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# UAE stresses need for lasting solution to Palestinian issue

SELF-DEFENCE DOES NOT PERMIT GENOCIDE, TAMIM SAYS AT GCC SUMMIT

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**T**he UAE stressed the need to end Israeli occupation of all Palestinian lands and establish an independent Palestinian state at the 44th Session of the Gulf Cooperation Council Supreme Council in Doha yesterday.

President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who headed the UAE delegation to the summit, also underscored that in light of ongoing tensions in the region and the increasing intensity of the war in Gaza, the UAE has worked with its partners to reach an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and provide protection for civilians, avoid the expansion of the conflict that threatens regional stability and security, and identify a political horizon for a comprehensive peace.

Shaikh Mohammad expressed appreciation for efforts by Qatar, alongside Egypt and the United States, to reach a temporary truce, prompt the release of detainees, and increase the delivery of humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip.

## Call for ceasefire

He said, "While we regret that the truce has not continued, we urge further efforts to achieve a ceasefire. We also stress that the top priority re-



Courtesy: UAE Presidential Court

■ Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan with other regional leaders at the 44th Session of the Gulf Cooperation Council Supreme Council in Doha yesterday.

mains providing humanitarian support and ensuring safe, sustained, and at-scale humanitarian corridors to respond to the increasing needs of civilians in the Gaza Strip."

Shaikh Mohammad noted that the history of the conflict has proven that repeated escalation and confrontation can-

not be stopped without a political horizon and a just, lasting, and comprehensive solution to the Palestinian issue.

Qatari Emir Shaikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani said the principle of self-defence does not permit the crimes of genocide committed by Israel and that Israel has violated humanitarian

and moral standards in the Gaza Strip. He called on the UN Security Council to fulfil its responsibility to end the war, stressing that regional security cannot be achieved without permanent peace, and permanent peace is not possible without a solution to the Palestinian issue. — WAM

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Yesterday also saw the UAE launching the Industrial Decarbonisation Roadmap to reduce emissions in the sector by 2.9 gigatonnes (93 per cent) by 2050. The roadmap focuses on manufacturing and hard-to-abate sectors, including cement, iron, steel and aluminium.

Meanwhile, climate negotiators were considering calling for a formal phase-out of

fossil fuels as part of the UN summit's final deal to tackle global warming, a draft negotiating text published by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change showed. A second draft showed negotiators considering calling for an 'orderly and just' phase-out of fossil fuels.

## Transition to clean energy

UAE Minister of Energy Suhail Mohammad Al Mazrouei, who kickstarted yesterday's activities focused on energy and industry and transition to clean energy, said more companies need to sign the Oil and Gas Decarbonisation Charter to speed up climate action in the sector. He said, "50 companies are not enough. We need to see more."

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