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# Year of Zayed...Year of Loyalty to the man of good deeds

Everyday passes by in 2018, we get inspired by the national and humanitarian values of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan to keep on giving, building, developing and innovating our country to become amongst the top countries of the world.

Every country has its spiritual and national code that it prides itself with throughout the years. We found our spiritual and national code in our father Sheikh Zayed. We are the generation that grew by his hands and his lovingness. He is the builder of the nation and the source of its prosperity...We have always named ourselves as the "Children of Zayed" which means his sons, daughters and members of his family. On the other hand, the generation, which came after ours and did not live during his time, are living and feeling his accomplishments and realizing what he had done from noble deeds to provide them with happiness and prosperity.

This year, we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of a nation and a leader who confronted challenges with wisdom. The road ahead of him was not easy; however, challenges and obstacles did not hinder his determination and will; on the contrary, they were the drive to move forward backed by solid willingness and strong determination to move ahead with clear vision. He paved the way for us and raised the pillars of development and growth by making intellectual, civil, economic and cultural accomplishments while adhering to our deep-rooted customs and traditions. Sheikh Zayed gave his life in serving his nation, its sublimity and progress... thus, came the directions of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, to announce 2018 the "Year of Zayed" to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Founding Father and to honor his role in not only serving his country and people, but in serving humanity as a whole.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan to His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister, 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; their excellency the rulers of the emirates; their excellency crown princes; their excellency the ministers and the citizens and residents of the UAE. God bless the UAE and its people with peace and prosperity.



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## **Zayed Humanitarian Day... Love and loyalty to the leader of giving**

We celebrate Zayed Humanitarian Day every year on the nineteenth of Ramadan, which comes this year as we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of the founding father of the UAE. No doubt, this Day is but one of the many activities and initiatives of the "Year of Zayed", which aims at igniting the spirit of the Founding Father Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan in our hearts and passing it to next generations as well as to shed some light on the continuity of the approach of Sheikh Zayed in a wise leadership that is felt across the entire globe.

Sheikh Zayed had built a nation that respects the human being and believes in its key values. He gave his directions to invest in shaping the Emirati citizen and taught us to respect the other and to welcome him in our country considering our culture and customs in honouring our guests. Sheikh Zayed believed in science and knowledge as the sublimity of nations; thus, he made sure to open the door wide open for all those who are equipped with experience and knowledge in order to enrich our national expertise. He used our national resources to the best interest of Emiratis and residents and made from the UAE a place that is featured with economic and social prosperity; he said: "Since God bestows His graces on us, providing us with wealth, it is our role to use this wealth for the benefit and prosperity of our people, as an expression of gratitude to our Lord."

Since its foundation on the hands of Sheikh Zayed, the UAE has been working to instil within its people the values of humanitarian work and to spread peace, lovingness and harmony amongst the peoples of the world. On the footsteps and approach of School of Zayed, the wise of the Arabs, our beloved country moved ahead under the leadership of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE; his brother His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister, 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 their highnesses members of the UAE Federal Supreme Council rulers of the emirates; in stretching a humanitarian hand and spreading the culture of peace and harmony across the globe. God bless the soul of the leader of humanitarian works Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, and bless our beloved country with peace and prosperity

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# Year of Zayed

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Founding Father

*His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, may God save him, declared 2018 the “Year of Zayed”, to be a national honoring of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may Allah have mercy upon him, in his 100th birth anniversary. He stated that such celebration is intended to highlight the role of the late leader, may Allah forgive him, in founding the UAE and in the local and international achievements. Such declaration is synchronized with the coronation anniversary of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan on 06th August, 1966 as the governor of Abu Dhabi.*



## Khalifa: The “Year of Zayed” embodies the exceptional and unique place of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan



### Realizing many objectives

The efforts of the coming year will be dedicated to several objectives. The first objective is to highlight the role of late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may Allah have mercy upon him, in founding the UAE, laying the foundations of the UAE’s modern renaissance and its local, regional and international accomplishments, to appreciate the late leader and his principles and values that formed and are still forming the solid basis upon which the UAE depended and to shed the light on his people’s love and loyalty.

The second objective is to immortalize late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan’s charac-

ter, principles and values, being one of the greatest leaders and most inspiring figures around the world for his patience, wisdom and vision. The third objective is to shed the light on the position of the late leader as an icon of nationalism and patriotism. The fourth objective is to immortalize the late leader’s inherited projects and initiatives that serve the future and consist with his vision and values.

### Materializing human-building vision

HH President of the UAE stressed that choosing 2018 to be the “Year of Zayed” embodies the exceptional and unique place of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may Allah have mercy upon him, at the

heart of each and every Emirati citizen. He referred to Sheikh Zayed’s place as the leader, the founder of the union and the modern renaissance witnessed by the UAE in all fields and the icon of wisdom, goodness and giving not only in the gulf zone but at the Arab and international levels. He stated that his attitudes and initiatives declare him to be an exceptional modern leader appreciated by the people of the region and of the whole world.

His Highness said on this 06th of August witnessed the rise of a new era upon the coronation of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan as the governor of Abu Dhabi. It was the first step on the road towards unity, development and human-building.

His Highness stated that Sheikh Zayed was capable of laying the firm foundations and establishing the solid pillars of a strong union state which became to be a model of success and development by every means and an inspiring icon of the states which seek progress since it balanced wisely and influentially between the fulfillment of the modern requirements and the preservation of the civilizational, cultural and social idiosyncrasy.

### Great national occasion

His highness said “the “Year of Zayed” is a great national occasion which brings to our

minds proudly and honorably the memory of the founder Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may Allah have mercy upon him, and the great heritage of values, principles and traditions he left. He said that such values, principles and traditions distinguish the Emirati character and embody the UAE soft power in the region and the world especially that the union country he founded with his fellow governors of the emirates was built upon unity, cooperation and solidarity. He referred to that the UAE worked on shaping a real developmental experience that the Emirati people reap the fruits of and enjoy the security and stability in. He said that this is the reason behind instilling the unique unity experience and creating such an inspiring role model for several countries around the region and the world.

