

## Hamed bin Zayed, Nahyan bin Mubarak attend Al Balush Tribe's celebrations on National Day

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AL AIN, 4th December, 2014 (WAM) -- H.H. Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Chief of Abu Dhabi Crown Prince's Court, and Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Culture, Youth and Community Development, attended the celebrations of the Al Balush Tribe on the occasion of the UAE's 43rd National Day anniversary.

Sheikh Hamed was briefed about 43 rare photos of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, taken by Abdullah Khamis Al Balushi, and also about other activities on the sideline of the event.

The event, held at the Al Ain Convention Centre in Khubaisi, was attended by a number of Sheikhs and top officials.

In his statement on behalf of the Tribe, Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Mahmoud Al Balushi congratulated President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Supreme Council Members, Their Highnesses Rulers of the Emirates, His Highness General Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, Crown Princes and the UAE's people on the occasion of the UAE's 43rd National Day anniversary, praying to the Almighty to preserve the UAE under its wise leadership.

He also said that December 2, 1971 is the day of determination when the wills of the late Skeikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and the founding fathers had converged to raise the Union flag high, and announced the march of welfare and prosperity, which eventually became a reality.

"The march is being continued under the leadership of President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and Supreme Council Members, Their Highnesses the Rulers of the Emirates," he added.

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## RAK Ruler Speech on UAE's 43rd National Day Anniversary

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ABU DHABI, 1st December, 2014 (WAM) -- H.H. Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Ras al-Khaimah, has congratulated President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Supreme Council Members, Their Highnesses the Rulers of the Emirates, and the UAE people, on the 43rd National Day anniversary.

Here is the full text of the Speech: "Sons and daughters, courageous officers and soldiers of our Armed Forces, I greet you on the occasion of the country's 43rd National Day and also greet your loyalty and commitment to your duty towards our beloved country. Today, we celebrate an anniversary very precious to our hearts as it represents a landmark in the history of this beloved country which will remain a symbol of the unity of our land and represents also the aspiration of the leadership and the will of the UAE people.

It is the 43rd anniversary of the establishment of the UAE. During the event, we remember the founder of the Union, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

Sheikh Zayed's far-sighted and exceptional leadership were the first factors for the establishment of the Union, that resulted in the establishment of a federal and modern country and one of the fastest growing countries in the cultural and human development fields.

I also pay tribute to the founding fathers who realised from the beginning that they have joint destiny, that the unity of the land and the future, as well as leadership, should be under one flag.

The homeland carries all means of progress, security and decent life for Emiratis in the light of achieving justice, equality, brotherhood and tireless work, as well as provision of aid to underprivileged people, distressed and fraternal peoples.

Dear Emiratis, thanks to the wise leadership of President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and Supreme Council

Members, Their Highnesses Rulers of the Emirates, the UAE, through the past decades, could build a cultural country that has achieved a lot at the global level as a regional hub at all walks of life.

On this occasion, we renew our loyalty to the symbol of our unity and leader of the development march, President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who followed the legacy of the founding fathers and contributed with his sharp vision and wise leadership to establish factors of national values as well as harnessing the federal country's assets and gains for the benefit of the homeland and UAE citizens, within a prudent policy that puts the Emiratis as a base of development and loyalty.

The empowerment policy that has been adopted by the leadership, aimed to involve UAE citizens in the cultural renaissance, represents the reality and based on the idea that says that building the nation is in the hands of the UAE citizens.

The UAE affirms this truth as we see the contribution of Emiratis in the private and government sectors, in addition to their tireless work to achieve the country's overall renaissance. We can also see their contributions in the international arenas as they have occupied prestigious places in international organisations as they embody the pioneering role of the country in the global events. All these contributions are a result to the wise policies of Sheikh Khalifa towards Emiratis.

As a result of that, we express our loyalty, appreciation and gratitude to Sheikh Khalifa on the occasion of the celebrations of the UAE's 43rd National Day anniversary.

Dear Emirati youth, as we read the stories of the achievements of the federal government, we see the progress that has been made by UAE citizens, who were and still the cornerstone of building the country to achieve a prosperous future as well as promoting principals of pride for all Emiratis.

Today, we have the right to be proud of what the country has attained in its 43rd National Day anniversary as well as the gains of the overall renaissance in a short period of time, all these contributions are based on our national identity, deep-rooted Arab heritage, as well as a commitment to federal principals. We also believe that the Union is our destiny as it is for the coming generations. We have only to choose to attain security, stability, progress and welfare, to support our federal country and wise leadership in order to address challenges and obstacles so as to preserve our national gains to position the country among the advanced countries.

Today, the whole world is looking at the UAE experience, as founded by the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, and the relentless work of UAE citizens, and sees one of the most successful experiences, a role model in the international arena, from which people glean the successful march of a nation that believes in the unity and cohesive principles between the leadership and people to achieve progress.

