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## NATO hails UAE polices on boosting peace

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Brussels, Nov. 24th, 2007(WAM)--Claudio Bisogniero, NATO Deputy Secretary General has lauded the UAE policies on bolstering peace and helping people in crisis, catastrophe and hunger hit areas.

He added in a meeting attended by Emirates News Agency(WAM) and the Arab media forum delegation at the NATO's headquarters in Brussels that the "UAE has registered positive attitudes in Afghanistan and Kosovo, where its forces played good role in restoring peace and stability".

Bisogniero highlighted the role of UAE in boosting regional and world peace through focusing on development in the poor countries and through sending aid to the needy worldwide.

He said he would visit the Arab and GCC countries, including the UAE early next year to continue dialogue in line with Istanbul Cooperation Initiative and Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue to build confidence, adding that the NATO continues to play fundamental role to restore stability and peace in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kosovo.

Bisogniero noted that the NATO also provides necessary assistance to Pakistan and Darfour to overcome crisis, which threaten the regional and international security.

He added that the NATO works to restore stability and security in Balkan and Afghanistan as per United Nations resolutions in cooperation with European Union and World Bank to support Muslim populations in these areas.

Bisogniero said that hundreds of officers from countries involved in the Euro-Mediterranean dialogue took part in the NATO training programmes, adding that the NATO is currently active in fighting terrorism in the Mediterranean Sea basin by monitoring ships.

"Some countries in the region such as, Algeria and Morocco take part in the monitoring operations", he said, indicating that the NATO struck military deals with Egypt and Israel in October 2007 and is engaging other countries in the Euro Mediterranean dialogue.

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