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## PRESIDENT MEETS EMIRATI INDUSTRIAL PROFESSIONALS, LEADERS

President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan welcomed a delegation from the Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology yesterday, along with several Emiratis working in the industrial sector. Shaikh Mohammad emphasised that strengthening the industrial sector with skilled national talent is a priority for the UAE.

## New UAE law to protect domestic workers

MoHRE to settle  
disputes between  
employers and helpers

**ABU DHABI**

Gulf News Report

The UAE Government has issued a Federal Decree-Law amending specific provisions of the Federal Decree-Law Concerning Domestic Workers and its Amendments. These amendments aim to strengthen the rights of all

parties involved in employment relationships, as well as facilitate and accelerate resolving disputes.

The law stipulates that if a dispute arises between the employer, the domestic worker, or the recruitment company and cannot be resolved amicably, the issue must be referred to the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization (MoHRE).

If an amicable settlement is not reached within the designated timeframe, the ministry must refer the dispute to the

competent Court of First Instance. The ministry is also entitled to resolve disputes if the claim's total amount does not exceed Dh50,000 or if the dispute involves one of the parties' non-compliance with a prior amicable settlement decision issued by the ministry, regardless of the claim's amount.

Any party to the dispute may file — within 15 working days of being notified — a lawsuit with the competent Court of First Instance to contest the ministry's decision.

## Iran rejects Western calls to 'stand down'

US BELIEVES IRAN WILL ATTACK ISRAEL THIS WEEK

WASHINGTON/TEHRAN

Iran yesterday rejected Western calls to stand down its threat to retaliate against Israel for the killing of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran late last month.

Iran has vowed to avenge the death, which came hours after an Israeli strike in Beirut killed a senior commander of Hezbollah.

On Monday, the United States and European allies had called on Iran to "stand down", as fears mounted of an imminent attack on Israel that could spark an all-out war in the Middle East.

**Tensions soaring**

Tensions are soaring in the region, with the United States rushing a missile submarine and an aircraft carrier group in a show of support for its key ally.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanani criticised the Western call for restraint. "The declaration by France, Germany and Britain, which raised no objection to the international crimes of the Zionist regime, brazenly asks Iran to take no deterrent action against a regime which has violated its sovereignty and territorial integrity," he said in a statement. "Such demands lack



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■ Palestinian toddler Rim Abu Hayya, the sole survivor from her family after they were killed by Israeli bombardment in Khan Younis, is carried by her aunt Ayat yesterday.

political logic, are entirely contrary to the principles and rules of international law, and represent an excessive request," Kanani said.

**White House concerned**

The US believes an Iranian attack against Israel has grown even more likely and may come as soon as this week, officials said.

Briefing reporters Monday, White House spokesman John Kirby said the US and its allies "have to be prepared for what could be a significant set of attacks." Israel believes it's "increasingly likely that there'll be an attack" by Iran and its

proxies, Kirby said. "We share those concerns."

The White House comments were the strongest indications yet that officials expect that an attack may come at any time.

In the meantime, allies are doing everything they can to head off an Iranian strike, which they fear could spark a wider regional war. That effort has focused on trying to inject new life into ceasefire talks between Israel and Hamas. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken was scheduled to travel to the Middle East last night, Axios reporter Barak Ravid said in a X post.

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