhammad Al Marzouqi, Commander-in-Chief of the Civil Defence, said: "The UAE

celebrates the Commemoration Day to honor martyrs and to recall their sacrifices and loyalty to their nation and wise leadership." Al Marzouqi extended on behalf of the Department of Civil Defence with all its sectors across the country his sincere appreciation to martyrs and their parents for what they gave to the country and in defending legitimacy.



### **Al Shareefi: Stories of heroism will pass down from one generation to the other**

Major General Abdul Aziz Maktoum Al Shareefi, Director General of Protective Security at the

Ministry of Interior, said that martyrs gave their lives to protect the country and defend it. "We will pass down the stories of heroism of these martyrs generation after the other. They taught us bravery and how to sacrifice you lives to protect your honor," he said. "Our martyrs are an example and a symbol for our people to walk in their shoes in loyalty and giving."





### **Al-Shareefi: Our Martyrs are symbols of our dignity**

Major General Maktoum Ali Al Shareefi, Director-General of the Abu Dhabi Police, said that Commemoration Day is a precious anniversary to our hearts. "We commemorate our martyrs' sacrifices who

wrote epics of heroism and bravery in defending their dear country and to preserve security and stability, and forgiveness, love and humanity," he said

The sacrifices of our martyrs in defending righteousness strengthen our will and cohesion to be united in fighting the battles of dignity in the battlefields of heroism and honor, and to affirm the values of loyalty and belongings in the hearts of the UAE people.

"UAE martyrs who etched their names in the book of history with illuminated letters are the perfect example of loyalty and belonging, and are a role model to Emirati youths who are proud of their sacrifices and heroism which will live in our hearts and the memory of the nation," he added.

He concluded by praying to God Almighty to grant UAE martyrs peace and to accept them into heaven among the prophets and the righteous.



### **Alwan Al Nuaimi: The young men of the UAE embodied the most glorious meanings of sacrifice, glory and heroism**

Major General Ali Abdullah bin Alwan Al Nuaimi, Commander-in-Chief of Ras Al Khaimah Police, "By their participation in the Saudi Arabia-led coalition forces in Operation Restoring Hope in Yemen, the young men of the UAE embodied the most glorious meanings of sacrifice, glory and heroism to bring peace, justice, equality to those who are in need, and to keep the flag of the UAE fluttering high."



### **Al Mualla: Commemoration Day is a day of pride in our soldiers**

Brigadier Sheikh Rashid bin Ahmed Al Mualla, Commander-in-Chief of Umm Al Quwain Police, said: Commemoration Day is a day of pride in our soldiers

who sacrificed their lives for the nation and to stand by the oppressed. Yes, Commemoration Day comes to execute the directions of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, and to appreciate the martyrs of the UAE and their families.



### **Sultan Al Nuaimi: Commemoration Day... A day for the nation**

Major General Sheikh Sultan bin Abdullah Al Nuaimi, Commander-in-Chief of Ajman Police said: "The people of the UAE born and raised in loving their country and to sacrifice their lives in protecting it and in keeping its flag raised up high. After the union, the emirates unified their forces and raised their UAE flag so all would bow before it."



### Al Kaabi: Commemoration Day is an outstanding value of loyalty in the Emirati society

Major General Mohammed Ahmed bin Ghanim Al Kaabi, Commander-in-Chief

of Fujairah Police, noted that the Commemoration Day represents an outstanding value of loyalty in the Emirati society. "Our wise leadership values the sacrifices that the UAE sons have made in drawing a bright story in the UAE history with their blood. They sacrificed dearly to restore the legitimate government in Yemen, defend what is right and to support the oppressed, and restore stability. The sacred sacrifices of the UAE martyrs in all fields will always be remembered," he said.



