

Khalifa, Salem discuss Afro-Arab ties

LT-GENERAL Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, discussed Arab-African co-operation and regional and international questions with Mr Salem Ahmad Salem, President of the UN General Assembly in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

Issues pertaining to revival of the North-South dialogue also figured prominently at the meeting.

Mr Salem expressed the world community's appreciation of the UAE attitude towards international issues and its support to the world organisation. The representative of the UN Development Programme, Mr Bassim Khadhr, was present.

Shaikh Khalifa also received the

West German Ambassador, Mr Eberhard Kuhnt, who expressed the hope that co-operation between his country and the UAE would be promoted in various fields.

Mr Kuhnt said after the meeting that he had discussed with Shaikh Khalifa the follow-up of major cooperation decisions reached during the recent visit of the German Minister of Economy, Mr Ottograph Lampsdorf, to the country.

Later, the Crown Prince received the Mauritanian Ambassador, Mr Ahmad Dieh bin Mohammed Al Mokhtar, and discussed with him bilateral relations, the current Arab situation, and the situation in the area.

Shaikh Khalifa also received the Chairman of the Arab Monetary Fund, Dr Jawad Hashim, and assured him of his continuous assistance to the Fund.

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Later, in the day, Mr Salem discussed the Middle East issue, the Palestinian cause and the situation in the region as well as Arab-African cooperation and the big-power rivalry in a meeting with the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr Rashid Abdullah.

In a statement after the meeting he reaffirmed the need for strengthening cooperation among the Third World countries.

Mr Salem arrived in Abu Dhabi last Wednesday on a five-day visit.—

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