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Editorial

On the anniversary of the World Customs Day, the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority emphasized its commitment towards promoting trade facilitation through its air, land and seaports; ensuring supply chain security; and fostering sustainable economic growth. The Authority strongly committed to use the latest technologies supported by digital transformation as the best choice for development and enhancing ties with the strategic partners. Sharjah Customs being a key stakeholder with other government entities are dedicated in preserving national security, confronting all attempts of smuggling across the borders, sustaining the prosperity of the Emirate and supporting the international trade.

On this anniversary, the Sharjah Customs with its long successful march in field of customs work, highlighted its accomplishments in confiscation of contrabands and narcotics and its efforts to tackle challenges faced during extraordinary times thus maintained the flow of supply chains via all ports of the Emirate.



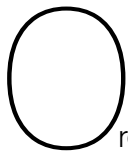
Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Inaugurated the Sixth Edition of Jewels of Emirates Show 2025

Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of Sharjah Ports, Customs, and Free Zone Authority, opened the sixth edition of the Jewels of Emirates Show.

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rganised by the Expo Centre Sharjah (ECS) with support from the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), the show was opened on Jan 29 2025 with the participation of over 160 exhibitors and 500 top local and international jewellery brands, and featured their latest collections in diamond, gold and silver sets, in addition to gemstones, pearls, and luxury watches.

Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah Al Qasimi toured the exhibition's different pavilions and stands and explored the latest jewellery collections and contemporary designs displayed by both local and international companies and brands. He was accompanied by H.E Abdallah Sultan Al Owais, Chairman of SCCI and Chairman of ECS; H.E Saif Mohammed Al Midfa, CEO of Expo Centre Sharjah and H.E Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman Al Sarrah, Director of Ports and Customs at Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority, as well as representatives from major companies and leading brands participating in the exhibition.





Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Inaugurated the 20th Edition of SteelFab Exhibition

Aimed at promoting the regional steel fabrication and metal working industry, the 20th SteelFab 2025 was inaugurated on January 13th at Expo Centre Sharjah.

The exhibition, which is the largest of its kind in MENA region, was inaugurated by Sheikh Khaled Bin Abdullah Bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority, in the presence of Abdallah Sultan Al Owais, Chairman of Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) and Expo Centre Sharjah, along with several

SCCI and Expo Sharjah board members. Also present were Mohammed Ahmed Amin Al Awadi, Director-General of SCCI, and Saif Mohammed Al Midfa, CEO of Expo Centre Sharjah, in addition to several government officials, distinguished figures, and representatives of the steel and iron sector. The four-day exhibition featured over 600 major local and global brands and 350 exhibitors from 33 countries who showcased their latest steel fabrication and metal working technologies.

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Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority

Hosts The First Meeting of Customs Director Generals in the UAE for 2025

Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority recently hosted the first meeting of the UAE Customs Director-Generals for the year 2025. The meeting which is held periodically under the umbrella of the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Port Security is aiming at enhancing customs cooperation and integration within the customs sector in the country.





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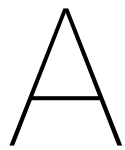
ays to enhance cooperation and integration within the customs sector in the country were discussed. The meeting also reviewed updates on projects and initiatives related to customs work, as well as activating partnerships with federal entities in the UAE to provide the best services, ensure continuous development in the customs sector, and enable it to achieve global leadership. His Excellency Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman Al Sarrah, Director of Sharjah Ports and Customs represented the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority in this meeting.

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The Sharjah Ports, Customs, and Free Zones Authority

Foiled Attempts to Smuggle More than 136 KGs Narcotics Through Sharjah Airport During 2024

The Sharjah Ports, Customs, and Free Zones Authority successfully foiled several separate attempts to smuggle over 136 kilograms of narcotic substances through Sharjah International Airport during 2024. This achievement reflects the authority's leading efforts in ensuring the security and safety of the community and highlights the efficiency of its advanced customs system.



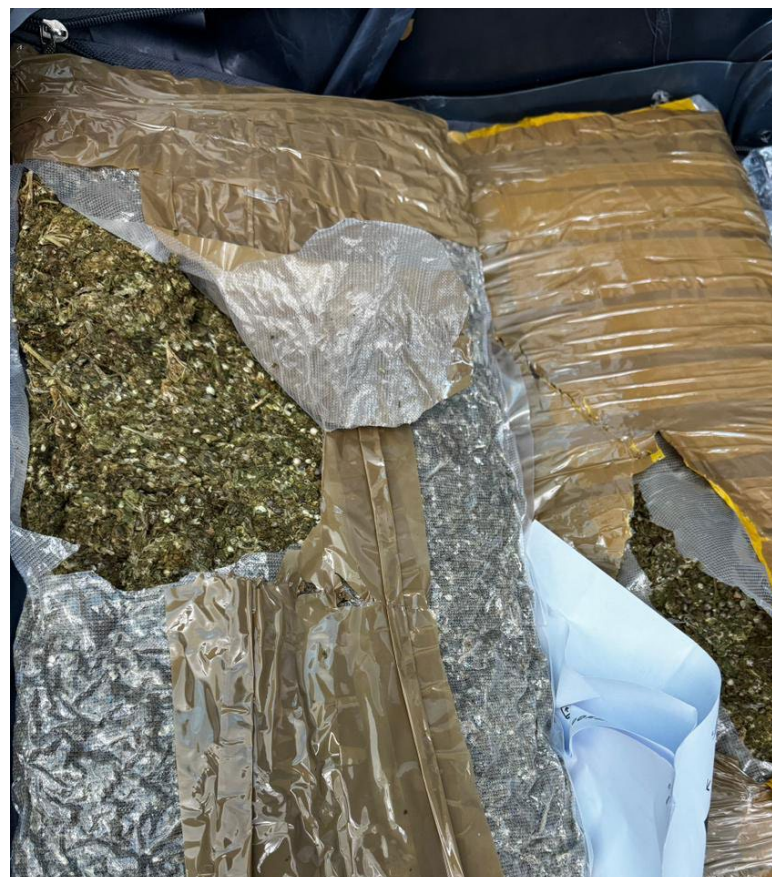
Additionally, the authority revealed the seizure of other narcotic substances at the airport, including more than 20,000 drug pills, as well as drug-laced stamps and containers. The confiscated items were referred to the relevant authorities for legal action. The authority emphasized that these drug seizures were the result of proactive monitoring, the constant vigilance of customs officers, their strong security awareness, and their meticulous inspection of travellers'

