

UAE ministry ready with plan to improve the judiciary

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The Ministry of Justice has announced its strategy for further improving the judicial system in the country.

The announcement was made by Mohammed bin Nakhira Al Dhahiri, Minister of Justice, at the Emirates Palace on Wednesday. The new blueprint, which comes in line with the vision of the President, His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and the directives of His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, is aimed at overcoming several major challenges and achieve certain specific goals, Al Dhahiri said.

Proficient and high quality services are to be made available in all the ministry sectors to help win customer satisfaction, and improve staff performance in light of the latest judicial systems, Al Dhahiri added.

The master plan is meant to handle several major challenges such as better administrative control, better coordination among various sectors and departments and maximum utilisation of the latest electronic technologies and enhanced training programmes, Al Dhahiri pointed out.

The major challenges the ministry faces are swift development in all fields, the obligations resulting from international cooperation, increasing population, diversity of nationalities, inept pay scales and promotion systems — particularly for judiciary staffers and local judiciary, Al Dhahiri maintained.

The new strategy is based on 10 fundamental pillars. These include the enhancement of the ministry's constitutional means to help develop directorial structure, and boost coordination among the ministry's different sectors. Other important measures will be aimed at developing infrastructure, switching over to an electronic system, improving services and staff performance, adopting alternative prosecution systems to the traditional ones, boosting legislations and laws, enhancing administrative and judicial control, sustaining the ministry's relations with other ministries, and international organisations, Al Dhahiri said.

The goals targeted are many. "We do want to prop up the sovereignty of law, protect human rights and freedoms, develop legislation system, ensure judiciary independence, and provide excellent legal services to all applicants and visitors of the ministry," Al Dhahiri concluded.