AE leads push to condemn Iran in UN

Arab nations sign letter accusing of sponsoring terrorism in the East and interfering in their affairs

Seven Arab countries have accused Iran of sponsoring terrorism in the Middle East and interfering in their internal affairs. The letter was circulated around the general assembly on Friday, and was drafted primarily to ensure there was a recorded response to remarks by Iranian diplomat Abbas Yazdani.

Mr Yazdani had denied that Tehran was supporting Yemen's Houthi rebels, and that of other so-called "terrorist" groups, in a statement made by an anonymous official. The letter was signed by the seven countries, including the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Egypt, and Jordan.

Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, was yesterday given a tour of works at Abu Dhabi Art, which opens today, at Manarat Al Saadiyat on Saadiyat Island. For some of the highlights, turn to Arts&Life, page 2. Wam