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We take immense pride and great pleasure in extending
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His Highness Sheikh

Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

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His Highness Sheikh

Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

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Respect is one of the pillars of UAE society – that's respect for individuals, for the heritage and culture of the country

A legacy of knowledge and respect

This month, as we celebrate the 46th anniversary of the creation of the United Arab Emirates – December 2, 1971, was a glorious day, indeed! We're thankful for everything this country offers to its citizens and residents, and for the way it has sustained the conditions for a diverse yet cohesive society.

In this nation, built on the pillars of tolerance, respect, knowledge, and security, we're reminded every day of the legacy of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, who made the unification of the seven emirates possible. A unique three-day event called 'Peak over Peak' pays homage to Sheikh Zayed this month at Jebel Hafeet. The highest point in the UAE is the perfect location for this event, organised by the Ministry of Interior, represented by 999 Magazine, as it showcases the zenith of achievements in the Arab World.

As noted above, respect is one of the pillars of UAE society – that's respect for individuals, for the heritage and culture of the country, and for its law. Therefore, we're perplexed as to why, in this country of largely law-abiding inhabitants, some people think that they can commit a crime here, and then run away to another country. Our cover story this month brings you an overview of the long arm of the UAE law that has blocked escape routes to catch criminals fleeing to another country.

Maintenance of law and order is the foundation of a country's stability. As on the roads, police in the UAE are ever watchful when it comes to crimes in the cyberspace and cross-border crimes. We bring you a brief report on the 2nd Annual Future Police Technology UAE.

Jumping a red light, not giving the right of way to pedestrians, tailgating, and sudden swerving may appear to be minor offences to the motorist who's committing it, but since they can kill people, they're not minor offences at all. Pedestrians, too, are road users and it's their responsibility to observe traffic rules by crossing at designated spaces.

999 also speaks to the average pedestrian who's prone to running across the road, not caring where it's a zebra crossing or not, or if the pedestrian green light is on or off. This careless pedestrian, just like any careless motorist, can cause a crash, injuries, and deaths. The fact that a person is on foot doesn't make respect for rules any less of a necessity. A related feature on tailgating discourages aggressive motorists from harassing their fellow drivers and increasing the risk of an accident.

We also alert consumers to the risks arising from buying fake goods, in particular automobile spare parts, which form about 25 per cent of all auto spares sold in the UAE. Buying fake spares can be like giving yourself a death sentence; you'll realise that when you step on the brakes and the car doesn't stop! At the very least, it can mean a complete waste of money, as your purchase 'expires' after just a few days of use.

An important development from the consumers' point of view is the introduction of value-added tax in this hitherto tax-free country. We've got a feature this month that gives the big picture on VAT.

We're very pleased to bring you as well a list of Abu Dhabi's hidden gems in our 'Spotlight' section. And since you'd (naturally) want selfies during your exploration, our 'Tips & Trivia' section has a few points on how to be the master of the selfie universe. Enjoy winter!

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President issues Federal decree on entry and residence of foreigners in the UAE

PRESIDENT His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan has issued a Federal decree-law No. 17 for 2017 amending some provisions of Federal Law No. 6 for 1973 concerning the entry and residence of foreigners.

The decree law stipulates that the phrase "Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship" be replaced by the words "Ministry of Interior", and "General Directorate of Naturalisation and Residency" wherever mentioned in any of the articles of Federal Law No. 6 for 1973 and its amendments.

The phrase "Chairman of the Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship" shall also be changed to "Minister of Interior".

For entry and exit, a foreigner should use the approved ports in accordance with the regulations of this decree law. A foreigner should also have a valid

passport that entitles him to return to the issuing country and a valid entry visa or permit. Exempted from this condition will be the citizens of countries for which a Cabinet decision is issued.

Entry visas and permits are issued, renewed and revoked in accordance with the provisions of this law and the regulations issued by the Cabinet. UAE Embassies and consulates may issue entry visas and permits according to the controls set forth in the executive regulations of this decree law.

Every foreigner entering the country will have to record his/her basic data according to the mechanism and controls set forth in the executive regulations of this decree law.

Illegal immigrants will face a jail term, and so will every foreigner who quits work in violation of this decree law.

In any case, such foreigners will be



deported by court order and the money they have obtained from any activity throughout a given period will be confiscated.

A Dh50,000 fine will be imposed on any person who hires or harbours a foreigner in violation of this decree law.

President honours outstanding personalities in fighting world's most infectious diseases



Photo credit: Crown Prince Court

HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, pictured with Bill Gates and James 'Chip' Carpenter, son of Jimmy Carter, former US president whose foundation was recognised for its work in disease eradication.

PRESIDENT His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan has honoured outstanding men and women across the globe who have made great contributions to fighting infectious diseases.

During a ceremony at the Reaching the Last Mile forum in Abu Dhabi, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to former US President Jimmy Carter for his campaign to eradicate Guinea worm disease.

Meanwhile, Bill Gates, Co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, was conferred the Order of Unity for his substantial efforts in humanitarian work and initiatives across the world.

While presenting the order to Gates during the international health forum in Abu Dhabi, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed commended Gate's sustained efforts to support health and development efforts.

The Crown Prince also lauded Gate's long-standing partnership with programmes and projects launched by the UAE to assist communities reeling from the brunt of poverty and illness and to fight and prevent diseases.

Gates, in turn, expressed his appreciation to the UAE for the award, affirming that the long-standing partnership of his foundation with the UAE has delivered significant success in combatting various diseases that struck children and women in a number of poor countries.

Meanwhile, the President also conferred the Independence Order of First Class on Dr Toby Cosgrove, CEO of the Cleveland Clinic, in recognition of his supportive contributions to the health sector in the UAE and for the establishment of Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi.

While presenting the order to Dr Cosgrove, during a ceremony at Al Bahr Palace, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed extended gratitude to Dr Cosgrove, saying: "Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Cosgrove and his team, the clinic has evolved and grown to join the world's best healthcare providers with state-of-the-art amenities in the region."

Dr Cosgrove thanked HH Sheikh Khalifa and HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed for the award, hailing the UAE's commitment to developing a world-class health sector.



Photo credit: Crown Prince Court

HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, presents UAE's Order of Unity to Bill Gates (right)

VP, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince discuss national issues

HIS Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, met in Dubai His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, as part of their continuous consultations aimed at deepening the spirit of national solidarity and social cohesion between the leadership.

Their Highnesses emphasised the importance of pushing national development and progress forward to secure a stable and convenient life for the people, as well as a prosperous future for the generations to come.

They stressed that preserving the prominent global reputation of the country should remain a top national priority for the government. Their Highnesses said that, in this way, the UAE will be able to protect its national gains.

The meeting was attended by HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of



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Dubai Executive Council, HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler's Representative in Al Dhafra Region, HH Sheikh Nahyan bin Zayed Al Nahyan,

Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan Charitable and Humanitarian Foundation, and several senior officials.

Mohammed bin Rashid orders 9th urgent aid airlift for Rohingya refugees



Photo credit: Dubai Media Office

HIS Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, has ordered a ninth airlift of relief supplies for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

The aid ordered by the Vice President was dispatched from the International Humanitarian City.

Thousands of Rohingya continue to flee from Myanmar. To date, more than 600,000 refugees have fled to Bangladesh.

Since the crisis began, United Nations' agencies and non-government organisations have ramped up relief efforts, including food aid and an immunisation campaign that vaccinated more than 700,000 people against cholera.

In September, HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid established an "air bridge" to ensure food and other relief items get through to the refugees. More than 350,000 Rohingya refugees have received aid supplies originating from Dubai's International Humanitarian City (IHC) so far.

More than 814 metric tonnes of UN, NGO and other international agencies' aid has been delivered to Bangladesh from IHC at a cost of more than \$2m (Dh7.3mn approx).

The Vice President ordered the use of his private Boeing 747 for the aid effort with additional C130s and Boeing 757s as needed.

Mohamed bin Zayed launches \$100 million fund for disease eradication



HIS Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, has launched a \$100 million global fund to

eradicate two of the world's most devastating infectious diseases.

The announcement of the fund was the flagship of the forum titled 'Reaching the Last Mile', which was hosted in Abu Dhabi. The forum aims to eradicate polio and Guinea worm disease.

The Abu Dhabi Crown Prince has personally pledged \$20 million (Dh73.5mn approx) to the fund, as announced on the sidelines of the global health forum.

At the global summit, a new research institute that will develop policies to combat infectious disease was also announced. It will be based in Abu Dhabi.

"The fund reflects our long-term vision to save lives and put an end to neglected tropical diseases," the Crown Prince posted on Twitter.

"There are inspirational models that have touched people's lives, and their initiatives have left a clear mark on humanity," His Highness added.

The forum was held under the patronage of the Crown Prince and supported by the Gates Foundation.

Watched by an international audience of experts, leaders and health experts, Bill Gates was presented with the Federation Medal, one of the country's highest awards, by the Crown Prince in recognition of his contribution to supporting the campaign.

The Crown Prince also presented a new award that acknowledges outstanding contributions made by individuals in the fight against disease.

Abu Dhabi Crown Prince receives heads of state, top economic leaders

HIS Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, separately received several heads of state as well as top humanitarian and economic leaders.

Earlier in November, the Abu Dhabi Crown Prince welcomed French President Emmanuel Macron to discuss the importance of strengthening cultural, social, educational and economic relations between the UAE and France.

HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed expressed his thanks and appreciation to the French President for attending the opening of Louvre Abu Dhabi museum, which is one of the pillars of the developed relations between the two countries.

Meanwhile, King Mohammed VI of Morocco, who attended the opening of the Louvre, exchanged views with the Crown Prince on the ways to advance economic and developmental relations that would serve common interest and realise aspirations of the UAE and Morocco.



His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, and French President Emmanuel Macron

At Al Bahr Palace, the Crown Prince also welcomed Egypt's Minister of Foreign Affairs Sameh Shoukry, as part of the latter's tour in the region. Their meeting focused on the latest developments and challenges facing the security and stability of the region.

Other world leaders met by Crown Prince earlier last month included Idriss Déby, President of the Republic of Chad; Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, President of Mali and

Bidhya Devi Bhandari, President of Nepal.

His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed also met international organisations and top economic leaders, including Jim Yong Kim, President of the World Bank Group, to review the latest innovations in human and economic development and Peter Maurer, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, for a joint cooperation on coordinating the delivery of humanitarian aid provided by the UAE to other countries.

Saif bin Zayed warns UAE residents against proliferators of fake news

In his keynote speech at the Emirates Media Forum in Dubai, Lt General His Highness Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Interior, discussed the vital role the media in the UAE plays in countering fake news over the past year.

The Interior Minister also warned the young generation against fake news and negativity in various social media platforms, which, he said, could only spread hatred, and divisiveness in the world.

“Our effort will always be to collaborate and spread correct information that is positive and not information that is negative,” said HH Sheikh Saif bin Zayed said.

His Highness described the forces behind malicious information as stagnant quagmires, which spread diseases and malign epidemics to the community.

He added that, “There are two options we can choose in life, good or evil, the river or the swamp. We will never hesitate to follow the flowing river instead of the swamp.”

Emphasising that it was often difficult for readers and viewers to differentiate between fake and real news, the Interior Minister urged the media to continue to face future challenges by refusing to spread misleading news.

“People may accept false news as true and believe misleading stories that become widespread on the phone and online.

“But the responsibility of the media is great, and the UAE media has been honest, credible and does not know hatred. It does not spread lies or conspiracies,” the Interior Minister said.



Photo credit: Dubai Media Office

UAE leaders offer condolences to Prince Muqrin on death of his son



Lt General HH Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Interior (2nd from left); HH Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (1st from right); offering condolences to HRH Prince Muqrin bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (2nd from right), on the death of his son, Prince Mansour bin Muqrin

Lt General His Highness Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Interior, travelled to Saudi Arabia

to convey condolences to HRH Prince Muqrin bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, on the death of his son, Prince Mansour bin Muqrin, deputy

governor of Asir Province.

The Interior Minister was accompanied by His Highness Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, His Highness Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak, Minister of State for Tolerance, Faris Al Mazrouei, adviser to the Ministry of Presidential Affairs, and several senior officials and officers at the Ministry of Defence.

Their Highnesses were received at King Salman Air Base Airport by Prince Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Abdulaziz, deputy governor of Riyadh, and Sheikh Shakhbout bin Nahyan, UAE Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, and several officials from the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Prince Mansour was killed along with a number of officials when their helicopter crashed 70 miles from the kingdom's southern border with Yemen.

The helicopter went down while the group was touring an area near the coast

UAE-Saudi security ties strengthened at Common Security Committee meeting



THE Common Security Committee for the Ministries of Interior in the UAE and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia held its first meeting at the Mol headquarters in Abu Dhabi. The meeting was to strengthen cooperation between the two sides in all areas related to security.

The delegation of the UAE Mol was led by Lieutenant General Saif Abdullah Al Sha'far, Undersecretary at the Ministry of Interior; while the Saudi Arabia delegation was headed by Dr Nasser bin Abdul-Aziz Al Dawoud, Undersecretary at the Ministry of Interior in the kingdom.

Al Sha'far welcomed Al Dawoud and his accompanying delegation, and conveyed to them the greetings of Lieutenant General His Highness Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior.

"This meeting embodied the instructions of the higher leaderships in both of the brethren countries and their intention to further consolidate the bilateral relationship, thereby fortifying policing and security work in a manner that would benefit people in both the countries," said Al Sha'far. He added that this meeting

was a significant opportunity for dialogue that would enhance security.

Al Sha'far also expressed the hope that KSA would continue safeguarding the lives of the Saudi people, on the path of advancement under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, His Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

Al Dawoud extended his appreciation to the officials in the UAE Mol for the warm reception. He said that this meeting would lead to a positive outcome that would serve the interests of the two countries.

The two sides discussed security-related issues and projects and best practices. The meeting was concluded by agreeing to form common work teams that would deal with various aspects of crime-fighting, particularly drug trafficking, and also to activate the mechanism of information sharing.

Finally, the Common Security Committee ended the session with recommendations to be discussed in the next meeting, the venue for which is Riyadh, capital of the KSA.

Al Shamsi honours Ministry of Interior poll coordinators

MAJOR General Salem Mubarak Al Shamsi, Acting Assistant Undersecretary at the Ministry of Resources and Support Services, honoured poll coordinators in a gesture of appreciation of their effective and distinguished efforts. These coordinators have contributed to the success of polls conducted by the Ministry of Interior.

Al Shamsi handed certificates of appreciation to the poll coordinators. He was accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Dr Omar Al Shehhi, Director of the Research and Survey Centre of the Strategy and Performance Development General Directorate at the Ministry of Interior.

On a related occasion, the Research and Survey Centre held an introductory workshop on the mechanisms and methodologies of polls and its indicators. This workshop was for poll and survey coordinators at the level of sectors and headquarters of the ministry, as well as some staff members of Community Police.

Al Shehhi reviewed the hierarchy, assignments and duties of the Centre, and its mission, which aims to support and upgrade the Ministry's work mechanisms and services offered. This is done by conducting studies and assessing their quality, and by applying the latest poll and survey methods to achieve institutional excellence and strengthen community culture.

He also spoke of the competencies of the Centre, i.e.



devising the annual plan of polls as per the different directorates; designing the required polls in coordination with the concerned directorate; establishing a special methodology to compile the data; following up the implementation of the recommendations; identifying the opportunities of improvement according to the accredited form by the Prime Minister's Office; and submitting reports to the higher leadership.

Al Shehhi finally discussed the mechanism of poll designing; the equation of calculating the survey sample; and the methodology of data analysis, processing and result reading.

Civil Defence, DED bolster cooperation for economic development in Abu Dhabi



THE Civil Defence General Command at the Ministry of Interior held a coordination meeting at the Mol headquarters in Abu Dhabi with the Department of Economic Development (DED) in Abu Dhabi.

The meeting was attended by Major General Jassem Mohammed Al Marzouqi, General Commander of Civil Defence at the Mol; Khalifa Salim Al Mansouri, Deputy of the DED in Abu Dhabi; Brigadier Mohammed Abdullah Al Naimi, Director General of Extinguishing, Protection and Safety at the Civil Defence General Command; Major Khalid Jom'a Al Suwaidi, Director of the Civil Protection and Safety Department at the Abu Dhabi

Civil Defence General Directorate; and a number of directors from Abu Dhabi DED.

The meeting discussed issues of common interest, which related to finding solutions and implementing the best plans and initiatives for the best quality of services. This, in turn, meant adopting a work methodology for upgrading services offered by the Civil Defence General Command and DED.

Al Marzouqi highlighted the role played by the Abu Dhabi DED in driving the economic agenda of the emirate, and working to achieve balance, diversity and sustainability in the economy, in a manner that would further strengthen

competitiveness and assure prosperity. He also underscored the necessity of constructive and positive collaboration with the Civil Defence General Command's partners in order to simplify procedures and remove obstacles.

