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DP World, Gujarat sign deals worth \$3b

MOHAMMAD: SUMMIT A KEY FORUM FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH



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■ Shaikh Mohammad arrives at the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit in Gandhinagar. He is flanked by Jose Ramos Horta, East Timor President (left) and (from right) Narendra Modi, Petr Fiala, Czech Republic PM and Filipe Nyusi, Mozambique President.

DUBAI

BY DHANUSHA GOKULAN
Chief Reporter

Dubai-based multinational logistics company DP World has signed multiple MoUs worth \$3 billion with the Indian state of Gujarat to develop new ports, terminals, and special economic zones (SEZs). DP World will help develop multi-purpose deep-draft ports in South Gujarat and around the western coast of Gujarat towards Kutch and develop Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Jamnagar and Kutch.

The pact was signed in the presence of President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, during the ongoing Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024 in Gandhinagar.

Exchange of expertise

Speaking at the summit, Shaikh Mohammad said the Vibrant Gujarat Global Sum-

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The biennial Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, which is focused on raising funds for chip and electric vehicle manufacturing this year, has drawn thousands of business leaders, investors, and diplomats to the three-day event.

20 years

DP World Group
has been operating
in India

mit has become an important international forum for exchanging economic growth and investment expertise.

He said, "It is a pleasure to join our friends from India and across the globe at this summit, embarking on a collaborative journey to discover

pathways to prosperity and progress for our peoples and nations."

DP World will also develop the Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals (GCT) and Private Freight Stations at Dahej, Vadodara, Rajkot, Bedi and Morbi. The company has also signed a MoU with the Gujarat Maritime Board to jointly identify opportunities to develop additional ports along the coast of Gujarat.

'Committed to India'

Sultan Ahmad Bin Sulayem, Chairman and CEO of DP World Group, said, "We are very committed to India, where we have been operating for nearly 20 years. In that time, we invested almost \$2.5 billion, and we will invest more in these projects in the next three years."

"We have also been present in Gujarat since 2003 and are proud to have been part of the state's growth story," Sulayem added. The UAE is India's third-largest trading partner and second-largest export destination.

Great Arab minds' noble resolve

Winners pledge to give back to their communities

DUBAI

BY SAJILA SASEENDRAN
Senior Reporter

The winners of the Great Arab Minds award have pledged to give back to their communities in impactful ways.

Speaking exclusively to Gulf News, the six winners, each receiving a Dh1 million, shared how they would utilise the prize money to empower

the disadvantaged and enable young Arab minds to grow.

Collectively, the winners vouched to empower the Arab communities through education, health care, technology, and cultural initiatives.

Economist Dr Mohammad El Erian said he plans to allocate his award for a cancer hospital for children in Egypt and to support the education of displaced Palestinians.

Dr Hani Najm, a US-based Saudi cardiac surgeon, said his prize will fund his innovative "self-expanding heart valve" for children with congenital heart diseases and

support young Arab doctors' training in the US.

Lebanese scientist Prof. Niveen Khashab said she aims to promote Arab women in science and engineering. MIT professor Prof. Fadel Adib, intends to support Arab youth in technology. Architect Prof. Lina Ghotmeh said she plans to use her award to create sustainable architecture and foster innovation among young.

Novelist Prof. Waciny Laredj aims to establish a foundation to translate Arabic masterpieces, providing support for female narrators and writers.

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Jordan, Egypt dismiss plans to split Palestine

King Abdullah, Al Sissi say more pressure needed to end Israeli 'aggression' in Gaza

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Jordan's King Abdullah and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al Sissi stressed at the end of an Arab summit in Aqaba that pressure should be increased to end Israel's "aggression" against Gaza and protect civilians there.

Both leaders, who attended a three-way meeting with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, said they rejected any Israeli plans to separate the fate of Hamas-ruled Gaza from the Israeli-occupied West Bank, adding the two entities were the basis of a future Palestinian state.

Al Sissi added that providing more aid to Palestinians in Gaza requires a "decisive stance" from the international community to push for a ceasefire.

"The Arabs are telling the Americans the priority now is to get a ceasefire and push Israel to allow Palestinians to go back to northern Gaza, and ease the overcrowding near (the southern

town of) Rafah, which is alarming both the Egyptians and the Jordanians," a Jordanian official said.

Ahead of the Aqaba summit, Abbas met US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who is on a tour of the region and has been pressing Israel's leaders to offer a pathway to a Palestinian state.

Blinken said that in his talks with Abbas, they discussed reforming the Palestinian Authority so "it can effectively take responsibility for Gaza."

Abbas appeared ready to "engage in all of these efforts," he said at his next stop, Manama.

Abbas spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh said they heard "good statements" from the Americans. "But nothing has happened," he said. "The priority now is to stop the war on Gaza."

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