

Kuwait Condemns **Attack on UNIFIL Position** in Lebanon

The State of Kuwait strongly condemned an attack targeting a position affiliated with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), which resulted in the death of a peacekeeper from the Republic of Serbia and left several others injured.

In a statement issued on Friday, June 5, 2026, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed Kuwait's firm rejection of any actions that threaten United Nations personnel or compromise the safety of international peacekeeping missions.

The Ministry emphasized the importance of ensuring the protection of UN forces so



they can effectively carry out their mandate under relevant Security Council resolutions, particularly Resolution 1701, which governs the peacekeeping framework in southern

Lebanon.

Kuwait also called for a transparent and thorough investigation into the incident, urging that those responsible be held fully accountable.

Extending its condolences, Kuwait expressed sympathy to the Republic of Serbia, the United Nations, and the family of the deceased peacekeeper, while also wishing a swift recovery to those injured in the attack.

The statement underscores Kuwait's continued support for international peacekeeping efforts and its opposition to any escalation that endangers humanitarian and UN operations in conflict zones.

Doha, Paris Push for De-escalation in Middle East



The United Arab Emirates has announced the successful mediation of a new prisoner exchange between Russia and Ukraine, resulting in the release of 185 prisoners from each side.

According to the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the latest exchange brings the total number of prisoners swapped through UAE-mediated efforts during the conflict to 7,471, underscoring Abu Dhabi's continuing role as a neutral facilitator in humanitarian negotiations.

The ministry praised the cooperation of both countries in enabling the latest deal, describing it as a reflection of mutual appreciation for the UAE's role as a trusted interna-

tional mediator. It also noted that this exchange marks the 24th successful mediation initiative undertaken by the UAE since the start of the conflict.

Officials said the latest development highlights the strength of the UAE's diplomatic relationships with both Moscow and Kyiv, which have helped facilitate ongoing humanitarian outcomes despite the broader geopolitical tensions.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reaffirmed that the UAE will continue to support initiatives aimed at achieving a peaceful resolution to the war in Ukraine, while also working to reduce its humanitarian impact, particularly regarding displaced civilians and prisoners of war.

UAE Joins Arab Group and OIC in Condemning Israeli Settlement Expansion



The United Arab Emirates, in coordination with the Arab Group and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, has strongly condemned ongoing Israeli settlement expansion and related developments in the occupied Palestinian territories.

During a joint press stakeout, the UAE expressed concern over

continued settlement activity, forced displacement of Palestinian civilians, and unilateral actions being carried out in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. The statement also highlighted repeated incursions by extremist Israeli settlers into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound under the protection of Israeli forces.

According to the statement,

such actions are aimed at altering the historical, legal, and demographic status of the occupied territories, including East Jerusalem. The UAE warned that these measures violate international law, increase tensions on the ground, and further destabilize an already fragile situation.

The UAE and its partners stressed that continued escalation

undermines international efforts to achieve a just and lasting peace based on the internationally supported two-state solution.

They reiterated calls for restraint and respect for international law, emphasizing the importance of protecting civilians and preserving the status quo in Jerusalem's holy sites.

UAE mediates new Russia-Ukraine prisoner swap

185 prisoners were released from each side in the latest deal



Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani is the Prime Minister of Qatar received a phone call from Jean-Noël Barrot, during which both sides discussed bilateral relations and ongoing regional developments.

The two officials reviewed cooperation between the State of Qatar and the French Republic, and explored ways to further strengthen ties across

diplomatic and strategic areas. Regional Mediation Efforts

A key part of the discussion centered on mediation initiatives involving the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran. Both sides emphasized the importance of supporting diplomatic efforts aimed at reducing tensions and preventing further escalation in the region.

Developments in Gaza and

Lebanon

The call also addressed the evolving situations in the Gaza Strip, the occupied Palestinian territories, and Lebanon. The officials exchanged views on recent developments and the urgent need for coordinated international engagement to support stability.

Call for De-escalation and Dialogue

During the conversation, the

Qatari Prime Minister stressed the importance of encouraging all parties to engage positively with ongoing mediation efforts. He highlighted that sustained dialogue is essential to addressing the root causes of current crises and achieving long-term, peaceful solutions.

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to continued coordination in support of regional security and stability through diplomatic means.

UAE and World Bank Align on Climate-Resilient



DPR Ambassador Ghasaq Shaheen held a productive meeting with Maria Dimitriadou, the World Bank's Special Representative to the UN and Head of Multilateral Affairs.

The discussions focused on the World Bank's ongoing economic research and development initiatives across the region, as well as its expanding engagement in artificial intelligence and digital innovation.

Both sides also reviewed preparations for the 2026 UN

Water Conference 2026, which will be jointly hosted by the United Arab Emirates and Senegal.

The UAE emphasized its commitment to working closely with the World Bank and international partners to advance the conference's "Investments for Water" agenda. The initiative aims to mobilize greater financing for water infrastructure, strengthen global cooperation, and accelerate progress toward SDG 6 and broader climate-resilient water solutions.

Kuwait and U.S. Review Longstanding Strategic Cooperation

Shaikh Jarrah Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah met in Washington with Brian Mast, where both sides reviewed the long-standing and well-established relations between Kuwait and the United States.

During the meeting, the two officials discussed the strong strategic partnership defining Kuwaiti-American ties and the close cooperation between the two countries across various fields.

Both sides highlighted the depth of historical relations and reaffirmed their commit-



ment to further strengthening coordination and partnership at both bilateral and international levels.