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Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan (**Arabic**: لَشَيْخ زَايِد بِن سُلْطَان آل نَهْيَان , romanized: *Ash-Shaykh Zāyed bin Sulṭān Āl Nahyān*; 6 May 1918 – 2 November 2004) was the ruler of [Abu Dhabi](#) for more than 30 years (6 August 1966^[1] – 2 November 2004).

He was the main builder of the [United Arab Emirates](#). He was the Union's first *[Ra'īs \(President\)](#)*, a post which he held for almost 33 years (1971 until his death in 2004).^{[2][3]} He is known as the "Father of the Nation".^[4]

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