Brothers and sisters, our brave soldiers and officers of the Armed Forces, on this occasion, out of my deep belief in the role of the Armed Forces, I hail its role as it represents the strong shield of the country. We should also remember their sacrifices and pioneering role in the field of preserving the country's successful federal experience as well as their role to preserve international security and stability as well as national gains, thanks to the role of His Highness General Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, who has worked on promoting the UAE Armed Forces level and its preparedness to discharge its missions.

Finally, I congratulate President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan and wish him good health, Vice President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and Supreme Council Members, Their Highnesses Rulers of the Emirates, and the people of the UAE on the occasion of the celebrations of UAE's 43rd National Day anniversary, praying to the Almighty to grant permanent security, stability, progress and welfare under the wise leadership." WAM/Hazem

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## ABDULLAH BIN ZAYED STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF THE 43RD ANNIVERSARY OF UAE NATIONAL DAY

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H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Foreign Minister, in a statement to 'Dira'a Al Watan' magazine on the occasion of the 43rd National Day, has said that, "This year's National Day coincides with our emerging state's preparation to launch its strategic historical project to enter outer space exploration and to build the Mars probe which will be the first step by the Arab Islamic world in this field and will be led by an Emirati team to reach Mars in the coming years." The following is the full statement of H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed to 'Dira'a Al Watan' magazine: "Our celebration with the 43rd National Day coincides with our emerging state's preparation to launch its strategic historical project to enter the outer space exploration and to build the Mars probe which will be the first step by the Arab Islamic world in this field and will be led by an Emirati team to reach Mars in the coming years. The project is a clear proof of the Federal march's achievements in various fields and at the same time it reflects the advanced capabilities of the Emirati man in dealing with the latest scientific and technological techniques.

The step also represents a historic achievement and a culmination of series of successes for the UAE in the implementation of innovative and sustainable development strategies in the areas of satellite communications, manufacturing and launching of satellites and aviation technology, besides the huge strategic programmes implemented in the field of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes and the production of renewable energy, which enable the UAE to be the permanent headquarters of the International Renewable Energy Agency, Irena, and a regional and international capital for renewable energy projects.

The UAE has been ranked the 12th most competitive nation globally, according to the Global Competitiveness Report 2014-2015 released by the World Economic Forum, to place the UAE in the list of the best

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modern developed countries in the world.

All these achievements, and others, were made thanks to the future insights of the wise leadership of President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Their Highnesses the Supreme Council Members and Rulers of the Emirates, and His Highness General Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces and the Emirates' Crown Princes and also attributed to the concerted efforts of the sons and daughters of the nation and their loyalty and mutual love between them and their leadership and the absolute confidence entrusted upon their leadership.

On this memorable day, we recall with pride the memory of the founders, led by the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, who led with his wisdom, the blessed Federal March of nation-building, its progress until the UAE has reached its outstanding stature and enjoys prosperity, tranquility, security and stability. In this context, we quote the immortal speech of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan as saying in 1960, "My Wealth is the Happiness of my people".

As a result of the overall development and economic prosperity, the UAE has become a destination for all with its tolerance and openness to the world's cultures and peoples, exchanging respect with respect and enjoying security and safety under the laws which respect freedom of difference and treat everyone fairly before the law, which is represented by the presence of 200 nationalities from different parts of the world enjoying stability and a decent life.

The UAE's record on promoting human rights is full of national achievements, strong commitment, and a positive interaction with international practices in this context. These achievements were crowned by winning, with an overwhelming majority, membership of the World Human Rights Council for 2013-2015. The UAE has also ranked first among Arab and 14th globally on the International Human Rights Rank Indicator for 2013 among 216 countries around the world.

The Foreign policy pursued by the UAE has worked to support the gains of the nation and promote economic prosperity and social development, where it has taken the lead in several instances in many issues of the region and the world.

In recent years, UAE diplomacy, thanks to the vision and guidance of its wise leadership, has been able to achieve quality accomplishments with its strong presence and dynamic actions, opening new areas of cooperation and expanding its political and diplomatic options in building productive relationships at various levels with South America, Latin America, Central Asia and Pacific States and the countries of the African continent.

The Foreign Ministry has continued its diligent efforts to strengthen the bridges of understanding and cooperation with all countries on six continents of the world to serve our national interest and enhance our presence and impact on the regional and international levels.

The Foreign Ministry established strategic partnerships with various countries of the world and associated, with a distinctive political, economic and investment agenda, with major countries, working with its allies and friends to help in promoting stability and development in the world.

In this context, the European Union in 2013 opened its first mission in the capital, Abu Dhabi. The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg also opened its first embassy in Abu Dhabi, which is its first diplomatic mission in the Gulf and the Arab world.

