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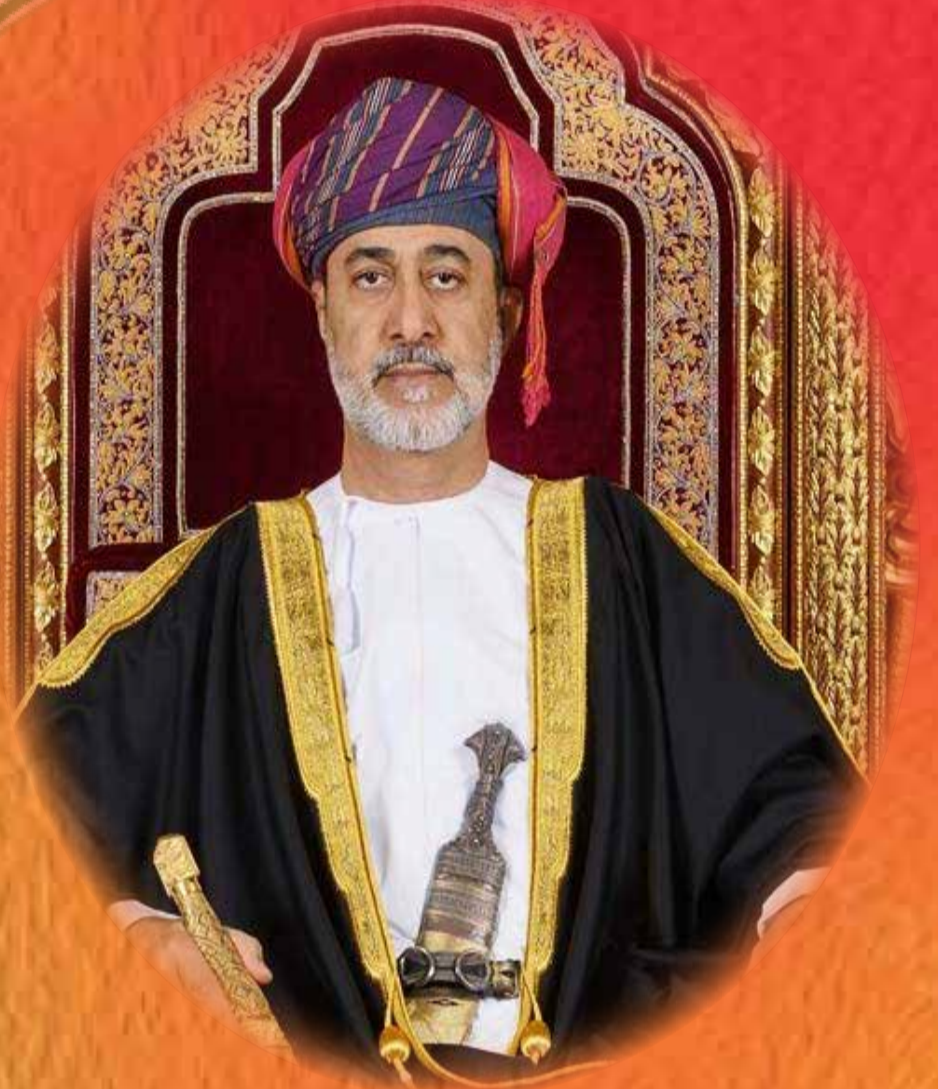
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the Sultan of Oman

*Congratulations and best Wishes to
HM Sultan Haitham bin Tarik
on the 54th National Day of Oman*





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MESSAGE

On the occasion of the 54th anniversary of the National Day of the Sultanate of Oman, IPEPCIL fraternity extends its hearty congratulations and warmest wishes to **His Majesty SULTAN HAITHAM BIN TARIK, H.E JAMIL BIN HAJI AL-BALUSHI**, consul General of Oman in Mumbai and the people of Oman.

Indian expatriate population in Oman is substantially significant and its contribution towards the development of Oman is appreciated and the bonding among the nationalities are proved to be brotherly. The harmonial co-existence in that beautiful nation between expats and the Omanis is worth mentioning and expatriates enjoy their life over there.

India and Oman enjoy strong cultural and bilateral ties and collaborate in various fields for the growth and development of both the nations and the strength of bilateral ties is further enhancing year on year for the prosperity of both the nations.

On this happiest occasion, we wish **"HAPPY NATIONAL DAY"** to the Sultanate of Oman and wish for the heading years of growth and collaboration between our countries.

