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Saudi, India to co-operate in several fields, including energy

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia and

ing defence industries and exploring joint projects in refineries and petrochemicals, according to a joint statement.

The two countries agreed to boost co-operation in the energy sector, including in the supplies of crude and liquefied petroleum gas, the Saudi Press Agency reported.

The statement, which was released after a short visit to the Kingdom by Prime Minister Modi, emphasizes their shared stances on several issues. They agreed

tion between the two countries the Saudi and Indian leaders among the Yemeni parties. in international organisations shared their views on several Bank, to support efforts to ad- their full support for interna- Randhir Jaiswal, spokesper- regions," he added. dress the challenges facing the tional and regional efforts at son of the Ministry of Exterglobal economy.

They also welcomed the ex- litical solution to the crisis in Khan, ambassador of India India have agreed to co-oper- pansion of the Saudi-Indian Yemen. The Indian side appre- to Saudi Arabia. The Indian ate in several fields, includ- Strategic Partnership Council ciated the Kingdom's efforts side also expressed its appre-



Saudi Crown Prince HH Mohammed bin Salman and PM Narendra Modi shaking hands after agreements signing ceremony in Jeddah.

reaching a comprehensive po- nal Affairs and Dr. Suhel Ajaz

ciation to the Kingdom for its continued care of 2.7 million Indian citizens living in Saudi which reflects the strong ties between the two peoples, Touching on the proposed India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor intended to boost trade, Khan said: "Both the leaders agreed that it is a vision which is beneficial to everyone in the region."

Khan emphasized the progress made since the IMEC's launch in 2023, with Saudi Arabia and India, along with other global

on the importance of enhanc- to four ministerial commit- and initiatives to encourage partners, that are committed ing co-operation and coordina- tees. The statement also said dialogue and reconciliation to enhancing infrastructure, including railways and port A press briefing was attend- links. "This corridor will inand forums, including the regional issues, including Ye- ed by Aseem Mahajan, addi- crease the passage of goods and G20, the IMF and the World men. The two sides affirmed tional secretary in the Gulf; services, boosting trade across

> Saudi Arabia and India also (Cont. on page-2)

MEA-OE clarification regarding RC for overseas recruitment of workers



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Though forced to cut short in the middle due to terrorist attack in India, the much anticipated Modi-Prince Salman high-level meeting in Jeddah could finish all THE planned agreements. True, the terrorist attack in Kashmir and the death of so many innocent tourists, snatched away the sheen of the meeting.

Modi and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman held official talks and co-chaired the second meeting of the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council (SPC). Crown Prince strongly condemned the ghastly terror attack in Pahalgam in Kashmir and offered deepest condolences on the innocent lives lost. The two leaders resolved to combat terrorism tooth and nail.

The two leaders discussed co-operation in the fields of energy, defence, trade, investment, technology, culture and people-to-people relations. Modi thanked His Royal Highness for the support and welfare extended to Indian community in Saudi Arabia. He t h e also appreciated the support provided by the Saudi government for the Indian Haj pilgrims. They welcomed the understanding reached by the Task Force in multiple areas, which builds on the earlier commitment of Saudi Arabia to invest \$100 billion in India across multiple sectors including energy, petrochemicals, infrastructure, technology, fintech, digital infrastructure, telecom, pharma, manufacturing and health. In this context, they particularly welcomed the agreement to collaborate on establishing two oil refineries in India, as well as the progress achieved on taxation issues. Modi proposed that to further strengthen economic ties both countries could work for connecting payment gateways and trade settlement in local currencies.

They discussed progress in India-Middle East Europe Economic Corridor [IMEEC], particularly the bilateral connectivity initiatives being undertaken by the two sides. Both leaders also exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest.

Both Modi the prince expressed satisfaction at the outcome of the work of the two Ministerial Committees under the Council, namely: (a) the Committee on Political, Security, Social and Cultural Co-operation and its subcommittees, and (b) the Committee on Economy and Investments and its Joint Working Groups. The two leaders also welcomed the expansion of the Strategic Partnership Council with the establishment two new ministerial committees. In this context, to reflect the deepening of the defence partnership, the leaders agreed on the establishment of the Ministerial Committee on Defence Co-operation. Acknowledging the growing momentum in cultural co-operation between the two sides in recent years, they also agreed to establish a Ministerial Committee on Tourism and Culture Co-operation. The leaders welcomed the signing of four bilateral MoUs and agreements in the fields of space, health, sports (anti-doping) and postal co-operation on the occasion of the visit. India and Saudi Arabia enjoy a longstanding relationship, built on historical trade ties and deep socio-cultural connections. India and Saudi Arabia share close and friendly ties with a long history of socio-cultural and trade contacts. As strategic partners, the two countries share strong bilateral relations across various areas including political, defence, security, trade, investment, energy, technology, health, education, culture and people-to-people ties. Needless to mention, the Arab kingdom is also home to more than two million Indian nationals who have long played a pivotal role in its labour market, helping construct many of the country's mega-projects while sending billions of dollars in remittances back home each year.