In his turn, Al Mansouri praised the vital role undertaken by the Civil Defence General Command in protecting lives, properties and national gains, a matter that had a great impact on the UAE's position as a highly protected and safe country amongst developed nations. The DED official also underlined the keenness of all sides to work together for the economic development of Abu Dhabi.

Mol rolls out Fourth Innovator Care Programme to raise level of police work

THE Ministry of Interior launched the Fourth Innovator Care Programme, which aims to identify and nurture innovators and people of distinctive creative skills amongst the Ministry staff.

Brigadier Mohammed Humaid bin Dalmouj Al Dhaheri, Acting Secretary General of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, spoke of the keenness of the higher leadership to support innovation and innovators. He also said that the Mol adopted several programmes and plans that would stimulate creative abilities, thereby raising the level of police work, and to utilise modern ideas and experiences.

For his part, Lieutenant Colonel Mohammed Ismail Al Harmoudi, Director of the Mol Centre for Innovation, said that the Programme included two training sessions in the field of innovation and three workshops to generate and develop innovative ideas and projects, and it would be concluded by a visit of Programme members to Silicon Valley in San Francisco, US.



ADP now holds Guinness World Records the biggest lecture on Internet security



ABU Dhabi Police General Headquarters hit a record in Guinness World Records for the biggest lecture on Internet security within a seminar which was titled "Youth and Internet Security", held at Mubadala Arena, in Zayed Sports City.

The event which witnessed a huge gathering of youth, aged below 30 years old, was organised by Abu Dhabi Police Youth Council, in cooperation with Abu Dhabi Centre for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (ACTVET) and Emirates Youth Council.

The seminar was attended by Her Excellency Shamma bint Suhail Faris Al Mazrui, UAE Minister of State for Youth Affairs; Major General Mohammad Khalfan Al Rumaithi, Commander-in-Chief of Abu Dhabi Police; Major General Maktoum

Ali Al Sharifi, Director-General of Abu Dhabi Police; Hamad Obeid Al Mansouri, Director-General of the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA); and Mubarak Said Al Shamsi, Director-General of Abu Dhabi Centre for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (ACTVET), as well as a big number of youth who were nominated for the Police Academy and the national service, students from various schools and universities, and guests who registered via the website.

Major General Al Rumaithi said that organising the seminar was in the context of Abu Dhabi Police Youth Council's endeavour to achieve its main goals as regards the strengthening of the role played by youth in development, strategies adopted by ADP, and as per

the aspirations and instructions of our wise leadership concerning the youth sector.

Al Rumaithi stated that youth are deemed the nucleus of development and the builders of the future. He also highlighted the efforts exerted by Abu Dhabi Police Youth Council in harnessing all potentials and resources to enable the youth mentalities through adopting their ideas and initiatives which aim to develop solutions that assure the continuation of excellent institutional performance, upgrading of the security work mechanisms, and the establishment of security and stability.

Dr Mohammad Hamed Al Kuwaiti, an Executive Director at the National Electronic Security Authority also participated in this seminar with a paper which is deemed as the biggest lecture on Internet security.

Al Shamsi honours officers, staff for excellent technical services

BRIGADIER Saif Al Zarri Al Shamsi, Commander-in-Chief of Sharjah Police, lauded the staff of "Traffic & Patrol" Directorate at Sharjah Police for the technical services that they offer on the development of traffic systems, as well as their distinguished role in accomplishing the missions assigned to them.

Al Shamsi honoured a number of officers, non-commissioned officers and staff, with the presence of Brigadier Ali Salim Al Khayyal, the General Director of Central Operation; Lieutenant Colonel Khalid Al Kay, the Deputy Director of Traffic & Patrol Directorate; and Lieutenant Colonel Jaber Al Nuaimi, the Deputy Director of The Office of the Commander-in-Chief.

This follows the approach adopted by Sharjah Police in stimulating its staff and boosting their morale. He also encouraged them to contribute to the development in Sharjah Police leadership.



Dubai Police receives Guinness World Records certificate anew

MAJOR General Abdullah Khalifa Al Marri, Commander-in Chief of Dubai Police, in the presence of Major General Pilot Ahmad Mohammed bin Thani, Assistant Commander-in-Chief of Dubai Police for Ports; Brigadier Abdullah Hussein Khan, Director of the General Department of Airport Security; and Jamal Al Hai, Deputy CEO of Dubai Airports, received a new certificate from Guinness World Records. This was for a new world record set by Dubai Police for tugging an aircraft (Airbus) that belongs to Emirates airline.

Its weight was 302.68 tonnes and was pulled over to a distance of 100 metres, within the competitions organised under the Dubai Fitness Challenge.

Al Marri received the certificate from Houda Khashshab, an official arbitrator at Guinness World Records. He spoke appreciatively of the support extended by HH Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chairman of Dubai Airports, President of the Dubai Civil Aviation Authority, and Chairman and CEO of Emirates Group, and also by Dubai Airports and the working teams. With the participation Emirates airline as a supporting strategic



partner in tugging the aircraft, 56 policemen pulled the Airbus plane. Dubai Police broke the previous record of tugging an aircraft weighing 218.56 tons by 100 people in Hong Kong.

Al Marri stated that this particular Guinness World Record was a new achievement amongst the multiple feats that Dubai Police attained all over the world. The record's significance, he added, was that it raised the bar for Dubai Fitness Challenge, increasing the effectiveness and importance of that initiative. He also noted that the inclusion in Guinness

World Records was an innovative idea for participation in Dubai Fitness Challenge, within the frame of Dubai Police's strategy to support athletic and community events. "We in Dubai Police take guidance from the instructions of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Chairman of the Executive Council and the Chairman of Dubai Sports Council, and we pledge that we will stay resolute in materialising the vision of His Highness to make... sports an established culture [in Dubai]," said Al Marri.

Ajman Police chief visits Criminal Investigation Directorate

MAJOR General Sheikh Sultan bin Abdullah Al Nuaimi, Commander-in-Chief of Ajman Police, accompanied by Major Abdullah Ali Alwan, Deputy Director of the Strategy and Performance Development Directorate; and Lieutenant Colonel Ahmad Rashid Al Suwaidi, Head of the Documents and Correspondences Department, conducted an inspection visit to the Criminal Investigation Directorate at Ajman Police.

This was part of the annual inspection programme of the Commander-in-Chief, within the framework of implementing the strategy adopted by the Ministry of Interior to ensure that all administrative services are offered as per the set criteria of quality, efficiency, and transparency. The visitors were received by Major Ahmad Saeed, Acting Director of the Criminal Investigation



Directorate at Ajman Police, and a number of officers in the directorate. During the visit, Al Nuaimi underlined the necessity of keeping pace with the best global practices used in crime-fighting, and following the right methods to solve cases. He also held a meeting with the officers in the

directorate, and reviewed statistics and reports of cases and the wanted criminals for 2017. He also reviewed the plans of the directorate. Finally, Al Nuaimi conveyed his deep thanks and appreciation to the directorate staff, and wished them all the best in their law-keeping efforts.

Al Ka'abi inspects Community Police in Fujairah



MAJOR General Mohammed Ahmed bin Ghanim Al Ka'abi, Commander-in-Chief of Fujairah Police, inspected the Community Police Department in the General Directorate of Police Operations at Fujairah Police, as part of the annual inspection programme of the Commander-in-Chief for 2017.

Al Ka'abi thanked the department staff for their efforts, and praised the role played by the community police within the police work system. He called upon the staff to work still harder for achieving

and sustaining the highest level of performance.

On the margin of this visit, the police chief held a meeting with the heads of departments and the directors of Community Police branches. This meeting reviewed operational quality indicators; performance indicators of the Community Police for the third quarter of 2017; indicators of security reports of the Community Police branches in the Comprehensive Police Stations; partnerships, proposals, complaints and

the issues that arose in 2017; and the achievements made through initiatives, programmes and campaigns.

Al Ka'abi was accompanied during this visit by Brigadier Humaid Mohammed Al Yamahi, Director General of Police Operations; Colonel Abdullah Obeid Al Yamahi, Director of the Strategy and Performance Development Directorate; Lieutenant Colonel Khalid Abdullah Al Danhani, Director of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief; and a number of police officers.

UAQ Police visit retired police officer at his home

BRIGADIER Dr. Salim Ahmad Al Mazroui, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Umm-Al-Quawin Police, alongside a number of staff who are concerned with affairs of retired officers and staff,

visited the retired Brigadier Obaid Hassan Jom'a at his home to check up on his health and needs.

The gesture came following the implementation of the recommendation

made by Lieutenant General Saif Abdullah Al Sha'far, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior, to keep in touch with the retired officers and staff, and identify their needs.

Traffic & Patrol Directorate at RAK Police distributed 25,000 traffic safety brochures

THE Traffic Awareness and Media Branch in the Traffic & Patrol Directorate at RAK Police announced the launching of an awareness campaign for motorists, under the theme 'For your safety...keep your path'.

This campaign aims to increase traffic rules and safety awareness, and to reduce traffic accidents in the emirate.

Colonel Ali Saeed Mohammed Al Alkeem, Director of the Traffic & Patrol Directorate at RAK Police, said that this campaign was launched in the frame of the strategy adopted by the General Headquarters of RAK Police.

Al Alkeem also advised also that about 25,000 awareness brochures

about the campaign were handed out to motorists. Each brochure included information on the most important guidelines to comply to traffic rules and systems. The printed copies, he said, also had description of traffic violations under Article No. 86 of the Executive Regulation.

2,839

The number of evacuation exercises carried out by the Civil Defense in the first 9 months of 2017. During the first quarter, the civil defence has provided 941 safety and response training; 1272 in the second quarter; and 626 in the third quarter of the year.

57

The number of top-notch speakers who attended Aqdar World Summit in November, an international event that was held in Abu Dhabi in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior. The three-day summit presented 59 scientific papers and 5 main sessions covering knowledge and scientific dimensions of education, intellectual extremism and moral deviation.

105

The number of officers at the Ministry of the Interior who finished a number of specialised courses, including, Decision Making; Modern Methods of Team Building and Development; and Presentation Skills, at the Police College in Abu Dhabi.

25

The number of police officers from the Police Sports Federation of the Ministry of the Interior who participated in the International Tournament of Police Specialist Teams, which was held in Orlando, Florida. The participants had undergone an intensive training before representing the UAE police forces in the tournament.

12

The number of officers from various general directorates at the Ministry of Interior who completed a special training on the courses titled 'Department of Change and Innovation' and 'Internal Security, Crisis and Disaster Assessors'.



"The meeting of the Common Security Committee for the Ministries of Interior in the UAE and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia embodied the instructions of the higher leaderships in both of the brethren countries and their intention to further consolidate the bilateral relationship, thereby fortifying policing and security work in a manner that would benefit people in both countries."

Lt General Saif Abdullah Al Sha'far, Undersecretary at the Ministry of Interior, on bolstering the cooperation between the UAE and Saudi Arabia in terms of security-related issues and projects.



"The evacuation exercises conducted by the Civil Defence are within the framework of implementing the EHSMS system to ensure preparedness in dealing with accidents. The training courses enhance our successful partnership with the community and institutions. It will also speed up the response time during rescue operations to avoid any casualty."

Major General Jassem Mohammed Al Marzouqi, General Commander of Civil Defence at the MoI, on benchmarking the 2,839 evacuation exercises carried out by the Civil Defense in the first 9 months of 2017.



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POLICE NEWS, PEOPLE, NUMBERS AND EVENTS



ABU DHABI

8:36AM

Several traffic mishaps caused an unusual congestion on a Monday morning, exactly at rush hour. Police reported an accident on Al Khaleej Al Arabi street. A car broke down at 8:36am after Sheikh Khalifa Highway, before the Mina Link. A truck also broke down on E12 before the Mina Link signal for inbound traffic.

AJMAN

DH300,500



Police arrested four Asians for allegedly robbing a flat. The gang stole a safe with Dh300,500 from the flat – they knew it was there because three of them worked with the victim. Suspicion fell on them as they didn't turn up at work the day after the robbery. The three were arrested and they led the police to the fourth gang member. They confessed to the crime and revealed how they had planned it. The money was recovered.



DUBAI

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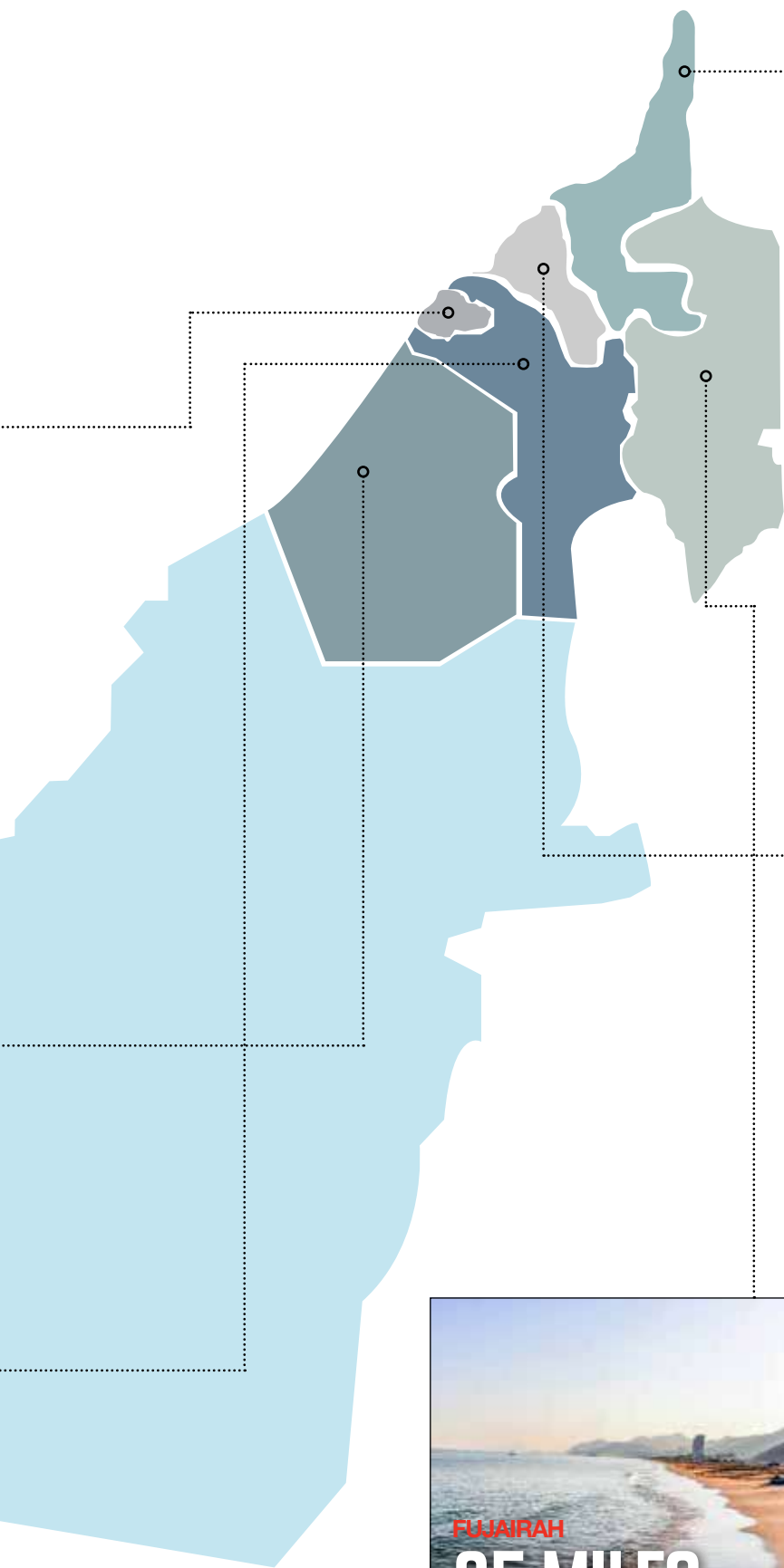
An Arab student, 21, was produced in the Court of First Instance on charges of driving recklessly and putting the lives of police officers at risk. The incident had taken place in June, when the student was driving at 100kmph on a road with a speed limit of 40kmph. Aside from the extreme over-speeding, the student was accused of intentionally crashing his car into the police patrol vehicles that were trying to get him to stop. He also allegedly assaulted one of the policemen with a hammer.

SHARJAH

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Three people – two elderly Arabs and their maid – were burnt to death after their car crashed and caught fire on Mleiha Road. Police said that a tyre burst and the car, losing control, hit a cement barrier and then veered off, crashing into a streetlight. The impact set the car on fire. The three died before rescue workers could reach them.



RAS AL KHAIMAH

7 MONTHS

An Asian maid, who had worked for her Arab sponsor for seven months, was found hanging in the house where she worked. Initial investigations pointed to suicide, though the reason was not clear.