### Saif Al Shamesi: Their Sacrifice is a medal of honor for the sons of the UAE

Brigadier Saif Mohammad Al Ziri Al Shamesi, Commander-in-Chief

of Sharjah Police, said: "Commemorative Day is a day to express loyalty and

gratitude to those who gave their lives for us and for the UAE, and so its flag will be kept high." He considered the sacrifice of the martyrs to be a medal of honor for the sons of the UAE.

"The Commemorative Day is an honor for the memory of our martyrs and for those who gave their lives to support righteousness, pride and dignity," Al Shamesi said. "It comes as an embodiment of the noble values of defending this land and maintaining the achievements of its people, and lending a helping hand to those who are in need in times of war and peace."







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# Flag Day

**A national epic of loyalty to the nation and its wise leadership**

The UAE celebrated the Flag Day on the 2nd of November, following a call by His Highness Shaikh Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, to all federal bodies to join in a national participation to simultaneously raise the UAE flag.



## **Moving back Flag Day celebrations**

In a series of tweets on Sunday, His Highness Shaikh Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, called to move back the UAE Flag Day celebrations to November 2 instead of November 3. «We call on all institutes, ministries, schools and government bodies to raise the flag on November 2 at 11am at the same time, with one heart beating with the love of our land,» he said. "We want to see it on our homes, farms and facilities... we want it up high in the sky..."

## **A symbol of the UAE unity**

The Vice President, Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin

Rashid Al Maktoum, has said that the UAE flag will always be a symbol of UAE's unity and a source of pride for its citizens. The flag will constantly inspire the UAE people to continue on the journey of development and progress initiated by the founding fathers led by the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

## **A precious national asset**

The UAE flag is the symbol of our unity and strength. It will keep its glory and will remain aloft all the times. We will draw values of sacrifice and construction work from it."

He added, "On flag day, we evoke the efforts of the first founders and their sacrifices to build a cohesive





homeland which is constructed on principles of goodness, forgiveness and love.”

“The UAE flag is a precious national asset that we need to preserve through hard work and diligent efforts, so that the UAE can attain global leadership. His Highness stressed that knowledge will always be a key factor in the UAE’s effort to win the global race,” Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid said.

Sheikh Mohammed’s remarks came as he hoisted the UAE flag at the Union House, which witnessed the signing of the document of establishing the union 46 years ago, to mark the UAE Flag Day, which was announced by him in 2013.

### Mohammed Bin Rashid:

**“We want to see it on our homes, farms and facilities... we want it up high in the sky...”**

### Mohammed Bin Zayed

**The UAE flag is the symbol of our unity and strength**

His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, tweeted on the Flag Day saying, “The UAE flag is the symbol of our unity and strength. It will keep its glory and will remain aloft all the times. We will draw values of sacrifice and construction work from it.”

In a tweet he posted on the official Twitter account of the news of H.H Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, he added , “On flag day, we evoke the efforts of the first founders and their sacrifices to build a cohesive homeland which is constructed on principles of goodness, forgiveness and love.”

### Mohammed Bin Zayed

**We evoke the efforts of the first founders and their sacrifices to build a cohesive homeland which is constructed on principles of goodness, forgiveness and love**





### **Saif Bin Zayed Attends the ceremony of hoisting the UAE flag at the MOI**

His Highness Lt. General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior has attended the ceremony of hoisting the UAE flag at the Ministry simultaneously with all police departments and the ministry buildings across the country.

The celebration of the Flag Day began with all the participants greeting the flag. Then the Police Band played the national anthem of the UAE.

Playing the national anthem

Sheikh Saif raised the country's flag at the ceremony which was attended by a number of retired police officers, students from police college, female police officers, security forces members, civil defence and others.

Lt. General Saif Abdullah Al Shafar, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Interior, Major General Khalifa Hareb Al Khaili, Acting Assistant Under-Secretary for Naturalisation, Residency and Ports, Major General Salem Mubarak Al Shamsi, Acting Assistant Under-Secretary of the Ministry for Resources and Support







Services, General Ahmed Nasser Al Raisi, Inspector General of the Ministry of Interior were in attendance.