With our warm regards and congratulations.



V. S. ABDULKAREEM
PRESIDENT - IPEPCIL

Leaders greet His Majesty Sultan Haitham on the 54th National Day of Oman

His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has received cables of greetings on the occasion of the 54th Glorious National Day of Oman from kings, leaders, crown princes, heads of states, organisations and senior officials from various Arab and foreign countries

In their cables, the well-wishers expressed their heartfelt sentiments and best wishes of good health, happiness and long life to His Majesty the Sultan. They prayed to Allah the Almighty to grant His Majesty success to achieve aspirations of further progress and prosperity.

His Majesty the Sultan has also received greetings from HH Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmoud



al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for the Council of Ministers, HH Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik al Said, Deputy Prime

Minister for Defence Affairs, Sayyid Khalid bin Hilal al Busaidi,

Minister of the Diwan of Royal Court, Gen Sultan bin Mohammed al Numamani, Minister of the Royal Office, Head of Office of the Supreme

Commander, Shaikh Abdulmalik bin Abdullah al Khalili, Chairman of

the State Council, Khalid bin Hilal al Maawali, Chairman of the Shura Council, Lt Gen Hassan bin Mohsen al Shraiqi, Inspector General of Po-

lice and Customs and Lt Gen Said bin Ali al Hilali, Head of the International Security Service.

His Majesty has also received greetings on this glorious anniversary from members of the Royal Family, ministers, commanders of the Sultan's Armed Forces (SAF), the Royal Oman Police (ROP) and other security units, members of the State Council and the Shura Council, undersecretaries, Omani ambassadors, sheikhs, dignitaries and loyal citizens.

They expressed their sentiments and best wishes on this dear occasion, praying to Allah the Almighty to protect His Majesty and grant him success.

Growth of Indo-Oman strategic partnership



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Droupadi Murmu with His Highness Sultan of Oman Haitham Bin Tarik at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

India and Oman share strong bilateral relations marked by shared cultural, historical and economic realities. India-Oman relationship has been on an upswing since the establishment of diplomatic ties in 1955. Oman is one of the closest strategic partners of India in West Asia. Oman's strategic location near the entry point of the Strait of Hormuz, overlooking the Arabian Sea makes it an important constituent in India's approach towards West Asia and the Indian Ocean Region.

In recent years, Oman

has received renewed attention under the "Think West" policy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The high-level visits of Sultan Haitham bin Tarik to India in December, 2023 and Prime Minister Modi's visit to Oman have further consolidated the bilateral relations. As many as eight agreements and Memoranda of Understanding were signed pertaining to legal collaboration, healthcare, space exploration, tourism and other areas. The strong people-to-people ties have been enhanced by the presence of a large Indian diaspora

in Oman. As of 2023, around 5,27,108 Indians are living in Oman, comprising the second-largest expatriate community in the country, after Bangladesh.

Both the countries committed to combat terrorism globally and highlighted the significance of undertaking reforms in the UN. Emphasis was further laid on improving people-to-people ties between both the countries.

Both leaders stressed on the importance of maintaining regional stability and reaffirmed their commitment to ramping up co-operation in the fight against terrorism and emphasised the need of promoting the universal principles of tolerance, coexistence, peace and moderation while underlining the necessity of rejecting all forms of violent extremism.

Apart from the leader-level visits, there have been regular ministerial visits and meetings, especially over the last five years. External

Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar visited Oman where both sides reiterated their commitment to further deepen defence, security and maritime co-operation. Jaishankar's visit to Oman following his Iran visit came in the backdrop of US President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the Iranian nuclear agreement which led to a spate of maritime incidents and insecurity in the Gulf of Oman. In addition to various ministerial and secretary-level visits, the India's Minister of State for External Affairs has made three visits to Oman in the last five years.

Oman and G20

Oman, along with the UAE and Egypt from West Asia, were special invitees to the G20 during India's presidency in 2023. Oman was represented at the Summit by its Deputy Prime Minister. Nine ministers and several other official delegations attended over 150 G20 ministerial and working group meetings held in

India.

During the ninth edition of the Dialogue, held in Feb 2024 in Muscat, India's Deputy National Security Advisor Vikram Misri discussed the regional situation in the Red Sea amidst the Gaza war, with his Omani counterparts. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to resolving current bilateral challenges and examining new areas of co-operation, including disaster management, oceanography, artificial intelligence and the military, security and strategic domains.