UMM AL QUWAIN

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Two people were seriously injured when two cars crashed into each other and burst into flames on Neefa road. Police dispatched a traffic patrol, ambulance, paramedics, and firefighters to the site. Civil defence personnel blamed speeding for the accident.



FUJAIRAH

25 MILES

An Indian fisherman, who was employed by a Fujairah resident, went missing after a boat collision 25 miles off-shore. In the night-time accident, two boats collided and six people fell into the water; five were rescued soon. Rahul Hosson, who had arrived in the UAE only this year, remained missing for days. The police had sent out search parties by helicopter, and that the Coast Guard, too, was searching for the missing person.

PEAK OVER PEAK: A TRIBUTE TO SHEIKH ZAYED'S LEGACY

A THREE-DAY CULTURAL EVENT TO MARK THE 46TH NATIONAL DAY IS BEING ORGANISED BY **999** ON JEBEL HAFEET. THE HIGHEST POINT IN THE UAE IS THE FITTING VENUE FOR STAGING THE STORY OF THIS COUNTRY'S LOFTY ACHIEVEMENTS

BY PARAG DEULGAONKAR



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Standing 1,240-metre high, Jebel Hafeet, the UAE's highest peak, towering over Al Ain at the Oman, is the best vantage point from where to pay tribute to the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan's legacy.

The great leader, through his wisdom and goodness, commenced the process of unifying the Trucial States and formally establishing the Federation on December 2, 1971.

Celebrating the true spirit of leadership that upholds the development of the people and the country, the Ministry of Interior (Mol), represented by **999** Magazine, the social and security cultivation magazine, holds 'Peak over Peak' – this event is a symphony of laser lights and music – on the peak of Jebel Hafeet, starting on December 2, in commemoration of the 46th National Day celebration.

"The 'Peak over Peak' celebration witnesses a review of the history of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, via the sound and visual effects, which express the love from the late Sheikh Zayed to his people, and the faithfulness of the UAE people to the heritage that Zayed left for them. The celebration aims to highlight the national identity and the values of loyalty," said Khalil Dawood Badran, the Head of



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999 Magazine Development Committee, sharing with 999 the details of the grand celebration.

He added, "The sons of Zayed have feelings of love and fidelity towards the memory left by the founding father. This celebration on this outstanding day, December 2, is a message of love and faith to the immortal leader, particularly as it coincides with our approach to 2018, a year that His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the President of the UAE, has announced as 'The Year of Zayed'.

"For its part, the Mol, under the



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leadership of Lt General His Highness Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, is keen to provide every bit of support to make the 'Peak over Peak' celebration a national message."

Colonel Awadh Saleh Saeed, Editor-in-Chief of **999** Magazine, revealed that the celebration would start at 3pm on December 2, with arrangements to reach the peak of Jebel Hafeet by buses. An hour later, at 4pm, the folklore shows would begin; folk troupes would perform national songs and showcase national heritage.

At 7 pm, with the start of the formal celebrations, the UAE flag would be hoisted at the top of the mast on the peak of Jebel Hafeet. "The show narrates the history of the Union and the saga of the national identity, with the troupe of artists performing an operetta in military uniform. Laser shows and sound and visual effects will be projected on the mountain as well, which will become the highest cinematic screen in Abu Dhabi and the UAE," Saeed said.

The 'Peak over Peak' celebration, he said, would continue for three days, with the folkloric performances and the sound-and-light shows being staged on the mountain peak, from 7pm to midnight.

Sultan Saif Al Shamsi, Director of the Public Relation and Communication Department at Al Ain Municipality, said, "When we celebrate a great figure such as the founding father, the late Sheikh Zayed, we honour values instilled by him in the minds and souls of the sons of our nation.





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The ‘Peak over Peak’ event, held under the auspices of the Mol, would bring something positive and lofty to the people – in particular, the choice of Jebel Hafeet as the venue, as this mountain was the zenith of Al Ain, one that got special care from the late Sheikh Zayed and was witness to the historical and developmental stages that Al Ain passed through, he said.

Mohammad Ali Al Shamsi, from Azzam Hospitality Centre, official sponsor of the ‘Peak over Peak’ celebrations, said, “I would like to send my sincerest congratulations to the wise leadership and the UAE people, for the 46th National Day. I cannot forget, in this context, to thank 999 Magazine for its role and media message, aimed at heightening community awareness and establishing a new concept for security media, in a manner that really embodies its slogan ‘New vision

to the relation between the police and community’. We wish good luck for all in this celebration, and hope to be together in the different events and occasions of this nation... the country of Zayed, the founding father who lives in our hearts.”

Arab unity

The late Sheikh Zayed is hailed as a leading force in the foundation of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), as he believed in bringing the Gulf countries together, bound by similar economies and common tribal social structures.

He was successful in forging a formal regional and political entity, with the Charter of the Council signed on May 24, 1981, in Abu Dhabi, by the heads of its member states: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.

Sheikh Zayed even strived to bring solidarity and cooperation to all Arab countries, in order to achieve peace and

powerhouse, so to speak.

The World Economic Forum (WEF) has ranked the UAE as the second safest country in the world, behind Finland, and the most competitive economy for developing its travel and tourism sector in the Middle East and North Africa.

As per UAE Minister of Economy Sultan bin Saeed Al Mansouri, the country’s tourism sector is expected to contribute 5.4 per cent annually over the next 10 years, reaching Dh236.8 billion by 2026.

As the world commends the happiness initiatives unveiled by the UAE, the UN World Happiness Report 2017 has ranked the UAE as the happiest country in the Arab World for the third consecutive year. The report, released in March, placed the UAE in the 21st position globally.

In its Ease of Doing Business 2018 report, the World Bank ranked the UAE 21st globally and placed it at the top of the list in the Arab countries for the fifth year in a row.



Peak over Peak press conference held in Al Ain in November

THERE'S NO EASY WAY OUT

SOME CRIMINALS THINK THAT THEY CAN COMMIT A CRIME IN THE UAE, AND THEN RUN AWAY TO ANOTHER COUNTRY, TO ANOTHER JURISDICTION. BUT THE UAE HAS BLOCKED, SUCH ESCAPE ROUTES THROUGH EXTRADITION TREATIES AND COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT.

999 BRINGS YOU AN OVERVIEW

BY ORLANDO WILSON



The job of providing a safe, secure and stable environment in the UAE for its citizens, residents, and tourists is a very complex task. With over 200 nationalities in residence and millions of people passing through or visiting the country every year, police are always on their toes. Law enforcement here is constantly in touch with its international counterparts on active investigations and for intelligence sharing purposes.

These days, criminals commit a crime in one country and, within a short space of time, they can be on an airplane heading for another country. This can cause a lot of problems for law enforcement – not only does it get harder to locate them, but also, once the criminal has been tracked down, it may be complicated to liaise with the authorities of that country so that criminal is brought to book.

International reach

The UAE has state-of-the-art screening for those wishing to enter the country; that means known criminals and undesirables can be refused entry. Also, the information gathered while people are passing through UAE immigration gives law enforcement the tools to investigate and track down any visitor who commits a crime during their stay. The authorities here can find such a person anywhere in the world.

A good example was seen in January 2014 when an Asian employee of a Dubai-based trading company was murdered by a gang of four criminals and robbed of gold and diamonds worth millions of dirhams. The criminals were quickly identified, their movements traced, and it was determined that two of them had flown to Armenia. The Armenian authorities were alerted by the UAE police forces, and the criminals were arrested when they landed there. The stolen valuables were recovered.

As for international cooperation, the UAE locates, arrests, and extradites numerous international fugitives on a regular basis. In 2017, the United Kingdom thanked the UAE for its actions that led to the arrest and extradition of a serial sex offender who was arrested in Abu Dhabi. He had fled the UK, while awaiting trial for 19 child sex offences in 2015. On his return to the UK, he was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

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Also in 2017, the UAE has recently signed a joint extradition agreement with a South African country to combat international fraudsters and scammers. The cooperation between UAE law enforcement agencies and their international counterparts is continuous and constantly developing, with the aim of ensuring that criminals have nowhere to hide.

Personal experience

As a personal example, in 2012, the writer of this article tried to report a handgun stolen, after someone who was working for him failed to return it after they were dismissed. He strongly suspected that the gun had been sold and shipped into a North American country. The police department where the writer went to would not take the report, as they (name of the country withheld) claimed it was a civil dispute between his and his ex-employee and there was nothing they could do. In reality, they did not want to take the report, as it was a case that would be very difficult to solve and not worth their time and effort.

It is not only small-value assets that can be difficult to recover. Back in 2001, when he owned a private investigation company in Europe, he had a client who had lost £1.9 million (Dh9.5mn approx) in an investment deal with a professional fraudster there. This conman was a fugitive wanted by the US Marshal Service. At that time this country in Europe did not have extradition treaties with many other countries and the fraudster used his contacts in the police and the government to keep his pursuers at bay.

Professional fraudsters take their time to learn the international and local laws for the areas where they commit their crimes, and also where it is safe for them to hide, and where it is safe to stash their stolen assets. With the UAE signing extradition agreements with countries, it gives the UAE police forces the capability to catch those who loot from individuals and businesses within the UAE.

Domestic child abduction

One area where international laws become very foggy is domestic child





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PAUL-HENRI VIRGAL

Owner of French security and investigation company, ASP Bodyguard

abduction – this is where one parent can take a child away without the legal consent of the other parent. 999 spoke with Paul-Henri Virgal, owner of the French security and investigation company, ASP Bodyguard, who has consulted on such cases. When asked why people approached him as a private company owner, and what were the difficulties with such cases, he said, “The reason people come to us for help is because they become very frustrated with the legal system, which, in a case of parental abduction, is extremely complicated. A lot of the parents are desperate, as they’ve just had their child taken from them and face the reality of (maybe) never seeing them again. If they had custody of the child in France, for example, they should go to the police and make a report, and then it is up to the police to follow up on the case.

“The problem begins when the child has been taken to another country, which has its own rules and laws. The Hague Child Abduction Convention is the international law that tends to be used for child custody disputes, but how this is interpreted at local levels is another thing.”

“So what do these desperate parents want?” Virgal said, “Often, we’re asked to go and rescue the child, which we can’t do, because then in many cases, we could



be criminally charged with kidnapping the child in that country. We pity these parents, but we must work within the laws of the countries we are in – we don’t want to end up in jail ourselves. We have located the whereabouts of domestically abducted children in North Africa and Central Asia and with the intelligence we have provided, the families have perused legal means to recover their children. Depending on the location, we can sometimes try to use our connections to assist in the recovery, but it can be a legal minefield even for experienced local attorneys.

“It’s a sad way of looking at things, but when trying to recover abducted children or even assets, internationally it’s very much ‘Possession is nine-tenths of the law’. We tell our clients that it’s best to have security procedures in place to avoid any potential problems, but many do not

think that problems will happen to them. And then, they happen.”

It’s different in the UAE

Things are very different within the UAE, where the police take all crimes – big or small – seriously, and make every effort to bring the criminals to justice. Also, the legal system clearly defines which actions are classified as theft, embezzlement, or fraud. So, what would be dismissed by the police as a civil dispute can in many cases be a criminal offence under UAE law.

From a business owner’s and investor’s perspective, this creates a secure and stable environment where you know your assets are secure and any crimes against you will be taken seriously and pursued by the police.

As an example, in 2011, an Asian country extradited a British citizen to the UAE on charges that he embezzled Dh2.2mn (\$600,000) from a subsidiary of a multinational company in Dubai. The man was traced after he left the UAE in 2008; a warrant was issued for his arrest on charges of forgery and illegal possession of stolen funds. Even though he did his best to try and evade justice, he was located, extradited, and sentenced to 12 years in prison.

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Understanding the law

For expat residents, and those visiting to do business within the UAE, it makes good sense to review the local laws, so you understand how you are protected. Also, keep in mind that some business practices that may be acceptable in some countries are classed as criminal activity within the UAE – these will be pursued by the police, even if the person involved leaves the country. It is better to spend some time educating yourself on how to avoid problems rather than spending time, effort, and money to rectify a problem.

Even though the UAE police forces are extremely proactive in their pursuit of criminals, that does not mean that citizens, residents, and visitors should not take sensible security steps to protect their own cash and assets. For business owners, such things as properly vetting employees, making the maximum use of CCTV to cover high-value items, and monitoring workers' activities should be part of your regular operational plan. All businesses should compile a threat assessment and create a security plan to cover the prevention of theft and embezzlement.

Even at a personal level, you should keep receipts, photographs, and serial numbers of any high-value items or jewellery you own. That will make it easier for the police to identify your items and for you to prove ownership, in case of theft or loss. Your banking information, bank cards and cheque books need to be kept secure, so that funds cannot be stolen. If you think you have been a victim of identity theft or fraud, always inform the police with all the evidence you have. Even the smallest piece of information can be useful.

With the constant development of technology, international criminals are developing newer strategies and tactics to target their victims. Everyone needs to



THE FALL OF A LOAN DODGER AND A THIEF IN THE UAE

A common scam in many places is for someone to take out a bank loan and then leave the country with no intention of paying it back. In the UAE, this is a serious crime. As mentioned in the November edition of **999** Magazine, one Bassam (name changed), an Asian expat, wanted to go back to his own country, but did not have the money. So he took a bank loan and sent the funds back to

his own country and left the UAE for good. But after a few months, the bank filed a police complaint, since the loan was not being paid off. The complaint went to the Interpol, via the UAE Ministry of Interior. One day, in Bassam's own country, officers of the Criminal Investigation Department located him and confronted him with the complaint of loan default. He confessed, and admitted that he had used the loan money to buy a house, a car, and to set up a shop in his own country. He was charged, tried, and ordered to settle the loan, which his family did by selling everything Bassam had, and then some more property. Bassam also faced a prison term. So the criminal gained nothing, and his family lost valuable assets.

Another example is from Abu Dhabi International Airport, where a Canadian woman had her high-end designer wristwatch stolen. Abu Dhabi police identified the suspect as an Asian man from CCTV footage at the airport. They traced the suspect to his home country and recovered the watch with the help of the local police. Brigadier Tariq Khalfan Al Ghool, Deputy Director of the Criminal Investigation Department at Abu Dhabi Police, who supervised the investigations, stated, "This incident proves that the UAE, especially Abu Dhabi, is a very safe place to live."

be aware of the threats. With credit card scams and identify theft being common crimes these days, everyone should take precautions to protect their personal information and privacy while online. Monitor your children's online activities and educate them to never to interact with strangers or give out personal information.

Make sure to do this before leaving the UAE

If you are leaving the UAE for any length of time, ensure simple things: your bank accounts are closed; loans are paid off; the lease is finished; utilities are all paid for;

the car is paid off or sold; traffic fines paid, and so on. Cancel your residence visa and finalise any formalities with your employer. These small steps can prevent future legal proceedings, embarrassment, expense, and inconvenience.

As the UAE continues to grow, it will attract international criminals and those seeking to make quick money through dishonest means. Unfortunately for the criminals, the police across this country have been working, training, and equipping themselves for many years to locate, pursue and arrest criminals and undesirables internationally.

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THERE'S NO DODGING THE LONG ARM OF THE LAW

A fair and equal society depends on the delivery of justice. No offender should imagine that they can evade justice by running away from the UAE

You can run, but you can't hide! That's the message we should send out to all criminals. In a fair and equitable society, no one person is above the law, and simply evading the authorities doesn't disguise the fact that a criminal is not only hurting the victim, but also the other members of that society, that is, you and me!

So quite rightly, when offenders transgress the rule of law and attempt to dodge justice by the simple expedient of leaving the country, the 'long arm of the law' stretches out to scoop up those wayward fugitives and bring them to book.

The long arm of the law, indeed! A handy epithet – and yet an accurate metaphor – to describe how the flame of determination for justice burns brightly in the hearts of our brave and noble law enforcers. None of us should doubt their dedication to the security of our citizens. However, sometimes they need a little help outside our nation's borders – beyond their patch.

That's where a policy of cross-border cooperation with law enforcement organisations from other countries comes into play, and the links forged in international exchanges for purposes of training, international investigation into terrorism and transnational crime really begin to pay some dividends.

Such links may not be so effective if conducted only on an informal basis, and that is where Interpol comes in. Interpol provides the links, the pathways, the collaboration, the sharing of intelligence, resources as well as expertise, in order to really disrupt international criminal activity. "So, what's all the fuss about?!" I hear you cry. You may feel that the occasional expatriate who skips the country owing banks, lenders, store cards etc hardly warrants the attention of the lofty investigative abilities of Interpol. But listen, my friends, they do! They are the

tip of the iceberg, and a few dozen such slippery customers soon add up to a lot of money.

And, after all, it's the principle of the thing. Why should a few dishonest people get away with freeloading on the rest of us, because ultimately you and I pick up their bill. Besides the pecuniary aspect, there's the moral issue. People who break the law and then abscond are putting themselves outside our community, and are exploiting the rest of us who fulfil their moral obligation.

