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Two years have passed since the outbreak of Corona 19-pandemic which spread all over the world and affected the life of the millions which its consequences are still going on.

We are not here to assess the consequences of the pandemic, but as concerning Sharjah Ports and Customs, developments have shown the great outstanding experience of the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority in tackling the emergencies and extra ordinary situations.

We have succeeded in standing against the hardships, especially at the surging time of the pandemic as the Authority has taken all required measures to sustain the flow of the strategic supplies without hindering the basic customs essentials, like community protection from smuggling and drug trafficking and in the meantime reinforcing the global trade facilitation. Also the package of incentives which was launched by the Government of Sharjah for traders, importers and exporters have played a role in getting through the difficulties of that period.

With the recovery of world trade and return to its normal status, the life goes on and the staff of the Authority present their services in great confidence towards the targeted progress and success as they have accomplished outstanding results which are clearly shown in Sharjah Ports Performance in the third quarter of 2021.



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Year of Fiftieth

Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority Celebrates the Flag Day, the National Day and Commemorate the Sacrifices of the Martyrs of the Nation

At 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd of November 2021, the United Arab Emirates Flag was hoisted high at the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority synonymously with celebrations of the Flag Day all over the country.

The staff gathered at the entrance of the Authority's Head Quarters to mark the event. HE Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman al Sarrah, Director of the Authority raised high the flag in the presence of several staffs, who adhered to the social distancing and precautionary measures for controlling the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Prior to ceremony of raising the flag, several customs officers distributed Emirati Flags on vehicles passing close to the headquarters of the Authority.

In attendance were Mr. Yaqoub Hassan Abdullah, Administration Director, Rashid Khamis Al Suwaidi, Director of HR Admin, Mr. Salem Al Zumar, Director of Port Khalid Customs Centre, Mr Abdullah Houkal, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance Dept. at Sharjah Customs and Mr. Jamal Al Sheikh Director of Purchasing and Foreign Contracts, and several staff.

The UAE Flag-Day marks the day His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan was elected President of the UAE. The occasion is held in response to the initiative of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai who called to raise the Flag of the UAE in various entities concurrently at 11:00 a.m. on 3rd of November. Marking the event and prior to the ceremony of hoisting the flag.

On November 30 2021, the Sharjah Ports, Customs and

Free Zones Authority also commemorated the Martyr Day by paying tribute to the martyrs of the nation and recognizing the sacrifices of Emirati martyrs. At the Headquarters of the authority, Mr. Jarsh Mohammed bin Jarsh, Director of Creek Customs Center raised the half-mast flag to its full height. at the attendance of Mr. Yaqoub Hassan Abdullah, Administration Director, Mr. Rashid Khamis Al Suwaidi, Director of Human Resources dept. (Sharjah Customs), Mr. Jamal Al Sheikh, Director of Statistics Dept. (Sharjah Customs) and several staffs of the Authority attended the ceremony.

The celebrations of this year coincided with 50 year of formation of the United Arab Emirates and addressing this prestigious event, The Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority celebrated the event on November 29th 2021. Mr. Yaqoub Hassan Abdullah, Administration Director, Mr Abdullah Houkal, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance Dept. at Sharjah Customs, Mr. Rashid khamis Al Suwaidi, Director of Human Resources dept. (Sharjah Customs) staff and guests. Ports and Customs center celebrated the Fifties anniversary of the formation of the UAE in similar way recognizing the great achievements which were not possible without the wise leadership of the Late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the Founder of the great Union, and his brothers, Rulers of the Emirates - may God have mercy upon them

the National Day





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Sheikh Khaled Al Qasimi

Stresses on Improvement of Operations and Simplification of Customs Procedures at the Sharjah Border Terminals

Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority, has stressed the importance of continually boosting the efficiency and readiness of customs centres, terminals and border points at the Emirate's level, calling for ensuring their integration and cohesion.



This can be achieved by improving operations, simplifying procedures and developing customer services in line with the Sharjah government directives aimed at upgrading the services provided by Sharjah terminals, supporting and strengthening the national economy and developing and facilitating the movement of trade and travellers. Sheikh Khaled made these remarks during his meeting with the head and members of the Customs Policies and Procedures Committee at Sharjah Customs, during the committee's second meeting, which has been recently held at the Sharjah Airport International Free Zone.

The meeting was attended by His Excellency Mohammed Mir Abdul Rahman, Director of Seaports and Customs Department at the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority, His Excellency Saud Salim Al Mazrouei, Director of Hamriyah Free Zone Authority and Sharjah Airport International Free Zone Authority and Mohammed Ibrahim Al Raisi, Director of Terminals and Border Points Affairs, Head of the Committee.

During the meeting, five teams were set up and formed under the umbrella of the committee to carry out several tasks including conducting a study on standardizing work procedures, identifying strengths and weaknesses, and submitting recommendations for development, as well as preparing studies on policies and regulations governing work systems in order to provide more facilitation.

The five teams include a special working group to develop a systematic mechanism for exchanging information, in addition to another team to prepare a manual for customs procedures and measures, while the third team will be tasked with mapping out a plan for smart electronic transformation.

The committee approved the tasks and responsibilities and the membership of the teams, which will feature customs, administrative, financial and technical

competencies representing the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority.

Sheikh Khalid was briefed on the duties of these teams, instructing the committee to ensure that these teams are fully qualified to work permanently in accordance with a well-thought-out strategy.

