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## Dh3.7b plan approved for Dubai internal roads

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His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, yesterday approved the five-year plan for internal roads (2025-2029).

The plan encompasses 21 projects spreading across 12 residential, commercial, and industrial areas, with a total of 634km of new roads costing Dh3.7 billion.

Mattar Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors, Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), said: "The Five-Year Internal Roads Development Plan covers 12 areas with urbanisation rates ranging from 30 per cent to 80 per cent. In 2025, internal roads will be constructed in Nad Al Sheba 3 and Al Amardi, serving Mohammad Bin Rashid Housing Establishment project, which includes 482 housing units."

He added: "RTA is committed to ensuring smooth and safe access for residents and visitors to their respective areas. By the end of last year, the total length of roads completed in residential and industrial areas reached 6,000km."

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# UAE, Kuwait seek to prevent expansion of conflict in region

LEADERS STRESS NEED TO SHIELD MIDEAST FROM IMPACT OF NEW CRISES

KUWAIT

The UAE and Kuwait yesterday stressed the need to intensify efforts to prevent the expansion of conflict in the Middle East and shield the region from the impact of new crises that threaten its security and stability.

This came as President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan met with Shaikh Mishal Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, Emir of Kuwait, during the UAE President's state visit to Kuwait.

The leaders reviewed the latest regional and international developments, particularly the situation in the Middle East, with a focus on recent events in Gaza and Lebanon.

### Call for ending hostilities in Gaza

The two sides underscored the importance of intensified international efforts to halt hostilities in Gaza, with a priority on ensuring full protection for civilians in line with international humanitarian law and advancing joint efforts to address current humanitarian conditions.

They also underscored the importance of working towards a path for a just, comprehensive, and lasting peace based on the two-state solution that



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■ Shaikh Mohammad and Shaikh Mishal inspect a guard of honour at the Amiri Airport yesterday.

ensures security and stability for all.

### Preserving Lebanon's unity

The leaders also reaffirmed the steadfast stance of both countries in preserving Lebanon's unity, sovereignty, and territorial integrity and commitment to standing by the Lebanese people in all circumstances. They called for urgent

international action to cease hostilities in Lebanon and provide protection for civilians there.

The leaders also reviewed cooperation and progress achieved in further strengthening ties, particularly in areas such as the economy, trade, and investment, as well as other fields experiencing ongoing growth in support of both na-

tions' developmental priorities and ambitious vision for a prosperous future.

The leaders reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the long-standing ties between their nations and peoples, founded on deep bonds of brotherhood, mutual respect, understanding, and shared interests.

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## DUBAI RIDE: SHAIKH ZAYED ROAD TURNS INTO CYCLING TRACK

■ Dubai's Shaikh Zayed Road was transformed into a massive cycling track yesterday as tens of thousands of cyclists joined the Dubai Ride 2024 as part of the annual Dubai Fitness Challenge. The fifth edition of the popular event saw health enthusiasts pedalling past some of the city's most iconic landmarks. **FULL REPORT ON P4**

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