SPC to create new committees

RIYADH: The second leaders meeting of the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council (SPC) was cochaired by le Prime Minister Narendra Modi and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Jeddah

The Council reviewed the work of the various committees, subcommittees and working groups under the SPC, which encompass political, defence, security, trade, investment, energy, technology, agpeople-to-people ties.The discussions were followed by signing of the minutes by the two ar and Security Co-op- ly promote such investleaders.

To reflect the deepening of defence partner- tion Committee. ship over the past few exercises, training pro- nology Committee. grammes, and collaboration in defence industry, \mathbf{the} decided to create a new Ministerial Committee Force on Investment tion in the future. on Defence Co-opera- (HLTF) tion under the SPC.

al and people-to-people bia to invest \$100 bil- Agency and the Depart-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and HH Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman held official talks and co-chaired the second meeting of the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council (SPC) in Jeddah.

on Tourism and Cultur- structure, telecommual Co-operation under nications, pharmaceuthe SPC.

riculture, culture and under the India-Saudi High-Level Task Force Arabia SPC shall now on Investment came to be as follows:

eration Committee.

(2) Defence Co-opera-

years – including joint Investment and Tech- in India.

tural Council Committee.

To strengthen cultur- mitment of Saudi Ara- tween the Saudi Space

ticals, manufacturing The four committees and health, the joint an understanding in (1) Political, Consul- multiple areas to rapidment flows.

Both sides agreed to collaborate on estab-(3) Economy, Energy, lishing two refineries

The progress made (4) Tourism and Cul- by HLTF in areas such Co-operation as taxation is a major breakthrough for great-II. High Level Task er investment co-opera-

III. List of MoUs/ Building on the com- Agreements: MoU be-

The new guidelines aim

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"Too much of something is just as bad as too little of it." — An Arab proverb

ties, which has signif- lion in India in multiple ment of Space of India icant momentum in re- areas including energy, on Co-operation in the cent years, the Council petrochemicals, infra- field of Space Actividecided to create a new structure, technology, ties for Peaceful Pur-Ministerial Committee fintech, digital infra- poses.

New guidelines for job agency licensing in UAE

ABU DHABI: The ment agencies.

These agencies, which the country. Ministry of Human Re- play a crucial role in both sources and Emiratisation employment intermedia-(MOHRE) has announced tion and temporary staff- and employers from posix essential conditions for ing, will now need to meet tential exploitation the licensing of recruit- strict regulatory require- malpractice. Here's what ments to operate legally in agencies need to know to

Khan reaffirmed Sau-

sides are committed to

interconnec-

fourth-largest

Saudi, India to co-operate....

(Cont. from page-1) joint programs on clean signed four agreements energy, specifically in on space, health, an- electrical ti-doping and postal ser- tions and green hydrovices, involving the two gen, with a feasibility nations' regulatory and study underway to deumbrella bodies. Ad- velop grid connectivity. ditionally, there was a joint commitment to de- di Arabia's position as velop two oil refineries India's in India, and agreements trading partner. "The to advance collaboration trade issue was definiteon taxation to encourage ly discussed, and both stringent requirements, investment.

The two nations have enhancing and diversifyalso agreed to continue ing trade," he said.

to protect both workers comply with these new licensing conditions.

The recruitment agencies may offer services in employment intermediation, which involves facilitating job matches between employers and job seekers or temporary employment and outsourcing, where the agency employs workers to provide services to third-party clients.

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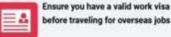


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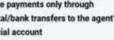
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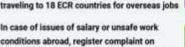
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According to wards a seamless jour- GDRFA, the "Unlimited leap" in smart mobility. ney, some passengers Smart Travel" service inat DXB can now trav- tegrates cutting-edge AI lers' trust and reliance el without stopping for technologies for facial on smart systems, inidentity verification as recognition and identity creases the throughput

the ongoing Dubai AI developed in line with simultaneously, and con-Week, the General Di- the Directorate's vision tributes to raising the rectorate of Residency to improve the quality satisfaction of both cusand Foreigners Affairs of life for travellers and tomers and staff.

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job recently and as per No. 29/2011 (dated Feb the rules, he has 30 days 23, 2011) on Regulations to leave the country. Regarding Bank Loans & If his work visa is can- Other Services Offered celled, can he continue to Individual Customers, using his bank account? which states: He is currently looking for another job and we accounts can be considwould want to keep the ered "dormant" if the same account ?

