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MOHAMMAD HONOURS 'ARAB HOPE MAKER'

■ His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, yesterday awarded the Arab world's most prestigious honour for philanthropists to Iraqi pharmacist Tala Al Khail, who has cared for more than 200 children with cancer and special needs. **SEE ALSO P2**

Qatar to host Gaza truce talks

US, Israel, Egypt, Qatar agree on hostage deal for temporary ceasefire

CAIRO

Qatar will host mediated talks between Hamas and Israel aiming to finalise an agreement on a truce this week, Egyptian security sources said.

Representatives from both parties will later travel to

Cairo for further talks aimed at reaching an agreement on the timing and mechanism for executing any deal, including hostage releases, the sources said.

Meanwhile, the United States, Egypt, Qatar and Israel have come to an understanding of "basic contours" of a hostage deal for a temporary ceasefire in Gaza, US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said on CNN yesterday.

The deal is still under ne-

gotiation, said Sullivan, who added there will have to be indirect discussions by Qatar and Egypt with Hamas.

Israeli troops and Palestinian gunmen clashed throughout the Gaza Strip over the weekend, both sides said yesterday. At least 29,692 Palestinians have been killed and 69,879 injured in Israeli strikes on Gaza since October 7, the health ministry in Gaza said.

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Al Khail Road travel time to reduce by 30%

BUSY TRAFFIC CORRIDOR TO GET FIVE
NEW BRIDGES AND ADDITIONAL LANES

DUBAI

BY SHARMILA DHAL
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Commuters using Dubai's Al Khail Road can look forward to a drastic cut in travel time as five new bridges and wider stretches of the road in seven different areas will ease congestion on the busy traffic corridor.

Announcing this yesterday, the Dubai Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) said these works which will be taken up as part of the Dh700 million Al Khail Road Improvement Project will reduce the commute time by 30 per cent and increase the capacity of the existing network of bridges and intersections by 19,600 vehicles per hour.

Seven locations

The road enhancements along Al Khail Road will be taken up at Al Zabeel, Meydan, Al Quoz 1, Ghadeer, Al Tair, Jumeirah Village Circle and Al Jaddaf.

Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of RTA, said, "Al Khail Road is one of Dubai's key traffic corridors

Dh700m

cost of the Al Khail Road
Improvement Project

stretching from Business Bay Crossing to its junction with Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Road, encompassing six lanes in each direction."

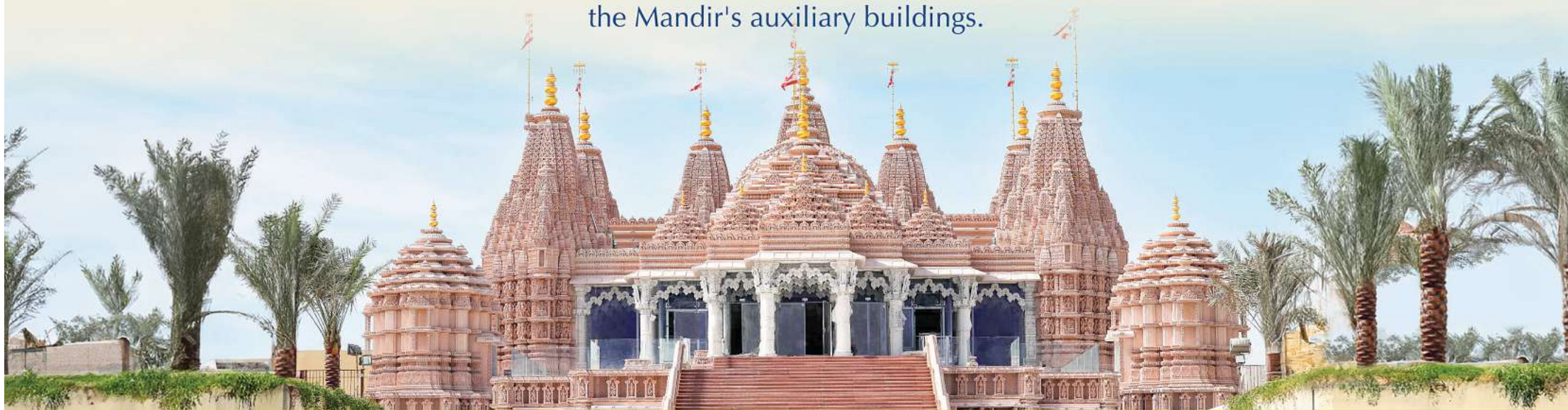
The changes include the construction of a three-lane bridge linking traffic from Zabeel Palace Street and Oud Metha Road directly onto Al Khail Road in the direction of Abu Dhabi; two-lane bridges between Al Meydan Road and Al Khail Road in the direction of Deira; between Al Meydan Road onto Al Khail Road in the direction of Abu Dhabi; between Latifa Bint Hamdan Street and Al Khail Road in the direction of Deira; and between Al Khail Road and Hessa Street; widening works in Al Jaddaf, through the addition of a new lane to enhance traffic flow in the direction of Deira; and a surface widening at the entrance to Business Bay by adding an extra lane to ensure smoother flow of traffic to Business Bay area from Al Khail Road.

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