

UAE tops global ranking in AI talent growth

The United Arab Emirates ranked first globally in the growth of artificial intelligence talent concentration, recording a 121 per cent increase between 2019 and 2025, according to data cited by Lieutenant General Shaikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

In a post on X, Shaikh Saif highlighted findings from the 2026 Stanford AI Index Report, which placed the UAE at the top of a global list tracking AI talent concentration growth among LinkedIn members over a six-year period.

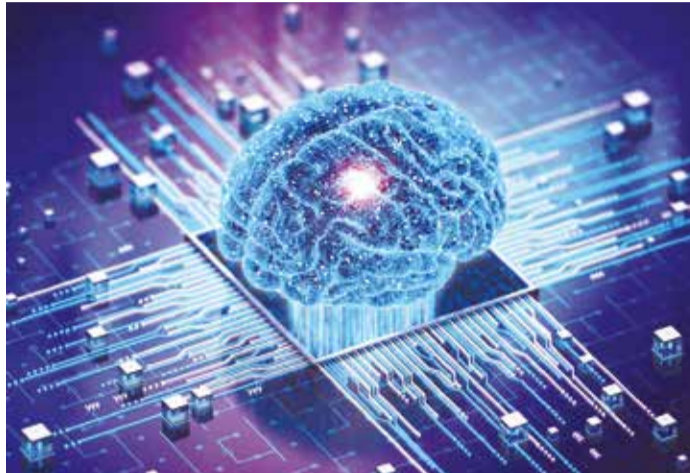
He said: "The UAE ranks first globally in the growth of AI talent concentration, at 121 per cent between 2019 and 2025."

He added that the achievement reflects more than tech-

nological progress, describing it as the result of a long-term national vision focused on human capital development, talent attraction, and future readiness.

"This figure does not merely reflect technological advancement. It embodies a leadership vision that has made human development, talent attraction and future-making a deeply rooted national approach. The UAE does not wait for the future, it creates it," he said.

The ranking comes as the United Arab Emirates continues to expand its investments in artificial intelligence, advanced technologies, and digital infrastructure, while also strengthening initiatives to attract highly skilled professionals and position itself as a global innovation hub.



According to the report, India followed closely with 120 per cent growth, while Saudi Arabia ranked third at 113 per cent. Cyprus recorded 112 per cent, and Portugal came in fifth with 111 per cent.

Other countries in the top

ten included Indonesia (108 per cent), Brazil (107 per cent), Iceland (93 per cent), Uruguay (90 per cent), and Denmark (89 per cent), reflecting rapid global competition for AI talent between 2019 and 2025.

Kuwait Army Chief Inspects Military Sites During Eid Al Adha



The Chief of Staff of the Kuwaiti Army, Lieutenant General Khaled Draj Saad Al-Shreian, conducted an inspection tour of several military sites during the Eid Al Adha holiday, praising troops for their vigilance, discipline and dedication to national duty.

During the tour, Lieutenant General Al-Shreian extended Eid Al Adha greetings to members of the Kuwaiti Armed Forces and expressed pride in the high morale and operational readiness demonstrated by military personnel stationed across the country.

He said the commitment shown by army members in carrying out their duties reflected a strong sense of re-

sponsibility and unwavering dedication to serving the nation. He also highlighted the armed forces' continuous efforts to safeguard Kuwait's security and stability.

The Army Chief of Staff commended personnel for maintaining preparedness during the holiday period and reaffirmed the importance of their role in protecting the country and its people.

At the conclusion of the visit, Lieutenant General Al-Shreian prayed for continued prosperity, security and stability for Kuwait under the leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

UAE Warns Against Extremism, Urges Stability Through Dialogue

The United Arab Emirates called for dialogue and de-escalation as the path toward sustainable peace and prosperity during an open debate at the United Nations Security Council on upholding the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.

Speaking during the session, UAE Ambassador His Excellency Mohamed Abushahab said lasting stability cannot be achieved through confrontational policies or ideological extremism, stressing the importance of diplomatic engagement and efforts to reduce



tensions.

The ambassador also highlighted what he described as illegitimate Iranian attacks over the past three months, saying

the incidents targeted civilian infrastructure and threatened freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz.

He warned that such actions

pose serious risks to regional security and international trade routes, particularly in one of the world's most strategically important waterways.

Ambassador Abushahab further stressed that the credibility of the international system depends on the willingness of the global community to enforce international rules and respond when violations occur.

He added that the UN Security Council carries a central responsibility in safeguarding the principles of the UN Charter and ensuring international peace and security are protected.

Qatar, Japan Discuss Regional Diplomacy and



His Excellency Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Qatar, received a phone call from Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi. During the call, the two sides discussed bilateral cooperation and ongoing regional diplomatic efforts.

According to a statement, the officials reviewed relations between Qatar and Japan and explored ways to strengthen cooperation across various sectors.

The discussions also focused on mediation efforts

aimed at easing tensions between the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran, including diplomatic initiatives involving Pakistan.

During the call, Sheikh Mohammed stressed the importance of all parties responding positively to the ongoing mediation efforts in order to address the root causes of the crisis through peaceful dialogue and diplomacy.

He said constructive engagement could help pave the way towards a sustainable agreement that would prevent further escalation in the region.

Saudi, France Discuss Ties in Cyprus Meeting



Saudi Arabia's Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Royal Highness Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, met with France's Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Jean-Noël Barrot, on the sidelines of his participation in the informal meeting of the European Council of Foreign Affairs held in the Republic of Cyprus.

During the meeting in Limassol, the two sides reviewed bilateral relations between Saudi Arabia and France, discussing ways to further strengthen coopera-

tion in a manner that serves their mutual interests across various fields.

The discussions also covered key regional and international developments, with both ministers exchanging views on their implications for security and stability in the broader region.

The meeting was attended by the Ambassador of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques to the Republic of Cyprus, Mr. Fawaz bin Abdulrahman Al-Shubaili, who was present during the discussions.

Zimbabwe President Receives Credentials of Qatar Envoy



President Emmerson Mnangagwa of the Republic of Zimbabwe received the credentials of Mr. Mubarak bin Nasser Al Khalifa as the non-resident Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the State of Qatar to Zimbabwe during an official ceremony held in Harare.

During the meeting, Ambassador Al Khalifa conveyed the greetings of His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, to President Mnangagwa, along with wishes for his

good health and happiness and for the people of Zimbabwe to achieve continued progress and prosperity.

President Mnangagwa, in turn, asked the ambassador to convey his greetings and best wishes to the Amir of Qatar, expressing hopes for continued growth, development and prosperity for the State of Qatar.

The credential ceremony reflects the friendly relations between Qatar and Zimbabwe and their shared commitment to strengthening diplomatic ties and cooperation.

Heavy Lift



A U.S. Army CH-47 Chinook helicopter lifts off from an airfield in the Middle East for a scheduled flight. The Chinook is both the U.S. Army's fastest and heaviest lift helicopter.