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17 transport  
projects to  
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**DUBAI**  
BY FAISAL MASUDI  
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Goods will move in Dubai on transport that is greener, more efficient and safer, under an ambitious new six-year strategy launched yesterday by the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA).

The Dubai Commercial and Logistics Land Transport Strategy 2030 will implement at least 17 main projects to enable the sector to contribute over Dh16 billion to the emirate's GDP.

Some of these projects include a dedicated heavy freight services platform, a road freight data centre, and deployment of autonomous vehicles and towing trucks.

Mattar Al Tayer, Director-General and Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors, RTA, said the Strategy "aims to enhance Dubai's global competitiveness as a leading financial, business, and economic hub and support the Dubai Economic Agenda [D33] to position Dubai as one of the top three economic cities in the world".

Among the overall aims of the plan is to cut the cost per kilometre of moving goods by road and reducing the annual accident fatalities in this sector.

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■ Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan with Shaikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of Qatar, in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

**ABU DHABI**

The UAE and Qatar yesterday stressed the importance of intensifying efforts aimed at achieving an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

As President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan met Shaikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of Qatar, in Abu Dhabi yesterday, the two leaders also called for providing full protection for civilians in accordance with the rules of international humanitarian law, in addition to enhancing the response to the worsening humanitarian conditions in Gaza.

During the meeting, the leaders reviewed a number of regional and international issues of mutual concern, particularly the current developments in the Middle East and the repercussions of the humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip.

**American proposal**

In this context, the two sides discussed the suggestions presented by US President Joe Biden regarding the crisis in Gaza.

They affirmed the support of the UAE and Qatar for all concerted initiatives and efforts aimed at de-escalating the situation in the Gaza Strip, protecting the lives of all civilians and ending

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ing their suffering, and advancing efforts towards a just, comprehensive, and lasting peace based on the two-state solution that ensures the security and stability of the region.

The leaders also discussed fraternal relations and ways to enhance cooperation and collaboration in various fields to achieve the mutual interests of both countries and their visions for sustainable development and prosperity.

The meeting was attended by Shaikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice-President, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Presidential Court; Shaikh Khalid Bin Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council among other shai-khs and officials.

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