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# Hamdan, Abdullah made deputy PMs

DUBAI CROWN PRINCE ALSO APPOINTED UAE DEFENCE MINISTER AS PART OF CABINET RESHUFFLE

DUBAI

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**S**haikh Hamdan Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of The Executive Council of Dubai, was yesterday appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of the UAE as part of a major cabinet reshuffle, which was announced by His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

As part of the reshuffle, Shaikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan was also appointed Deputy Prime Minister in addition to his role as the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

## Education and Human Resources Council expanded

The Education and Human Resources Council chaired by Shaikh Abdullah Bin Zayed and vice-chaired by Shaikha Maryam Bint Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, has been expanded to include the Ministry of Community Development, along with the existing Ministries of Education, Higher Education and Federal Universities, and Human Resources and Emiratisation. Shaikha Maryam has also been appointed the head of the National Centre for Quality Education.

Additionally, the Emirates Schools Establishment and



■ Shaikh Hamdan has joined the UAE government as Deputy Prime Minister and has been appointed as the Minister of Defence as well. Shaikh Abdullah has also been appointed Deputy Prime Minister in addition to his role as the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

## The Emirates Schools Establishment and the Federal Authority for Early Childhood Education will merge with the Ministry of Education.

the Federal Authority for Early Childhood Education will merge with the Ministry of Education. Sara Al Amiri has been appointed as the Minister of Education, and Abdul Rahman Al Awar will serve as the Acting Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, while continuing his role as Minister

of Emiratisation and Human Resources.

### Additional responsibilities

Ahmad Belhoul has been named the Minister of Sports and Chairman of the Higher Colleges of Technology, in addition to his responsibilities as Chairman of the UAE Space

Agency. Alia Abdulla Al Mazrouei has been appointed as Minister of State for Entrepreneurship, bringing her extensive experience from the private and government sectors to create economic opportunities in line with the national economy's significant growth.

Making the announcement on his X platform, Shaikh Mohammad said: "Shaikh Hamdan Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum has now joined the UAE government as Deputy Prime Minister and has been

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Shaikh Mohammad added: "We pray to Allah to help everyone serve the UAE and its people. We reaffirm that change is an integral part of our development journey — a journey driven by boundless ambition. As we move forward, our prospects remain bright, and our future is prosperous as long as we continue to dream ambitiously for our country."

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# America in shock as Trump hurt in assassination attempt

Authorities yet to ascertain motive of 20-year-old gunman

BUTLER, UNITED STATES

**D**onald Trump called on Americans yesterday to stand united after he was injured in an assassination attempt — a shocking incident that opened a dark new chapter in an already polarised US presidential race.

The former president was hit in the ear at a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, while the shooter and a bystander were killed and two spectators critically injured in the worst act of US political violence in decades.

In scenes that will haunt an America already traumatised



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■ Trump is taken off the stage at a campaign event after shots were fired at him.

by violence and political upheaval, Trump clutched his ear and fell to the ground after gunshots rang out at the rally on Saturday. Secret Service

agents surrounded him then bundled the former president off stage, as he raised a fist in defiance, with blood streaked across his ear and face.

The gunman has been identified as 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania. His motive remains unknown.

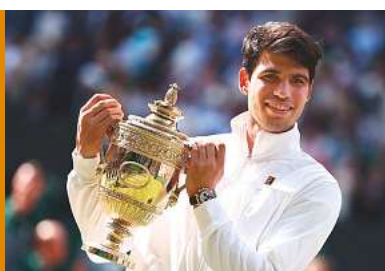
### UAE condemns shooting

The UAE condemned the shooting incident that targeted the former US president and expressed its sincere sympathy over this tragic incident. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reaffirmed that the UAE expresses its categorical condemnation of such criminal and extremist acts, and its permanent rejection of all forms of violence. — Agencies

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