India and Oman seek convergence in their trajectory towards becoming developed nations, as envisaged by their future visions of "Viksit Bharat 2047" and "Oman Vision 2040". Their long-term partnership is testimony to the value of building robust relationships for the overall development of India's West Asia policy as both countries negotiate the multifaceted nature of a changing geopolitical landscape.



Congratulations and Best wishes on the occasion of **54th Anniversary of the National Day** of the sultanate of Oman. On this Happy Occasion, we extend our best wishes to the Sultan.

HM. Sultan Haitham bin Tariq

his excellency **MR. H.E Jamil bin Haji Al-balushi** and the

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India's ambassador to Kuwait Dr. Adarsh Swaika addressing the audience at the Kerala Day function at the embassy in Kuwait and (right) a beautiful traditional Kerala dance performance at the function.

Indian embassy in Kuwait celebrates Kerala Day

KUWAITCITY: The Indian embassy in Kuwait celebrated Kerala Day on Nov 15, 2024, with a wide variety of programmes at the auditorium. The Kerala State Formation Day, commemorated every year on November 01, marks the creation of the state on the basis of the State Reorganisation Act, 1956.

A number of associations from the Malayali

expatriate community showcased traditional, cultural and folk performances of their respective districts. The programme started with traditional Chenda (drum) percussion with a Pooram festival followed by traditional Kairali martial art Kalaripayattu and a ritual art form Theyyam. Other performances included, but were not limited to, Thiruvathira, Kera-

la Nadanam, Nadavilli, Margam Kali, Duff Muttu, Kolkkali, Kolunth Song, Vallam Kali, Oppana and Ghazal.

There were also skits and monologues introducing famous historical Kerala-based characters such as Maharaja Marthandavarma, Pazhassi Raja, Kunjali Marakkar, Annie Mascarene, Dakshayani Narayanan, Ammu Swaminathan

and Herman Gundurt.

Ambassador Dr Adarsh Swaika congratulated the community for having conducted a successful celebration and putting up stunning performances. Similarly, on November 08, the embassy had also jointly celebrated the formation days of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka with community associations from those states.

UAE National Day to be called Eid Al Etihad

ABU DHABI: The official name for the UAE National Day celebrations is "Eid Al Etihad", its organising committee announced.

The name emphasises the theme of "union"



(Etihad) and celebrates the unification of the Emirates on Dec 2, 1971. The theme is central to the country's "identity, symbolising heritage, unity, strength and national pride".

On Dec 2 every year, the UAE puts on a grand show that is usually attended by the Rulers of (Cont. on page-3)

Air India Express announces its winter schedule



KOLKATA: Air India Express has announced expansion of its services from West Bengal's Kolkata and Bagdogra, increasing the number of weekly flights to over

230 this winter, from 168 in the same season last year. The growth includes new direct routes connecting Kolkata with Sri Vijaya Puram (Port Blair) and Indore and Bagdogra with Chennai.



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ment, Air India Express' winter schedule across its expanding network has grown by 30pc from last year, supported by the airline's growing fleet, which now in-

cludes over 90 aircraft. This winter, the airline will operate more than 400 daily flights compared with over 325 daily flights during the same period last year. The enhanced schedule includes new routes

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Saudi Arabia needs to build 1.15 lakh homes a year to meet demand

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia will need to build 1.15 lakh homes each year for the next six years to fulfil demand from a young population and hit ownership targets set by the oil-rich nation's government, according to Knight Frank.

The kingdom's government wants homeownership to reach 70pc by 2030 from 63.7pc at the end of 2023. The Saudi government's target along with new household formation are helping drive much of the demand in a country where 45pc of citizens are below 20 years old, according to the report.

"There is a huge amount of demand for homes from a young population and huge amount of pressure to deliver,"

said Christopher Payne, partner and chief economist for Mena at Knight Frank. "I expect to see large foreign developers come to Saudi as they start to see the opportunity in the market."

Knight Frank estimates housing demand at 8.25 lakh, 35pc of which in the capital Riyadh with affordability remaining key to the market.

Pressure has built up on Saudi Arabia's housing supply in the past few years as many companies relocated staff to Riyadh and opened regional headquarters pushing rents up by 35pc in the past three years.

The kingdom's Sakani programme, which includes social housing, has 883,562 applica-

tions from people looking to buy homes with financing help through guarantees on mortgages below SR 5.20 lakh (\$184,887). The kingdom's population grew in Saudi at 1.8pc cent annually compared with a global rate of 1.1pc between 2010 and 2022, according to World Bank. AI is part of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 strategy, which aims to identify new revenue sources as the Gulf state diversifies away from fossil fuels.

