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FM, UN official discuss issues of humanitarian aid

ABU DHABI: Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Foreign Minister, has received Jan Eliasson, UN Deputy Secretary-General.

During the meeting, they discussed cooperation between the UAE and UN in the humanitarian and development fields, as well as the assistance provided to various people to address dire conditions, especially those resulting from wars and disputes.

Sheikh Abdullah and Eliasson exchanged views on the latest developments regionally and internationally, as well as a number of issues of mutual interest.

Sheikh Abdullah confirmed the UAE's desire to support the activities and programmes of UN organisations to continue efforts and make positive contributions in all humanitarian domains. He also noted that humanitarian work is facing a number of challenges, especially when it comes to helping the displaced and refugees across the world.

On his part, the UN Deputy Secretary-General praised the UAE for the efforts it exerted to support the UN's humanitarian organisations, as well as for the aid it provided to needy people.

JAWAHER HONOURED

Sheikh Abdullah attended last night a special gala dinner on the evening of the first day of the Beirut Institute Summit in Abu Dhabi.

Two exceptional individuals were honoured. Prince Saud Al Faisal received a special posthumous award in recognition of his dedicated diplomatic work in the Arab region for 40 years. In addition, Sheikha Jawaher Bint Mohammed Al Qasimi, wife of His Highness Dr Sheikh Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, received a special award in recognition of her humanitarian work.

Prince Saud, the late Saudi foreign minister, was honoured for his lifelong efforts to promote regional dialogue and cooperation on a range of disputes affecting the Arab region. The award was presented to his son Prince Khaled in the presence Prince Turki Al Faisal, Member of the Board of Beirut Institute and Co-Chair of Beirut Institute Summit.

Sheikha Jawaher was honoured for her sponsorship of social and humanitarian organisations in Sharjah and her special efforts to support children in the UAE and refugees in the Arab region.