### **Thanks and Appreciation**

H.H. Lt. General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior, was aware to take photos with the ministry's women on this occasion and a number of female students from Al Erteqa'a Primary School. He extended his thanks for their participation in this precious anniversary which is a symbol of unity.

### **All Departments Celebration**

For their part, all police departments in the UAE and the main sectors of the MOI celebrated the UAE Flag Day by attending the ceremony of hoisting the UAE flag.



### **Civil Defense**

The Abu Dhabi Civil Defense General Directorate celebrated the Flag Day at the Civil Defense Academy with the attendance of Major General Jassem Muhammad Al Marzouqi, Commander-in-Chief of the Civil Defense, and the directors and managers of the different departments of the General Directorate along with a number of officers from the Civil Defense General Directorate.

Major General Jassem Al Marzouqi hoisted the UAE flag at 11:00 a.m. answering the call of His Highness Shaikh Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, to raise the UAE flag simultaneously across the country.

On this occasion, Major General Jassem Al Marzouqi extended his congratulations to His Highness Sheikh



Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE; His Highness Shaikh Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai; His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces; and their highnesses members of the Supreme Council rulers of the emirates.

### **Special Security Forces**

On the occasion of UAE Flag Day, Brigadier Abdul Aziz Ahmed Al Hajeri, Commander of the Special Security Forces, hoisted the flag of the UAE with the attendance of the Deputy Commander of the Special Security Forces, Director of Support Services Department, Director of Operations Department, and a number of officers, individuals and employees of the Directorate.

### **SAAED for Traffic Systems**

In cooperation with Injazat Data Systems, SAAED for Traffic Systems has hoisted the UAE flag along with the

national anthem at the headquarters of the company at Injazat building in Abu Dhabi. All directors, managers and employees attended the ceremony.

Alongside the ceremony, Saaed offered its support to the "One Million Signatures of Loyalty to the Nation" initiative in cooperation with Dhaid Cultural and Sports Club. More than 800 employees joined in signing the initiative in order to express their love and loyalty to the UAE.

Ms. Fatima Ahli, Executive Director of Strategic and Organizational Performance Sector, said on this occasion: "Celebrating the UAE flag is a celebration to a nation that realized a lot of accomplishments on all regional and international levels. The level of its sectors and services made it occupy the first place in achieving happiness and prosperity under its wise leadership."

### **Air Wing Department**

Air Wing Department at the General Directorate of Security Support celebrated the precious Flag Day by hoisting the UAE flag in an official ceremony at the Directorate quarter in Sharjah.





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citizens and residents of UAE on the joyous occasion of the 46<sup>th</sup> National Day!

## Saif bin Zayed attends Abu Dhabi Police 60th anniversary celebrations



Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, Lt. General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior has attended the Abu Dhabi Police General Headquarters celebration of its 60th anniversary, at the Police College premises, Abu Dhabi.

The ceremony was attended by Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Presidential Affairs, H.H. Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Chief of the Abu Dhabi Crown Prince's Court and a number of sheikhs, ministers, members of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council, state officials, police commanders and top brass.

### Considerable development in services

The celebration crowns a successful journey by Abu Dhabi Police during which the emirate has inculcated its stature as an oasis of safety and security thanks to the tireless efforts made by the emirate's police leadership and their valued contributions to earning the emirate its current coveted and pioneering standing

across the world. This would not have happened if not to the unlimited support of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, and the follow up of Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, Chairman of the Executive Council of Abu Dhabi.





### Ceremony

The celebration started with the UAE national anthem followed by a recitation of the Noble Quran. This followed by a speech for Major General Mohammed Khalfan Al Rumaithi, Commander-in-Chief of Abu Dhabi Police in which he affirmed the colossal contributions made by Abu Dhabi Police to the developmental drive and the quality performance of all government sectors thanks to the support of the wise leadership.

### Excellence and quality standards

Abu Dhabi Police will always continue to seek to promote excellence in performance, while maintaining the security and stability of the community, Al Rumaithi added.