Saudis plan US\$100 billion AI powerhouse to rival UAE tech hub. Saudi's total spending came to SR339 billion in the third quarter as it continued to spend heavily on its Vision 2030 transformation programme.

Kerala Tourism to use seaplanes

KOCHI: Kerala took a significant step towards enhancing its tourism sector as a 17-seater seaplane took off from Kochi and landed next to the Mattupetty dam near



Munnar, one of the state's most popular destinations, in just 16 minutes. The journey would have taken over four hours by road.

The service plans to

use small planes with 9, 15, 17, 20 or 30 seats; passengers will board from floating water-dromes. Given its network of backwaters and dams, Kerala offers an ideal environment for

disturbed.

The seaplanes have come at a time when tourism players have been stressing the need to reduce travel times. The service is being operated under the avia-

tion ministry's UDAN scheme to improve connectivity between airports, hill stations and backwaters and is offering subsidised fares.

Driven by festivals, Mumbai airport's passenger traffic rises

MUMBAI: Mumbai Airport's total passenger traffic increased four per cent year-on-year to over 4.42 million in Oct, helped by festive travel demand, Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL) said.

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA), the country's second busiest airport - 74pc-owned by Adani Group and the remaining 26 per cent by the state-run airports operator AAI -- had handled a total of 4.25 million passengers in Oct 2023.

Significantly, this year, three major festivals -- Dussehra, Dhanteras and Diwali -- fell in Oct. "CSMIA facilitated travel for over 4.42 million passengers -- 3.16 million domestic

and over 1.25 million international -- in Oct. This festive season saw a marked surge in both domestic and international traffic, as travellers flocked to celebrate the festival of lights," the private airport operator said.

October 26, which fell on the last Saturday before the commencement of the Diwali festivities, recorded the highest number of air traffic movements (arrivals and departures), with 939 flights on a single day, marking it the busiest day in the month, MIAL said, adding that the facility saw a remarkable rise in ATMs in Oct, with 19,848 domestic and 7,222 international, owing to an expanded number of travel options for passengers.

International flight service starts from Port Blair to Kuala Lumpur

PORT BLAIR: The first international flight service from Veer Savarkar Airport in Andaman and Nicobar Islands started with AirAsia's aircraft on the Kuala Lumpur-Port Blair route landing.

Chief Airport and Customer Experience Officer, AirAsia, Kesavan Sivanandam said: "The inbound flight from Kuala Lumpur with 120 passengers including Malaysian and Japanese tourists arrived here at Port Blair around 10.20 am and it departed for Kuala Lumpur around 10.55 AM with 150 passengers. Today, it's a historic moment as AirAsia became the first carrier to start international flight service from Port Blair." AirAsia would fly thrice a week - Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday -- flight service between Kuala Lumpur and Port Blair.

He said: "The response is very good and we are expecting more tourists from South East Asian countries in the near future. Our motto is not only looking at commercial viability but also connecting people. I would like to thank the local administration for all their support." Tour operators in Andaman feel that the commencement of AirAsia flights to Malaysia will be a big game changer in the tourism sector in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Southeast Asia.

Air India Express announces...

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such as Chennai-Goa, Chennai-Jaipur, Chennai-Pune, Delhi-Indore, Hyderabad-Gwalior, Kochi-Pune, and Visakhapatnam-Vijayawada. Additionally, the airline will commence operations to two new destinations, Jammu

and Sri Vijaya Puram (Port Blair), starting Dec 1, 2024. The airline has also increased the frequency of flights on the Bengaluru-Hyderabad and Kochi-Hyderabad routes, along with international routes connecting Abu Dhabi, Ras al-Khaimah and Muscat.

RAK announces Golden Visa scheme for teachers

RAS AL KHAIMAH: A new Golden Visa programme has been announced for private school educators in Ras Al Khaimah. According to the Ras Al Khaimah Department of Knowledge (RAK DOK), the scheme grants self-sponsored long-term residency to professionals who meet eligibility requirements.

The programme is open to two main categories of educators:

1. School leaders: Principals, vice-principals and school directors.

2. Teachers: All qualified educators currently employed in private schools in Ras Al Khaimah.

The regulatory authority will streamline the application process to qualify applicants based on a specific criteria. This includes a minimum of three years of residency and employment in Ras Al Khaimah, a relevant advanced degree and a demonstrated positive impact on their school's performance.

