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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and is Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday sent cables of condolences to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud following the passing of His Royal Highness Prince Bandar bin Mohammed bin Saud Al Kabeer Al Saud.

HM the King and HRH Prince Salman prayed to Allah the Almighty to rest the soul of the deceased in eternal peace and to bless the Saudi Royal Family with patience and fortitude.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister sent a similar cable to His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

**Flipperachi for BRAVE CF 80**

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BRAVE Combat Federation's final event of the year and the biggest show in the BRAVE International Combat Week will have a very welcome addition.

One of the Middle East's finest musicians and Bahrain's own Flipperachi will perform at BRAVE CF 80, set for tomorrow at the Khalifa Sports City Arena.

Flipperachi has been one of the driving forces of Khaleeji Hip Hop in the last few years and has had an unforgettable 2023, with new releases and having songs featured in some of the greatest shows in the region, which went world-wide throughout the year.

BRAVE CF has also had a historic year in 2023, transforming itself in the industry leader for most countries hosted, having done events in 30 countries, a world record for mixed martial arts.

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## HM King hails UAE's successful COP28 hosting

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a cable to the UAE President, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, on the conclusion of the summit of the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28), which was hosted by the UAE in Expo City Dubai.

HM the King praised the distinguished efforts of the UAE in hosting COP28, which demonstrated its prominent status and influence globally.

His Majesty commended the UAE's role, under the leadership of HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed, in managing the conference's negotiations and discussions which led to the historic agreement "The UAE Consensus", which marks a new phase in international climate action to se-



HM the King

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cure a better future for the planet. His Majesty commended the summit's results and the efforts of Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, COP28 President and UAE's Special Envoy for Climate Change, and all Emirati teams involved in this event, wishing the UAE and its people further success and achievements under the leadership of His Highness the President.

# Green future ahead

World unites for transition away from fossil fuels in fight against climate change

AFP | Dubai

The world for the first time yesterday approved a call to transition away from fossil fuels as UN negotiations in Dubai tackled the top culprit behind climate change, but at-risk countries said far more action was needed.

After 13 days of talks and several sleepless nights in a country built on oil wealth, the Emirati president of the COP28 summit quickly banged a gavel to signal consensus among 194 countries and the European Union.

"You did step up, you showed flexibility, you put common interest ahead of self-interest," said COP28 president Sultan Al Jaber, whose role as head of the United Arab Emirates' national oil company had raised suspicion among many environmentalists.

Describing the deal as bringing "transformational change", Jaber said: "We have helped restore faith and trust in multilat-



COP28 president Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, centre, applauds among other officials before a plenary session in Dubai. (AFP)

eralism, and we have shown that humanity can come together."

**'Long overdue'**

EU climate chief Wopke Hoekstra called the agreement "long, long overdue", saying it had taken nearly 30 years of climate meetings to "arrive at the beginning of the end of fossil fuels".

But with the UN talks requiring consensus, Jaber carefully calibrated the text to bring on-

board countries from islands that fear extinction from rising sea levels to oil giant Saudi Arabia, which led the charge to keep exporting its petroleum.

Toughening language from an earlier draft that was roundly denounced by environmentalists, the agreement calls for "transitioning away from fossil fuels in energy systems, in a just, orderly and equitable manner".

It asks for greater action "in this critical decade" and recom-

mits to no net greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 in hopes of meeting the increasingly elusive goal of checking warming at 1.5 degrees (2.7 Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial levels.

**Clear endorsement**

But US climate envoy John Kerry hailed the deal as the clearest endorsement yet of 1.5 degrees and indicated he worked to win over Saudi Arabia.



The agreement called for the world to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 43 percent by 2030 compared with 2019 levels.

"I think there were times in the last 48 hours where some of us thought this could fail," Kerry said.

But he said: "A number of countries that produce oil and gas - you know who they are - they stepped up and said, you know, we want this to succeed."

## UN awards Dr. Al Sayed 'Pioneer in Humanitarian Work' title

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The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees awarded the title of "Pioneer in Humanitarian Work" to Dr. Mustafa Al Sayed, Secretary-General of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation, in appreciation of his efforts and the generous contribu-

tions made by RHF to support the UNHCR's humanitarian response over the past years in several emergency displacement situations.

This came on the sidelines of the Global Refugee Forum held in Geneva, which is hosted by the UN in partnership with the Government of Switzerland, in the presence

of a number of heads of state and ministers of countries and more than 3,500 participants from various countries of the world.

On this occasion, Dr. Al Sayed extended his sincere thanks and appreciation to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Honorary President of the RHF, for his initiatives in supporting

humanitarian work and helping peoples and brotherly and friendly countries in the various humanitarian circumstances they are exposed to.

Dr. Al Sayed praised the great support that the Foundation enjoys from the esteemed government headed by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince

and Prime Minister.

"We appreciate the great efforts made by His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, in leading the humanitarian work carried out by the Royal Humanitarian Foundation," he said.

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