His Highness the President of the UAE called upon the Emirati people to uphold the noble and high values of Zayed, which he instilled in us, on the top of which wisdom, respect, determination, will, loyalty, affiliation to this nation and readiness to sacrifice anything for it because putting such values into action strengthen the unity of our internal home and enhance it in the face of challenges and risks.

He also called for making the year 2018 a year of achievements and formulating initiatives, events and programs that reflect the importance of this great historical character, imitate its core and highlight the pioneering role of the late

Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, who put the country on the world map thanks to his leadership, wisdom, vision and experience. HH said that this is such a memorable festive occasion that has a great impact in the hearts. He said that this period of time with all its achievements and established facts is considered dear, precious and influential occasion. He stated that this period of time embodies the dream of a people in development, prosperity, welfare and unprecedented civilizational construction in such a short period of time.

### Keeping on the right track

HH said that while we celebrate the “Year of Zayed”, we confirm that we will keep going on the same track and work together in accordance to the late leader’s wisdom and clear visions. He stated that Zayed School which is wisely and uniquely managed is an inspiring resource of the UAE and the firm foundation of the federal structure of our country. He added that it would be the starting point towards the future in which we will strengthen the position of our beloved country as one of the best countries around the world in all fields within the coming few years. He added “we will keep on this right blessed empowerment track which aims at preparing the environment required for providing the UAE people with the means of strength and empowerment to be more contributive to the social, political, productive and cognitive life. He referred to that they are the real

wealth, as the late leader used to say, not in the materialistic sense of the word, but rather in the sense that they craft the future of their nation. He said that this is the reason why we intend to keep on this wise approach of the Emirati empowerment in all fields and encouragement of the UAE people to do their role in the comprehensive and sustainable development.

### Good deeds

His Highness President of the UAE, may Allah protect him, stressed that the biography of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may Allah bless his soul, will remain vivid in the hearts of the UAE people, the Arab and Islamic peoples and the whole world for his acts of support which extended to the needy, the weak and the wounded all over the world without discrimination on the basis of religion, race or color. The projects of goodness and development related to his good memory expanded to various societies and states. The Declaration of 2017 to be the “Year of Goodness” is a streamlet of the river of goodness of Zayed Al-Khair, which taught us the values of caring and giving limitlessly.

The “Year of Zayed” is a reflection of Zayed’s good deeds and great heritage. It allows his fellow sons to live in an atmospheres that are packed with goodness and giving and will be alive in their hearts. He said “The Year of Zayed is a means to protect Zayed’s heritage and a chance to live with Zayed’s values and work in accordance with Zayed’s vision.



## Mohammed bin Rashid: We are inspired by the Zayed school of leadership and management



### Realizing “Year of Zayed” objectives

Accordingly, the Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, in response to the President’s directives and to achieve the year’s goals, called for the launch of a comprehensive framework to develop an integrated and consolidated agenda that activates initiatives

within all federal and local institutions.

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum said, “We celebrate the centennial anniversary of the birth of one of the greatest and most noble men who dedicated his life for the present and future of the nation.” The Vice President and Ruler of Dubai added, “We are inspired by the Zayed school

of leadership and management. With the founding blocks of the Union State placed by the late Sheikh Zayed, from which we are all reaping the benefits, we will continue this path and look forward with optimism to the future.

### Walking in the steps of Zayed

He continued, “This is why we have launched the “UAE



Centennial 2071”, which includes a comprehensive government program with a national strategy to enhance the country’s reputation and soft power and ensure that there are sustainable and diverse sources of government revenues.” The aims, His Highness said, are to invest in education that focuses on advanced technology, to build a system of ethical values for our future generations, to boost productivity of the national economy, and to enhance community cohesion.

### **An honor for the generations**

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid went on to say, “the noble values and traditions of the late Sheikh Zayed represent a true wealth and a source of pride for all those in

the UAE, an inexhaustible well of giving from which current and future generations learn how to sacrifice all that is precious for the homeland. This is a supreme goal that we adhere to, and one to which we all work towards, to have the strength needed to survive difficulties no matter how large they may be, armed with perseverance and patience.”

### **Willingness and determination**

“Sheikh Zayed has instilled in us the willpower and determination to challenge and achieve the impossible. This is why we are always convinced that we are capable of being pioneers and to become one of the best countries in the world. He inspired us to see his way to the future, to follow in his footsteps

with confidence and insight, and to consolidate the gains and achievements,” he added.

Sheikh Mohammed noted how the late founding father was a role model of how a ruler interacted with his people. “He was modest, and he personally checked on the needs of citizens. He would visit their homes and attend their occasions, thereby creating a unique bond with the people, becoming an inspiration to many in our region and the world.”

The Ruler of Dubai also highlighted the successful management skills of the late Sheikh Zayed, who, he said, had the ability to make the right decisions in all fields and implement them, thus establishing the foundations for a successful and effective government administration for our time.



## Mohammed bin Zayed: that the late ruler had a significant impact on the promotion of the principles of humanitarian action and was a pioneer of charitable and developmental aid in the 20th century



### Investing in the human element

Also speaking on the occasion, his highness sheikh mohamed bin zayed al nahyan, crown prince of abu dhabi and deputy supreme commander of the uae armed forces, said, “the year of zayed is an occasion to celebrate the achievements of the late sheikh zayed bin sultan al nahyan and their future impact. The uae, under his leadership, has been able to rise to the ranks of developed nations and achieve great development at all levels.”

He continued, “The Emirati citizen was the most important element of development, as Sheikh Zayed’s main objective was to invest in building the Emirati person, believing in his or her ability to actively participate in the building of the nation. He has always emphasized that man is the most essential element of progress, and that the most precious wealth of this country is its people, who we must take care of well. There is no use for money without men. This is the philosophy that drives the process of comprehensive and sustainable development of this country.”

### Spreading the civilized heritage

Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed said, “The best way to celebrate the Year of Zayed would be by spreading Zayed’s glorious human and cultural legacy via all the people of the UAE, to continue his inspirational and noble values, and introduce these ideals to new generations.”

