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■ Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan receives Mohammad Bin Salman upon the Saudi Crown Prince's arrival at Al Ain International Airport, yesterday.

## President, Saudi Crown Prince meet to discuss bilateral ties

Two sides engage in cordial discussions reflecting deep-rooted fraternal relations

ABU DHABI

President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan yesterday welcomed Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman, who is in the UAE on a fraternal visit.

During the meeting, held at Qasr Al Rawdha in Al Ain, Shaikh Mohammad warmly received the Saudi Crown Prince, describing the UAE as his second home. The two sides engaged in cordial discussions

reflecting the deep-rooted fraternal relations between the UAE and Saudi Arabia. Prince Mohammad Bin Salman conveyed the greetings of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and his best wishes for the UAE's continued progress and prosperity.

### Congratulating the UAE

The Crown Prince extended his congratulations to the UAE President on the occasion of the UAE's 53rd Eid Al Etihad, expressing his hopes for further development and success for the UAE and its people.

The discussions also explored the enduring fraternal ties between the two countries

and opportunities for further development under their special strategic partnership. The two sides emphasised the importance of strengthening Gulf cooperation, reiterating their shared commitment to advancing joint Gulf efforts and reinforcing the region's security and stability. They also underlined the importance of fostering Arab cooperation in light of the complex challenges facing the region.

Shaikh Mohammad and Prince Mohammad Bin Salman stressed the importance of pursuing a just, comprehensive, and lasting peace based on a two-state solution, ensuring stability and security for all.

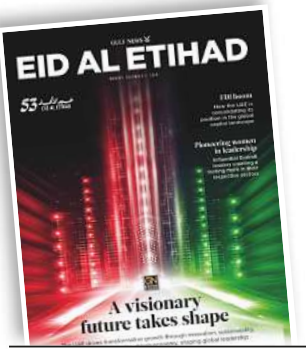
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## GCC leaders call for urgent Gaza ceasefire

SHAIKH MANSOUR LED THE UAE DELEGATION TO THE KUWAIT SUMMIT

DUBAI

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A summit of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) leaders yesterday called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, and affirmed support for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital.

The six-member bloc urged an "immediate and permanent cessation of Israeli fire and military operations" as well as "the delivery of all humanitarian and relief aid and basic needs to the residents of Gaza".

In the Kuwaiti Declaration issued at end of the 45th GCC Summit, the leaders praised the increasing role of GCC countries in addressing political and economic challenges, both regionally and globally. They also commended their contributions to resolving issues that threaten peace, security, and stability, while promoting international dialogue and fostering connections among nations.

Earlier, Kuwaiti Emir Shaikh Mishal Al Ahmad Al Sabah called on the international community to implement "an immediate ceasefire, providing international

protection for innocent civilians and ensuring the opening of safe corridors and the arrival of urgent humanitarian aid".

On behalf of President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Shaikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice-President, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Presidential Court, led the UAE delegation to the summit.

The summit was also attended by Qatar's Emir Shaikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman, Bahraini Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and Oman's Deputy Prime Minister Fahd Bin Mahmoud Al Said. In his address, Shaikh Mishal hit out at the "double standards in the application of relevant international laws, charters and resolutions" which he said had undermined "the region's security and stability".

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## UAE prepares to mark 53rd Eid Al Etihad

Official ceremony will be held in Al Ain this year

DUBAI

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Emiratis, residents and visitors are today coming together in celebrating the UAE's 53rd Eid Al Etihad, which marks the formation of the Union on December 2, 1971.

In the build up to Eid Al Etihad, government departments and private companies have been holding special events for employees. Today, each emirate will host festivities for the public. The official Eid Al Etihad ceremony will be held in Al Ain this year, and will be live-streamed at 6.15pm in many cinemas across the UAE, on local TV channels, Eid Al Etihad's YouTube channel, and Eid Al Etihad's official website ([eidaletihad.ae](http://eidaletihad.ae)) as well.

In Abu Dhabi's Al Wathba region, the Shaikh Zayed Festival is rolling out large-scale cel-

ebrations for tens of thousands of visitors.

One of the most anticipated attractions will be the fireworks and drone displays, illuminating the skies with the colours of the UAE flag and creating designs. These shows are taking place between Dec 1-3.

### Abra Parade

Dubai will feature a unique Abra Parade, comprised of 70 traditional wooden boats called abras, in Dubai Creek as part celebrations by the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) and its partners. The Parade will take place tomorrow, departing from Al Sabkha Marine Transport Station. Global Village will be another popular venue for all Eid Al Etihad fanfare.

Similarly, other emirates have planned parades, fireworks and Emirati folk performances showcasing the culture of the nation.

Parking will be free in public parking spaces, with a few exceptions. Several police departments have announced a discount on traffic fines.

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