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mation provided and the is present and has other applicable regulations in active accounts with the the UAE, the cancella- bank. Accounts are clasdoes not automatical- accordance with the proly lead to the freezing visions of these regulaor closure of a bank ac- tions issued by Central count.Additionally, account is not considered Article 9 (d) of

My husband lost his Central Bank Regulation

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"None of the opened customer's address is Based on the infor- known or if the customer tion of a residency visa sified as dormant only in an Bank in this regard."

An individual's bank dormant if the custom- account may be listed as er's address is known or a "dormant account" in if they are actively us- the UAE in accordance ing a bank account (s). with UAE Central Bank ing Dormant Accounts est and charges posted Dormancy of accounts is Circular No.1/2020 (datgoverned solely by the ed January 15, 2020) on UAE Central Bank reg- Dormant Accounts. An ulations. This is under account may be classi-



there has been no comulations, which states:

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it has had no financial actions (withdrawals or or non-financial activ- deposits) or non-finanity for three years, and cial actions (service requests, due diligence, munication from the ac- particulars, update etc.) could be subject to difcount holder. This is in for a period of three ferent terms, conditions accordance with Article years from the date of or requirements. 2(1)(1) of the UAE Dor- the last transaction on does not necessarily remant Bank Account Reg- the account, other than sult in the immediate transactions initiated by freezing or closure of the "Criteria for Determin- the bank (such as inter- account. and Unclaimed Balances: by the system or manu- to inform your bank that An individual/corpo- ally), and there has been he has lost his employrate savings or call or no communication from ment, and he will be back current account where the customer (whether in UAE on a new employ-

Therefore, based on the standard banking practices in the UAE and the legal provisions mentioned, your husband can still continue using his bank account after his visa is cancelled, as long as he keeps the account active and maintains communication with the bank.

However, due to the change in residency status, the account may be classified as a non-resident account, which This

It would be advisable ment visa.

How long can parents sponsor How long can a divorced children on a residency visa? woman get alimony?

year visa in the UAE. I children with special Residence Permit may am a father two kids—a needs (regardless of age) bring in his first-degree girl and a boy. I wish based on guidelines set relatives and the Family to understand how long by the authorities. Ad- Members Residence Per-I can sponsor their visas ditionally, the residence mit shall be granted for in the UAE?

obtained a residence same duration as the head of the family, and permit in the UAE may sponsor. This is under in all cases, the validisponsor family members the Article (54) of Cab- ty term of residence for to reside there. This is in inet Resolution No. (65) family members shall not accordance with the Ar- of 2022 Issuing the Ex- exceed the validity term ticle 9 of Federal Law by ecutive Regulations of the residence of the Decree No. (29) of 2021 UAE Immigration Law Guarantor/Head of the Concerning Entry and which states, Residence of Foreigners.

by Decree."

permits for family mem- the same period of resi-A foreigner who has bers will be valid for the dence as the guarantor/

"The foreigner resid-"A foreigner who has ing in the state (male mentioned provisions of obtained a residence or female) may bring in the law, you may sponsor permit in the state may his family members, in- your daughter without bring in his family mem- cluding the husband and any age restrictions until bers, in accordance with children who have not she is unmarried. Howthe terms and conditions reached 25 or unmar- ever, you may sponsor set by the Executive ried daughters. Children your son's residency visa Regulation of this Law with special needs, re- in the UAE until he atgardless of age, in accor- tains the age of 25. Fur-A foreign resident may dance with the regula- thermore, for additional sponsor his spouse, sons tions issued by the ICA clarifications, you may under the age of 25, un- Chairman: The foreigner reach out to (GDRFA).

I hold a regular two- married daughters, and who has obtained a Green family."

Based on the afore-

I am a Muslim man. which his peers can earn A year ago, I divorced a living, unless he is a my wife. The court student who continues ruled for her to re- his studies with usual ceive monthly alimony success in accordance and custody of my four with custom and in acchildren: boys aged 13 cordance with what the and 15, and girls aged court estimates ". 16 and 17. My question is: Until what age 115 of the same law: am I legally obligated "the right to custody to pay child support? is extinguished in the 2. What are the con- following cases: ditions to extinguish custody according to ditions that shall be the new law?

According to Article lost. 106 of the Federal Decree-Law No. (41) Of fails to perform the du-2024 on the Issuance ties of custody or is unof the Personal Status able to perform them. Law: "The maintenance of a child who has no moves to a place with money is the respon- the intention of resisibility of his father, dence, with which the until the girl marries interests of the child or works, and until the in custody shall not be boy reaches the age at met.

According to Article

a. If one of the conmet by the custodian is

b. If the custodian

c. If the custodian

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Modi gets fighter jet escort as Saudi rolls out aerial red carpet welcome

Saudi Arabia airspace of the Royal Saudi Air to India-Saudi Arabia en route to Jeddah on Force. This gesture, pre-blooming bilateral ties.