“Sheikh Zayed is an example for every Emirati citizen, and loyalty to his legacy must be followed through his principles and values. Today, we need to learn from these authentic national values, and draw lessons

from them in order to continue developing the nation's renaissance on the global map."

### An inspiring role model

He went on to say that Sheikh Zayed's legacy is a homogenous, harmonious system of human values and ethics. The late Sheikh Zayed principles will continue to inspire leadership, sacrifice and sincerity, and provide future generations with an on-going learning experience from his school of thought. President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan's directives to strengthen the path of progress by remembering our past, living in the present, and aspiring to the future are the foundations and principles upon which the late Sheikh Zayed set the course of the UAE.

His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan added that the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan laid the foundations for an integrated school of thought in governance and politics through interactions with UAE people. The late Ruler's doors were always open to the citizens of the UAE to enable him to be better acquainted with their needs. He had an ability to make decisions without hesitation, especially those related to the security and stability of the homeland and its interests.



### A unique system of noble morals

His Highness the Abu Dhabi Crown Prince emphasized that Sheikh Zayed applied a unique system of noble morals and values that shaped the conscience of the UAE people, creating a positive image of the UAE held globally. "The UAE's image is founded on a core belief system of tolerance and coexistence. Nations across the world call to uphold and strengthen this belief in light of the growing fanaticism and hatred that threat-

ens international peace and security."

"The late Sheikh Zayed established a global school of tolerance and coexistence because he knew that from the Union's beginnings, the UAE's uniqueness lay in its ability to welcome different races, religions, and cultures without abandoning its social and cultural identity. The principles in which the late ruler believed, and strived for, were aimed at creating a world of coexistence and peace," he added.



### Promoting the principles of humanitarian action

H.H. Sheikh Mohamed explained that the late ruler had a significant impact on the promotion of the principles of humanitarian action, and was a pioneer of charitable and developmental aid in the 20th century. Sheikh Zayed's name is in the hearts and minds of individuals who have benefited from the various charitable projects and organizations that the late ruler set up and supported.

In 1971, the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development was established to assist and contribute to humanitarian development projects. In 1992, the late Sheikh Zayed established the Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan Charitable and Humanitarian Foundation to be a helping hand for underprivileged individuals, both within and outside the country, in addition to the pivotal supporting role played by the Emirates Red Crescent.

### A symbol of Arab unity and solidarity

The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi affirmed that Sheikh Zayed was a symbol of Arab unity and solidarity. History sheds light on his role in strengthening the bonds of Arab solidarity and



supporting brotherly nations in times of adversity, including the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC), which was established in Abu Dhabi in 1981. The late Sheikh Zayed worked wholeheartedly to promote joint Gulf action based on the belief in unity as a path of excellence, pride and progress.

Sheikh Mohamed said that the late ruler gained a reputation throughout the Arab world for his intellect and actions that ignored division, difference, and rivalry between Arab states, in addition to his insightful vision in international relations, acting as a guarantor of security, stability and development for all people of the world.

### Activating the “Year of Zayed” initiative

His Highness Sheikh Mohamed called upon all the Emirati citizens to participate positively in activating the “Year of Zayed” initiative by upholding the noble values instilled in them by the late Sheikh Zayed, including those of wisdom, respect, determination, loyalty, a sense of belonging to the nation, and to spread such values considering them a basis to continue the process of development of the country and enhance its position amongst the countries of the world and to be as what Sheikh Zayed wanted; a role model for goodness, development and stability.



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## **Memories of the Founding Father...** **A call to keep on giving**

*“Year of Zayed” documents an exceptional year in history featured with records of achievements by a very dear person in the hearts and minds of everyone and we are living this year vivid memories of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan on the 100th anniversary of his birthday.*



The year 2018 is different from all its diverse aspects, it holds within its folds a renewed assurance to a collective and implied confession with the role of the founding father Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan in building the glory, dignity, traditions, customs, values and principles of the UAE.

In 2018, everyone recalls the deeds of Sheikh Zayed, the wise of the Arabs, who built a nation with a fame of elegance, excellence, development, and urbanization that echoes across the globe. It even reached to the point of planning for going to space and overcoming the impossible, breaking the hard walls of challenges and decoding what many countries were unable to decode. Sheikh Zayed once said: “The present in which we live now on this good earth is a victory for the suffering of the past and the harsh conditions.” His saying was a true translation to a reality, and an outstanding work process that put the UAE atop of the world ranks.

### **Distinguished Position**

His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Na-

hyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, has declared 2018 the “Year of Zayed” in the UAE to highlight the role of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan in establishing the UAE and consolidating its foundations of modern development, with an emphasis on the nation’s local, regional and global achievements, and continue to form the basis of this country’s progress.

The Year of Zayed will seek to share Sheikh Zayed’s values and principles, as well as one of the greatest world leaders, with an inspirational wisdom, vision and patience.

The Year of Zayed reflects the unique standing that the late leader holds with every Emirati as the founding leader of the Union. With his wisdom and goodness, Sheikh Zayed set the foundations of modern development across all sectors in the UAE. His generosity is experienced not only in the UAE and the Gulf region, but also throughout the Arab world and internationally, with contributions and initiatives that continue to reflect his unerring skill as a modern leader, who gained the respect of so many people around world.



### Birth and Upbringing

When we talk about the Year of Zayed, we must recall the biography of this great leader. He is Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan bin Zayed bin Khalifa bin Shakhbut bin Dhiyab bin Eisa bin Nahyan Al Nahyan Al-Falahi.

Sheikh Zayed was born on 06 May 1918 in the Trucial States in the island of Abu Dhabi, which is called in such a name, according to folk stories, due to the abundance of "Dhabi" Gazelles on the island.

Sheikh Zayed was born during years of hardships; however, they did not take him down, on the contrary it shaped his personality as a leader amongst his people who were deprived of everything but of dignity and pride.