WHO CAN APPLY AND HOW?

Eligible educators must submit an official appointment letter, proof of educational qualifica-



tions, documentation of residency and employment and evidence of their contributions to improving school performance.

Once all necessary documents are submitted, the RAK DOK will review them and send confirmation of eligibility to the educator to visit the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Port Security (ICP) for Golden Visa processing.

School administrators are not eligible for the 10-year visa, the RAK DOK clarified in an eligibility guide. "The policy is intended for educators directly involved in

teaching and school leadership roles."

The Golden Visa is open to eligible educators of all nationalities. The RAK DOK does not charge an application fee for the eligibility review. Applicants may need to pay the relevant fees when submitting documents to the ICP. The typical review period is a maximum of two weeks.

Once the educator Golden Visa is approved, family members (spouse, parents and children) may qualify for the long-term residency.

According to the guide, school leaders and teachers must have the following to be eligible:

Official appointment letter from the Ministry of Education (MoE) or RAK DOK. Advanced degree (master's or PhD), with an equivalent certificate from the MoE if the degree was obtained outside the UAE. Must have resided and worked in Ras Al Khaimah for at least three years.

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Currency	Buying	Selling
US Dollar	84.83	83.99
British Pound	107.17	105.98
Euro	89.86	88.23
Japanese Yen	55.11	54.43
Swiss Franc (CHF)	95.94	94.15
Canadian Dollar	60.5	59.31
Australian Dollar	55.12	54.07
Norwegian Krone	7.70	7.53
Swedish Krona	7.77	7.60
New Zealand Dollar	49.95	49.05
Hong Kong Dollar	10.94	10.74
Singapore Dollar	63.49	62.25
Saudi Arabian Riyal	22.71	22.28
United Arab Emirates	23.2	22.76

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the Emirates. The location for the show this year has not been revealed yet. The committee, however, said there will be multiple activations in "Eid Al Etihad zones" across the seven Emirates on the day.

The year's National Day holiday is the last long weekend of 2024. Dec 2 and 3 fall on Monday and Tuesday, respectively. When combined with the Saturday-Sunday weekend, that's a four-day holiday.

Eisa Alsubousi, director of Strategic and Creative Affairs of the Organising Committee of the 53rd Eid Al Etihad Celebration, said:

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"We are delighted to invite everyone to share in the joy of this historic moment, as we celebrate the unification of the seven emirates. To support these festivities, we have created comprehensive guides to inspire and assist in preparations to celebrate sustainably. We encourage government entities, private companies, schools, and families to download these resources and join in marking this significant celebration."

The 53rd Eid Al Etihad will highlight the importance of sustain-

ability and collaboration. Residents are encouraged to participate consciously by minimizing waste, recycling or upcycling what they already have, and reusing resources.

"For example, we can repurpose existing decorations to celebrate Eid Al Etihad. The 53rd Eid Al Etihad activities are accompanied by guides on how to participate sustainably, whether you're at home, school, or work. There's always a way to contribute consciously and make a positive impact," organisers said.

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- 1) Verify credentials of the recruitment agency / persons. Ensure that, the recruitment agency / persons are licensed by the Ministry of External Affairs, OE, PROTECTOR GENERAL OF EMIGRANTS, Government of India.
- 2) Avoid any upfront payment in case asked for.
- 3) Seek legal advice through trusted advisors or Regional Protector of Emigrants Offices.
- 4) Do not enter any dealings with lack of physical office or any credibility of the advertisers without referring their websites.
- 5) Do not deal with the unscrupulous agencies who are inconsistent or give evasive answers to your questions.
- 6) Reporting Fraud:
If you suspect that an agent / person is doing fraudulent activities related to overseas recruitment / employment, report it to the nearest POE Office, police station etc. etc; your report can help to prevent others from falling victims to scams.
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GULF FAQs

Is it mandatory for a person leaving country to cancel company's licence?

I registered a company in the UAE and got an investor visa based on it. I am now planning to leave the country. Do I need to cancel the licence or will it expire on its own?

The UAE has several jurisdictions where a company may be registered. Since you have not mentioned the specific emirate, we may respond to your questions from a general perspective.