Their irresponsible actions also emphasise the need for education, a basic understanding of the difference between right and wrong, and ultimately, sanctions, penalties,

rehabilitation. We're a moral people, living in what is often sadly, an immoral world. We have a moral obligation to keep everyone 'on the same page' so that all are treated fairly.

So, when 'the wheel comes off', when someone skips our country after breaking the law, we shouldn't sit back and allow that to happen. Now is the time to trace the offender.

In the past few years, we humans have learned to embrace the wonders of the Internet. And it's the Internet that has lent so much power to the long arm of the law.

Not only can we communicate globally to run cooperative operations, but the offenders also leave a trail to identify themselves. Most of us do it every day. We tap away on our computers, tablets, smartphones, and every keystroke contributes to that phenomenon known as the digital footprint.

So, any would-be law-breaker out there, think again. You have a legal and moral obligation to ensure that your actions don't have a negative impact on your fellows, and the bottom line is: you can run, but you can't hide!

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NEVER FORGET THE



3 SECOND RULE

TAILGATING IS ONE OF THE MOST COMMON TRAFFIC OFFENCES
IN THE UAE. CONSCIOUSLY AVOIDING THIS PRACTICE IMPROVES
YOUR CHANCES OF STAYING ALIVE AND SAVING OTHERS

BY HS PARAMITA

On the road, two school buses, a truck, and a pick-up vehicle stood smashed up. Eight schoolgirls and a bus supervisor were injured and rushed to the hospital. After the accident on the Al Raha Beach road, about 35km from Abu Dhabi city, in October, Brigadier Salem Abdullah bin Barak Al Dhaheri, Traffic Director of Abu Dhabi Police, came down heavily on one of the common motoring culprits: tailgating, or the practice of driving at high speeds and too close to the vehicle in front.

In May, a four-year-old girl died in Umm Al Quwain, after the saloon car that her father was driving rammed into the taxi ahead, when the cabbie pulled over suddenly. The force of the collision was such that the child, who was not only sitting in the front seat in violation of traffic rules, but was also unbuckled, was hurled against the windshield and suffered serious injuries and excessive bleeding, particularly in her head. "The

accident was blamed on the father, who failed to leave enough safety space as due and was driving at a high speed. He could not stop the car in time and hit the rear part of the cab ahead," said Colonel Saeed Obaid bin Aran, Director of Traffic and Patrols Department of UAQ Police.

There is a tailgating violation every three minutes in the UAE. It is common on the highways, where aggressive motorists move at high speed, honking steadily and flashing headlights to push cars out of the fast lane. It has been, according to the organisation RoadSafetyUAE, the third biggest killer in the UAE – after sudden lane change and speeding – for many years in a row.

The UAE Ministry of Interior says that 36 people have died in accidents across the country related to tailgating in three UAE municipalities – out of a total 315 deaths in road accidents – in the first half of 2017. In Abu Dhabi, eight people were killed and three seriously injured in 73 tailgating crashes in the first

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BREAKDOWN

	Accidents	Death	Injury
Abu Dhabi	73	8	3
Dubai	316	28	238

Source: UAE Ministry of Interior

quarter of this year. Nineteen deaths were recorded in Dubai, where a further 238 were injured in 316 tailgating accidents during this period.

"Failing to maintain a sufficient distance between vehicles increases the risk of rear-end collisions, as motorists do not have sufficient time or distance to stop, [if] the vehicle in front comes to a sudden halt," said Colonel Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, Director of Main Roads at the Directorate of Traffic and Patrols, Abu Dhabi Police.

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FINE:



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and four black points

On-road bullying

Tailgating is the practice of sticking the nose of a car to the back of the car in front, and staying that way all through the commute. Almost every driver has experienced the terror of a vehicle suddenly appearing in their rear view and hanging there, practically stuck to the bumper. The presence of a tailgater is distracting enough to cause one to make poor or hasty driving decisions. The greater lethal possibility, of course, is of a collision.

Thomas Edelmann is one of the UAE's most relentless campaigners for traffic rules. And yet, every time he is behind the wheel, the expert from RoadSafetyUAE becomes a victim of tailgating. He told 999, "Tailgating is one of the most impolite, irresponsible and reckless behaviours we can observe, pretty much every time we hit the roads. It has happened to me not only on the very left lane, the overtaking lane, but also on other lanes. It really aggravates me and I try to stay calm and move out of the way of bullying offenders.

Edelmann added that tailgaters were "well aware of the stress and distraction they caused". The UAE Road Safety Monitor, a multiple-checkbox survey conducted by RoadSafetyUAE and QIC Insured in August, showed that 41 per

cent of the 1,010 respondents confessed to tailgating. Only 9 per cent of the respondents said that they didn't mind a car tailgating them, as opposed to 36 per cent who just wanted to move out of the way, and 25 per cent who admitted that it made them nervous.

Nobody likes being bullied, yet thousands of motorists indulge in tailgating, and thousands others feel the fear. A sizeable 33 per cent of the

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SURVEY SAYS

41%

Motorists have admitted to tailgating

36%

Driver who were tailgated just want to move out of the way of tailgaters

25%

Tailgating of victims become nervous because of it

9%

Motorists who get tailgated don't mind it

43%

UAE driver who don't know the official safe distance between cars, which is 56m at 100kmph

Source: UAE Road Safety Monitor



respondents, who tailgate, blamed the vehicles in front of them, claiming that the vehicles ahead were too slow; 23 per cent said that they were running late; and 10 per cent replied that they themselves were tailgated as well. Let's place this against another study, conducted by Waze, a community mapping and navigation smartphone app, last year. The UAE got a perfect 10 in road quality and 6.8 in traffic



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How to drive right

ROADSAFETYUAE.COM HAS SOME TIPS

Many modern cars come with a distance warning system; consider this in your purchase decision and activate this functionality.

Make sure that you leave enough space for the car in front of you, to be able to brake if needed and to have a clear view of the traffic situation.

To avoid tailgating, use the 'three-second rule' – when the vehicle ahead of you passes a certain point, such as a signboard or a tree, count 'one-thousand-one, one-thousand-two, one-thousand-three'. Counting these numbers takes approximately three seconds. If you pass the same point before you finish counting, you are following too closely.

In low visibility situations, like in bad weather, increase this rule to the 'five-second-rule'. Consider this in sand/dust storms, fog or rain.

If you are being tailgated, remain calm and get out of the way of the bullying motorist as soon as you safely can. Most tailgaters may just wish to move ahead. Try to move to a different lane and allow a tailgater to pass.

If there is no space to move, maintain the speed limit and enough space between yourself and the vehicle in front of you. Do not provoke the tailgater with braking manoeuvres.



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categories. Hence, it is possible to not blame the traffic or road infrastructure for problems such as tailgating.

What makes people harass other drivers like this? During Ramadan, the Roads and Transport Authority of Dubai found that a large number of traffic accidents were due to drivers not leaving a safe distance between vehicles. In that month, the concentration of drivers was affected, as they dealt with different sleep and work hours, amongst other factors.

Most often, however, tailgating is an adrenaline-fuelled activity. “It is a classic risk-taking behavioural activity and, by tailgating, the driver gets an adrenaline rush. They feel that surge of adrenaline and this, in turn, causes the tailgater to behave even less rationally and often aggressively. In fact, some [often younger] drivers deliberately tailgate others in order to get that adrenaline buzz,” said Robert Hodges, Chief Operating Officer of Emirates Driving Institute in Dubai.

The majority of tailgating accidents can be explained by driver attitudes, such as a post on a social media forum that says: “Just because you’re driving [within] the speed limit doesn’t mean you get to hold the left lane. The most annoying thing is the guy driving 80 with 5km of free space in front of him, and 50 cars stuck behind. The left lane is overtake lane. Someone is driving faster than you, then move.”

Age-group that usually tailgate

In the UAE Road Safety Monitor survey, young drivers scored the

lowest. They also turned out to have less empathy with the motorists they tailgate, and showed the least willingness to get out of the way when they got tailgated themselves.

In 2011, a survey of 466 men aged 18-33 years by the UAE University’s College of Humanities and Social Sciences found that young men saw obeying traffic rules as “unmanly or cowardly” or being characteristic of an unskilled driver. They felt that risk-taking behaviour was the path to popularity amongst peers.

In 2016, research done by Dr Sharaf Alkheder, former Associate Professor of civil engineering at Al Hosn University in Abu Dhabi, showed that the majority of car crashes in the Emirate were caused by drivers aged 18-30 years, with failure to leave sufficient distance between vehicles being amongst the main factors.

In March, after a spike in the number of deaths on the roads, Abu Dhabi Police said that they would target young drivers who were guilty of, amongst other offences, not keeping a safe distance between cars.

Is it class or space antagonism?

The jury is out on whether tailgating can also be a statement of class bias – drivers of bigger and flashier cars demanding that others make way for them; or drivers of smaller and less expensive cars showing the big guys that they aren’t the boss. Many drivers of luxury models say that budget-end vehicles often flash and tailgate them.

“I think it fundamentally boils down to

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selfish attitudes – the same attitudes that lead to some people jumping queues,” said a user on a social media forum. The survey by the UAE University’s College of Humanities and Social Sciences also revealed that a minority of the young male respondents “admitted they are strongly tempted to overtake if their car is fancier than the vehicle in front”. The report said, “[This] is a behaviour [that] scientists call ‘territoriality.’”

Zero death goals

Brigadier Ghaith Hassan Al Zaabi, Director General of Traffic Coordination at the Ministry of Interior, says, “The UAE is aiming to bring down road fatalities by three persons per 100,000 of residents by 2021.” In Dubai, the Roads and Transport Authority is reportedly on track to achieve its target of reducing the number of road fatalities to zero per 100,000 residents by 2020.

The UAE Road Safety Monitor survey has revealed that motorists’ perception was that dangerous driving was down by 8 per cent and tailgating by 12 per cent. If the Ministry of Interior is to achieve its goal, the problem of tailgating must be completely eradicated.

People of the UAE can solve tailgating problems by themselves – simply by keeping a safe distance from the car ahead, as it enables the driver behind to brake, if needed, and have a clear view of the traffic situation ahead. Most accidents are rear-end collisions with the vehicle in front. “Many motorists drive in the false belief that if the car in front suddenly braked, they’d react and brake and end up stopping the same distance apart,” says Edelman.

HERE ARE A FEW INITIATIVES BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO EDUCATE AND SAVE PEOPLE



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Seventeen new solar-powered radars in Abu Dhabi, equipped with laser technology, will capture drivers who tailgate. Brigadier Ali Khalfan Al Dhaheri, Director of the Central Operations Sector at Abu Dhabi Police, said that the new devices had lasers to calculate the space between vehicles, and check violations on both sides of the road.



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The new Federal Law penalises drivers for not leaving safe distance between vehicles with a Dh400 fine and 4 black points.



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In May, Dubai Police launched a two-month awareness campaign on the importance of keeping a safe distance while driving. They distributed awareness brochures, and delivered lectures in government departments, institutions, companies and so on. Traffic exhibitions were held in shopping malls and patrols deployed on the highways and other roads to check tailgaters.

To report violations to Dubai Police, you must first register via their website. You can then report any incidents by calling any of these three numbers: **8007777, 8004353, or 901**. You could also e-mail information about the violation to mail@dubaipolice.gov.ae.

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PHOTO CREDIT: SHARJAH POLICE

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In Sharjah, where tailgating caused 60 per cent of the road accidents in the first seven months of 2017, some 30 radar units have been installed to target aggressive tailgaters, amongst others.

Life-saving initiatives

According to the survey, as many as 43 per cent of motorists did know the official safety distance: 56m or two seconds at 100kmph. About 22 per cent said that a mere one-car length is the recommended

distance. The respondents saw education as the main way to improve the behaviour (55 per cent), followed by more police presence and enforcement (48 per cent), as well as by in-vehicle technology (42 per cent), and higher fines (39 per cent).



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KNOCK-ON EFFECT OF KNOCK-OFFS

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF HOW FAKE GOODS MIGHT IMPACT YOUR OWN WALLET, JOB SECURITY, ECONOMIC FUTURE, AND EVEN YOUR VERY LIFE? **999** DIVES INTO THIS ILLEGAL TRADE AND FINDS OUT SOME SCARY FACTS

BY SHUCHITA KAPUR

Walking through the streets of Meena Bazar, Bur Dubai, Maya (name withheld), an Asian expat, looks for a replica of her favourite bag from the bamboo collection of Gucci. Talking to **999**, in response to the revelations about the extent of the counterfeit market in the UAE, she says, "I've bought many fake handbags. I know that a Gucci bag for Dh250 will be a fake one and not last as the real one would, but I don't get what the whole outrage is about. I'm very happy to buy something for a fraction of the cost."

Along with Maya, strolls her husband, who's on the lookout for an Omega watch. "I haven't been able to find the piece that's in my mind. I don't mind paying a couple of hundreds extra but the quality should be nice," he says.

Maya and her husband are amongst the many people who are ardent fans of buying fake designer items cheaply – they know quite well what they're doing. Maya believes that some of the copies are so well done that only the very well-versed fashionistas may be able to tell the difference.

However, what she's forgetting is that she's on the wrong side of the law. Making fake goods is a form of trademark infringement, and those who're involved in such activities can be penalised. Fake goods are sold in the market using the intellectual property of well-known brands, making it an illegal business.

Even if customers can't be bothered about the losses suffered by the original companies because of the fake goods, they should be aware of unwritten price

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of counterfeiting – that fake signature bag may come apart at the seams after just a week; the fake branded watch may stop working after a few days; and a counterfeit mobile is a really dangerous device, as it may explode in the user's hands, and there's no redress for the consumer, as the original brand has no liability for a fake item.

How bad is it?

Counterfeiting is one of the largest underground industries in the world and growing rapidly. Estimates of the value of global trade in counterfeit products vary between €600 billion (Dh2.6tn), as per United Nations data, and close to €1 trillion (Dh4.3tn), as per other international statistics.

The UAE is not immune. In Dubai alone, the authorities seized more than three million counterfeit products of more than 30 renowned brands within a week in March this year, after raiding four warehouses. This was said to be one of biggest enforcement actions against counterfeit in the municipality, said Ibrahim Bahzad, Director of Intellectual Property Rights Protection in the Commercial Compliance & Consumer Protection (CCCP) sector in Dubai Economy. His team, he said, took 14 days to carefully study their next steps after receiving a tip-off on the counterfeits stocked in different warehouses.



Photo credit: WAM

More than 500,000 fake auto spare parts, with a market value of Dh15mn, were confiscated from a store in Al Ain city by the Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development in January 2017



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In the largest ever fake goods haul in 2015, the Department of Economic Development of Dubai shredded counterfeit products worth Dh195mn at its facility near the airport

“Protecting goods and services against duplicating their brand or logo are part of the strategic objective of Dubai Economy to improve confidence amongst businesses and investors in Dubai,” Behzad said.

“People promoting and selling counterfeits use innovative tricks. Some of them import the goods in pieces and then assemble it here, and they even use remote or misleading locations to stock such goods. We work closely with global brands to train our inspectors in identifying counterfeits and we update trademark owners on local developments in combatting counterfeiting,” he added.

Around the same time, Sharjah Police busted a haul of counterfeit goods worth millions of dirhams.

According to Munir Suboh, Head of Intellectual Property at Hadeef & Partners law firm in the UAE, “The trademark protects the goodwill and reputation of a business, helps consumers to identify the source of goods and services, and

ultimately protects them from being misled or confused about the source of products or services. Trading in counterfeit goods is a major challenge for trademark owners, as counterfeiters attempt to generate profits by selling counterfeit products without obtaining prior authorisation or licence from the legitimate trademark owners.”

Every year, quite a number of residents in the UAE visit little shop clusters – these are known to all city ‘insiders’ – to purchase knock-off designer goods. Many call these spots the hidden Aladdin’s caves, full of items that look like the mirror image of genuine products. However, anyone with an eye for detail and a familiarity with designer products will know that the material used by the counterfeiters is nowhere near as good as for the genuine products and the finish would not be that great either.

These items are also sold online, at flea markets, or at dozens of other

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locations. Their activities are carried on clandestinely; they’re fully aware of the legal repercussions.

Genuine replicas, eh?

This reporter gets to such a secret location, an apartment, where boxes of fake Fendi, Gucci, Chanel, and Louis Vuitton handbags and purses are available to look at.

“These are genuine replicas,” says the seller, without realising the irony of his words. He boasts that he has sourced these “from the best markets”.

Small vendors in a certain bargain market sell fake items at extremely low prices. For example, the NMD shoes by Adidas are being retailed at just Dh60 here. Scouting the market, **999** spots a teenager, who’s negotiating with a salesgirl for a discount of Dh10 on these shoes. He says, “I want the genuine ones, but my father won’t buy them, so I’ll go for the fake ones. I can afford Dh50 out of my pocket money.”