«Since its establishment in 1957, Abu Dhabi Police have been diligently working to generate qualified national cadres that have been groomed as per best international standards in the field until they have notched a globally recognized pioneering position,»

said Al Rumaithi. He noted that Abu Dhabi Police will continue its march of distinction by exchanging knowledge and expertise with peers worldwide and keeping abreast with the latest developments in the field.

### Preserving national gains

He pointed out that the directions of the wise leadership is the drive that "motivate us to give more and to preserve national gains and to work according to a development vision that focuses on building a bright and prosperous future for a better and more stable tomorrow."

Al-Rumaithi pointed out that "what the Abu Dhabi police achieved move us to extend our thanks and appreciation to police commanders who are managing Abu Dhabi police and served within its ranks loyally with their retired colleagues in a perfect picture that linked the current generation with a prestigious past." He also extended his thanks to the police officers for their national efforts and readiness to perform their duties efficiently.

## Deepening the pioneering role of the police

Al-Rumaithi stated that this celebration reaffirms once again the continuous efforts of Abu Dhabi police to move forward and deepening their pioneering role towards the society, and to support all that would guarantee the prosperity of this generous country. "It also affirms its continuous support to similar establishments and national bodies which support corporate and public work. It also can be considered as a pact renewed by officers to the wise leadership to work continuously and not break a sweat in order to preserve national gains in all aspects and to realize Abu Dhabi strategic vision 2030.

"These days we are living a very dear anniversary of the 46th national day," Al-Rumaithi said. "What adds to our joy is celebrating the 6th decade since the establishment of Abu Dhabi police. This continuous accomplishments affirms the will of giving and loyalty to our beloved country thanks to the wise directions of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, and the follow up of Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, Chairman of the Executive Council of Abu Dhabi.

## A comprehensive development transformation

The Major General stated that the celebration of the Abu Dhabi police in its 60th anniversary is a continuation to those accomplishments in the development process of Abu Dhabi, this process that witnesses the execution of ambitious projects and futuristic initiatives to realize more prosperity and happiness to the society. The purpose of these futuristic projects is also to initiate a comprehensive development transformation accompanied by a wide constructional boom under the umbrella of a qualified police system able to cope with the changes according strategic plans and approaches of Abu Dhabi which moves forward to the future on steady feet.

The Commander-in-Chief of Abu Dhabi Police expressed high hopes in realizing more development

achievements that would meet the demands of the society according to modern requirements linked to the nature of police and security work on the highest levels in order to achieve high rates of social happiness and prosperity.

## Historical Stages

A documentary film was presented during the celebration on the milestones achieved by the Abu Dhabi Police across 60 years of tremendous successes that have significantly contributed to the track record of achievements made by the nation across different domains. Scenes from the film showed the awareness of Abu Dhabi police, since its foundation, to applying the remarks of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan "Allah may have mercy on him": "Police is the essential foundation of stability and security in the country and spread of confidence among the people."

Launching the new ID of Abu Dhabi police

The ceremony occasioned a review of the Abu Dhabi Police's new Identity, which embodies the stages of development and excellence in police work. Back in July, the Abu Dhabi Police announced that they will be changing their identity, which includes the logo, vehicles and uniform. The new identity comes in line with the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Abu Dhabi Police.

The program of the ceremony included the entrance of five police regiments in their new uniform accompanied by police music preceded by a group in ceremony uniforms for official missions and followed by a group wearing the uniform that is used in different police sectors. A group in special missions' uniform followed them. The ceremony also witnessed a group of student nominees to join police forces and then a group of women police in their new uniform.

Receiving the Flag

Followed was the ceremony of handing over the new Abu Dhabi police flag in the college arena in its new design. The session of the ceremony group were the most symbolic and attractive. It displayed the position of the Abu Dhabi Police General Directorate and its pioneering role in preserving security gains in the emirate.