Sheikh Zayed was born and bred in Al-Hosn Palace, the seat of Abu Dhabi government, which was built by Sheikh Shakhbut the First in 1793 after moving to Abu Dhabi from Liwa.

Sheikh Sultan passed away in 1926 when Sheikh Zayed was still in his early years. He moved to Al-Ain in an early stage of his life to assume the leadership afterward.

### Eminent Personality

Sheikh Zayed received his teaching from Abdullah bin Ghanim for two years; during his young age he pursued more education utilizing his own efforts. He learnt the Holy Quran and acquainted himself with the rules of Islamic Shar-

iaa. He gradually grew fond of the Holy Quran. Besides, he understood and learnt some Arab poetry such as the poems of al-Mutanabbi, Abi Tamam, and the rules of Nabati poetry and learnt about the values and customs of the Bedouin and gained the necessary skills of hunting, equestrianism and shooting.

As the time past, Sheikh Zayed grew to make an eminent personality features with wisdom, vision and patience. He worked very hard to shape





a leading personality and realized the basics of tribal balance and how to solve disputes and knew deep down that survival will remain the obsession of all tribes and that conflicts will not end until the general surrounding conditions change.

The star of Sheikh Zayed rose during the negotiations of Al-Buraimi borders dispute, when the people looked at him with respect and admiration.

### **Ruling Al-Ain**

In 1946, Shaikh Zayed became the ruler of Al Ain, the lack of water and funds did not stop him from developing the city. He drew a precise plan to invest in the capabilities of the city and worked hard on materializing the plan. His door was open to all his fellow citizens, they can say whatever they want, telling then that the ruler is one of them and does not live above them. During his time as the ruler of Al-Ain, the city transformed into a green heaven. Since he ruled Al-Ain City, Sheikh Zayed felt the need for a lot of work, and despite the lack of water, funds and capabilities, but that did not drove him to despair; he repaired the old water tunnels and dug new wells in order

to expand the agricultural lands including Al-Sarouj water tunnel in Al-Ain City.

Thanks to his directions, in 1956 the first school opened in Al Ain called “The Nahyania School”, the first market, road network and medical clinic were also established. Perhaps the greatest achievement during such a difficult time in the country’s history is reallocating the water’s ownership to increase Al Ain’s agricultural areas— despite the scarcity of water at that time—making it available to all. Sheikh Zayed worked on reforming works; he went through all the aspects of life until he was called “The Man of the Great Reform”. Such reforms and accomplishments made from him the promised ruler to rule the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

### **Assuming Leadership**

The al-Nahyan family unanimously chose Sheikh Zayed as the new Ruler of the Emirate on August 6, 1966. Since assuming the leadership, Sheikh Zayed organized a key development process programme and encouraged his people to be involved and participate wholeheartedly in the process, bringing in foreign expertise for sup-



port where necessary. A few days after assuming office, the establishment of a modern formal government with its Ministries and Departments was announced and the new Government entrusted with the task of conducting the affairs of the state.

Sheikh Zayed's priorities included building new roads, construction of a bridge to link Abu Dhabi Island to the mainland with the noise of machines and equipment everywhere. Thousands of local people moved from barasti (palm frond) houses into modern homes. Modern roads were built over the desert sand and fresh water supply and electricity were connected to every house. Education shifted from the religious system of 'Mutawiah' to a modern educational system and literacy classes were held for those who had not previously benefitted from education. The desert Bedouins began to receive medical services from clinics for the first time. His development venture succeeded in eradicating ages of backwardness. Sheikh Zayed also paid much attention to the environment and spend a lot of money to plant trees in the City of Al-Ain and the emirate of Abu Dhabi as a whole. He said "The process of construction and development requires the efforts not only of the government but also of all the citizens of the UAE."

### The Union

On the 2nd of December 1971 a union of six emirates was formed (Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Dubai, Al-Fujairah, Al-Sharjah, and Umm al-Quwain)



and the new state was known by the United Arab Emirates. Sheikh Zayed was elected a president to the union, and Sheikh Rashid Al Maktoum was elected the vice-president. Shortly, Ras Al-Khaimah joined the union, which was declared officially on 11 February 1972. When the British announced their intention to withdraw from the Gulf region after 150 years of complete control, Sheikh Zayed seized the opportunity to draw a



political plan for the region. He convinced Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed al-Maktoum, the ruler of Dubai at the time, to join him in building a federation of nine emirates which were Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Ajman, Al-Fujairah, Ras Al-Khaimah, Al-Sharjah, and Umm al-Quwain, in addition to Bahrain and Qatar. Bahrain and Qatar preferred to work towards their complete independence, which drove Sheikh Zayed to exert more efforts to uphold the union with the remaining emirates.

### **Comprehensive Development**

The late Shaikh Zayed established an important principle is that the continuity of each emirate primarily is relying on the continuation of the Federation of UAE and any imbalance in the structure of the state will reflect negatively on the construction of each emirate.

Shaikh Zayed had stepped up efforts on the construction of vital infrastructure after the establishment of the UAE federation. This included agriculture which now has more than 600 thousand acres and the total green area amounts to more than one million acres.

The late Shaikh Zayed gave great impor-

tance to water and power projects due to its contribution to the growth of industrial and agricultural progress in the country. Water and electricity networks spread throughout the country to secure the needs of citizens of fresh water and meet the needs of agriculture, amounting to about 300 million gallons per day, according to statistics from the Ministry of Environment and Water.

The electricity linkage project between the emirates contributed to meeting the needs of the country, which has one of the largest and most sophisticated electricity networks in the region. During Shaikh Zayed's rule, the UAE witnessed substantial industrial development and investment. The amount spent on projects in 1995 amounted to nearly Dh13.7 billion.

Statistics said the total number of industrial installations in the UAE in 2003 was about 2,795 companies and factories.

### **Education for All**

Shaikh Zayed paid so much attention to education. He inaugurated "The Nahyania School" in Al-Ain City in 1959 and so the number of schools and universities increased considerably across the country. One of Sheikh Zayed's first wide-scale initiatives for the UAE was the provision of education to all citizens. This resulted in schools and learning centers being built all over the country and the recruitment of teachers from other Arab countries to provide education to the younger generations.

