



# Vice President Harris, Senior US Officials, & Congressional Leaders Offer Condolences

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A senior US delegation [traveled to](#) the UAE this week to extend condolences on the passing of President H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

The delegation, led by Vice President Harris and comprising Secretary of State Blinken, Secretary of Defense Austin, Climate Envoy Kerry and CIA Director Burns, also offered best wishes to H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan as he assumes the role of UAE President.

“We deeply appreciate Vice President Harris and the US delegation for making a trip to the UAE. It is a meaningful gesture of kindness and friendship, and underscores our deep bilateral relationship,” said UAE Ambassador Yousef Al Otaiba.



*"Sheikh Khalifa was a true partner and friend of the United States throughout his decades-long tenure as President of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Abu Dhabi... We will honor his memory by continuing to strengthen the longstanding ties between the governments and people of the United States and the United Arab Emirates."*

— US President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

## Remembering Sheikh Khalifa



[Sheikh Khalifa](#) devoted his life to his country, working tirelessly to improve the welfare of the Emirati people, and helping the UAE become a more prosperous and diverse nation.

His presidency was defined by strong economic growth, a rapid expansion of the UAE's cultural and education sectors, and a concerted drive toward a more sustainable future.

Sheikh Khalifa was a firm believer in the empowerment of women and girls, and he strived to ensure their full involvement in all aspects of Emirati society.

His Highness also played a central role in strengthening the UAE's partnerships with countries around the world, particularly with the United States.

As we look to the future, we are certain that Sheikh Khalifa's legacy will live on in the hearts of all Emiratis, and through the UAE's strong, enduring ties with the US.



## The UAE's Next President: Sheikh Mohamed

On May 14, the UAE Federal Supreme Council announced that H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan was elected the nation's third president.

He also [takes the helm](#) as the 17th Ruler of Abu Dhabi after serving as the emirate's Crown Prince since November 2004.

His Highness is set to build upon Sheikh Khalifa's legacy of expanding the UAE's role on the world stage, diversifying the economy, and promoting inclusion and religious diversity.

## From the Feed



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Jill and I were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al Nahyan. Sheikh Khalifa was a true partner and friend of the United States,

and we will honor his memory by continuing to strengthen ties with the government and people of the UAE.



[\*\*@VP\*\*](#)

I am traveling to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates to express condolences on the passing of the President of the UAE, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. I will emphasize the importance our partnership and the desire to further strengthen our ties.



[\*\*@SecBlinken\*\*](#)

We express our deep sadness at the passing of H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed, President of the UAE. He was a friend of the United States and will be missed.



[\*\*@SecDef\*\*](#)

I and the Department offer our heartfelt condolences to the UAE's President H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed's family and the people of the UAE. He leaves behind a remarkable legacy and was a true friend of the United States.



[\*\*@SFRCDems\*\*](#)

My sincere condolences to the UAE & its citizens on the passing of President Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, ruler of Abu Dhabi. Sheikh Khalifa built a legacy of partnership with the US, & we will hold the Emirati people & the Al Nahyan family in our thoughts as they mourn his loss.



[\*\*@SenateForeign\*\*](#)

I'm saddened by the death of President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. #SheikhKhalifa played a key role in modernizing the #UAE. I extend my heartfelt condolences to his friends, family, and the #Emirati people for their loss.



[\*\*@JimInhofe\*\*](#)

I send my condolences to my friends in the UAE on the passing of their President H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al Nahyan. He was an important friend to the U.S., always committed to working together to strengthen security. I know our partnership will remain strong in the future.

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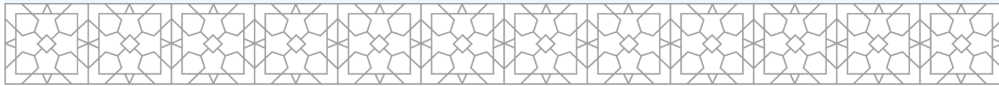
AJC offers profound condolences to the people of the United Arab Emirates on the passing of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

We wish the leadership and people of the UAE solace and peace.



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Our sincere condolences to the Al Nahyan Family and the people of the United Arab Emirates for the loss of HE Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed. A man of extraordinary vision and compassion whose loss will be felt by all.



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