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**KAZAKHSTAN'S PRESIDENT EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST WITH UAE COUNTERPART AND QATARI EMIR**

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Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev expressed concern Sunday over the escalating situation in the Middle East during separate phone calls with senior Gulf leaders, the presidential press service Akorda reported.

In his phone conversation with United Arab Emirates President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Tokayev underscored that the attack by Iran on civilian facilities in the UAE as well as on other Gulf countries "deserves strong condemnation," said a statement published on Telegram.

The Kazakh leader "noted with regret" that civilian infrastructure was damaged during the attack on the UAE, according to Akorda.

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