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Founder President of the United Arab Emirates  
Late His Highness Sheikh Zayed Bin  
Sultan Al Nahyan



His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed  
Al Nahyan  
President of the United Arab Emirates



His Highness Sheikh Muhammad Bin  
Rashed Al Maktoum  
Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai

## MESSAGE

Assalamu Alaikum wa  
Ra h ma tu l la h i wa  
Ba ra ka tu hu

It is a great pleasure that we are observing today the 2nd December 2009 the 38th Anniversary of the Establishment of the United Arab Emirates. By the grace of Almighty Allah and sagacious leadership of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE and His Highness Sheikh Muhammad Bin Rashed Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, and their Highnesses the Rulers of the Emirates and in particular by the charismatic leadership of His Highness Late Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the United Arab Emirates has emerged as one of the most prosperous countries in the comity of nations with higher standard of living of its people and become an imitable model for economic and social development. It is worth mentioning that Sheikh Zayed, who used money for the benefit of the people, laid foundation of an advanced nation in a record time with his tireless efforts and care of a father, infusing modern ideas into traditional values.

able visit of His Highness Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan to Bangladesh in 1984, which resulted in the formation of a joint committee for bilateral cooperation in economic, social and cultural fields. The private sector in the two countries has also played an effective role in cementing bilateral relations between UAE and Bangladesh through investment in various development sectors. We also appreciate the role and contribution of Bangladeshi nationals working in the UAE in development sector and wish them a happy stay with their brothers in the UAE.

We pray to Almighty Allah for continued progress and prosperity of Bangladesh and its people, and do hope that the existing bilateral relations between the two brotherly countries will strengthen further in the days to come.

Wa Assalamu Alaikum wa  
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Ba ra ka tu hu



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Mansouri  
Ambassador  
Embassy of the United  
Arab Emirates  
Dhaka

## THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

### A record of continuing progress

OVER the course of the last year, under the able stewardship of President H. H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the United Arab Emirates has continued to make progress in the development of its economy, infrastructure and social services, despite the impact of the international economic depression.

Thanks to this and to its strategic geographical location, the country has become a major centre for trade, commerce, financial investment

and cultural institutions, as well as an attractive destination for millions of tourists and a world centre for exhibitions and conferences.

"Our strategic plans concentrate on transforming the UAE into a dynamic regional hub of the world economy that can lead charge in a variety of economic, investment, industrial technological and scientific fields," Sheikh Khalifa has said.

Against this backdrop, Sheikh Khalifa has expressed confidence in the resilience of

the UAE's financial and economic institutions and their ability to cope with the repercussions of the international financial crisis and to prepare suitable measures to safeguard the country's status as a thriving economic centre.

"Our national institutions will be able to deal with any temporary burdens resulting from the global financial crisis, thanks to their accumulated experience and the respect and credibility they enjoy in the markets in which they operate as well the keen

interest of the government in providing them with the necessary support," the President said in an interview with the Abu Dhabi-based *Alroya Aleqtisadiya* daily business newspaper.

The position achieved by the UAE in the global economy had not come about because of temporary or accidental events, but because of careful planning at both a national and local level, he said.

Sheikh Khalifa added that "Any economic measure should maintain a high degree

of transparency and this is what we are doing in handling the fall-out of the current financial crisis."

#### Maintaining international ties

The UAE continues to maintain friendly relations with countries throughout the world, and offers unequivocal support for Arab causes and, in particular, the Palestinian cause, which is viewed as a focal issue for collective Arab action.

The country believes that regional and international

differences are best tackled through diplomacy and dialogue, and has shown this, in particular, through its continued search for a peaceful solution to the issue of Abu Musa and Greater and Lesser Tunb. On this issue, the UAE has long advocated a settlement through international arbitration and has called on Iran, on several occasions, to engage in bilateral dialogue or to agree to a reference of the case to the International Court of Justice.

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our heartiest felicitations to  
the people of United Arab Emirates  
on the joyous occasion of the  
national day



Friendship is something that inspires us to go forward, that helps us to fulfill our dreams.  
On the occasion of the national day of UAE, we aspire that the friendship between the two great nations will take us to a newer height.



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