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Good evening – I represent the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates, and in light of the situation in the Gulf, we wanted to share with you the following statement issued today by Ambassador Otaiba.

[UAE Embassy US on X: "Update from Ambassador Al Otaiba: Speaking yesterday, UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed and US President Donald Trump reinforced their shared commitment to regional security in light of Iranian attacks on the UAE and neighboring countries. \(1/4\) https://t.co/1cAd71vwcN" / X](https://t.co/1cAd71vwcN)



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As the UAE affirmed in a joint statement with the US and partner nations, we stand united to defend ourselves and maintain regional security in the face of Iran's reckless, unjustified attacks. (2/4)



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Missile defense cooperation with allies has prevented far greater loss of life and destruction, as UAE air defenses continue to detect and intercept an unprecedented number of Iranian missiles and drones on its territory. (3/4)



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Home to 200+ nationalities and 50K+ Americans, the UAE is committed to protecting its citizens, residents and visitors. The UAE is taking active measures to ensure the population's safety and security, and support affected travelers. (4/4)



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The Embassy will likely follow up in the coming days with further updates. But in the meantime please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any question.

John Gilliland

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Since early Saturday morning, UAE Air Defenses have detected or intercepted 165 Ballistic Missiles, 2 Cruise Missiles, and 541 Iranian Drones over the Emirates. (2/4)



The UAE's leaders have made it clear — the safety of all who live, work or visit the UAE is our top concern and priority. The UAE will remain on high alert — fully prepared to address any threats. (3/4)



The UAE message to Iran has also been direct. "Your war is not with your neighbours," said Dr. Anwar Gargash. "Return to your senses, to your surroundings, and deal with your neighbors with reason and responsibility..." (4/4)

In the meantime, we're of course closely monitoring strikes/damage assessments in the UAE and other neighboring countries. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you're interested in any information from us. I'll keep you in the loop on information we're sharing on the Hill in case it's of interest to you.

Best,

John

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