Lt. General Mohammed Khamies Al-Jinebi moved forward wearing the first uniform of Abu Dhabi police since its establishment in 1957 and holding the new flag accompanied by members of the police. Al-Jinebi then handed the new flag to H.H. Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan and then passed on to Major General Mohammed Khalfan Al Rumaithi. The latter sited the oath to preserve the flag security and stability and then handed it over to the flag bearer accompanied by a group of police forces.

### **Hoisting the new flag**

At the same time, the new flag was hoisted at the main building of the Abu Dhabi Police General Directorate, Al-Ain and Al-Dhafra Police Departments, Al-Marbaa

police station in Al-Ain and Al-Maqtaa police point in Abu Dhabi.

The ceremony also included other sessions including a show of knights on horses and holding the UAE flag.

The army band of Abu Dhabi police concluded the ceremony with a folklore show. Their performance fired the spirit of enthusiasm in celebrating the 60th anniversary of the establishment of Abu Dhabi police.

#### **Photoshoot**

By the end of the celebration, H.H. Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, H.H. Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, H.H. Sheikh Hamid bin Zayed Al Nahyan, H.E. Major General Mohammed Khalfan Al Rumaithi, H.E. Major General Abdul Aziz Maktoum Al Shareefi, and Directors of Abu Dhabi police sectors took a group picture to commemorate this occasion.



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## Traffic awareness protection for the public against traffic accidents



Traffic awareness is considered as a protection for the public against traffic accidents according to the saying " prevention is better than cure " , as traffic accidents cause much pain to those involved and their families leading to severe social problems as result of missing one of the parents or both due to lack of attention and commitment to traffic rules .

Seat belt might be one of the most important traffic safety means , as all scientific researches proved that it protects drivers and passengers from hurts during traffic accidents to the extent that is NOT believed by many.

Reviewing traffic statistics in different areas in the world , particularly for number of fatalities and serious injuries resulting from colliding with car's internal parts or being thrown outside of the car for those who don't use seatbelt , we'd see the credibility of all traffic legislations that affirm the use of seatbelt seeking the public safety.

In this context , it is worth to mention the proper way for using it ; scientific researches stated that lower part of seatbelt should be around the pelvis not belly , particularly for pregnant ; whereas the

upper part should be above the arm and collar bone towards the pelvis , not from beneath the arm , paying attention that drivers or passengers should be in upright position as seatbelt doesn't work efficiently if not so. Also , there shouldn't be a twist in any of the two parts of seatbelt ; it might severely hurt the user because twist in the belt presses very strongly on the area where it is especially the belly.

Seatbelt usage should be a second nature for all drivers and passengers and every user should advise others to use it by showing its benefits and importance in protecting themselves , families and friends.

There is no doubt that the UAE pays great efforts in this regards , through traffic awareness campaigns delivered by SAAD society and its magazine , public relations departments in traffic departments throughout the state and Traffic Institute in Al Ain city. Recent traffic legislations issued by ministry of Interior regarding the compulsion of driver and passengers to use the seatbelt is clear evidence to show that the state is very keen on maintaining public safety.

## With the participation of international experts Traffic Safety Conference discusses education and training in traffic behaviour

Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior, Major General Dr. Ahmed Naser Al Raisi, General Inspector of the Ministry of the Interior, inaugurated the International Conference on Traffic Safety under the title: "The Impact of Education and Training on Traffic Behavior". Organized by the Emirates Traffic Safety Society at the Intercontinental Hotel in Abu Dhabi, the two-day conference will be held in participation with the International Organization for Road Accidents Prevention, Arab Road Safety Organization, World Health Organization (WHO) and the Secretariat General of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

### Reduction

Statistics of the Ministry of the Interior revealed that traffic fatalities in the UAE decreased over the past six years from 826 deaths in 2010 down 12% to 725 deaths in 2016.

