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DETERMINATION MAKES A SPLASH AT PARIS PARALYMPICS

■ Britain's Ellie Challis competes in the women's 100m freestyle - S3 final swimming event of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games at Paris La Defense Arena in Nanterre, west of Paris. China leads the medal tally with a total of 131, followed by Great Britain, 74, and the United States, 61. **SEE ALSO P11**

Adnoc, ExxonMobil to develop hydrogen production plant in US

UAE entity to hold 35% stake in world's largest hydrogen project

DUBAI

BY DHANUSHA GOKULAN
Chief Reporter

Adnoc will acquire a 35 per cent equity stake in ExxonMobil's proposed low-carbon hydrogen and ammonia production facility in the US, a milestone investment in US energy production amid a global shift to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

across hard-to-decarbonise sectors.

Shaikh Khalid Bin Mohamad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council, witnessed the signing of the partnership while stressing the importance of the ties in strengthening the UAE's position as a global producer and supplier of low-carbon hydrogen.

Almost carbon-free

The facility is expected to be the world's largest of its kind upon startup, capable of pro-

ducing up to 1 billion cubic feet daily of low-carbon hydrogen which is near carbon-free with approximately 98 per cent of carbon dioxide removed and more than 1 million tonnes of low-carbon ammonia per year.

Dr Sultan Ahmad Al Jaber, Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and ADNOC Managing Director and Group CEO, said: "This strategic investment is a significant step for Adnoc as we grow our portfolio of lower-carbon energy sources and deliver on our international growth strategy."

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Meet 13-year-old Emirati inventor

Al Lughani shares dream of becoming a minister

SHARJAH

BY AGHADDIR ALI
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When Ali Hamid Al Lughani was six years old, his mother noticed he was more interested in taking apart toys, rather than simply playing with them.

The Emirati boy, now 13, wanted to know how things worked from a tender age and has gone on to become an inventor, with a number of awards and intellectual property (IP) rights to his credit.

Ali shared his journey yesterday during his talk on stage in front of global and local experts from diverse fields, who have gathered in Sharjah for the two-day International Government Communication Forum (IGCF).

He was accorded words of encouragement by His Highness Dr Shaikh Sultan Bin Mohammad Al Qasimi, Mem-



■ Ali Hamid Al Lughani

ber of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah, who witnessed the opening of IGCF and Ali's speech.

After the session, Ali told *Gulf News* how he wants to become a minister or take up a similar position of leadership so that he can combine his efforts - innovate new technology and use it to improve people's lives.

The student of Al Kamal American International School - Halwan Branch has already taken strides in that endeavour. He has made a ship protection system that has secured IP rights from the Ministry of Economy and created a smart glove to remotely control wheelchairs.

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UAE backs Egypt on Philadelphi Corridor

SLAMS ISRAELI STATEMENTS THAT THREATEN STABILITY

DUBAI

BY STEPHEN N. R.
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The UAE has expressed full solidarity with Egypt in addressing Israeli claims and allegations concerning the Philadelphi Corridor.

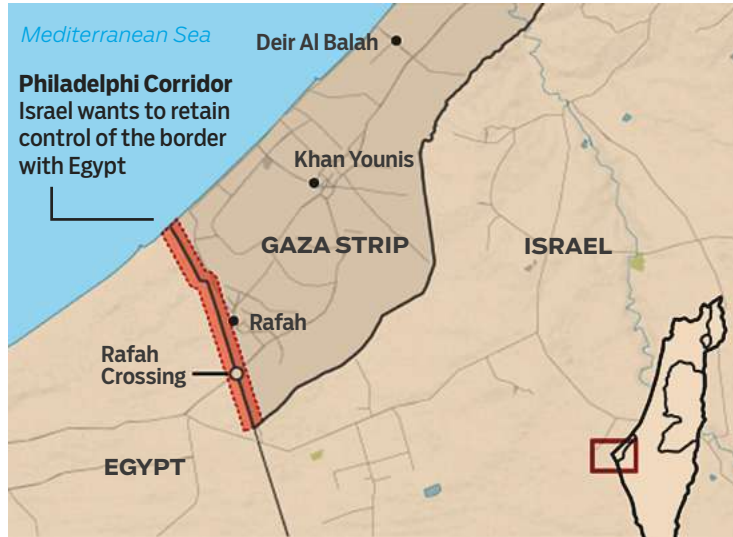
The UAE also strongly condemned the offensive Israeli statements that threaten regional stability and could exacerbate the current situation, WAM news agency reported. In a statement, the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) praised the extensive mediation efforts by Egypt, Qatar and the United States to achieve a ceasefire and secure the release of hostages.

The UAE expressed hope that these efforts would lead to an end to the conflict, alleviate further suffering for Palestinians, and strengthen the foundations for sustainable peace in the region.

Call for de-escalation

The Ministry called on Israeli authorities to de-escalate and avoid actions that could heighten tensions and instability.

The UAE reaffirmed its rejection of any practices that violate international resolutions and could lead to further escalation. Palestinians want Israeli troops to withdraw from Philadelphi



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and other parts of Gaza as part of any ceasefire deal.

Egypt last week reiterated that it will not accept the continued presence of Israeli forces along the 14-km corridor. Cairo "reiterated to all parties that it will not accept any Israeli presence" along the strategic Philadelphi Corridor, Al Qahera News said, citing a high-level source.

Earlier, Israeli Strategic Affairs Minister Ron Dermer in an interview accused Cairo of failing to prevent the cross-border smuggling of arms to Hamas militants in Gaza following Israel's exit from the Palestinian territory in 2005.

Egypt has denied there has

been illegal transportation of arms across its border with the territory.

Dermer said the question of Israel's grip on the Philadelphi Corridor is among around a half-dozen disputes holding up a ceasefire agreement with Hamas.

"Believe me, Israel's government wants to get to a deal, said Dermer, a member of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's decision-making security cabinet. "What we are not willing to do is go to a deal that is going to endanger the security of 10 million Israelis," Dermer said in an interview with Bloomberg TV.

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