luggage and incoming parcels using the latest detection technologies and advanced customs systems.

The authority also praised the customs officers and inspection teams at the Passenger Customs Centre- Sharjah Airport for their awareness, high security alertness, and firm stance against smugglers and anyone attempting to bring prohibited substances into Sharjah's air, sea, and land customs ports. It

reaffirmed its full commitment to deploying all available resources to enhance efforts in combating smuggling attempts of any kind, particularly narcotics. This commitment aligns with the national strategy to protect community's security and safety while also contributing to safeguarding and boosting the competitiveness and prosperity of the national economy.

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Always Ready to Handle Oversized Cargo Hamriyah Port Ships Project Equipment

Hamriyah Port, one of Sharjah's three seaports, is a versatile, multipurpose port capable of accommodating various types of vessels. Its development is closely linked to the growth of the Hamriyah Free Zone (HFZ). Additionally, the Inner Harbour of Hamriyah adds significant value by offering cost-effective port services to the free zone.



The port serves not only HFZ investors but also traders and investors outside the free zone who benefit from its excellent connectivity to major highways, enabling efficient shipping of cargo. Hamriyah Port operates as a vital facility within the HFZ, playing an integral role in supporting its activities. Economically, HFZ investors rely on the port as their preferred terminal for importing raw materials and exporting finished products.

With a water depth of 14 meters alongside its berths, Hamriyah Port is fully equipped

to handle various types of vessels, including oil tankers, LPG carriers, steel products, grains, edible oils, general cargo, and project equipment.

Project shipments, renowned for their heavy weights and large sizes, require special safety and logistical arrangements for shipping on Heavy Lift Vessels, which are specifically designed for such tasks.

Recently, the MV BIGROLL BISCAY, a heavy-lift carrier, transported project cargo shipment from Hamriyah Port to Belgium. With a deadweight of 12,284.80 metric tons and a



deck size of 145 x 32 meters, it offers a vast area for heavy load cargo. Hamriyah Port is always prepared for such operations, with ample space adjacent to the berths, making it an ideal location for receiving, preparing, and shipping equipment or breakbulk cargo.



Another year of Success for Sharjah Ports: 2024

The year 2024 marked a successful milestone for all ports in the Emirate of Sharjah, including Port Khalid, Hamriyah Port, and Port Khorfakkan, as they achieved new records in port operations. These records reflect significant improvements in port performance and productivity, underscoring the commitment of the visionary leadership of the Government of Sharjah to the continued development of its ports, leading to substantial advancements.

Notably, there was remarkable progress in container handling at Sharjah Container Terminals (Sharjah Container Terminal at Khalid Port and Khorfakkan Container Terminal at Khorfakkan Port), which reached 1,084,385 TEUs in 2024. This was nearly double the amount handled in 2023, which was 566,194 TEUs, representing a growth of 92%.
General cargo (non-oil cargo) shipped

through Sharjah Ports reached 4,134,747 tons in 2024, showing an increase of 24% from 3,886,119 tons in 2023. Additionally, ro-ro cargo movement saw a significant rise, with 118,116 vehicles handled in 2024, compared to 90,914 in 2023, reflecting a 30% increase. The number of vessels calling at Sharjah Ports also grew from 8,264 in 2023 to 8,647 in 2024, marking a 5% increase.





Khatm Melaha Customs Centre Seeks to Strengthen Cooperation with Passenger Customs Center

HE Mohammed Ibrahim Al Raisi,
Director of Ports and Border Points
Affairs at the Sharjah Ports, Customs
and Free Zones Authority and several
Customs Inspectors recently visited the
Passenger Customs Centre -Sharjah
Airport.

**> In attendance was Mr. Sultan Obaid Muhair
Al Kitbi, Director of Passenger Customs Centre
– Sharjah Airport.**

During the visit they discussed means of
strengthening cooperation and exchanging
expertise and insights which can lead to highest
degree of customs-related accomplishments
and advancements.





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