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Dubai unveils  
world's tallest  
solar tower  
project

DUBAI

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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 inaugurated the largest concentrated solar power (CSP) project in the world, within the fourth phase of the Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park in Dubai.

He said the project advances climate action and aligns with the goals of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP28), which the UAE is currently hosting at Expo City Dubai.

The 950-megawatt (MW) fourth phase is the largest investment project that uses three hybrid technologies: 600MW from a parabolic basin complex, 100MW from the CSP tower, and 250MW from photovoltaic solar panels. Built at an investment of Dh15.78 billion, using the independent power producer (IPP) model, the project features the tallest solar tower in the world, at 263.126 metres, and the largest thermal energy storage capacity with a capacity of 5,907 megawatt hours (MWh), according to the Guinness World Records.

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# UAE, Russia call for truce in Gaza, protection of civilians

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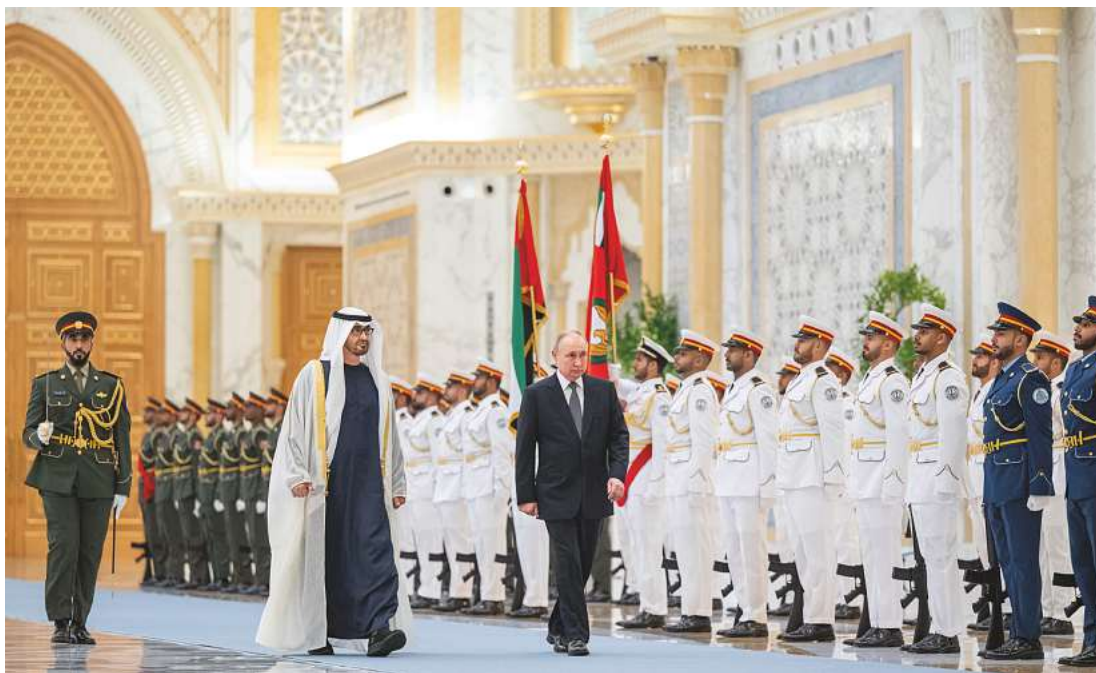
The UAE and Russia yesterday emphasised the need for international action to reach a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, protect civilians, and ensure the safe, unimpeded, and sustained delivery of humanitarian aid.

The call came as President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Abu Dhabi yesterday. The two sides also exchanged views on various issues of mutual interest, with a focus on developments in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Both sides underscored the importance of working towards a clear horizon for a lasting and comprehensive peace in the region based on the two-state solution.

Stress on dialogue

During the meeting, which took place at Qasr Al Watan, the leaders also addressed recent developments in the Ukraine crisis. Shaikh Mohammad emphasised that the UAE is committed to resolving conflicts worldwide through diplomacy and dialogue. This commitment is in line with the UAE's established policy of promoting peace, cooperation, and stability regionally and globally to



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■ Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Russian President Vladimir Putin inspect the guard of honour during a state visit reception at Qasr Al Watan in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

enhance international peace and security.

COP28, climate challenges

The meeting also touched upon the ongoing UN Climate Change Conference (COP28) held at Expo City Dubai. The Russian President expressed his hopes for the conference to yield outcomes that contribute to finding constructive solutions to climate challenges and enhanc-

ing international climate action for the benefit of all of humanity.

Global stability initiatives

Shaikh Mohammad also affirmed the UAE's commitment to building bridges of cooperation with various countries in efforts to support initiatives that promote global stability and prosperity for all.

The Russian President commended the role of the UAE on

the international stage, particularly through its membership on the UN Security Council, as well as its efforts in contributing to fostering global stability.

The two sides also explored prospects to enhance relations within the context of the bilateral strategic partnership. Additionally, their dialogue covered various regional and international issues of mutual interest. — WAM

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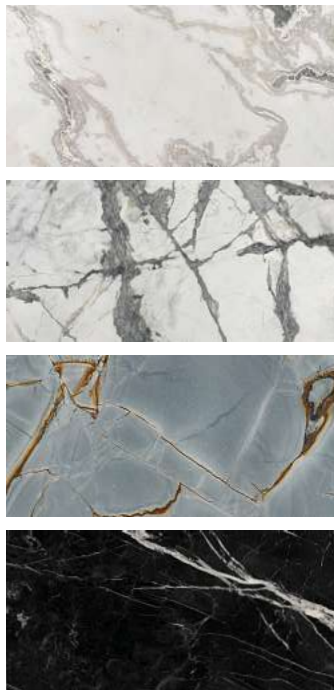
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