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On behalf of the entire Near East South Asia Center team, we are saddened to hear about the passing of the President of the United Arab Emirates, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al Nahyan.

Sheikh Khalifa was a true friend of the United States. He boldly led the UAE to an influential and impressive position of global leadership. His wisdom, generosity and initiatives underscore his impressive legacy, which will live on for ages.

We at NESA are humbled and honored to be a steadfast partner with the UAE for many distinguished efforts under Sheikh Kalifa's wise guidance. We will honor his memory by continuing to strengthen the longstanding security cooperation between the United States and the United Arab Emirates.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all Emiratis as they mourn Sheikh Khalifa's passing.

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