

Four-point plan for peace

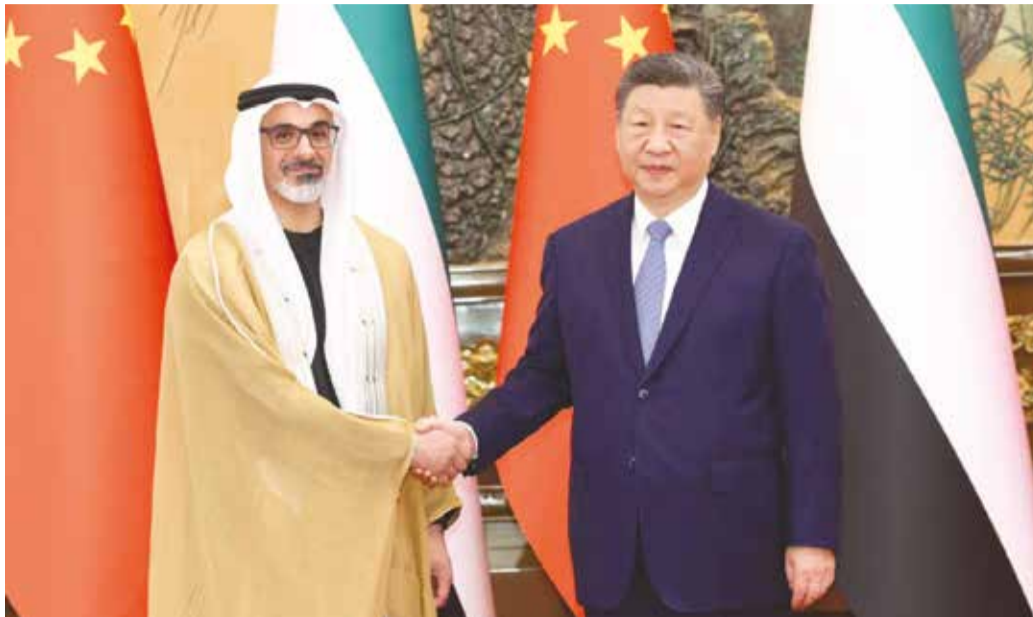
UAE-China strategic partnership grows

Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks in Beijing with Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, to strengthen bilateral ties and discuss regional stability in the Middle East and Gulf.

Xi described the United Arab Emirates as a key comprehensive strategic partner of China, stressing that relations between the two countries have continued to develop steadily with deepening political trust, expanding cooperation, and growing people-to-people exchanges.

He said both sides should further align development strategies and expand cooperation in areas including energy, investment, trade, science and technology. They should also advance ties in education, aviation, tourism, and cultural exchange to strengthen public support for the relationship.

Xi also called for closer coordination between China and the UAE in multilateral platforms such as the United Nations and BRICS, saying stronger bilateral ties can help both countries respond to global uncertainties and promote a shared future for humanity.



During the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on regional developments in the Middle East and Gulf. Xi reiterated China's position favoring dialogue and peaceful resolution of disputes, stating that Beijing will continue to play a constructive role.

Sheikh Khaled, for his part, said the UAE values its relationship with China and is committed to implementing the consensus reached by both leaders, expanding cooperation

across sectors, and further deepening bilateral ties.

He also praised China's constructive role in international affairs, particularly its efforts to support political solutions to regional crises, and expressed the UAE's readiness to maintain close coordination with Beijing to help restore peace and stability in the region and safeguard global energy and shipping security.

Xi's Four-Point Middle East Peace Proposal

- Promotes peaceful coexistence and a cooperative regional security framework
- Calls for respect of national sovereignty and territorial integrity, including protection of personnel and institutions
- Stresses adherence to international law and the UN-centred global order
- Emphasises coordination between development and security to ensure long-term regional stability

Over one million people displaced in Lebanon



Lebanon's President Joseph Aoun told the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and former Iraqi President Barham Salih that Israeli attacks on Lebanon have triggered a major humanitarian crisis, forcing over one million people to flee their homes in targeted areas. He warned that Lebanon urgently needs international assistance, stressing that the impact of displacement will remain severe even after a ceasefire is reached.