Within a few years, the UAE was able to meet all the necessary education requirements for a



modern sovereign state. Sheikh Zayed's efforts in this culminated in the creation of a variety of accredited institutions such as the UAE University, the Higher Colleges of Technology and the Zayed University. The country also embraced a large number of private universities and colleges including Abu Dhabi University and Ajman University of Science and Technology. Besides, the UAE was one of the first countries to bring computer skills within its Curricula.

On the medical side, during the time of Sheikh Zayed, the number of medical institutions operating in the country increased considerably including public and private hospitals and medical centers and pharmacies which provide medical care for Emiratis and residents of the UAE.

### National Political Stance

Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan established an excellent, wise and balanced foreign policy featured with standing by righteousness and justice as well as using dialogue and understanding in solving all the arising issues. His foreign policy is also based on achieving peace starting from his belief that peace is a need and a necessity for all humans.

Sheikh Zayed was the first to use oil as a weapon to stop the flow of American weapons to Israel in an attempt to change the course of the battle. His decision made an impact in the international stance to stand by the Arabs. He even delegated the Emirati Minister of Oil to the Arab Ministers of Oil Conference to discuss the use of oil in the war. And while the Arab ministers issued a resolution to decrease oil production 5 percent every



month, Sheikh Zayed said: Arab oil is not dearer than Arab blood and gave his decision to his minister to announce the boycott of oil immediately from the countries which stand by Israel. That placed a pressure on the global decision concerning the war, which he viewed as a liberation war. He was the first Arab leader to stand by Egypt in its battle against Israel. He even offered his support to Egypt during October War.

### UAE Islands

Sheikh Zayed refused to consider the issue of the three occupied Emirati Islands by Iran as a pretence to Iraq to continue its war with Iran. The UAE had a stance, which Sheikh Zayed expressed through his project to stop the Iraqi-Iranian war.

And after the Iraqi invasion to Kuwait, 66,000 Kuwaiti citizens fled to the UAE and the Emirati people received them with generosity. Sheikh Zayed gave his order to provide them with accommodation and financial aids in addition to exempting them from paying any medical expenses.

Sheikh Zayed and Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmad al-Sabah shared a common approach of establish-

ing the Gulf Cooperation Council. Their vision become reality on 25 May 1981 in Abu Dhabi and Sheikh Zayed was elected the first president of the council and the first president to sign the GCC Charter.

### Charity Work

Charity works of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and his humanitarian contributions across the globe were countless and gained so much attention from all the countries of the world. Following are some of his humanitarian deeds and giving from the time he assumed the role of Ruler of Abu Dhabi in 1966 up until 2000:

#### Arab Blood

\* Sheikh Zayed supported Egypt and Syria in their 1973 war for the liberation of the Arab occupied territories in Palestine saying: Arab oil is not dearer than Arab blood.

\* On 01 May 1974, Sheikh Zayed announce an increase in the capital of the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development, and on 06 November 1974, the UAE granted a new financial contribution to the Islamic Bank of 10 million Islamic Dinar to increase the total contributions of the UAE to the bank to 110 million Islamic Dinar.

\* On 28 January 1976, the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development granted a loan of AED 40 million to the Ministry of Islamic Affairs in Morocco.

\* On 11 February 1976, the fund granted two loans to Bahrain with a total amount of AED 160 million to finance electrical and industrial projects.

\* On 16 February 1976, pursuant to the directions of Sheikh Zayed, the UAE Cabinet decided to provide urgent aid of \$100,000 to those who were affected by the earthquake, which hit Guatemala.

\* On 29 February 1976, the UAE granted a zero-interest loan of \$2,400,000 to the UNISCO, and on 26 June 1976, the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development granted a loan of

AED40 million to finance development projects in Bangladesh.

#### Sanaa'- Ma'rib Road

On 29 September 1976, Sheikh Zayed attended the inauguration ceremony of Sanaa'- Ma'rib Road which cost around YER 187 million and paid by the UAE government.

On 22 December 1976, the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development granted a loan of AED 516 million to rural development projects in Darfur, West Sudan; on 17 February 1982, the fund granted a loan of \$500,000 to build the HQ of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Karachi; on 28 March 1982, the fund granted a loan of AED 259 million to the Senegal River Basin Countries; and on 10 April 1982, the UAE government, following the directions of Sheikh Zayed, sent an urgent aid of \$3 million to relief the impact of floods in Yemen.

On 11 February 1990 during the historical celebration held in Aswan, Egypt, Sheikh Zayed donated an amount of \$20 million to revive the old Alexandria library.

On 16 May 1990, Sheikh Zayed donated half million dollars to support the UAE-China Friendship Association; and on 26 February 1992, the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development signed three agreements with Syria in Damascus to finance three industrial projects with a total value of AED 911 million.

On 19 September 1992, the UAE government donated \$5 million to the Disaster Relief Fund in the US to help those who were affected by the floods of Hurricane Andrew which hit the State of Florida.

On 26 April 1993, the UAE government donated \$10 million to help the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina to overcome their ordeal.

On 25 June 1994, an agreement was signed to build an Islamic printing house in the Chinese capital Beijing with a donation of AED 3.1 million from Sheikh Zayed to support the activities of Muslim Chinese and spread the teachings of Islam.





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## MOI launches 2nd Unified Traffic Awareness Campaign

The Ministry of Interior launched the second unified traffic awareness campaign for 2018 under the slogan ‘Sudden Deviation’ within the initiatives of the traffic sector to improve road safety and achieve the highest levels of traffic safety, which is reaching 3 deaths per 100,000 people by 2021. The campaign will take place over three months period.

The campaign embodies the Ministry of Interior’s strategy emanating from that of the Federal Government. It is also in line with the police leadership’s directives to achieve the highest levels of traffic safety for all. It also falls within the traffic sector’s strategic plan at the Ministry of Interior, which is to promote road safety and curtail traffic and run-over incidents and what they lead to deaths, injuries and losses.