Similarly, the neighbourhood of Satwa houses many shops where knock-off mobile phones are sold undercover. A



Fake perfumes were confiscated from a warehouse in the Ras Al Khor area

Municipal inspectors in Abu Dhabi seized three medical equipment used in providing unlicensed treatment services



shopkeeper reveals the most sought-after brands. “Our customers can get a phone that looks exactly like the latest iPhone for under Dh1,000. The touch, feel and applications are just like the over-priced iPhone,” he says.

The exterior of a fake electronic device may be very similar to the original one, but what’s under the hood makes all the difference. Fake devices have poor quality batteries that are cheap precisely because they haven’t had to pass through the right quality checks, and while charging the device, the cheap battery may overheat and explode. Even fake accessories, such as a charger, may blow up. That’s what happened with an Abu Dhabi resident in July 2013 – he bought a fake Apple charger for his iPhone after losing the genuine one; the charger blew up when it was plugged in, causing a power outage in the whole apartment.

Adverse effects

Buying cheap copies of branded goods may seem a steal, but it has ripple effects not just on the profitability of the company in question but also on the well-being of the economy, which can directly impact the consumers, because of whom this industry flourishes.

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The negative impact of counterfeit goods is substantial – it undermines the business position of various sectors in the local economy



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Photo credit: Supplied

Counterfeit products confiscated in Dubai ready to be destroyed in one of the biggest enforcement actions in March 2017



Photo credit: Gulf News

UAE authorities' relentless efforts in countering piracy and Intellectual Property Rights infringements

Suboh says that counterfeit products affect countries in terms of jobs, business confidence, and economy, explaining, “The negative impact of trading in counterfeit goods is substantial – it undermines the business position of various sectors in the local economy. According to the statistics of some international organisations, trademark owners suffer billions of dollars in losses from such illegitimate trade, which negatively affects their direct sales, minimises profitability, and damages goodwill.”

He adds, “As counterfeit products are always smuggled in, and not properly declared to customs, counterfeit traders don’t pay the nominal customs duties or local taxes, which ultimately impact the direct revenues of local governments.”

Lives at risk

The business in fake products is not limited to fashion accessories or consumer electronics. It includes clothes, cosmetics, food products, medicines, perfumes, jewellery, machine parts and

chemicals. Shoes are the most-copied items, though trademarks are infringed even on strawberries and bananas.

The knock-offs can put lives at risk – as you can imagine, fake food products and medicines can be lethal. Then there are auto parts that fail, toys that harm children, baby formula that provides no nourishment, and medical instruments that deliver false readings.

In fact, one in four Toyota automobile spare parts is fake in the country. Al-Futtaim Motors, dealer of the Japanese car brand in the UAE, highlights huge potential risk of fake car parts to drivers. Kevin Jones, senior general manager for aftersales at Al-Futtaim, in a media interview said, “It’s a big problem because these are copied parts that are not made to any standard whatsoever. The danger is to consumers, because they are buying an unsafe auto parts when they think they’re buying a genuine part, and then they have an accident and someone gets killed.”

The Sharjah Economic Development Department seized 35,848 fake auto



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spare parts worth Dh300,000 from a warehouse in the Sharjah industrial area last year. The inspectors also seized 92,948 bottles of counterfeit perfumes of various international brands.

UAE measures

The Hadeef law firm expert points out that the range of fakes is diverse and the risks immense. "Counterfeit products in the UAE are usually seen for fast consumable products, such as clothes, watches, bags, electronics, auto spare parts, etc. It was observed in other countries that counterfeit medicines and pharmaceuticals were being supplied, which has serious implications. While fake medicines could be contaminated or contain the wrong or no active ingredient, such goods could have the right active ingredient but in the wrong measure, and hence could be very harmful to public health," he says.

"There's no official database to refer to and obtain a precise list of top fakes being sold, as the UAE has different local law enforcement agencies that tackle counterfeit products, i.e. Department of Economic Development, Customs, and the police. Generally speaking, and in the past few years, I've noticed that electronics, accessories, perfumes, cosmetics, watches, bags and fashion products have been amongst the top counterfeit products seized by local law enforcement authorities. It's uncommon to find counterfeit medical



Photo credit: Gulf News

A massive haul of up to 3 million items of fake goods, including cosmetics, mobile phones and accessories within a week after DED raided four warehouses in March 2017

During a raid by DED in March 2017, here's one of the four warehouses that had a stock of around 928,000 fake items including duplicate phones and accessories



Photo credit: Supplied

or food products in the UAE local markets, as government authorities have serious measures in place to monitor the markets and borders. The laws also impose serious sanctions against entities that compromise public safety," he adds.

Legal barriers

The UAE authorities are leaving no stone unturned to tackle the menace of fakes and beefing up legislation against counterfeiting. The country passed its first Trademark Law in 1992 and this law was substantially revised in 2002 in order

to incorporate international commitments resulting from intellectual property treaties that the UAE had signed.

The UAE passed several other laws and government orders to allow trademark owners to enforce their rights against counterfeiters. The laws impose sanctions such as imprisonment and fine. The regulations also grant the trademark owners the right to pursue administrative measures and also pursue civil proceedings to claim statutory remedies.

Counterfeit products are normally confiscated and destroyed once a decision is made by the court or administrative authorities. "We've recently worked on many initiatives with law enforcement authorities to recycle the counterfeit products to ensure the destruction is done in an environment-friendly manner," says Suboh, as he explains the laws in the country.

In 2016, the UAE introduced an anti-fraud law. According to this new Federal law, counterfeiters of certain types of products, those that relate to public safety, could face up to two years in jail or be fined between Dh250,000 and Dh1 million, or both.



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AT THE 2ND ANNUAL FUTURE POLICE TECHNOLOGY UAE, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SHARED KNOWLEDGE AND HIGHLIGHTED WAYS IN WHICH THE AUTHORITIES ARE KNOCKING CYBER AND ORGANISED CRIME RINGS OFF THEIR FEET

BY MAHA SOURAYA

Police headquarters across the UAE joined forces and met at an important specialised event this year, and the aim was to utilise technology to counter the threats arising from technology.

Ways to improve national security, detect crimes, and improve public safety: these were some of the points discussed and exhibited during the 2nd Annual Future Police Technology UAE.

Held under the patronage of Lt General His Highness Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and

Minister of Interior, who personally graced the event on its second day, the event was hailed by the authorities and experts in different fields as a great opportunity to discuss international expertise, cooperation, and knowledge-sharing to ensure national security and stability.

The event, held on November 13-14 in Abu Dhabi, aimed to provide a platform for policing technology in order to meet ever-changing security threats. The conference, which was supported by 999 as its official media partner, highlighted various cutting-edge innovations designed to knock cyber

and organised crime rings off their feet.

Building on the success of its first edition last year, the two-day conference started with the opening remarks and keynote address by Captain Hassan Ali Albadawi



LT GENERAL HH SHEIKH SAIF BIN ZAYED AL NAHYAN, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR (CENTRE), WITH LT GENERAL SAIF ABDULLAH AL SHAFAR, UNDERSECRETARY AT THE MOI (LEFT), AND MAJOR GENERAL MAKTOUM ALI AL SHARIFI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ABU DHABI POLICE (LEFT), DURING THE 2ND ANNUAL FUTURE POLICE TECHNOLOGY UAE



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and Colonel Faisal Sultan Al Shuaibi from the UAE Ministry of Interior, followed by many exciting presentations, one of which was Stuart Clarke's presentation titled 'Scaling for the Future: Digital Forensics & Policing'. A panel discussion titled 'Future of technology and its impact on security' also took place amongst representatives from Nuix, Palo Alto Networks, Futuratinow, and The Futures lab, Inc.

A closed-door workshop, in the presence of Lieutenant General Dhahi Khalfan Tamim, Deputy Chairman of Police and General Security in Dubai, also took place on day two. The workshop tackled many interesting and futuristic topics, including developing an integrated strategy for future policing, next-generation policing and security, and the future of technology and its impact on security.

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TO BE A RIVER OR A QUAGMIRE

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What stands between development and decay is the vision of the leadership

In the keynote address of the fourth Emirates Media Forum (EMF), held in Dubai, Lt General His Highness Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, sent out a heavily worded warning to some regional forces that adopt policies designed to spread hatred, divisiveness and fanaticism in our Arab ambience, which is famous for its forgiveness.

HH Sheikh Saif bin Zayed described those forces in his address as rotten and stagnant quagmires, which spread diseases and malign epidemics to poison the surrounding atmospheres, in contrast to the UAE's chosen model of development, modernisation, and rejuvenation.

The Interior Minister also noted in his address that the choice today was clear for all – to be a river or a quagmire. As for the UAE, it has chosen the river of life, it has chosen constructive positive work, and identification with its Gulf ambience and authentic heritage while preparing for the future and its challenges. As for any party that chooses to be a swamp, it must know that the only way to tackle swamps and bogs is to bury them.

These were prudent words with deep meaning that drew a roadmap for countries, communities and individuals, and also reflected the crises and transformations we are witnessing. If we do not deal with such a reality seriously, we shall be swept into the deluge that has overcome Arab countries previously living in safety and security. The germ of animosity has converted them into conflicting and antagonistic factions, with each one plotting to harm the other, each trying to eliminate the other and enforce its own agenda. Each one wants to serve its own interests and ambitions, rather than the interests and ambitions of the country – and this is the most dangerous blight that befalls nations.

Why did the UAE choose to be a river, rather than a brackish swamp? And how did it manage to achieve this model despite its recent establishment, as compared to big Arab countries that have a long history, high population density, and sprawling areas? It is all about leadership – its wisdom and foresight – that never delay in detecting points of weakness and then tackling them immediately, thus pursuing the perfection achievable only when hearts are clean, intentions are sincere, and determination is relentless.

HH Sheikh Saif bin Zayed gave an example of this in his speech, citing the stance taken by the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al

Nahyan during the War of October the 6th, 1973. The late Sheikh Zayed was in Britain during this war, and he noticed that there was no coverage of this war in the global media. Accordingly, Sheikh Zayed called the then Egyptian President, Anwar Al Sadat, to enquire about this matter. And Sadat told The UAE Ruler Sheikh Zayed that the media only worked from the Israeli capital of Tel Aviv, due to the weak resources in Egypt then. Sheikh Zayed immediately ordered that a plane be sent at his own expense to fetch international media correspondents and bring them to the field, so that the war could be reported without bias or exaggeration. Thus, the world got a more

balanced view of the war.

This is the approach followed by countries that choose to be rivers. As for countries that choose to be stagnant swamps, they are few in number, thank God.

When we deal with those countries and reveal their bad intentions, we do it to present all facts for the citizens of those countries first, and then for the people in the affected neighbouring nations, and then for the whole world. This is exactly the role of the media that HH Sheikh Saif bin Zayed appreciated.

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THE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
OF RESIDENTS AND EXPATS ALIKE

BY MARK NITUMA



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SHAN SAEED

Chief Economist, IQI Holdings Malaysia

Value added tax aka VAT has a significant role in greasing the wheel of most economies across the world. Currently this general consumption tax that is implemented in more than 160 countries, including top mega cities including the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, as well as most countries in Asia, funds social programs in various sectors such as health, education, and infrastructure. It also provides many countries a cushion against economic uncertainties.

Starting January 1 next year, the UAE will roll out the implementation of the same tax but with reassuringly low rate which is 5 per cent. Ninety-four staple food products will also be exempted from customs duties, so the prices of basic commodities are expected to remain the same. These include fresh fruits, coffee and tea, wheat and cereal flours, sugar, milk, uncooked pasta amongst others.

How low is low?

In India, for example, that implemented VAT more than ten years ago (2005), the standard rate generally ranges from 12.5 per cent to 15 per cent, as per Ernst & Young's 2016 Worldwide VAT, GST and Sales Tax Guide. Another Asian country, the Philippines, where many expatriates in the UAE come from, the standard rate of taxable transactions reaches up to 12 per cent. In the UK, the standard rate of VAT was increased to 20% on January 4, 2011 from 17.5% previously. The takeaway here is that the 5 per cent VAT in the UAE is way much lower than in the countries from where most of the UAE expats hail.

Will salaries be subjected to tax?

Even after VAT comes into effect, residents and expats' salaries will remain tax-free. That means the images of the country as a tax-free haven will not completely vanish. Speaking to **999**, Shan

Saeed, chief economist at IQI Holdings Malaysia, explained that VAT will help broaden the country's economic reforms which, in turn, will benefit the people in the long run and make the UAE an even more ideal place to set up business.

"VAT aims to boost the fiscal aspect of the balance sheet, because it will surely bring about economic reforms with more funds in the kitty. In this way, economic confidence will keep expats and global firms to come here and venture into the workforce and business sector," Saeed said.

Which property will be charged of VAT?

The rent of residential building, which includes serviced apartments and accommodation, will generally be exempt from VAT, while the rent of commercial building, e.g. offices, warehouses, hotels, shops, etc, will be subjected to 5 per cent tax.

Investors' perception on VAT measured

In recent survey conducted by CFA Society Emirates, the association for financial and investment professionals in the UAE, around 60 per cent of the respondents expressed their confidence that the introduction of a corporate tax would be favourable for the UAE economy and to them. Majority of them, 60 per cent, have said that this would not cause companies to relocate.

STAPLES EXEMPTED FROM VAT



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CAREFUL, NOW! *DON'T GET RUN OVER*

PEDESTRIANS HAVE AS MUCH RESPONSIBILITY AS MOTORISTS TO OBSERVE TRAFFIC RULES, SO THAT A MOMENT'S MISTAKE DOESN'T LEAD TO A LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY. **999** LOOKS AT REASONS WHY PEOPLE GET RUN OVER IN THE UAE

BY HS PARAMITA

On a bright day in February, a video of a group of men standing at one end of a zebra crossing went viral. Traffic was light, with a few cars passing unhurriedly with enough distance between them. It would be a simple matter for the group to cross to the other side of the road; but they waited. A moment later, the signal changed and the men walked across. The men in the group were: His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, and his companions.

The video became hugely popular, but not because His Highness Sheikh Mohammed was acting like a common pedestrian. It was because he wasn't. The Ruler of Dubai demonstrated the simplest example of responsible behaviour, one that can prevent accidents and fatalities – he waited for the right time to cross.

The UAE has any number of zebra crossings, bridges, tunnels, walkways, subways, pedestrian bridges, median fences, footbridges, mid-block signals, speed humps, and speed zone control markings, with more being constructed. All of these are designed to prevent a collision between a pedestrian and a moving vehicle. Yet, as Lieutenant Colonel Saif Abdullah Al Falasi, Deputy Director of Traffic and Patrol Department of Ajman Police, observes, "Many pedestrians feel too lazy to cross from designated areas, exposing themselves to danger."

Jaywalking is defined as an act of crossing the street by violating rules, without

any concern for vehicular or human traffic. The jaywalker psychology does not factor in the risk of injury or death to themselves or others. It is a low-level offence by itself, but it does attract a fine, because a jaywalker can make even careful drivers be involved in a fatal accident. The sobering truth is that a person hit by a car at 30kmph has a 10 per cent chance of dying, but when struck by a car at 64kmph, he or she has a 90 per cent chance of dying or being seriously injured. When it is man versus machine, the human body is more vulnerable.

Pointless deaths

In Abu Dhabi, road deaths fell by almost a quarter in the first three months of this year – 60 people died on the

roads, down from 77 in the same period last year – but almost one in five deaths were pedestrians, or caused by them running across roads and forcing drivers to swerve.

In Dubai, too, road fatalities fell by 32 per cent in the first half of the year, but pedestrian run-over incidents were the second leading cause of death. In the municipality, 27 people have been hit by vehicles since the beginning of this year, down from the 40 casualties during the same period last year. Nonetheless, it's still significant number of victims nonetheless. Throughout 2016, approximately a quarter of road deaths were caused by run-over accidents in Dubai – 49 out of a total of 198 road deaths. "Despite

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BRIGADIER SAIF MUHAIR AL MAZROUI

Director of the Traffic Department in Dubai Police

our campaigns to raise awareness, and despite punishing jaywalkers with tickets, some people still cross the roads from non-designated spots. They don't know how dangerous it is to commit such an offence," said Brigadier Saif Muhair Al Mazroui, Director of the Traffic Department in Dubai Police.

Sharjah Police have reported 24 run-over deaths in the first half of 2017, compared to 22 in the same period in 2016. This marks a 9 per cent increase – this was in a period when Sharjah witnessed fewer traffic-related deaths overall – and those who died were pedestrians trying to cross roads at non-designated areas, or while the traffic signal was still red for pedestrians. Amongst them are two men who died three days after they got run over by a vehicle in January. The first one, who was not carrying any ID card, was hit while crossing a road from an undesignated area in the Al Majaz area. The second victim was crossing Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road, also from an undesignated area.

