

Al Habtoor Group: Paul Findley presents his new book to Khalaf Al Habtoor

Press Release

Dubai 27th May: Paul Findley, well known US author and former longtime member of the US Congress recently visited Dubai with the delegation from CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations). During that time he has taken the chance to meet his old friend Khalaf Al Habtoor, Chairman of the Al Habtoor Group, to present him with a signed copy of the third edition of his book: "They Dare To Speak Out." It is said to be the first book, which criticizes the strong influence of AIPAC (American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee) on American politics, policy and also institutions like universities. According to Findley, the Israeli lobby and their actions cause massive effects on US foreign policy and even on congressional, senatorial and more over on presidential elections. Specific case studies and documentations support his opinion on AIPAC. In addition to this, the book includes details on the current administration and for the first time, brings together new voices speaking out, among which are former U. S. President Jimmy Carter, U. S. Representative Cynthia McKinney, Senator Robert Byrd, prominent Arab American Dr. Ziad Asali, Rabbi Michael Lerner, and journalist Charley Reese.

Khalaf Al Habtoor has also hosted a lunch last week for the high-profile visitors from the CAIR delegation, among them the Honorable Paul Findley, the Honorable Larry Shaw, US Senator, Don Meyers, Washington DC public relations firm Hill & Knowlton, Nihad Awad Hammad, Communication Director and Co-Founder of CAIR, Cary Ibrahim Hooper, CAIR Communication Director and Founder of CAIR, Dr. Parvez Ahmed, CAIR Board Chairman, Dr. Ahmed Al-Akhras, CAIR Board Vice-Chairman and Dr. Nabil Sadoun, CAIR Board member (GULF NEWS has reported). On that occasion, Paul Findley stayed behind to discuss Pan-Arab/US relations and interests with the Chairman and how organisations such as Al Habtoor Group can contribute to that understanding. Said Mr Al Habtoor 'Our company has benefited from the tremendous growth of Dubai and UAE which is helped by the efforts of the peoples of many nations and faiths. I am certain that experience can be applied to help understand and solve most of the tensions that exist between our bretheren the US and in the Arab world.' Mr Findley has now returned to the US to continue his work and writing but will continue to visit whenever, as he said '...time and good health permit...'.
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Khalaf Al Habtoor has established his first company in the middle of 1970, Al Habtoor Engineering Ltd which is the foundation of today's Al Habtoor Group.

Al Habtoor Group has since grown with the UAE and is now internationally recognized through its Construction, Hotels, Real Estate, Education, Automobile Distribution & Leasing and Publishing businesses. It is one of the UAE's most successful & respected diversified business corporations operating across the Middle East and beyond.

The Group's Construction division, Al Habtoor Engineering Enterprises, has a rich portfolio having created some of world's most stunning landmarks such as the magnificent symbol of Dubai the Burj Al Arab, the ultra modern Sheikh Rashid Terminal Concourse 1 and the multi billion US\$ construction of the new Terminal 3 Concourse 2 project.

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