Speaking from the Presidential Palace in Baabda, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees of the UNHCR said he visited Lebanon to express solidarity with the Lebanese people and government during this difficult period. He noted that he had seen firsthand the scale of destruction in Beirut

and the suffering of civilians amid widespread displacement.

He confirmed that discussions with President Joseph Aoun focused on strengthening international support and reinforcing cooperation between UNHCR and Lebanese authorities to assist displaced families.

The UN official also emphasized the need to mobilize greater international funding to meet rising humanitarian needs. While stressing that aid is essential, he said the only lasting solution is an end to the conflict and the establishment of sustainable peace.

UNHCR said it is actively working with Lebanese authorities and international partners to deliver humanitarian assistance to displaced communities across the country.

Security in the Strait of Hormuz must not be threatened

Qatar stated that no party must threaten the security of the Strait of Hormuz must not be threatened by any party, stressing that the vital waterway must remain open and stable without conditions.

Speaking at a media briefing, Qatar's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Majed Al Ansari said the strait's security is a shared regional responsibility that cannot be compromised.

He added that any resolution to tensions affecting the Strait of Hormuz must involve regional countries, particularly coastal states and nations dependent on



the passage for trade and energy flows.

Al Ansari noted that it is "still too early" to focus on a final solution regarding the situation, saying current efforts should instead prioritise stopping on-

going hostilities and reducing escalation.

He also confirmed that intensive regional diplomatic contacts are currently underway to support mediation efforts and promote de-escalation in the region.

Jordan and UAE Call for International Action on Attacks



Jordan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi met with UAE Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan in Abu Dhabi.

The talks focused on the latest escalation in the region, particularly Iranian attacks targeting Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, and other friendly and allied countries. The ministers warned that such actions pose serious risks to regional and international security, threaten maritime safety and global energy supplies, and could further destabilise the global economy.

Both ministers strongly condemned the attacks, calling them a clear violation of national sovereignty, international law, and the United Nations

Charter. Safadi reaffirmed Jordan's full solidarity with the UAE and its support for all measures taken to protect its sovereignty, security, and the safety of its citizens and residents. In return, the UAE reiterated its full support for Jordan against any attacks targeting its security.

The two ministers also reviewed developments following the Islamabad meeting and the announcement of a ceasefire between the United States and Iran. They stressed the importance of enhancing collective international efforts to establish lasting peace and security in the region, while addressing long-standing sources of tension and supporting economic development and prosperity.

In addition, they discussed the situation in Gaza, empha-

sizing the need to implement all components of former U.S. President Donald Trump's Gaza plan, strengthen humanitarian response efforts, and ensure urgent delivery of aid to the enclave. They also called for an end to escalating tensions in the occupied West Bank and a halt to illegal Israeli measures undermining the two-state solution.

Both sides highlighted the deep-rooted historical ties between Jordan and the UAE and expressed their commitment to further strengthening cooperation across various sectors in line with shared development goals and mutual interests.

The meeting concluded with an agreement to continue close coordination and consultation on regional security challenges and efforts to promote stability

Saudi Arabia rolls out new Financial Control Law

Saudi Arabia has officially implemented a new Financial Control Law aimed at strengthening oversight of public sector finances and improving accountability across government institutions, in line with Vision 2030 goals.

The legislation replaces the previous Financial Representatives Law and introduces a more comprehensive framework to enhance efficiency in the management and monitoring of public funds.

Broader coverage

The updated law extends to all entities financed through the Saudi state budget, as well as organisations receiving government support, subsidies, or grants. It also includes bodies



involved in procurement or project execution on behalf of government agencies.

This expanded scope brings a wide range of financial activities under a unified oversight system, covering both direct government spending and outsourced operations tied to public funds.

Digital and layered system

The framework introduces multiple monitoring methods depending on the nature and size of each entity. These include direct supervision, internal self-audit mechanisms, digital monitoring tools, and periodic reporting reviews.