Severe problem

Jaywalking seems like a simple and casual way to save a little time and avoid the inconvenience of finding the nearest



Listen to the expert

Thomas Edelmann, Founder and Manager of Road Safety UAE, told **999**, “Motorists must take this statement very close to their heart – as soon as you leave your vehicle, you also become a pedestrian. Hence, treat pedestrians like you want to be treated.” Here are a few ways to hit the road, and stay alive:

- 1** Cross the street using pedestrian bridges, underpasses or dedicated crossings – zebra crossings with or without traffic lights. At zebra crossings with traffic lights, only walk at ‘green’, and should the signal start to blink or switch to red, make sure you hurry up to reach the other side of the road. At zebra crossings without traffic lights, you must be very careful, since not all cars will stop for you. Only walk when you can safely cross all the way.
- 2** Make eye contact with drivers, so you are sure they noticed you.
- 3** Be extra careful when you walk near reversing cars. Drivers often have an obstructed view and they might not see you when you are passing close to the car.
- 4** Keep your distance and try to anticipate the moves of the car. Be careful in all kind of parking spaces.
- 5** Children have a different view of the traffic and often they lack experience of traffic movements. Make sure you watch your kids very closely in all forms of traffic. Make sure kids don’t play close to streets or reversing cars.
- 6** Always use sidewalks. This protects pedestrians. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the street facing the oncoming traffic.



When the pedestrian is an ‘irrational object’

In most cases, it is vehicle drivers who are taken into custody for questioning. Juan Uruburu Alonso, Head of Sales Commercial Vehicle Tires for Continental Middle East, and a motorist based in Dubai, sums up the dilemma of drivers: “We all see many people texting on their mobile phones while crossing the road. For me, this is the most irresponsible behaviour, as you become an irrational object moving around, ignoring the traffic flow. In many cases, I see there’s a misunderstanding that pedestrians always have the right to cross the road and, therefore, the vehicles must always stop. Nowadays, it is a fact that we drivers need to keep special focus and concentration when pedestrians are around – in some cases, they are very unpredictable.”

designated sport to cross the road. But, so severe is the problem that, when the new regulations came into effect on July 1, amending the Federal Traffic Law No. 21 of 1995, the fine for jaywalking was doubled, from Dh200 to Dh400.

Within two weeks, Sharjah Police alone had issued 10,358 fines – mostly to jaywalkers. A few months before that, in April, Sharjah Police had fined nearly 900 jaywalkers in one week. Dubai Police fined an average of 265 jaywalkers daily in the first four months of this year. Till October, 54,257 have been fined for this violation.

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The Ministry of Interior's vision is to place the UAE on top of the list of safest countries in the world. To achieve this target, authorities across the country are laying emphasis on responsible pedestrian behaviour. Dubai Police, with their goal of zero road deaths by 2020, have "a thick presence in the areas where jaywalking is most witnessed", said Director of Traffic in Dubai Police, Brigadier Saif Mohair Al Mazroui.

In February, Dubai Police announced a campaign to honour workers who crossed roads from designated areas. This was a step to reduce the number of run-over accidents by encouraging labourers to

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follow rules – the majority of run-over deaths are of workers who live in labour accommodations located near highways.

Right of way?

Motorists across the world are full of anecdotes about the guy who “ran across the road in dark clothes just about missing my car, the car behind mine and

RESIDENTS SPEAK



Juan Uruburu Alonso: “I have children and I honestly try to be an example to them. When I act as a pedestrian, I always cross the road via a pedestrian crossing or traffic light. If the traffic flow is approaching the signal, I make my children wait until absolutely sure the vehicles in the first row will stop. I always keep in mind that drivers can also be irresponsible and unpredictable, as many distractions, such as mobiles and

chatting can affect their driving behaviour. If I'm on a street without a traffic light or crossing, I check for oncoming traffic from both directions. Being a pedestrian is not an easy task.”



Fatima Mohammad: “Many times, people appear in front of the car at a place that is neither a bridge nor a pedestrian crossing. This is especially dangerous in the dark when people, who are jogging or walking on the road as part of their exercise routine, do not take the trouble of wearing suitable clothes to signal their presence. Residential areas are also critical zones, and I keep my speed to 30kmph. When I'm not driving and am on the

road, I wait till for the signal and watch out for any car coming by.”



Ryan Lorenzo: “There are pedestrian lanes, right, but some people follow it and some do not. If an accident takes place, it becomes the fault of the motorist. When I am driving, I always keep an eye out for pedestrians. If I am on a freeway, especially, and there are vehicles to my left or right, I become very conscious because I cannot see the pedestrian. If I am driving in the city, I drive at a speed that enables me to stop if a

pedestrian suddenly darts in front of my car but, on a highway, I cannot do that without, perhaps, endangering the car that is coming behind me.”

Here are a few types of pedestrians who pose a threat to road safety:



The Connected: The law comes down harshly on motorists using mobile phones while driving, but there are folks who are distracted by their phones while walking down a busy road. The Germans called them the smombie – smartphone-wielding zombie – and they are a safety hazard. They amble with their heads down, eyes on their smartphones, fingers punching hard and earplugs blaring their choice of music. They are unaware of signals, road rules, zebra crossings, and even approaching cars. The upshot is a risk, not only to their own lives, but also to vehicles when motorists apply the brakes suddenly.



The Invincible: This is the person who feels that pedestrians have the right of way and cars will always stop for

them, no matter where. They may pop up in front of a car from behind another vehicle, or run from the pavement to the road, not giving motorists any indication of what they intend to do. Rules, they feel, are for fools. The problem is that motorists may not have enough time to respond. In October last year, a 20-year-old woman was killed in Dubai while she was crossing the road, 40 metres away from the pedestrian crossing. “The traffic light had already signalled green for cars. The driver tried to stop the car, but unfortunately, could not avoid hitting her,” the police said.

THE NUMBERS

27

Number of people who have been run over since the beginning of this year in Dubai

25%

Proportion of road deaths caused by run-over accidents in Dubai in 2016

24

Run-over deaths in the first half of 2017 in Sharjah

20%

Proportion of road deaths caused by pedestrians in Abu Dhabi in the first three months of 2016

People's progress

- Zebra crossings in the UAE will have sensors that can regulate traffic signals according to the volume of pedestrian traffic. The Smart Pedestrian Signal is set to be rolled out across Dubai to increase road safety. The technology is designed to detect pedestrians' traffic on the pavement (before crossing) and the pedestrian path (while crossing). The signal time is accordingly adjusted to ensure a safe and smooth crossing of as many pedestrians as possible. It was displayed at Gitex Technology Week Exhibition, held at Dubai World Trade Centre, and trials are likely to be held at City Walk, Al Muraqqabat, Al Barsha and others locations. Also, as many as 113 footbridges have been built in Dubai since 2006, an increase of more than 700 per cent from the time of establishing the Roads and Transport Authority.

- In February, Sharjah Police spent Dh1.5 million on road fencing in an effort to decrease the casualties in run-over accidents. Several other maintenance projects, e.g. repairing of asphalt layers and widening of several U-turns, were carried out on vital roads at a cost of Dh6.22 million. The police increased inspections of pedestrians in residential areas and roads that include shops on both sides, launched awareness campaigns, and warned the public against crossing the road randomly. A number of pedestrian bridges are coming up in several parts of the municipality.

- As part of its #PauseForPedestrians campaign during the Gulf Traffic Week in March, the Roads and Transport Authority Dubai decided on a direct and funny approach. They stunned – literally – irresponsible pedestrians into using zebra crossing. The RTA team armed itself with a hidden camera and some cool horns, and surprised pedestrians with a blaring alarm when they tried to cross from an undesignated area. A video of the operation begins with the message: "Pedestrian safety is a shared responsibility" and shows men, women and couples trying to cross the road in undesignated areas and jolting back towards the pavement when a sudden alert sounds. Many of them, then, make their way towards zebra crossings.

- In Dubai, during the GCC Traffic Week, 3D canvas graphics on pedestrian safety and a children's playground linked with educational concepts about pedestrian safety were set up. There was also a smart app, with interactive games to bring the traffic concepts closer to children between seven and 14 years. "Diffusing the traffic culture and education amongst road users is a community duty, which can only be made with the concerted efforts of government and private entities and all community spectrums, especially parents," said Mattar Al Tayer, RTA Director General.

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the one in the next lane. If he had made contact with my car, he would have been a dead man for sure. If I had to swerve, it would have resulted in a fatal accident involving many fast-moving cars”.

There are tales of families where the children run free on the road as they cross over to a school or a park. On residential streets, a child may dart into the traffic and cause an accident as drivers try to avoid hitting the child. The elderly may also confuse motorists with their arbitrary movements. Walking and running are natural talents for most people, but doing so responsibly is an art form that many have yet to acquire.

What were they thinking?

1) On a nightmarish day for several drivers in September, an elderly man jaywalked across 12 lanes on Sheikh Zayed Road in Dubai. He crossed six lanes, climbed over a barrier and crossed the other six lanes to reach the other side of the highway. Though he came away unharmed, the tourist, in his sixties, left a series of accidents in his wake. A number of vehicles, trying to avoid him, rammed into one another. “He tried to save time by avoiding using the pedestrian



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footbridge and decided to cross the road despite seeing speeding vehicles and the concrete road divider. It was suicidal of him to cross the road from a non-designated spot,” said Lieutenant Colonel Rashid Mohammad Saleh, Deputy Director of Bur Dubai Police Station.

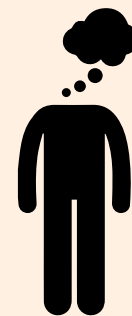
2) Recalling an incident in the Al Nahda area of Sharjah, Lieutenant Colonel Jamal Al Bannai, Deputy Director of the Traffic Department, Dubai Police, said, “I spotted a man crossing under the metro bridge. He didn’t use the bridge to cross the road. When I stopped him and asked him why he did that, he didn’t answer and only smiled. They don’t know it is dangerous despite our campaigns to raise awareness.”

3) On the busy Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road in Dubai, a man got out of his car after it broke down and began to cross the six-lane highway. That is when a car came out of the dark and hit him. The driver of the second car told the police that the victim “suddenly appeared out of

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nowhere” and it was impossible to stop the car in time or avoid him. When Dubai Police began to investigate, a chilling coincidence emerged: the victim had been in the driver’s seat when, 10 years ago, he had killed a pedestrian in a similar way.

While motorists must respect pedestrians’ rights, the latter group, too, needs to respect traffic rules, so that everyone out there can reach their destination safely. Responsibility is really two-way traffic.



The Dreamer: This is the person who ambles across the road, oblivious to the signals or traffic situations, their minds elsewhere. Midway, they might change their route and do a U-turn back to where

they had emerged, all the while oblivious to the realities of the road. They are the type that make drivers really panic. Even the most experienced, law-abiding, conscientious drivers may not be able to control or stop their cars just in time to avoid a collision. A sudden reaction from them may even result in the drivers ending up with broken bones, or, in cases of a swerve and crash or pile-up, even death.



The Dark Knight: Their night-time wardrobe is dark, and this makes it difficult for motorists to see them from far.

Colonel Jasim Khalil Mirza, Director of the Security Awareness Department at Dubai Police, said, “Many of the accidents happen at night.” In February, Sharjah Police advised to wear phosphoric jackets and use the cross light buttons to stop the traffic while crossing the road at night. In the dim glow of the street light, bright clothes will help other pedestrians and motorists spot the pedestrian. The dark knights should also ensure that there are no drivers around who may not have seen him/her. It is always better to assume that the pedestrian’s line of sight is better than drivers’. Vehicle headlights illuminate only a few feet ahead but pedestrians can usually see the headlights from farther off.



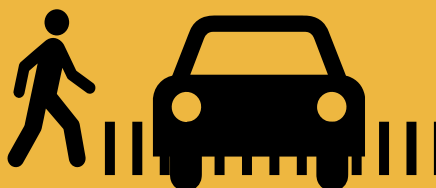
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How the pedestrian is accountable

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STAVE OFF A *SILENT* KILLER

WITH ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE UAE POPULATION DIAGNOSED WITH HYPERTENSION – AND THE PATIENTS ARE INCREASINGLY YOUNG – IT'S TIME TO UNDERSTAND AND PREVENT THIS CHRONIC CONDITION

BY JEFF BOYCOTT
UAE-BASED LIFESTYLE EXPERT

Hyertension is the main risk factor for many serious cardiovascular diseases, which collectively form the leading cause of deaths globally, approximately 9.4 million annually worldwide, as per World Health Organisation. In the UAE, more and more young patients are being diagnosed with hypertension, and poor lifestyle is to blame, UAE experts say.

It had been reported, in January 2015, that one out of every three adults in the UAE had hypertension. This figure wasn't based on a conclusive study; rather, it was deduced from the observation of health professionals. Dr Abdullah Shehab, Chairman of the Arab Board Cardiology Fellowship Training and Examination Committee in Arab Countries, Associate Professor of Medicine at the UAE University and Consultant Interventional Cardiologist at Al Ain and Al Noor Hospitals, explains that it is more often due to lifestyle changes than a genetic disease, and may develop over the years. He added that, "Hypertension becomes more critical if patients suffer from obesity, stress or family history of

the disease." Then, according to a study titled 'Global Disparities of Hypertension Prevalence and Control', published in August 2016, the prevalence of this condition in the UAE was in the band of 30-35 per cent of the adult population (aged 20 or above), and the study period was 2000 to 2010.

That gives us a picture of public health in a fast-paced modern country like the UAE, where fast food and a sedentary lifestyle rule. Hypertension, defined as a condition "when the force of the blood pumping through your arteries is too strong", can lead to heart problems and, eventually, to cardiac arrest.

There's no cure yet for hypertension, but through making healthier lifestyle choices on a daily basis, we can surely aim to prevent it.

Get the stats

Hypertension, more widely known as high blood pressure, is a long-term medical condition, largely doesn't have symptoms, as per Shehab. And it is often diagnosed during a hospital visit or regular check-up rather than by the patient. If ignored or untreated, it

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can lead to some of the world's most prevalent diseases – coronary heart disease, kidney failure, stroke, vision loss, severe brain damage – several of which may be fatal.

A recent Dubai Healthy Authority survey has revealed that around 40 per cent of Emirati adults aged 35-70 years have hypertension. A similar pattern is apparent on a global scale. In the United Kingdom, an estimated 16 million people suffer from the disease, almost a third of the population. In the United States, 75 million have hypertension, that's 30 per cent, or one in three people. In Australia, the figure is again 30 per cent (All figures from WHO studies).

One in three adults have hypertension globally; 90 million deaths occur every year because of cardiovascular diseases associated with hypertension.

Revise your choices

A recent warning from doctors in the UAE has urged young people to better consider how they choose to live. More and more younger patients are being diagnosed with hypertension.

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more convenient, and the choice is endless. On the flip side, it's processed, high in sodium and preservatives, and it provides very little or no nutritional value. "Our parents and grandparents did not consume processed food and canned food that are high in preservatives and sodium, which is one of the main triggers of hypertension," says Dr Nada al Mulla, family medicine specialist for DHA.

Inactivity is also at an all-time high. Socialising on mobile devices, watching TV, and playing computer games are on

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DR NADA AL MULLA

Family medicine specialist for DHA



THE SCIENCE BEHIND HYPERTENSION

Hypertension is diagnosed by measuring the persistent elevation of blood pressure (BP).



A blood pressure reading is comprised of two numbers: systolic pressure and diastolic pressure: First (top) is systolic pressure — the maximum pressure your heart exerts while beating. Second (bottom) is diastolic pressure — the amount of pressure in your arteries between heartbeats.

BP is the force of blood flow through the artery walls (arteries transport oxygenated blood away from the heart to our various tissues and organs). The normal BP reading is less than 120/80mmHg. Broken down, this means not exceeding to 120 systolic blood pressure over 80 diastolic blood pressure.

If BP is between 120/80mmHg and 130/80mmHg, this is a condition called pre-hypertension. Pre-hypertension can quite easily be reduced to normal through a cleaner diet, and more regular exercise. Just last month, November, a new US blood pressure guideline endorsed by the two major US cardiology groups lowers the definition of high blood pressure to 130/80 mmHg. This means that more than 100 million adults will now have high blood pressure, though many will be unaware of the diagnosis.

The authors said that the impact of the new guideline will be greatest amongst younger people: the prevalence of hypertension in people under the age of 45 would triple amongst men and double among women.

the rise; going for a run, playing a sport, and walking to work are on the decline. Fast food, which used to be an occasional treat a generation ago, has now replaced proper meals for young people on an everyday basis. Dr Al Mulla points out, "[Our parents and grandparents] led an active lifestyle. Today's dependence on junk food and canned food, coupled with a lack of exercise, is the main reason for diseases such as hypertension."

Dr Afzal Hussain Yousuf Ali, Clinical Hypertension Specialist of the European Society of Hypertension, supported this, saying, "Hypertension can be controlled more than 90 per cent of the time by using lifestyle changes."