The UAE has been chosen to be the permanent headquarters of one of the vital organisations affiliated to the United Nations, the International Renewable Energy Agency, IRENA, in the City of Abu Dhabi, which becomes the first Arab capital to host one of the international organisations, and a leading global centre through the exchange of experiences and the establishment of joint projects in the field of renewable energy with many countries of the world.

The UAE also has a distinctive and continuous record of international efforts in the field of fighting against piracy and extremism in all its forms and manifestations based on its keenness to participate actively with the international community in promoting international peace and security.

The UAE has positively participated in the international coalition against terrorism and the fight against terrorist organisations through its membership in the Global Forum on Fighting Terrorism and established the Hedayah (Guidance) Centre, a specialised centre in countering



extremism. It participated in the UN Security Council Summit to discuss the issue of foreign terrorists fighters in the ranks of terrorist organisations, and the regional meeting in Jeddah, which formed a united vision to fight terrorism from a military, security, economical and intellectual standpoint, in addition to its participation in the international conference on peace and security in Iraq, which was held in Paris.

The UAE stressed its firm and open stance in countering extremism, organisations and acts of terrorism in all their forms and types, and provides the necessary support to face them both intellectually and from a security standpoint within the framework of cooperation and coordination with the international community to achieve regional and international peace, security and stability.

Humanitarian diplomacy has formed one of the main pillars of our foreign policy and has been active in carrying out its central role in the relief and humanitarian field, in supporting international efforts to cope with major crises and disasters and to meet distress calls, and has become a global model in providing aid, grants and soft loans to developing countries so as to achieve sustained economic growth. – Emirates News Agency, WAM

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### MINISTRY OF INTERIOR CELEBRATES THE 43RD UAE NATIONAL DAY

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates, November 25, 2014



Under the patronage of Lt. General HH Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, Lt. General Saif Abdullah Al Sha'far, Undersecretary at the Ministry of Interior attended on Tuesday morning the celebration marking the UAE 43rd National Day, which was held at the Ministry of Interior.

The celebration was attended by Major General Dr. Nasser Lakhrebani Al Nuaimi, Secretary General of the Office of HH Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior; Major General Khalifa Hareb Al Khaili, Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of the Interior for Resources and Support Services; Major General Expert Rashid Thani Al Matroushi, Civil Defense Acting General Commander-in-chief; Major General Abdul

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The ceremony started with the UAE national anthem, followed by a speech by H.E Lt. General Saif Al Sha'far, Undersecretary at the Ministry of Interior. He said "It gives me great pleasure and honor to gather with you on this particular day, as we commemorate the 43rd anniversary of our young promising country, and recall its great and unprecedented achievements across all fields; especially achievements made in the policing sector, which established security, safety and stability. This was achieved thanks to the strong support provided by the higher leadership to the Ministry of Interior and the policing sector."

He added, "The 2nd of December of 1971 is a very dear occasion for all of us. On this day, we remember with pride and affection the founding fathers, notably, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan (May he rest in peace), and his late brothers their Highnesses, Members of the Supreme Council, Rulers of the Emirates, for their valuable and unstinting efforts and strong will, to establish the pillars of the Union, which is considered as a great example of stability, harmony and cohesion."

He stressed that "The UAE, under the umbrella of the Union and the higher leadership, is progressing steadily towards more empowerment where security and justice prevail." He pointed out that the UAE leadership understands the importance of security, stability and peace of mind to maintain the continuity of achievements and pioneering. "Laws and regulations need an executive authority to ensure effective enforcement, and security is one of the key pillars of development," he continued.

Adding further, he said, "Our leadership was keen to develop the policing body across the UAE by supporting the efforts of the Ministry of Interior; giving top priority to the police institution and providing it with all means of support and attention. This has helped the police force to achieve a prominent position among world policing institutions, as testified by specialized international organization and authorities. This has also had a major effect on developing competencies that keep abreast of the latest technological developments attained in the policing sector. During the past decades, the Ministry has piled up myriad achievements in accordance with strategic plans and clear goals, thanks to which, our country became an oasis of security and stability."

Towards the end of his speech, Lt. General Al Sha'far, speaking on behalf of all of the Ministry of Interior's staff members, extended the warmest congratulations and best wishes to His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE; His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai; General HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces; Lt. General HH Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior; and to the people of the UAE; praying to Allah Almighty to preserve the UAE and bless it with security, safety, progress and prosperity.

Lt. General Al Sha'far, and the attendees, watched a documentary film "Al Zaeem Al Falahi", dedicated to His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, from Lt. General HH Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, on this occasion.

Poet Saeed bin Durri Al Falahi, recited a poem, marking the auspicious occasion, while the Abu Dhabi Police Music Band performed a number of musical pieces and presented a traditional performance titled "The Spirit of the Union", along with traditional dances, which were highly acclaimed by the attendees.

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