Traffic injuries also decreased 27% from 9,187 injuries in 2010 down to 6,681 injuries in 2016. Statistics also revealed that traffic accidents in the UAE during the same period were down 37% from 7,642 accidents in 2010 to 4,788 in 2016.

### Education and Training

Mohammed Saleh bin Badwa Al Darmaki, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Emirates Traffic Safety Society, said that the society was aware to tackle two important topics during the conference which are traffic education and training for their important role in shaping the personality of road users and enhancing their behavior. "Education and Training achieves safety for all and make from traffic safety culture an approach for all people in the society regardless of their age.



Al-Darmaki extended his thanks and appreciation to His Highness Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of the Interior and the Honorary President of the Emirates Traffic Safety Society, for sponsoring the conference, saying that this sponsorship affirms His Highness's continuous support to voluntary initiatives for the civil society of the UAE.

### Claiming Souls

For her part, Dr Hala Sakr Regional Advisor on Violence and Injury Prevention and Disability at the WHO Middle East, said that traffic accidents are still one of





the main reasons of deaths today. The Global Status Report on Road Safety 2015 stated that road traffic injuries claim more than 1.2 million lives each year and have a huge impact on health and development. They are the leading cause of death among young people aged between 15 and 29 years.

In addition to deaths on the roads, up to 50 million people incur nonfatal injuries each year as a result of road traffic crashes and cost governments approximately 3% of their GDP.

### Challenges

Dr Sakr pointed out that in Eastern Mediterranean Region, data points to a decrease in the number of traffic fatalities between 2010 and 2013. However, this rate remains higher than the global one, placing the region in the 2nd place after the African Region in traffic fatality rates. Most of fatalities in the region occur in the middle income countries.

### Honorary Presidency

During the conference, Her Royal Highness Princess Abeer bint Abdullah bin Abdulaziz was chosen as the Honorary President of the Arab Road Safety Organization. She is the first woman to occupy this position in the history of the organization. Princess

Abeer was chosen for this post considering her efforts in voluntary humanitarian work and her interest in traffic safety as well as spreading the culture of family traffic safety.

### 41K traffic fatalities in the Arab world

Afif al Fariqi, President of the Arab Road Safety Organization, revealed that traffic accidents caused the death of 41,000 persons in the Arab world in 2016 alone, whereas traffic injuries from those accidents were at 250,000 ones for the same period, pointing that this figure decreased 2.4% in 2017.

"The UAE is one of the pioneering countries in reducing traffic fatalities considering the flexibility in modifying traffic regulations and updating them regularly to cope with the increasing numbers of vehicles and residents in addition to having an advanced infrastructure," Al Fariqi said.

He pointed out that some Arab countries were successful in reducing traffic fatalities 50% this year, calling on countries to produce strict procedures to limit such accidents.

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# Initiative of Her Highness Sheikha Fatima

## “My Child’s Seat”

### Came to protect children from car accidents



*The humanitarian initiative “My Child’s Seat”, launched by Her Highness Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak - Chairwoman of the General Women’s Union, Supreme Chairwoman of the Family Development Foundation and President of The Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood -, is considered one of the most successful initiatives and was highly welcomed by the targeted audience – parents, caregivers, individuals, private and government entities and the whole community.*

This initiative was launched in cooperation with Ministry of Interior & Emirates Red Crescent owing to Mother of the Nation’s interest in the wellbeing of precious children - the future generation – whom she is very keen on educating and raising in the best way possible, thus, creating a safe environment and providing all means of protection for their safety.

H.E. Rym Al Falasy – Secretary General, The Supreme

Council for Motherhood and Childhood – said that this humanitarian initiative, launched by H.H. Sheikha Fatima targeting the safety of our children from traffic accidents, has prominently succeeded in attracting many donors supporting it and providing everything possible to make it more effective.

She added that the turnout of this initiative and its pursuance was due to the fact that it targeted the



wellbeing of all families and children who deserve our utmost care and interest.

