

FRANCE & UAE PRAISED THE DEPTH OF THE COMMON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP IN TRIANON

DURING THE VISIT OF HH MOHAMED BIN ZAYED

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On the other hand, Tawazun Economic Council of the United Arab Emirates and the Directorate General of Armaments of the French Ministry of Defense, during this visit, set up a roadmap for cooperation to further deepen cooperation in defense in the future. Furthermore, the UAE are also very attached to cooperating with France in the consolidation of peace throughout the world, recalling that in this case, "it should be remembered that the United Arab Emirates and France were among the first countries to call for a peaceful solution to the Russian-Ukrainian crisis, stability of world energy markets and food security". (Source: UA senior Official from UAE' delegation) The two presidents praised the depth of the strategic partnership between the United Arab Emirates and France, which is based on a solid friendship and mutual trust between the two countries. They affirmed the common commitment to broaden the horizons of bilateral cooperation in all fields and to work together to face global and regional challenges.

ENERGY IS AT THE HEART OF THE STATE VISIT OF EMIRATI PRESIDENT, MBZ HH CHEIKH MOHAMED BIN ZAYED AL NAHYAN

The official State, of HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, president Emirati, visit is taking place, in a context of war in Ukraine since the Russian strike on February 24, and is causing both an energy crisis, in terms of the transport of gas and oil from Russian gas and pipelines and Ukrainians (Nord Stream I and II). Knowing that Russia provides 12% of the world's oil supply and whose rail price had immediately exceeded the threshold of \$100 per barrel of Brent from the Russian attack of February 24, 2022, and this since 2014. President Macron has been trying tough negotiations to increase oil production, as energy imports are essentially based on hydrocarbons. Thus, exports from the UAE to France reached an all-time high of €Bn1.5 in 2019, including a large part of refined petroleum products, but the Emirates do not currently supply diesel to the country. In this context, France and the United Arab Emirates signed on Monday a strategic energy cooperation agreement aimed at ensuring France's supply of oil and natural gas, she recalled, noting that "Europe prepares for the possibility of a total gas cut from Russia in retaliation for war-related sanctions against Ukraine". This decision "highlights the historical ties between the two countries but also the potential for further cooperation" between

them, said the Emirati President's diplomatic adviser, Anwar Gargash. This partnership aims to identify joint investment projects in France, the United Arab Emirates or elsewhere in the world in the fields of hydrogen, renewable energies or nuclear energy, the statement said.

On the French side, the agreement "represents a double strategic importance": it makes it possible to "address the pressing challenges of energy security in the short term, while preparing for a decarbonized future, according to the words of the French Minister of Finance, Bruno Le Maire", hence further cooperation towards a "clean energy" market in accordance with the objectives already announced by COP28, which will take place in the United Arab Emirates in 2023.../

PRINCE HH CHEIKH MOHAMED BIN ZAYED AL NAHYAN VISIT'S IS HIGHLY SYMBOLIC AND MEMORABLE

The purpose of this long, highly symbolic state visit is memorable, because it has been thirty-one years (31) since a UAE Head of State came on an official visit to France. In accordance with the frank tradition and as a sign of "French welcome", the Prince, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, is offered after the President of the Republic Macron, two highly symbolic and prestigious gifts: the insignia of Grand Cross of the National Order of the Legion of Honor, and will offer him as a gift a 1535 edition of the map of the German geographer Lorenz Fries of the Arabian Peninsula and the Gulf.

This visit therefore offers both sides of the two countries an opportunity for the two Heads of State to pursue the deepening of the strategic partnership which unites the two countries, particularly in terms of security and defence, and energy and technologies. of the future, as indicated by the Elysée in a communiqué. We publish the entirety of this statement.

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