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Gulf nations condemn Oman shooting

DUBAI

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The UAE and other Gulf countries have condemned a deadly shooting that killed at least six people — four Pakistanis, an Indian and an Omani police officer — and wounded 28.

The three gunmen behind the attack were also killed in the attack in a mosque courtyard in Wadi Al Kabir.

Expressing solidarity with all measures implemented by Oman to protect its security and stability, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) the UAE expressed its strong condemnation of these criminal acts.

Condemning the shooting, Saudi Arabia praised "the speed and efficiency" with which Omani authorities dealt with the attack.

GCC countries' solidarity

Secretary general of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council, Jassem Al Budaiwi "affirmed the full support and solidarity of GCC countries" with their fellow member state.

The attack was claimed by Daesh, who claimed similar attacks on mosques in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia in 2015.

UAE, Indonesia sign MoUs to bolster bilateral cooperation

MOHAMMAD AND WIDODO REVIEW PARTNERSHIP ACROSS SEVERAL SECTORS

ABU DHABI

BY KHITAM ALAMIR
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The UAE and Indonesia yesterday signed a series of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) and agreements across several sectors aimed at further developing cooperation between the two countries.

The signing ceremony in Abu Dhabi was witnessed by President His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Indonesian President Joko Widodo who concluded his two-day state visit to the UAE yesterday.

Shaikh Mohammad and Widodo reviewed strategic relations within the framework of the two countries' Comprehensive Economic Partnership and reaffirmed their shared commitment to advancing these relations to help achieve their sustainable development ambitions.

Sustainable development

The two leaders also reviewed various aspects of cooperation between the UAE and Indonesia, especially in the fields of the economy, investment, renewable energy, food security, infrastructure, education, health, climate action, and the environment, which are considered priorities for sustainable development in



WAM

■ Shaikh Mohammad presents Indonesian President Joko Widodo with the Order of Zayed in recognition of his effort to strengthen the close relations between the two countries.

both countries. Shaikh Mohammad noted that the signing of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement in 2022 marked a major milestone, contributing to the burgeoning economic cooperation between the UAE and Indonesia. He highlighted that when President Widodo took office in 2014, the volume of non-oil trade between

the two countries stood at \$2.7 billion; in 2023 this trade volume reached \$4.4 billion.

Agreements and MoUs

The two leaders witnessed the announcement of several Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) and agreements aimed at further developing cooperation between the UAE and

Indonesia. These included: An agreement to install solar energy systems on industrial and commercial rooftops in Indonesia; an MoU on public budget management; and an MoU between the Central Bank of the UAE and the Central Bank of Indonesia regarding smart systems, among others.

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Abu Dhabi deploys robocop to shore up traffic safety

Smart 'officer' will offer tips on road rules and answer queries from public

ABU DHABI

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An AI-powered robot has hit the streets in Abu Dhabi.

Out to make the roads safer, the robot, which has a human-like appearance, will educate and engage the public on traffic safety.

Brigadier General Mahmoud Youssef Al Balushi from the Directorate of Traffic and Security Patrols, Abu Dhabi Police, said advanced technologies like AI streamline efforts,



■ The AI-powered robot can deliver educational lectures on road safety.

save time, and enhance police work.

The robot displays digital traffic awareness videos, responds to inquiries from the public and service centre customers, offers traffic tips, and

can be used in educational lectures. It can also provide safety guidelines for pedestrians, students, and school buses. The robot can also participate in traffic safety contests at shopping centres and other events.

Real-time insights

AI works by analysing data, comparing historical trends to current conditions, and creating real-time insights which can aid human traffic managers in making decisions that result in decreased congestion, such as adjusting traffic signal timing at an intersection prone to bottlenecks. An intelligent robot is an intelligent machine with the ability to take actions and make choices.

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