H.E. stressed that launching such initiatives by Mother of the Nation has been deemed necessary after official statistics confirmed that most traffic accident victims are children, thus the importance of using all means to protect them. She pointed out that Her Highness highly cares about mothers and children and is aware of all challenges that stand in the way of shaping their lives and future, hence, she strives to eliminate these challenges and to provide them with opportunities and solutions in order to shape a thriving future generation, thus building a prosperous nation.

Hospitals and trade shops have come forward with generous donations for this initiative, donating hundreds of car seats for children in order to protect them from harm; they are also working on educating parents and care givers in order to ensure the safety of each child from the day they leave the hospital as a new born until they reach the legal age of which a car seat is no longer required.

Many parents are donating car seats themselves, handing them to the campaign officials at The Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood and at the Ministry of Interior. Other community members and entities have also responded positively to the campaign.

This humanitarian initiative comes within the framework of the initiatives launched by Mother of the Nation and reflects the aspirations of the UAE, the vision of our leadership and moving on the path of the "Year of good 2017".

To continue with supporting this initiative, The Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood (SCMC) has organized an intensive media campaign inviting the public - especially mothers, parents, family members - and institutions to contribute in the success of this initiative.

SCMC identified the centers participating in and receiving donated child seats for the campaign as follows: General Women's Union – Abu Dhabi, Dubai Women's Association, Women's Union – Sharjah,



Al Nahda Women's Association – Ras Al Khaimah, Center for Community Development – Fujairah, Women's Association of Umm Al Quwain and Umm Al Moumineen Association – Ajman.

The Council also published video clips and short influential paragraphs to announce this initiative through media and through social media - Instagram, Twitter @uaescmc and the website [scmc.gov.ae](http://scmc.gov.ae) – in order to express the importance of providing a car seat for children regardless of the purpose/duration of the car ride - whether for a short drive, visiting relatives or shopping.

SCMC extends gratitude to Abu Dhabi Media Company for media broadcasts and filming short clips, thus contributing in the success of "My Child's Seat" Campaign. The Council also thanks all the media entities who contributed to the success of this initiative through intensive media coverage of news and reports highlighting the importance of the campaign, interaction of families & society members and the cooperation of institutions.

This indicates the willingness of all community members to contribute in implementing UAE's humanitarian initiatives.

## Abu Dhabi Police studying to employ AI to ensure pedestrians' safety



### **Abu Dhabi Police is studying to utilize Artificial Intelligence at pedestrian crossings to ensure the safety of pedestrians**

Brigadier Ali Khalfan Al Daheri, Director of Operations Sectors, said that Abu Police are keen to use all available resources to improve the safety on roads in Abu Dhabi, including the application of AI. He highlighted the growing number of pedestrians on the streets of the capital as one of the main reasons for wanting to improve safety.

Al-Daheri stated that Abu Dhabi police is looking into ways to utilize AI in finding practical means that would ensure the safety of the community. He added that not giving the priority to pedestrians and not allowing enough safety space for stopping vehicles as well as jaywalking are all causes that require from us to use advanced tools to ensure their safety and to upgrade traffic safety systems.

Brigadier Eng. Nasser Sultan Ali Nasser Al Yabhouni, Director of Information and Communication

Technology (ICT) Department at Abu Dhabi Police, said that main roads are the veins of vehicle movement in Abu Dhabi City and the new system will offer ease of safe movement, especially at peak hours.

He made clear that the study will focus on practical aspects of monitoring pedestrian crossings by trial analytical systems to specify the cases where AI is required to ensure traffic safety, limit negative sides and improving the general look of the city.

This study will include monitoring and organizing movement on pedestrian crossings by using two monitors: one for incoming traffic towards the pedestrian crossing, and one for pedestrians, and by using two cameras, one to read license plates and one for visual analysis. There will also be a central processing unit, a directional device and communication set to call the Monitoring and Control Center. The system will monitor the pedestrian crossing and its surroundings, which would allow vehicles and pedestrians to pass safely according to fine traffic guidelines.