JEDDAH: As Prime Tuesday, it received a ceding the Prime Minis-Minister Narendra Mo- rare welcome — an es- ter's two-day visit to the usually reserved for very countries is a reflection di's aircraft entered the cort by F-15 fighter jets Kingdom, is a testament



Saudi Air Force jets escort Prime Minister Narendra Modi's plane as it enters Jeddah on Tuesday.

select global leaders. of deep mutual trust. Modi is in Jeddah to coers are charting future course of the century". bilateral relationship, security.

ing seen as deepening ship. HH Crown Prince between the two coun- vocate of our bilateral and security collabora- a press interview.

The aerial escort is tion between the two

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The high-profile visit chair the second meeting comes amid the launch of the India-Saudi Ara- of the India–Middle bia Strategic Partner- East–Europe Economic ship Council and hold Corridor (IMEC), where talks with HH Crown both nations are playing Prince Mohammed bin key roles. Modi called Salman. The two lead- the initiative "the new the Silk Route of the 21st

"I value the personwith a special focus on al warmth and trust we enhancing co-operation share. And, yes, this in energy, defence, in- personal rapport has vestment and regional naturally translated into how both countries give This gesture is be- priority to our partnerof defence co-operation Salman is a strong adtries. Modi said India ties. He has been a great and Saudi Arabia have supporter of the Indian a natural interest in diaspora in Saudi Arabia safeguarding peace and and our people living in stability in the region Saudi Arabia deeply adand the growing defence mire him', Modi said in

Saudi one of India's most valued partners, Over 40 Indian firms have regional HQs in Saudi Arabia trusted friend: Modi tells Arab News

JEDDAH: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has praised the "limit-



He welcomed deeper integration of Saudi and Inlarly in emerging sectors like green hydrogen and technology. "Indian companies have also maintained a strong presence across various sectors in Saudi Arabia," Modi said. Modi congratulated the Kingdom for winning the bids to host World Expo 2030 and FIFA World Cup 2034, describing the dual successes as a matter of "immense pride." He also pointed to growing defence co-operation and landmark joint military exercises as signs of increasing strategic trust. On the India-Middle East-Europe Econom-Corridor ic (IMEEC), launched during the G20 Summit in Sept 2023, Modi said the project would be "a key catalyst of commerce, connectivity and growth in the entire region."

RIYADH: More than Jio Platforms, Reliance 40 Indian companies have Retail, OYO Hotels and dian businesses, particu- established headquarters the Health Technology

less potential" of India's growing ties with Saudi Arabia as he arrived in Jeddah for a two-day visit, his third to the Kingdom since 2016. In an exclusive interview with Arab News, he described the Kingdom as "a trusted friend and strategic ally," emphasising how bilateral relations had significantly expanded since the creation of the Partnership Strategic Council in 2019.

"Our partnership has potential," limitless Modi said. "In a world full of uncertainties, our bond stands strong, as a pillar of stability." He praised Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman's leadership, calling him "a strong advocate of our bilateral ties" and a visionary who has in-

through the reforms under Vision 2030.

"Every time I have met him, His Royal Highness has left a deep impression on me. His insights, his forward-thinking vision and his passion for fulfilling the aspirations of his people are truly remarkable," he said.

Highlighting shared ambitions, economic Modi noted that trade between the two countries had grown even amid global challenges, with energy, agriculture and spired global admiration fertilisers as key sectors. ditional facilities in the out that the Saudi-Indiin the near future.

chairman of the Sau- di Arabia, identify indi-Indian Business Coun- vestment opportunities cil, made the comments in India, and transfer as Indian Prime Minister and localise technology Narendra Modi arrived in various sectors, such in Jeddah day visit. said the visit aligns with "It also aims to exchange Saudi Arabia's broader expertise in education push to localise defence and training, spending, boost technol- from mutual expertise ogy transfer and expand in tourism and enterdomestic across sectors that con- in the healthcare sector, tribute to national gross pharmaceutical and meddomestic product.

Al-Eqtisadiah, htani said Saudi in- report added. vestments in India are nies such as Reliance private investors.

in Saudi Arabia, with ad- Co. "Al-Qahtani pointed defense sector expected an Business Council is working to encourage In-Abdulaziz Al-Qahtani, dian investment in Saufor a two- as space and defense," Al-Qahtani Al-Eqtisadiah reported. benefit investment tainment and co-operate ical supplies industries In an interview with and enhance integration Al-Qa- in logistics services," the

Al-Qahtani added that valued at around \$10 India has invited Saudi billion, including stakes Arabia to invest in its by the Public Investment growing defence sector, Fund in major compa- which has opened up to