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# MOHAMMAD HAILS COMPASSIONATE EFFORTS OF FOSTER MOTHERS

President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan received a group of foster mothers caring for children. During the meeting at Qasr Al Bahr in Abu Dhabi, Shaikh Mohammad expressed his gratitude for their compassionate efforts in fostering these children, helping them integrate into society, and providing a nurturing family environment that supports their emotional and social well-being, thereby benefiting both the children and the wider community. The President also reaffirmed **SEE ALSO P4** the UAE's commitment to supporting individuals and organisations that care for these children.

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# **UAE: Two-state** solution key to regional peace

ISRAEL BOMBS BEIRUT AS WORLD AWAITS ITS RESPONSE AGAINST IRAN

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Anwar Gargash, Diplomatic Adviser to the UAE President, said the region is currently in a perilous phase due to escalating tensions, noting that the two-state solution is key to ending the cycle of the ongoing crises in Gaza and Lebanon.

"The region is undergoing a dangerous phase, with escalating violence spiralling out of control, threatening to spread chaos and result in further loss of life. The solution starts with ending the conflict in Gaza and Lebanon, promoting de-escalation, and fostering dialogue free from extremist rhetoric," Gargash said on X.

"The 'two-state solution' remains the cornerstone for halting the cycle of recurring crises and for building a better future," he added.

# Hezbollah HQ hit

His comments came as Israeli warplanes bombed Beirut and traded fire with Hezbollah

militants in southern Lebanon. Nine people died in the centre of Beirut after an Israeli strike on a medical site affiliated with Hezbollah. The Israel Defence Forces said it killed 15 Hezbollah militants in an overnight air strike on a building used by the group in the town of Bint Jbeil.

Simultaneously, Israel's military announced it had targeted Hezbollah's intelligence headquarters in Beirut.

### Oil prices spike by 5%

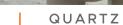
In Washington, US President Joe Biden said he is in discussions regarding possible Israeli strikes on Iranian oil facilities, a comment that caused oil prices to spike by five per cent yesterday. Asked if he supported an Israeli strike on Iranian oil fa-cilities, he replied, "We're discussing that. I think that would be a little... anyway." Biden said Israel should hold

off from targeting Iran's nuclear facilities, something Tehran has long warned would provoke an aggressive response. "The answer is no," he said to a question about whether the US would support such an attack by Israel. "They have a right to respond, but they have to respond proportionally." **SEE ALSO P12** 

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