Get everything right

While the consequences of developing hypertension are extremely damaging, the good news is that maintaining good health is both easy and inexpensive. It's one of the simplest feats to accomplish: eat better, sleep more, move lots, repeat. That's all it takes.

Eat better

Food is fuel, something we require every day in order to function. Top up

the car using the wrong fuel, and it doesn't get far. The same thing applies to us. If we fuel our bodies with fast food too often, it has a severe effect on our bodies. Fast food, as a high-calorie option with little or no nutritional value, very often leaves you feeling tired and lethargic, with no motivation or energy to make more intelligent food choices. Many UAE workers, in particular, will rely on lunchtime fast food for ease; they're fully aware of the implications fast food has on general health, but sometimes the habit is just too difficult to break. So this is what you can do.

Prepare in advance

Make time to prepare a good lunch each day. Even if it's a simple quinoa salad, or a grilled chicken wrap, it'll bridge the gap between breakfast and dinner. Put it together the night before, and take it with you. Take along some small, healthy snacks (fruit and nuts) to keep your metabolism high, and give yourself the energy required to exercise after work.

Treat yourself once a week

Once every so often, perhaps once a week, allow yourself a treat meal: an indulgent meal at your favourite

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GET MOVING

Numerous studies have shown that exercise has an effect on the production and release of serotonin and dopamine, neurotransmitters that improve mood, memory, and social behaviour. Exercise is also a medicine-free approach to relieving hypertension. You don't have to run a marathon, or compete in a powerlifting competition. All you need to do is move. Build some form of physical activity into your daily routine, and you're already taking big steps in preventing, or minimising, the risk of hypertension.

Venture outdoors: Hiking, as a powerful form of cardio-vascular exercise, is a good all-rounder for developing core strength, muscular endurance, and general stamina. It's also a chance to briefly remove yourself from the chaos of city life to discover the beauties of the UAE's great outdoors. In the cooler months (October to March), take a long trek through Oman's Al Hajar Mountains, or challenge yourself with a canyon walk in Ras Al Khaimah.



Discover a local fitness class: If you're aiming to get healthier, but you're not sure how, then joining a group fitness class is a great solution. Surrounding yourself with like-minded individuals can be a powerful motivator, plus your potential for learning and positive social interaction is endless. Another good thing about a group fitness class is that you don't have to worry about workout planning – it's all mapped out for you, so all you need to do is show up and work hard.

Perform active chores: Any type of movement leading to additional calories burned can be considered exercise: cleaning the house, or walking the dog. Of course, you won't develop muscle mass or cardiovascular endurance, but simple daily activities can still be considered exercise. Just start by moving. Use your body, have some fun, and live a little.



restaurant, or a satisfying takeaway. If you don't treat yourself on occasion, you're denying yourself the things you enjoy, and you're far less likely to stay on track with good nutrition. If you treat yourself occasionally, then you're more likely to succeed. But put some thought into your weekly treat meal; there's nothing worse than eating a calorific letdown.

Read yourself to sleep

In order to function at a consistently high level – at work, at home, in social settings – the average person needs 7-8 hours of quality sleep every night. A regular lack of sleep has a detrimental effect on your body's ability to regulate stress hormones, which can result in high blood pressure. It also affects your ability to make intelligent decisions: what food you put into your body, as well as your energy and activity levels throughout the day. Getting enough quality sleep each night is crucial.

Bit by bit by bit: If right now, you're only getting 6 hours of sleep per night, set

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your target for 7. For best results, sleep for 10 minutes longer each night over the course of the next week, as opposed to immediately jumping to 7 hours tonight – your body needs time to adjust.

Put away the devices: Many people have a habit of updating their Facebook status before sleeping, but this isn't always a good idea. Staring at a bright screen late at night can hinder the brain's production of melatonin, the hormone required for a restful sleep. Instead, set your phone to airplane mode at a specific time, and then read a book (not an e-book) in low-light conditions. You'll fall asleep in no time.

Make it a habit

Once you're eating better, getting 7-8 hours of solid sleep, and exercising more regularly, what you need to do is make it a lifelong habit. A habit, good or bad, normally takes up to 21 days to instill. Once the habit is firmly in place, it plays out on a consistent, daily basis, and it's



21-DAY ACTIVITY CHALLENGE

Your challenge, for the next 21 days, is simple. First, you need to buy, or create and print out your own month-long calendar. Display it on the fridge or on your bedroom door – somewhere in plain sight. Do something active each day (at least 10 minutes), and when it's done, take a bold red marker and cross off that particular day on your calendar. At the end of the month, you'll have 31 red crosses to represent your increased activity level. This can serve as an effective accountability tool. Apply this to nutrition and sleep habits also, and you're taking giant steps forward with your healthier lifestyle.



very difficult to break. A year from now, you could be the healthiest version of yourself. Take it one day at a time, and make as many good decisions as you can with your health. If you have a bad day, dust it off and conquer the next day.

Eat better, sleep more, move lots, repeat. There's no magic. We must live with a willingness to be healthier, more intentional, more ready to deal with the challenges of life. In doing so, we greatly reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease, allowing us to live fuller, more vibrant lives.

The choice is yours... make a good one.



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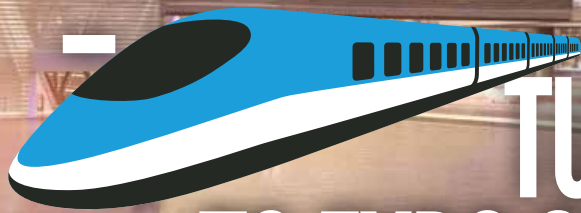
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WORK ON EXTENDING DUBAI METRO BEGAN A FEW WEEKS AGO, AND THE FINISHED LINE, UNDER THE ROUTE 2020 PROJECT, WILL TAKE VISITORS TO THE WORLD FAIR SITE



36M

Estimated depth of the tunnel at its lowest point, with 12.5m being the shallowest point



103M

Length of the machine being used to drill the tunnel, aimed at finishing by Dec 2018

270,000

Passengers to be served from areas such as the Gardens, Discovery Gardens, Al Furjan, Jumeirah Golf Estates, and Dubai Investments Park

DH10.6 BILLION

Cost of the metro link from Nakheel Harbour and Tower Station to the world fair site

15KM



Total length of Dubai Metro line expansion in order to serve the Expo 2020 site

PASSENGERS CAN EXPECT



5

stations above ground

1



Interchange area

2



underground stations

1



Expo 2020 station

3.2KM



Length of the tunnel under Route 2020, from Discovery Gardens to Green Community

11.8KM

Length of the elevated track to which the tunnel under construction will be connected



16 MINS

Expected travel time from Dubai Marina to Expo 2020 site after the extension



UAE AT 46: OUR UNION AND OUR CHALLENGES

Maysa Rashed is a prominent UAE writer interested in local affairs and a former member of the Federal National Council (FNC)

The country now faces a regional political situation that is more complex and conflicted than it was in 1971. Yet, to our pride, we have not faltered on the road to development based on the message of peace

On December 2, 2017, the United Arab Emirates celebrates its 46th National Day. This is a celebration that recalls the beginnings of this great edifice of the UAE amidst challenges facing the region. The UAE has overcome all of these challenges since the day it declared its Union and rolled out a comprehensive development programme.

With the help of its children and the people of the region, who have spared no effort in supporting the UAE – the country has had exceptional relations with its neighbours since ancient times – the dreams of the Union became a reality.

Talking about the first period of the Union is necessary at this juncture of history, because it reminds us of the challenges facing the region today, challenges at all levels – political, economic and cultural – and these challenges vary, of course, for the development projects of individual nations.

The political events that coincide with the celebrations of the 46th National Day of the UAE are significant, such as the crisis involving the State of Qatar and its departure from the course of the GCC countries; the reasons that led to this situation; its refusal ‘as a brother to its neighbouring Arab countries’ to give up wanted men placed on the list of terrorists; as well as the circumstances of the war in Yemen and the Houthis’ close ties with Hezbollah and terrorist groups targeting the security of the Gulf.

The UAE and its citizens confronted them by guarding the southern border. The country has lost martyrs who risked their lives for the homeland and for the principles they believed in. The political challenges did not stop there; they went beyond those issues to Iran’s interventions in the Gulf region.

Political events cannot but cast a shadow on the economic conditions in the Gulf and the entire Middle East, and on the social and humanitarian conditions that are closely linked to the political factor – its stability or the lack of it. The UAE did not let these challenges affect its development projects and did not neglect the present and future of its people. It launched a package of projects aimed primarily at young people, the largest group in its society and the people who will shape the future, as well as projects to develop science and technology. A recent ministerial reshuffle focused on young leaders, who were made responsible for managing the affairs of the state.

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While the UAE has bet on young people in the midst of the political and economic challenges facing the world, it has not lost its sense of responsibility towards the world. It has adopted policies of peace and tolerance and supported counter-terrorism efforts as part of its public policy. Amongst the projects that support this aspect, one of the most important is the opening of the Louvre Abu Dhabi. Then, there are measures such as the dissemination of messages of religious tolerance amongst the communities living on UAE territory, making the country a shining light of peace

and community well-being.

Yes, we celebrate today 46 years of new challenges, which are perhaps more difficult than the challenges facing the establishment of the Union by its founders. But it is a matter of pride today that we have maintained the achievements, and that our leaders are able to take our nation to a broader horizon beyond those challenges. We meet the future with a greater Union, with countries that are aligned with our goals, and are receptive to our messages for a world that expands for all of us. These were the message that the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the founding father, instilled in us.

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BE THE MASTER OF THE SELFIE UNIVERSE

AS WINTER SETS IN, WE'D ALL BE OUT AND ABOUT MORE, AND MAYBE TRAVELLING, TOO – AND THAT MEANS MORE SELFIES. HERE'S HOW TO MAKE A COOL ALBUM WHILE MAINTAINING ETIQUETTE IN PUBLIC SPACES

BY DIPALI GUHA

Nobody blinks anymore seeing one or more individuals randomly standing here, there, anywhere, with one arm lifted in the air, holding a mobile phone, head tilted at an angle. They're taking selfies, and it's such a commonplace sight now,

especially in cities, that we barely even notice, let alone react. The 2013 Oxford Dictionaries Word of the Year is now a part of our everyday lives. That's exactly why, as we make the most of winter, we could use selfies to chronicle the season, instead of simply flooding social media with tedious close-range pouts.



Be aware of your surroundings: What's better than going to the beach under the mild winter sun? While photography is banned on many UAE beaches, taking a selfie may feel irresistible. But do be careful that bathers aren't in the frame, and if someone does object to you taking a selfie too close to them, do explain – without being agitated – that they're not part of the photo. If a bather accidentally wanders into your frame and then requests you to delete that photo, it's best not to launch into an angry argument. This applies, in fact, to any public space: malls, restaurants, theme parks, or open-air leisure areas such as Abu Dhabi Corniche, Dubai Marina, and Sharjah Corniche.



Avoid accident / emergency sites: The selfie obsession means people now rarely know when to stop. The 2016 New Year's Eve fire at The Address hotel in Dubai was treated as a selfie opportunity by some. Police took action, though the punishment wasn't severe. But it's still a reminder that not only is it disrespectful to take selfies at mishap sites, but that it can also hamper rescue operations if selfie-takers crowd around the area. Occasionally, the selfie-takers themselves can become part of the accident – that's what happened to a tourist who tried to take a selfie with a wild elephant that recently strayed into urban habitat in Odisha, an eastern state in India. He got too close to the agitated elephant, even as foresters tried to calm it down, and the huge animal crushed the man.



Show some background: Too many selfie-takers, when creating holiday albums, make the mistake of completely blocking the background. So, every picture has a close-up head shot of the person, with less else visible. That won't get you too many likes, because even your best friend doesn't want to see a series of your mugshots – unless you're incredibly photogenic (and most of us aren't). In a true holiday album, you're part of the scenery, which is the landscape or cityscape or whatever. People should be able to see some of that. It's about you, but it's not only about you.



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Please don't do the duckface: Exactly what gave rise to the typical selfie look – lips pursed like a duck's bill, eyebrows raised, eyes widened to the size of saucers, neck craned towards the camera – is a mystery. But someone thought of it first, and millions followed suit. Since posting selfies is about mainly getting peer approval, remember that a natural smile makes a photo light up, while that unnatural pose is fun for about two seconds. So, if you aren't under five, give it a miss.



Did you know?

According to a blog on the website of the media giant AOL (America Online), a study has revealed that the average millennial spends an hour every week on "selfie duty" – from taking photo to adding filters. The average millennial is expected to take 25,700 selfies during their lifetime. As of now, 55 per cent of social media selfies come from millennials; 24 per cent from Gen X; and 9 per cent from baby boomers. Around 1,000 selfies are posted on Instagram every second.

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Supply nice captions: Give some information about the place where you are, so that the selfie becomes more interesting and memorable. Such as, why did you decide to take the shot there? What's that area like? What's the cultural importance of that place? Say something about the new people you've met there, and if they agree, include them in your selfies.



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Add juice to the photo: If you're going to do the selfie thing, choose the right background. Instead of a cluttered or bland background, pick a bright-coloured wall, or use the sunrays to get a good illumination effect. At certain angles, the sunlight creates a rainbow in the photo – a fantastic natural filter that no social network can match. Use your imagination to make your selfies small works of art, instead of going for the same boring pose over and over again.





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BY HS PARAMITA



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You could be the tourist in Abu Dhabi, and you'd be spoilt for choice of malls and museums, parks, and performances. Or, you could be a local in Abu Dhabi, and experience more by getting off the beaten track. Explore hidden facets of the Capital's vast array of cultural and living traditions. If Ferrari World attracts you, you might also want to check out a museum of cars. The newly opened Louvre Abu Dhabi is matched in wonder by the local artwork and well-known names on display at the Etihad Modern Art Gallery.

The UAE is home to more than 200 nationalities and Abu Dhabi offers you some of their signature cuisines, from Ethiopian to Indian. And don't forget to visit the flamingos. Hit the streets and check out some of these places.

Cost:

Dh60 for two (approx.)

Address:

Muroor Road, Dihan Street, near Royal Thai Embassy

Timings:

7am-10pm (Sunday-Thursday); 8am-10pm (Friday-Saturday)

Contact:

971 2 621 7323, www.shaymadhboot.com

What makes a cup of tea an OMG moment? This lovely cosy restaurant, tucked away in a corner of Muroor Road, admits on its website that "[we] understand that there is an art, science and dash of magic" that goes into a perfect cup of karak tea. The name of the restaurant means "perfect tea" in Arabic. Tea buffs come here for an instant pick-me-up, as Shay Madhboot strives to build "a community of chai lovers and foodies one cup a time". The menu is as compact – or focussed – and serves, besides chai, varieties such as qahwa, saffron karak and Moroccan tea, and snacks such as porotta, chilli cheese toast, omelette, shakshuka and Shay Madbhoot French toast and the Shay Madbhoot breakfast (with unlimited bread and tea)

Art House Café



Cost:

Dh180 for two people (approx.)

Address:

Inside Etihad Modern Art Gallery,
Villa 4/2, Street 4, Opposite Al
Bateen Mall, Al Bateen

Timings:

9am-11.30pm (Saturday-Thursday);
Noon to midnight on Friday

Contact:

02 4182466



Photo credits: Art House Café Facebook

You know you're surrounded by masterpieces when a dish on the menu is called Da Vinci Garden Salad. It comprises baby spinach, mango, shaved spinach and pomegranate, amongst others, and is filling, healthy and all-around feel-good. The Art House Café is next to Etihad Gallery and upholds a sense of aesthetics, from the food to the furniture – the latter is made from recycled material. The ambience is quiet and relaxing and the menu includes soup, gazpacho, croquette, spring rolls, and nachos.



Street food lovers hear about it from other foodies, and then can't stop raving about it. Evergreen Restaurant is that kind of a place – non-fussy, pocket-friendly, yummy and vegetarian. The fare is Indian, criss-crossing the geography, from idli and dosa from the south to Panjabi samosa and aalu parantha from the north. The pani puris, served with khatta paani, chutney and chana alu mix in a thali, are amongst the best in the area, and the chaats bring back repeat connoisseurs of street food.

Evergreen Restaurant

Photo credits: Evergreen Restaurant Facebook



Cost: Dh25 for two (approx.)

Address: Beside Eldorado Cinema, Electra Street, Al Markaziya

Timings: 7am-3pm; 4.30pm-11pm

Contact: 02 6767361, 02 6768461

Hankook Korean Restaurant



Cost:

Dh100 for two (approx.)