Maj Gen Mohammed Saif Al Zafeen, Chairman of the Federal Traffic Council, said that reducing traffic accidents is a priority for both police and competent authorities in the country and for members of the public, due to the resulting deaths and injuries, and the negative social im-

pacts and material losses.

He noted that the new statistics released by the Traffic Coordination Directorate General at the Ministry of Interior points to sustaining 761 accidents as a result to Sudden Deviation with a percentage of 18% of the total number of traffic accidents in 2017. He also added that there were 95 deaths and 1,190 injuries and that deaths and injuries made 17.5% and 20.3% respectively in 2017.

Maj Gen Al Zafeen noted that the the Ministry of Interior carries out this campaign in cooperation and coordination with the Traffic and Patrols Departments across the UAE, and other public and private entities concerned with traffic safety, which support these initiatives in order to create a safe environment and accidents-free roads.

He added that choosing the slogan ‘Sudden Deviation’ comes to follow the directions of Lt. General His Highness Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior. He pointed out that Sudden Deviation comes within the prime causes of traffic acci-





dents across the country and that it forms a real and serious hazard many drivers and road users do not realize, especially if it was accompanied by excessive speed which prevent the driver from controlling the vehicle and lead to serious traffic accidents.

He also stressed on the need to the support of the media to spread awareness within the community by using posters, brochures and leaflets. Media seminars will also be held and will host participating officials to communicate with the public about the campaign and disseminate traffic values and culture.

Maj Gen Al Zafeen called upon drivers and road users to adhere to road and traffic rules and codes to prevent traffic accidents which cost losses, injuries, and deaths, noting that adhering to road codes contributes to keeping the public safe from accidents.

He said that Federal Traffic Law imposed fines on violators in order to protect the public. He pointed to some articles of the executive regulations saying that the fine of Article 29 (Sudden Deviation) is AED1,000 and four traffic points; whereas the fine of Article 31 (Overtaking from a prohibited place) is AED600 and 6 traffic points. The fine of Article 83 (not using the indicator while changing lanes or sudden turns) is AED400; and Article 86 (Driving against traffic) impose a fine of AED400.





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## RAK Police and Saaed Association discuss cooperation to prevent Traffic Accidents in Ras Al-Khaimah

*By Captain Zainab Yehya Al-Maaz*

His Excellency Col. Ahmed Al-Sam Al Naqbi, Acting Director of the Traffic and Patrols Department at RAK Police HQ, has received His Excellency Brigadier Jamal Al-Ameri, CEO of Saaed Association for Prevention of Traffic Crashes, at the Department in Ras Al-Khaimah with the attendance of a number of department heads, branch directors and officers.

The meeting comes within the frame of co-operation and enhancing work procedures between RAK Police HQ, represented by the Traffic and Patrols Department at the Central Operation Department, and Saaed Association.

At the beginning of the meeting, Brigadier Al-Ameri welcomed the guests, praising their great efforts in enhancing safety and security, supporting the development process, overcoming all the challenges and obstacles, and providing all the necessary requirements to score the best results and realizing the desired objectives. He noted that such objectives can be achieved by holding periodical meetings, exchanging experiences, spreading knowledge, coordinating between all the related parties to get creative ideas and innovative initiatives that reflect the interest of all the related parties in pushing the wheel of innovation and creativity forward and in execution to the



ambitions of our wise leadership in making the UAE one of the safest and most secure countries in the entire world.

The meeting aimed at increasing cooperation and strengthening partnership between the two sides as well as founding a unified mechanism between the RAK Police HQ and Saaed Association to serve the best interest of the public in regard to traffic control through awareness campaigns, communicating with the public, disseminating news, and holding diverse activities throughout the year. This would contribute to creating a conscious community and one that is accountable to saving lives in addition to enriching traffic culture amongst all road users across the emirate of Ras Al-Khaimah.

## New rules for driving and traffic started the UAE

*New rules for driving and traffic started the UAE to apply the provisions of the amended Federal traffic law since 1 July 2017 Ministerial Decrees No 177 regarding the issuance and renewal of driving licenses, ministerial decision No 178 on procedures for emergency traffic on the list. Executive branch of the Federal Law No 21/1995 on the BIOS password, as amended by federal law No 12 of 2007, Ministerial Decree number (127) for the year 2008.*

The UAE's amended federal traffic law came into effect on 1 July 2017. The new regulations aim to further protect the lives of road users and reduce traffic casualties from about 6 per 100,000 people to 3 per 100,000 as per Vision 2021.

### **Ministerial Resolution No. 177 of 2017 regarding issuing and renewing a driver's licence**

The resolution sets stipulations for issuing and renewing drivers' licences as the following:

For those who are 21 years of age and above

- \* Initially, the driver's licences are valid for 2 years for citizens, GCC nationals and other nationalities
- \* After renewal, the driver's licence is valid for 10 years for citizens and GCC nationals and for 5 years for other nationalities.

For those below 21 years of age

- \* Initially, the driver's licence is valid for one year for citizens, GCC nationals and other nationalities.

### **Ministerial Resolution No. 178 of 2017 regarding traffic control rules**

The resolution covers many safety and control aspects. Some of them are:

#### **Mandatory seat belts for all**

- \* All passengers in a car are required to wear seat belts including those sitting in the rear seat, failing which the driver of the vehicle will be fined AED 400 and slapped with four black points.
- \* Children up to four years of age must be provided with a child safety seat. Violators will be fined AED 400 and slapped with four black points.
- \* The front seat passenger should also be at least 145 cm tall and not younger than 10 years old.

#### **Reckless driving**

- \* Reckless driving will incur a fine of AED 2,000, 23 black points and impounding of the vehicle for a period of 60 days.
- \* The same punishment and fine will apply to drivers who endanger the lives of others.
- \* Other violations cover: blocking traffic, jumping red signals, sudden swerv-

ing and driving without a number plate.

#### **Driving under the influence**

Drivers caught under the influence of drugs and or alcohol will have their licence suspended for one year, starting from the day of the verdict. Court will decide the fine and/or jail term.