In the UAE, licences for business entities or companies in most jurisdictions are generally given for a year. At the

and submitting requisite documents. As to whether you need to cancel your company's licence, shall depend entirely on your plans to return to the UAE. If you are leaving the UAE for good, then it would be prudent on your part to liquidate/wind up your company entirely before you depart from the UAE. The liquidation/ winding up (as the case may be) will have to be done in accordance with the applicable laws of the jurisdiction in which the company is incorporated. Such a process shall ensure that your company



end of such a duration i.e., a year, the licence needs to be renewed by paying renewal fees and submitting the documentation required by the competent authorities. If such renewal is not done on time, then the validity of the licence expires on its own.

However, this does not mean that the entity shall cease to exist or the licence gets cancelled on its own. Instead, the entity shall continue to exist in the records and registers of the governing authority as an entity with an expired licence. This means that the entity despite its existence will not be allowed to carry out its activities as per its licence, as the licence will be expired.

The licence may be renewed at any time later on, upon payment of the applicable fees with applicable penalties (if any)

is fully terminated, and no further action or claim can lie against your company.

However, should you wish to return to the UAE in a few years, you may elect to sustain your company's licences annually or revive the licences upon your return. This shall allow you to obtain visas in the UAE, under the company's sponsorship.

As an alternative, you may also elect to sell/transfer all your shares in the company to another legal person (i.e., an individual or a corporate entity) and resign from all management positions in the company. That way, you may sever your relationship with your company. It would also be advisable on your part to consult with a legal practitioner specialising in corporate laws in the UAE, who may provide you with the necessary advice and assistance on the matter.

Are children allowed to travel alone on metro, buses in Dubai?

Can I send my minor daughter to travel by bus/metro along in Dubai?

The UAE, and Dubai in particular, is one of the safest places in the world. Parents often have no problem sending their children

forms and with their backpacks, chatting and making their way to or from school.

If you have ever wondered whether this is legal or safe, there is no need to worry -- Dubai's RTA



to school or extra-curricular classes by public transport. In fact, if you have boarded the metro early in the morning or around at around 2pm in the afternoon, you may have seen girls and boys in their uni-

(Roads and Transport Authority) has very clear rules in place about minors travelling on the metro or the bus. Here are the RTA rules on unaccompanied minors travelling on the metro or the public buses,

based on age:

- Children below eight years are recommended to only use public transport in the company of adults

- Children between the ages of eight and 11 can travel alone on public transport (except inter-city buses), but should have a permission slip from their parents.

- Children of the age 12 and above can travel alone on public transport without an adult present.

Apart from being safe and easy modes of transport, the bus and the metro could also prove cheaper for students, with the student Nol card. This card allows children to travel on reduced fares.

Will landlord bear repair cost of flat

The recent rains have resulted in plumbing problems in my Dubai apartment. Moreover, water that seeped into the apartment has damaged a wall. Who is responsible for repairing these?

As you are residing in a rented apartment located in Dubai, the provisions of Law No. 26 of 2007 Regulating the Relationship Between Landlords and Tenants in the Emirate of Dubai are applicable.

In Dubai, a landlord is responsible for repair works and maintenance work of the rented property unless it is otherwise agreed in the rent contract that a tenant is responsible for repair works and maintenance work of the rented property. This is in accordance with Article-16 of the Dubai Rent Law, which

states: "Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, a landlord shall, during the term of the lease contract, be responsible for the real property maintenance works and for repairing any breakdown or defect that affects the tenant's full intended use of the real property."

Based on the aforementioned provision of law, your landlord is liable to bear the repairs and maintenance of the damage caused to your rented apartment wall due to recent rains in the UAE. However, if your rent contract states that you are liable to repair works and maintenance work of your rented apartment, then you may be liable to bear such costs of plumbing and maintenance of the damaged wall of the apartment.

Saudi awards \$266.6m contract for 'The Point' project

RIYADH: Aseer Development Authority in collaboration with the Tourism Development Fund, Red Sea Markets for Real Estate Investment Company and Banque Saudi Fransi awarded the main contract for the multi-use project "The Point" in Abha city.

The signing ceremony was held on the sidelines of the Cityscape Global 2024.

The value of the contract estimated at over SAR1 billion. The Point, expected to open in the fourth quarter of 2027, will be a retail, entertainment, hospitality and tourism destination in Aseer. At an area of 75,000 square metres, The Point is situated on the road connecting the city of Abha and the Khamis Mushait Governorate, just seven km from Abha city centre and 14 minutes from Abha International Airport. The project includes a variety of shops, restaurants, local and international cafes, a cinema, in addition to a number of luxury Hilton hotel apartments and a Canopy Hotel by Hilton. The project also features green spaces as well as a health and youth centre.