He stressed the importance of carrying out field tours and visits to customs centres in order to check on the extent to which they meet all evaluation criteria conducted by audit and evaluation teams from local, federal and security departments.

"Customs centres must be fully ready to meet all assessment criteria at all times and must be managed by capable cadres who can professionally manage these centres. All ongoing digital transformation projects should be sustainable, equipped with artificial intelligence techniques and based on innovation and creativity. They must also be easy to use by employees and customers, and shall undergo a periodic assessment to keep pace with the latest developments and changes," Sheikh Khalid said.

For his part, Mohammed Ibrahim Al Raisi reviewed the smart digital transformation plan for customs services and the stages of implementation.

"This plan comes in line with the aspirations of Sharjah Government and the objectives of the Sharjah Digital Office, which aims to adopt best practices and build an advanced digital system in which the government works around the clock to serve the people sustainably, provide integrated government services to all individuals based on simplified mechanisms that save them time and effort", Al Raisi concluded.



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Major General Al Shamsi Honors Customs Officers

Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of Sharjah Ports Customs and Free Zones Authority received at his office on Sunday the First of August 2021, HE Major General Saif Al Zari Al Shamsi, Commander-in-Chief of Sharjah Police.

During the meeting, the Commander-in-Chief of Sharjah Police honored several Customs Officers from Port Khalid Port Customs Centre, for their outstanding efforts, performances and professionalism in conducting their duties and their close collaboration with Sharjah Police in safeguarding the borders from the threats of smuggling drugs and illicit items. The honored officers were:

Salem Majid Al Zammer (Director of Port Khalid Customs Centre), Khalifa Ibrahim Al Haji, Yahya Abdallah Madhloom, Obaid Ali Obaid, Abdallah Mohamed Al Mazrouie and Abdallah Mohamed Al Zarooni.

In attendance were H.E. Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman, Director of Sharjah Ports and Customs/ Sharjah Ports Customs and Free Zones Authority , Jarsh Mohammed Jarsh, Director of Sharjah Creek Customs Centre, Mohammed Ibrahim Al Raisi, Director of Khatm Melaha Customs Centre, Director of Border- Crossings and Border Points Affairs and Head of Regulatory Committee of Border Crossings and Border Points in the Emirate of Sharjah and several police officers.



Fire Evacuation Drill

at Sharjah Creek Customs Centre

Sharjah Creek Customs Centre witnessed a fire evacuation drill which was conducted on October 2021 12 to ensure the participation of everybody present at the Customs Centre in it.

The drill also was aiming at improving readiness of the staff to deal with emergencies and to know muster points and to ensure swift and safe evacuation from the building in case of fire incidents or other emergencies.

Several officers from Sharjah Police Headquarters(Operations Dept) and Sharjah Civil Defence have participated in the Drill.



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Customs Officers Detain Cars Sought by Interpol

Customs officers at Container Customs Centre, during their duty carried out for preventing and combating illegal circulation of transport means brought to the country and due to their awareness and professionalism have detained eight cars sought by the INTERPOL as a preliminary step to re-export them to the country from which the cars came according to the laws and regulations followed in such cases.

Established in 2004, Container Customs Centre is located at the Inland Container Depot in Sharjah's industrial area 18 on Maliha Road. The depot is easily accessible from adjacent roads (Emirates Road and Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road), thus providing advantage for the traders of the nearby industrial & commercial areas and the Sharjah International Airport Free Zone. Customs clearance and inspection are operated by this centre to provide necessary customs service to the customers for containers arriving from the ports of the Emirate of Sharjah and the other Emirates.

Sharjah Customs recently foiled an attempt to bring into the country eight cars sought by the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL).



OUR SEAPORTS

Sharjah Ports:

Cargo throughput Increase in Q3

Cargo throughput of the main Sharjah Seaports (Khalid, Hamriyah and Khorfakkan) during the third quarter of 2021 was higher than that of Q2 2020 and increased and continued to improve.

Sharjah Ports Exports, Imports, Re-exports and transit for non-oil cargo shipments (including general cargo, dry bulk and liquid bulk) increased by 18.5% from 2,561,407 tons in Q3 2020 to 3,034,898 tons in Q3 2020.

The number of imported and re-exported vehicles through Sharjah Ports has increased by 22.6% in Q3 2021 and totaled 48,879 vehicles from 39,878 in Q3 2020.

Non oil Exports from Sharjah Ports has increased considerably by 133% from 111,575 tons in Q3 2020 to 296,339 in Q3 2021.



OUR SEAPORTS

Hamriyah Heavy Cargo Shipment



Hamriyah Port, is one of the most thriving seaports in Sharjah with vessels calling for loading and unloading cargoes. With its multipurpose berths and facilities and with a uniform depth of 14m alongside all berths, the Port is an ideal hub for shipping heavy lift cargo.



MV Hua Yong Long , a heavy load carrier recently called the main Port of Hamriyah to carry a project cargo of six heavy structures being bases for gigantic wind turbines.

The loading of the cargo was done smoothly and professionally as all pre loading measures and precautions were taken by crew of the vessel and the supporting port team on berth to end the operation safely.

Hamriyah is a multipurpose port that handles all kinds of cargoes like project and heavy lift cargoes, traditional break bulk, bagged cargoes, Ro-Ro, bulk grain, bulk industrial cargoes, liquid petroleum and chemical products.

In addition there is an inner harbor of 5 km of quay with a maximum depth of 9 meters along selected berths serving the needs of petroleum products storage and marine industry investors in the Hamriyah Free Zone as well as the offshore support service industry.



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