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UAE LEADERS DISCUSS WAYS TO ENHANCE CITIZENS' WELLBEING

President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan met yesterday with His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, at Al Marmoom in Dubai. The leaders discussed a number of topics related to the UAE's ongoing progress and ways to advance the aspirations of the nation and its people.

Dubai sets out plan for inclusive education

Strategy aims to make city among top 10 global education leaders

DUBAI

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Dubai's ambitious Education Strategy 2033 sets a bold vision for the future, aiming to position the city among the top 10 global leaders in education. Approved by Shaikh Hamdan Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Min-

ister and Minister of Defence of the UAE, and Chairman of The Executive Council of Dubai, the strategy focuses on creating a world-class, inclusive education system where everyone, regardless of background.

The details of the Education Strategy 2033 were revealed at a press meet yesterday, detailing the progress the city has made in the past decade and setting out the agenda for the next 10 years.

Future goals

Speaking to *Gulf News* on the sidelines of the event, Aisha Meeran, Director General of the Knowledge and Hu-

man Development Authority (KHDA) emphasised the goals of the Dubai Education Strategy 2033, which align with Dubai's broader economic and social agendas.

She highlighted the inclusive nature of the strategy, with a focus on collaboration between parents, educators, and institutions to equip students with skills for leadership and success in Dubai's future.

"We want to make sure that Dubai attracts and retains the best talent and our schools are accessible, regardless of abilities or social and economic background," she said.

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8 Israeli soldiers killed in battle with Hezbollah

MILITANTS DESTROY THREE TANKS
ADVANCING TOWARDS LEBANESE VILLAGE

DUBAI

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Eight Israeli soldiers were killed in fierce battles with Hezbollah militants in southern Lebanon yesterday, marking the first deaths of Israelis since cross-border raids began the previous day.

In a separate incident, Hezbollah operatives destroyed three Israeli tanks as they advanced towards a Lebanese border village.

The ground battles began hours after Iran launched its second missile attack on Israel, prompting PM Benjamin Netanyahu to declare that Iran would pay for its "big mistake." Israeli forces intensified bombardments on Hezbollah's strongholds in southern Beirut. In response to the rising hostilities, the Israeli military ordered evacuations in over 20 areas in southern Lebanon and continued its bombardment of Hezbollah targets.

**Israel declares UN chief
'persona non grata'**

In a related diplomatic fallout, Israel declared UN chief Antonio Guterres "persona non grata," accusing him of failing to condemn Iran's missile attacks on Israel.

Foreign Minister Israel Katz criticised Guterres as an "anti-Israel Secretary-General" and labelled him a supporter of glob-

al terrorism. However, Guterres later condemned Iran's attack. "As should have been obvious yesterday in the context of the condemnation I expressed," Guterres told an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council, "I again strongly condemn yesterday's massive missile attacks by Iran on Israel."

Emergency G7 meeting

As tensions escalated, world leaders convened an emergency G7 meeting, urging both Iran and Israel to de-escalate the situation.

Italy, which holds this year's G7 presidency, was due to host the extraordinary call yesterday. Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani told Parliament time was of the essence to avoid further escalation. "There is still a chance we can avoid a war that could involve the entire Middle East," he said. "We call on regional actors to act responsibly."

"Iran risks setting the entire region on fire, this must be prevented at all costs," German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said.

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