#### **Traffic signals**

Motorcycle riders and motorists who ignore traffic lights will be fined AED 1, 000 and incur a penalty of 12 points and their vehicles will be seized for a month.

#### **Distractions**

Using phones while driving or any other distractions will be attract AED 400 fine and four black points.

#### **Driver's behaviour**

##### **Violations include:**

- \* throwing garbage
- \* not leaving safe distance between vehicles
- \* overtaking on the hard shoulder
- \* crowding around accident sites
- \* using quad-bike on road
- \* jaywalking





- \* violating technical and safety issues
- \* failing to fasten seat belts
- \* using expired tires
- \* driving without insurance/

- car registration
- \* driving noisy vehicle
- \* transporting passengers illegally.

### **Speeding**

Those exceeding the speed limit by 80 kmph will be fined AED 3,000, slapped with 23 black points and have their car impounded for 60 days.

# **“Zayed... Everlasting Giving”** **SAAED initiative aimed at people of** **determination and orphans**

In respect to the announcement of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, in declaring 2018 the “Year of Zayed”, and under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Saif Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior and Honorary Chair for the SAAED Society Board to Reduce Traffic Accidents; SAAED Society launched the initiative “Zayed... Everlasting Giving” at Jumairah Etihad Towers Hotel in Abu Dhabi. Aimed at the People of Determination, the initiative was launched on Zayed Humanitarian Day, which is being held under the title: “Love and Loyalty for the Generous Zayed”.



## **Enhancing Community Partnership**

On the occasion, SAAED Society organized a collective breakfast for the people of determination and honoured the outstanding ones with kind presents and cash as a means to enhance the partnership between the Society and this group of the community, and to continue walking on the footsteps of Sheikh Zayed and to convey gratitude to his role in setting the approaches of humanitarian work and giving in the UAE. The collective breakfast comes within SAAED Society initiatives to involve the people of determination within its approach of social integration during the holy month of Ramadan.



## **Taking Care of People of Determination**

During the event, Brigadier Eng. Hussain Al-Harithi, President of SAAED Society Board to Reduce Traffic Accidents, emphasized on the strategy of the SAAED Society and its awareness plans to empower its community partnership with the people of determination and to keep in touch with them in order to meet their needs and demands.







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## In enhancing traffic safety

# Abu Dhabi Police calls on drivers to pay attention to cyclists

Abu Dhabi Police warned drivers from entering and using bicycle lanes and endangering the lives of cyclists.

Brigadier Ahmed Al Shehhi, Deputy Director of Traffic and Patrols Department in the Central Operations Section – Abu Dhabi Police, advised drivers to pay attention to cyclists, to reduce their speed when cyclists use the road, not to drive in bicycle lanes, not to get very close to cyclists since that might baffle them and could lead to accidents, injuries and even deaths.

Brigadier Al-Shehhi praised the government of Abu Dhabi for assigning special lanes to cyclists along the new Hodariyat Bridge in Abu Dhabi to add to the many bicycle lanes in the different parts of the city, including: Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan St., Arabian Gulf St., and King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz St. in addition to bicycle lanes in the streets of Khalifa City, Mohammed bin Zayed City and Shakhbout City as well as Al-Raha Beach and Al-Falah City.

He urged cyclists to practice their hobbies in the places that were assigned to them considering the spread of this sport amongst diverse classes of the community. He also pointed to the increase in the numbers of cyclists in the streets of the city who use bicycles for the purposes of sports and transportation and which goes in line with the healthy lifestyle.

He also emphasized on the need for sportsmen and cyclists to use bicycles in their assigned lanes and in parks, and to remain away from the traffic low and from crowded roads and streets as well as to avoid riding against the road direction and entering into restricted areas.



He also called on cyclists to abide by safety rules including the use of helmets, elbow and knee pads, in addition to equipping their bicycles with white headlight and red rear light while switching them on during night hours. He also asked cyclists to control their bikes using both hands and driving on the right side of the road in the direction of the traffic flow. He warned cyclists from hooking onto cars and other vehicles in the street or carry weights that might affect their balances.

He referred to article (1) of traffic law, which specified a fine of AED 2,000, impounding of the vehicle for a period of 60 days and 23 points for reckless driving. The same punishment and fine will apply to drivers who endanger the lives of others.





## How to maintain a healthy care battery?!

Car battery life spans between four to five years; however, not looking after it may lead to damages that could potentially discharge its energy and expires it before its due date. In this article, we will delve into the damages that might cripple batteries and how to deal with them to increase the longevity of its lifespan.

There are two types of batteries in cars: flooded batteries, which use liquids, and modern dry cell batteries.

In flooded batteries type, a user may check the condition of the battery by checking the level of liquids in it, and if the liquids are lesser than the required level, it should be refilled with distilled water. One of the common mistakes that lead to deteriorating the quality of the battery is the decrease of battery liquids.

On the other hand, users can check the health of dry cell batteries by looking into a crystal lens, if the color is green that means the battery is sufficiently charged. However, if the color is black it means it is flat or failing and needs changing.

A car battery may deteriorate for not using it for long times. People with more than one car or those who travel for long periods and leave their cars parked suffer from this problem. In such cases, the users should remove the battery and keep it in a specialized place (battery distributors, merchants) to store it in a safe manner and recharge it every 15 days. If you do not prefer to remove the battery, you may hand the car keys over to a relative or a friend in order to take it in a short ride once every week.

Professionals advise to clean the body of the battery and its terminals from dirt and other factors by using a rag made from materials resistant to static electricity in addition to cleaning the terminals from corrosion by using ammonia and Sodium Carbonate, of course after disconnecting the cables (negative one first).

Sometimes, the problem lies with the dynamo. If the charging capacity of the dynamo is lesser than the battery capacity, then the dynamo will not be able to compensate for the discharge. On the other hand, excessive charging could lead to a decrease in the liquids. Besides, high temperatures when the dynamo charging capacity is more than the battery capacity could lead to serious damages to the battery.

