



45th NATIONAL DAY OF THE United Arab Emirates



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Late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan
Founder Father of the United Arab Emirates



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



H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai

Report on United Arab Emirates National Day

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THE United Arab Emirates commemorates its 45th National Day on December 2nd, a day that embodies the Spirit of the Union and celebrates 45 years of great achievements since the federation was established in 1971.

The path of celebration was first announced by the founding President of the UAE, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, and his fellow founding fathers of the UAE Federation. This path is now followed by His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, who continues to lead the nation's march to progress and prosperity.

The incredible achievements of the UAE in recent years have been made possible due to the directives of President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, as well as His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, and their fellow members of the

Supreme Council and Rulers of the Emirates, who have consistently contributed to promoting and developing the country through knowledge and innovation. The UAE today ranks among the world's

levels. The UAE has always been dynamic and proactive in communicating with other countries and building bridges of close cooperation and strategic partnerships to lead the way in political,

and sustainability, which have significantly contributed to modernising the UAE and enabling the country to achieve top international rankings.

The UAE has maintained its position as the



An aerial view of Abu Dhabi

leading destinations across several key indicators and has become a true role model for countries around the world.

The country enjoys a prestigious position in the Arab world, and beyond, due to its significant achievements in various fields and its strong presence in political, diplomatic, economic and humanitarian arenas at regional and international

economic, commercial, industrial, technological, scientific, educational, health and other sectors.

Sustained growth and prosperity

Despite the current situation in the region, in 2016, exceptional strides have been made in infrastructure, the fields of energy, space, information technology, telecommunications and other vital areas, in addition to the environment

leading Arab country for the fourth year in a row in the latest World Bank report on the Ease of Doing Business, and now ranks 26th globally in the same report.

The UAE is also ranked the top Arab country for well-being and life satisfaction according to the Legatum Prosperity Index. The report also revealed that the UAE is among the top countries for safety and security and economic quality, and ranks 41st worldwide.

The annual Prosperity Index ranks 142 countries across eight categories: the Economy, Entrepreneurship and Opportunity, Governance, Education, Health, Safety and Security, Personal Freedom and Social Capital.

Global Competitiveness

The country has been ranked high on many global competitiveness indicators. The 2016 report by the Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Authority reveals that the UAE ranked first regionally and 16th globally, maintaining its lead among the top 20 competitive economies in the world, according to the recent version of the Global Competitiveness Report 2016 issued by the World Economic Forum (Davos) in Switzerland.

The report monitors annual performance and competitiveness of the economies of countries in terms of strength, weakness, impact on quality of life, prosperity and the well-being of people.

Reem bint Ibrahim Al Hashimi, Minister of State for International Cooperation and Chairperson of the Board of the Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Authority, said that the UAE positions itself on the world stage thanks to the efforts of the federal and local taskforces who are working as one team under one vision for 2021.

MESSAGE

The UAE celebrates on December 2, 2016 the 45th National Day anniversary. On this day in 1971, we witnessed the unification of the Emirates that brought with it prosperity, stability, and security to the Emirati people.

UAE National Day is a day of great pride. National Day marks not only an occasion where the successes achieved over the last 45 years by our nation are celebrated, but also provides a time to reflect upon the legacy left by the founding father of the UAE, the late Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan. The incredible achievements of the UAE, borne out of the foresight and vision of His Highness Sheikh Zayed, and his fellow leaders of the UAE's constituent Emirates, are a testament to what can be achieved through dedication, toil, unity, and commitment.

This vision of the UAE's forefathers is something that is respected and strongly adhered to by the UAE's current leadership. Under President, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and his brothers Their Highnesses members of the Supreme Council and Rulers of the Emirates the UAE Government has remained dedicated to ensuring the ongoing advancement, prosperity, and happiness of the Emirati people.

The political, economic, and social development of the UAE is an achievement that has been made possible due to a gradual and balanced approach, whereby UAE decision makers have consistently taken into consideration the international and regional environment and the unique nature of the country, and it's historical, cultural, and religious conditions when embarking upon political change.

In spite of all the dramatic changes that have engulfed the Middle East and the world over recent years, the country's foreign policy has remained faithful to the principles laid down by the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan. These principles are based upon the country's commitment to the rules, charters, and laws of international human rights, as well as moderation, and non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries.

Critical to the UAE's international approach has been a focus upon humanitarianism and assistance to those in need. The development, humanitarian, and charitable assistance provided by the United Arab Emirates over the last 45 years has covered more than 21 sectors, spanning 178 countries. This aid has been extended with the explicit aim of improving the lives of human beings, no matter their location, race, or creed, and is a policy that made the UAE one of the world's most generous aid donors.

Buttressing the UAE's regional and international role has been our country's continued economic growth. The UAE was able to absorb and overcome the negative

effects of the global financial crisis, which continues to plague many of the world's economies. The UAE economy continues its march towards growth and comprehensive development, with a considerable focus on the industrial and manufacturing sectors. Most importantly, the UAE economy has become increasingly more diversified and sustainable. Gross domestic product (GDP) has reached around AED 1.58 trillion (USD 430.517 billion) in 2015, compared with AED 1.47 trillion in 2014, and the contribution of non-oil sectors to the UAE's GDP has risen significantly, accounting for more than 76% in 2015.

On this historical occasion, I would like to express my sincere congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, and his brothers Their Highnesses members of the Supreme Council and Rulers of the Emirates and to the Government and people of the UAE on the occasion of the National Day.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation for the strong bilateral ties that bring together our two countries, the ties that are based on the principles of cooperation and mutual respect, and developed in recent years to the level of strategic partnership between the two friendly countries. The mutual visits of the leaders of our two countries, the growing levels of trade and economic and cultural exchanges, are standing witnesses on the strength of the relationships that bind our countries in all fields.

Wa Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu



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Bank Alfalah congratulates the UAE on the celebration of its 45th National Day.

The glorious achievements of the last four decades have heralded a new dynamic era. We wish success and prosperity to the UAE and its citizens on this auspicious occasion.

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