Other mistakes that could lead to a failing battery is using it while the car is parked for long periods of time, such as using it to watch movies inside the car with DVD player and a strong sound system. The battery uses chemical reaction to generate energy and using it this way would lead to damaging it in a short time.

Electric breakdowns may also have an effect on the battery, besides insisting on starting the engine when it refuses to could lead to a flat battery.

To maintain a healthy battery we advise you to check the dynamo at least once a year to gauge its charging capability. Also, check the liquids of the battery periodically as a part of the routine service (e.g. changing oil and checking coolant water).

# **Tips to maintain your car tyres during summer**

The summer heat often compels us to pay extra attention to our health. However we often tend to forget that our cars, especially our tyres, need to be taken care of too. Considering the challenging summer climate in the region, high temperatures can become a serious problem for tyres, especially if they are not properly maintained.

Pierre Granzotto, General Manager for Passenger Cars and Vice President for Michelin Africa, India & the Middle East shares some key tips on how to maintain your tyres during the hot summer months:

## **1. Check all tyres regularly**

All tyres - including the spare - should be checked regularly. One should look for any visible signs of wear or damage, such as deep cracks, exposed cables, cuts or uneven wear of the tyres.

The depth of the tyre tread indicates the remaining service life. To determine the tread depth, a tread depth gauge can be purchased and used. Whereas a new tyre usually has a depth of 8mm, the minimum legal requirement for a tread in motor cars is 1.6 mm, and motorists are recommended to change a tyre when its tread is 3 mm.

## **2. Check the tyre pressure**

Tyre pressure is the life-blood of any tyre. Check the pressure of your tyres at least once a month. The air pressure in the tyre drops naturally at the rate of up to two pounds of air every month. However, high temperatures can increase the drop.

Apart from the fact that they wear more quickly, poorly inflated tyres generate more heat due to excessive sidewall flexing, affecting the overall performance of the vehicle, including braking distance, handling, safety and fuel consumption.

It is important to always check the pressure when the tyres are cold, meaning you have not driven the car for at least 2 hours or for not more than 3 km.

## **3. Check the tyre balance – if you feel vibration**

Ensure that your tyres are properly balanced. If you feel vibration through the steering wheel or through the vehicle body, your tyres could be balanced incorrectly. Balancing helps prevent premature wear of your tyres and eliminates vibration. It also protects the suspension, steering system and bearings of your vehicle.



#### 4. Check the wheel alignment – your car seems to be drifting to one side

Ensure that your wheels are properly aligned. If your tyre has come into contact with a solid object, such as a kerb or pothole, or you have noticed uneven wear on your tyres, your suspension can be disrupted making your wheels sit at improper angles.

During summer, tyre discrepancies such as these must be monitored extra carefully. Uneven tyre alignment can affect the handling of the vehicle and will cause the tyres to wear unevenly and prematurely, which in turn may lead to a tyre burst.

There are several indicators of a misalignment; your car seems to be drifting to one side even when you think you're driving straight; your steering wheel vibrates; or you are driving straight but your steering wheel is not centred.

Tyre alignment should be checked and corrected by a professional.

#### 5. Other tips to avoid tyre wear

Since tyres are the contact point between the vehicle and the road, drivers must pay extra attention to the safety of their vehicles. Periodical checks and repairs must be maintained throughout the year, and the summer is fast approaching, drivers must pay more attention to the aforementioned procedures.

Never overload your vehicle. Overloading increases tyre wear and fuel consumption, adversely affects vehicle handling and stability, and increases the braking distance. Moreover, keep an eye on the suspension. Old or worn shock absorbers can cause faster tyre wear and impact vehicle handling.



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## Parking of People of Determination



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At the time that the leadership of the UAE gives a great and unique care of the people of determination, present them various initiatives and` plan for them a prosperous future to encourage them to live a carefree life as others away from mattering which they suffer a result of disabilities they have, we see many drivers violate their parking's,

this parking's that are no more than 1% of the total parking's. They park in their places giving tenuous excuses that don't match our humanity; some of them say that there are no parking's available, they don't remember that they can park their cars away and come back walking enjoying the favor granted to them by Allah at the time that the handicapped were deprived from it, as well as they don't remember that if people of determination park away from their destination, they will find difficulty to walk back. Some say that they will park for a short time, forgetting that parking may be needed urgently by those people at that time.

As it is known about the leaders of the UAE, the fine of this traffic violation was stricter to deter the violators. Also, parking's of people of determination were made everywhere according to international standards to make it easy for them to park easily and safely.

I saw very encouraging and beautiful phrases written on the traffic signs, such as "Help them, don't take their place" and "Don't take their rights, it's the least we could provide them ". These phases in turn encourage drivers to commit to the traffic regulations by not using this parking's.

Commitment not to use this parking's under any circumstance shows a high driving manners coming from driver' morals and his sense of humanity. People of determination hope that we will help them and encourage them to practice their life normally to live together under the favor of Allah, as per to our prophet peace and blessing be upon him said in the Hadeeth "Allah helps those who help each other"

# Driving during sandstorms...

## Tips and measures

Driving during a sandstorm is as dangerous as driving in fog since both pose great dangers to drivers. Therefore, driving during dust and sandstorm requires paying extra attention in addition to possessing high driving skills and adhering to road rules and codes to prevent any potential accidents.

Following are some tips and measures while driving during extreme weather conditions and sandstorms:

- \* Do not drive with high

speeds and leave a safe distance between you and other cars.

- \* Avoid crowded roads and streets during rush hours and crises.

- \* Make sure headlights and tail lights are working properly.

- \* Keep the windshield and rear windshield clean.

- \* Paying extra attention when changing lanes.

- \* Do not use your mobile phone and keep your attention to the road.

- \* Do not switch the high

beam, especially during heavy dust since it may lower the visibility of other road users.

- \* Close the windows fully during sandstorms while switching air conditioning to a suitable temperature.

- \* Finally, be careful when driving on roads with heaps of sands by slowing down and turning hazard lights on to warn the cars behind you.



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