Address:

Beside Center Villa Hotel, Opposite Central Bus Station, Al Nahyan

Timings:

11pm-11pm (open till midnight on Thursday)

Contact:

02 6423399



Photo credits: Zomato



Specialising in pan-Asian flavours, it hits the mark on authentic Korean taste. Dolsot Bibimbap (steamed rice with sunny-side-up egg, carrot, herb, mushroom, marrow, kimchi, beef and soup), Kimchi Pot Stew (fermented kimchi, beef, rice cake and tofu), Cabbage Kimchi and Spicy Chicken are amongst the most popular items, and the staff are friendly and helpful to novices of Korean food. Many food lovers and their families have been introduced to Korean flavours at Hankook; those who have travelled to South Korea swear the food here is authentic.



Photo credits: Bonna Annee Facebook

Bonna Annee

Cost:

Dh70 for two (approx.)

Address:

Opposite Old Blood Bank Building, Near GAD Restaurant, Behind Salam Street, Tourist Club Area, Al Zahiyah

Timings:

10am-Midnight

Contact:

02 4912128, 0558546493

This small, warm restaurant is changing the way people think about Ethiopian food. There are a number of stews, though the Bonna Annee special is amongst the most appetising. It's a mix of house stews that are freshly cooked and wholesome. The Special Tibs are slowly fried beef strips sautéed in a special house sauce and is tender and tasty. The restaurant also has a prominent vegetarian and vegan section that has shiro, a delicious ground chickpea stew, and Yesom Fir Fir, which has bits of injera (flatbread) made with a house sauce flavoured with rosemary, onion and garlic.



Photo credit: www.holidays-abu-dhabi.com

Heritage Village

Cost:

Dh150 for Abu Dhabi City highlights tour

Address:

Near Marina Mall

Timings:

9am-4pm (Saturday-Thursday); 3.30pm-9pm (Friday)

Contact:

02 6814455

This is where you time travel to the Abu Dhabi of the past. A traditional oasis village has been reconstructed to educate, inform and awe visitors about salient features of desert life. Featured are a campfire with coffee pots, a goats' hair tent and a falaj irrigation system in the open museum. Craftsmen showcase their skills and artefacts, from metal works to pottery, and are happy to pose for selfies. A special attraction is a little spice shop that keeps a variety of dried herbs and handmade soap.

Emirates National Auto Museum

Photo credit: Emirates National Auto Museum website



Cost:

Dh50; Free for children below 10 years of age

Address:

South of Abu Dhabi, Hamim Road, Off E11, Al Gharbia

Timings:

10am-6pm

Contact:

<http://www.enam.ae>; 055 749 2155



The famous Mercedes Rainbow collection – seven cars, each of one colour of the rainbow, with built-in amenities such as refrigerator and TV – is just one of the wonders of this museum. HH Sheikh Hamad bin Hamdan Al Nahyan had one of the best car collections in the world, and 200 of these are housed in this pyramid-shaped museum. There are classic American cars, off-road automobiles, and a caravan in the shape of a house, military vehicles such as tanks, a yellow New York cab, an NYPD car, a Red Cross vehicle, racing cars, limos, and a large model of a Willy jeep that holds a Guinness World Record.





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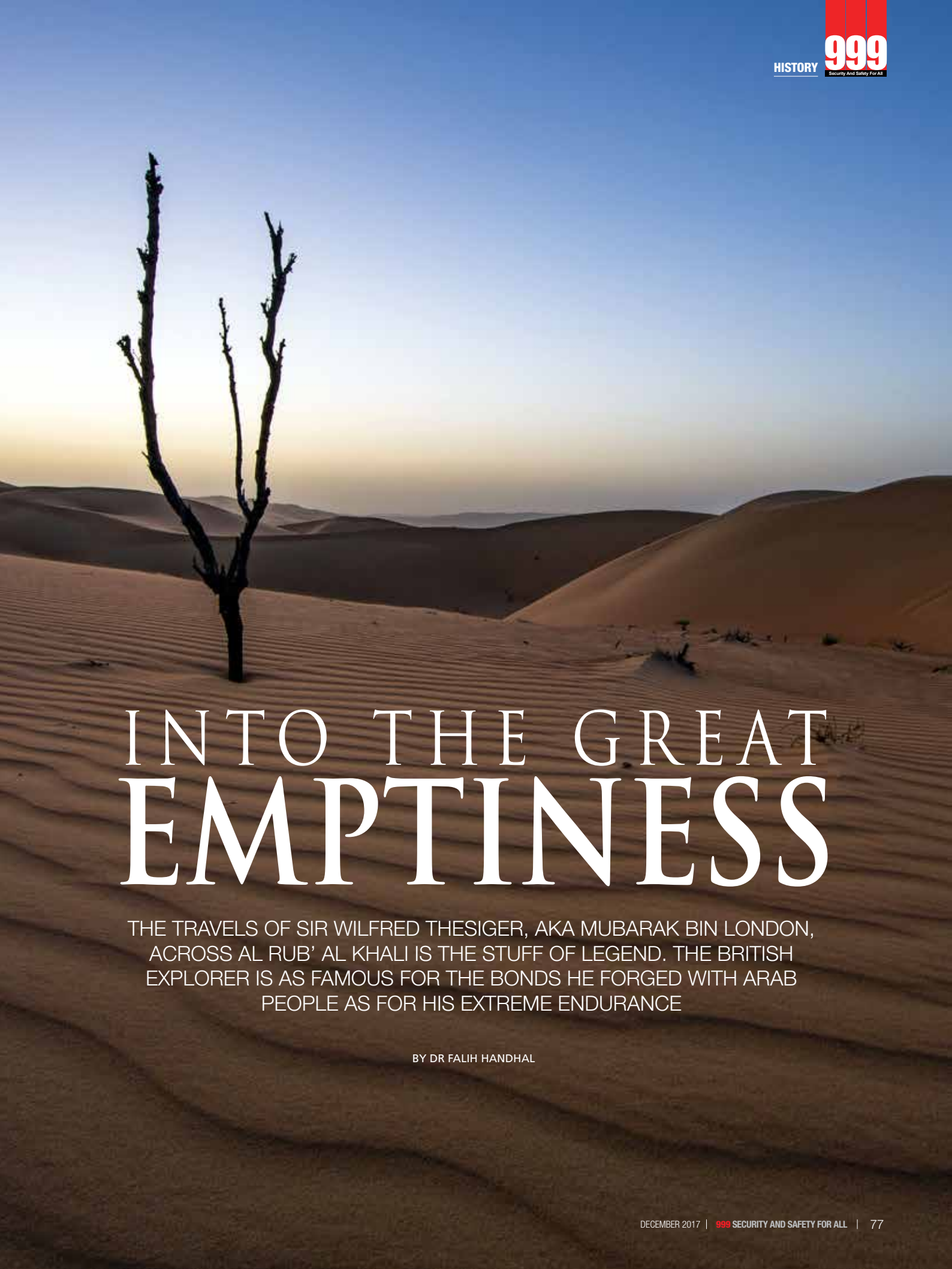
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BY DR FALIH HANDHAL

One of the greatest explorations of the Middle East was the crossing of Al Rub' Al Khali, or the Empty Quarter, by the Englishman Sir Wilfred Patrick Thesiger, affectionately named Mubarak bin London by his Arab acquaintances.

During his journey, Thesiger was accompanied by a group that belonged to Al Rawashid tribe. His closest companions were two boys, both aged about 16, named Salim bin Kabina and Salim bin Ghabaisha – they were keen to explore the vast desert with him, and to them Thesiger dedicated his famous book, titled *Arabian Sands*. Here, we shall look at some excerpts from the book. Due to the difficulty in pronouncing his English name, the Arabs who surrounded Thesiger dubbed him 'Mubarak bin London', and called him 'Mubarak'.

The Englishman's journeys into Al Rub' Al Khali were just the conclusion of his travels to areas that were then inaccessible to foreigners. For example, there are things that Thesiger did not mention in *Arabian Sands*, but mentioned in a book titled *A Vanished World*.

It is understood from *A Vanished World* that Thesiger visited the Kurdistan region in Iraq and the areas of Aezidian therein. He also went to areas of Iraqi marshes and met the people who lived by the lakes in houses built from bamboo and palm fronds.

Arabian Sands was released in 1959, and was received with great acclaim. It covered a period of five years, ending in 1950. The book was released in English at first, and the Arabic translation was out in 1991. The first translation was done by Ibrahim Mari'e, and a revised version was by Ma'an Abul-Hassan.

The book is a valuable historical resource, describing Thesiger's meeting

with Sheikh Shakhbout bin Sultan Al Nahyan, Ruler of Abu Dhabi (1928-1966), and also his meeting with the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, when he was the deputy to his brother, the Ruler, and himself was Ruler of the Eastern Zone and Al Ain City. The meeting between Sheikh Zayed and Thesiger took place in 1947, a year after Sheikh Zayed assumed his abovementioned positions.

But first, some background. Thesiger was born in 1910, and his father was the British Consul General and Minister to Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, in Africa. When civil war erupted there in 1916, Thesiger was sent to Britain. He returned to Ethiopia 14 years later, in 1930, as part of a mission led by the Duke of Gloucester, sent to Ethiopia to attend the crowning of Haile Selassie as the Emperor of Ethiopia. After that, he returned to Oxford to study.

After Thesiger finished his studies at Oxford, he returned to Ethiopia, and went far into the unexplored lands of Africa, until he reached Djibouti. He described its population as an ambulant one, and divided into two rival ethnicities, i.e. Afars and Issas. The explorer roamed around Djibouti for six months.

In 1935, Thesiger was back in Britain, but then again he returned to Africa, as he was appointed in the Department of Sudanese Political Affairs in Khartoum, and he lived in Umm Durman.

Thesiger said about his experience there: "I hate official visits, invitation cards, the neat villas and paved roads. I was yearning for chaos, smells and random life. I was seeking diversity, savagery, hardship and adventures. In the first winter I spent in Sudan, I went to the Libyan Desert for one month. Libya was then under the Turkish rule and was at war with Italy, which occupied it later."



Portrait of Sir Wilfred Thesiger, aka Mubarak bin London

But his travels in Libya got Thesiger a reprimand when he returned to his job in Khartoum. The British Embassy criticised him for travelling without prior permission. Nonetheless, Thesiger continued exploring. He lived in the western area of Noir, and roamed in the jungles, saw lions, and described the people as strong herders who owned big herds of cattle. "Their statures are high. They are naked and savage."

All the same, Thesiger wrote: "I found there a freedom which is not available in civilizations. A life which is not complicated by the joys of the earth, as all what is unnecessary there is just futile. I felt also there the spirit of camaraderie which adhered to me during my travel. I believed that the quietude exists there, as I learnt the contentment which emanates from hardship, and the pleasure which emanates from abandoning the pleasures."

In 1939, when World War II erupted, Thesiger was in Khartoum. He joined the British Army camping in Egypt. He participated in the fighting, and then returned to Addis Ababa. In 1945, at the end of the war, he was demobilised from the army.

His next destination was the Arabian Gulf. From Africa, he came to Oman, and

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lived in Salala, which belongs to Dhafar region. From here, he made his first trip into Al Rub' Al Khali; on this trip, he came as far as the Liwa region in Abu Dhabi, and then he turned back.

The first trip

Thesiger reached Aden in Hadhramaut, a governorate in Yemen, at the end of September 1945. On October 15, he proceeded to Salala. The Sultan then was Saeed bin Taimour. The Englishman stayed in a small camp belonging to the British Air Forces. He learnt there that the Sultan banned visits by foreigners to Salala, as it was inhabited by armed tribes who disliked outsiders.

Thesiger described Salala: "It is a small town which is located on the brink of the sea and has no port, and the waves of Indian Ocean push each other on its coast... There, I saw the famous Omani incense trade."

The explorer asked the Sultan for permission to visit Moghshin town, and the latter agreed, provided Thesiger agreed to take along guards and guides from Bani Katheer tribe. Thus, Thesiger travelled from Salala to the mountains that separated the town from Al Rub' Al Khali. He met the mountain people, who were nomads from Al Mahara and Al Harasees tribes. They spoke a language, as per his account, that was related to Hemyar and Sab'a.

Once he reached the mountain peak, Thesiger stayed there for ten days to

explore the place. "I found myself living in two worlds. One is in the south where there are green meadows and woods that herds of cattle graze therein. As for the other world, is located in the north where there is vast desert with all its ordinary contents, i.e. sands, rocks and dry grasses," he wrote.

He returned to Salala and told the Omani Wali about his intention to visit Moghshin town. He also told the Wali that guides from Bani Katheer tribe had agreed to escort him. This was followed by some preparations. "The majority of them were wearing aprons only, and carrying rifles and daggers. We took our provisions, i.e. flour, dates, sugar, tea, coffee, and ghee," said his account.

Thesiger further wrote: "We climbed the mountain and my camel was called 'Umm Barsha'. All guides were having ablution for praying on time. If a passerby came and greeted them, they stood to return the greeting. We were sleeping in our clothes, while our rifles were beside us. They were tough months of continuous riding which taught me to admire my companions and appreciate their skills. I discovered that associating with these nomads is easier than associating with civilians. I preferred the self-esteem that the nomad is famous for. I learnt to see the desert as the nomads see, and to appreciate the same as they do. I found there the life that I sought."

He reached Moghshin, and then went to Hadhramaut, where he met Salim

bin Kabina. This boy would become Thesiger's companion for five years, the total duration of his journeys in the Arab Peninsula. This is how the explorer described the boy: "He was sixteen years old, slim, had a lean face and long hair which dangles on his eyes. He was wearing a red apron and his rifle was hanged upon his shoulders."

Thesiger returned to Salala and devised a plan to cross Al Rub' Al Khali, and the Coast of the Arabian Gulf, and onwards to the interior parts of Oman.

He went again from Salala to the mountain, and was in Al Rub' Al Khali again with his guides, and then he returned to Moghshin. From here, Thesiger set a northward course, passing a stretch of barren land, and then he reached a place called Arouk Al Shaiba. Here, the guides told him that it was near the Al Hasa area, which was the residence of the terrible ruler, Bin Galawi. They also told him that nobody must know that he, Thesiger, had reached Al Hasa. He was told by the guides that the Liwa region belonged to Bou Falah tribe, the rulers of Abu Dhabi. Then at last, he arrived in Al Dhafra area of Abu Dhabi.

Thesiger described Liwa: "There are good palms and many houses which were built from mats and the branches of palms, and there I met Al Manaseer tribes, whose herds of livestock were filling the south of Liwa, and they were concomitant to the places where the water resources are available. One time, we approached a small camp which belonged to Al Manaseer, and my companions left me to care for camels, while they went to visit Al Manaseer in their camp. Al Manaseer underwent an invasion and incurred huge losses therein. My companions went to Al Manaseer's camp to get milk, and when they returned, Salim bin Kabina said to me, 'Al Manaseer gave us milk, and they insisted that we bring you to them and said to us, 'Why had you left your companion alone without milk? I replied to them that 'he is just a servant', but they insisted that we bring you to them.'"

This first trip ended without entering Abu Dhabi. Thesiger and his companions reached the Omani town of Ebri, and took the coastal route and returned to Salala.

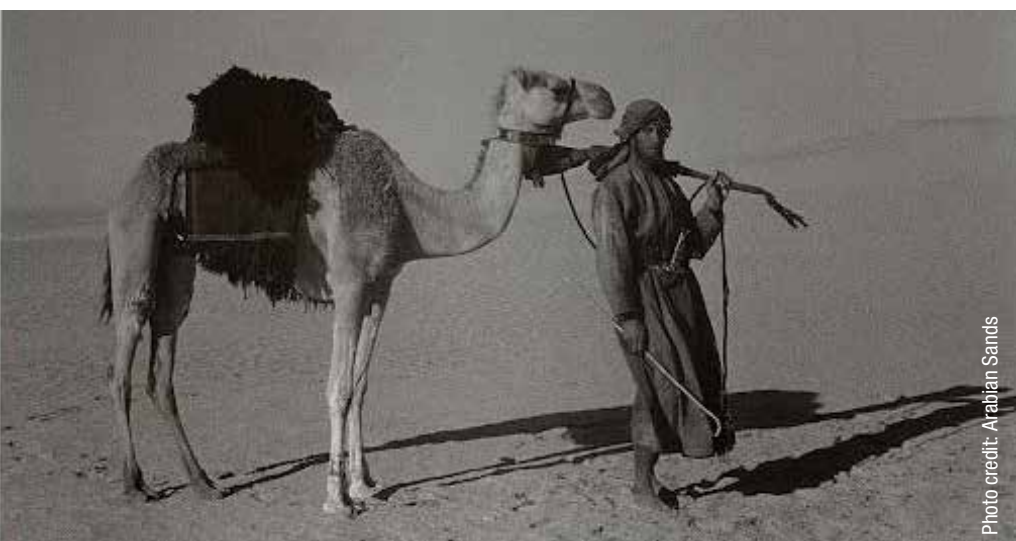


Photo credit: Arabian Sands

Mubarak bin London during his crossing of Al Rub' Al Khali

BEWARE OF

DUBAI POLICE LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN RECENTLY TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM BEING BLACKMAILED ONLINE. HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF WEB USERS BEING TARGETED

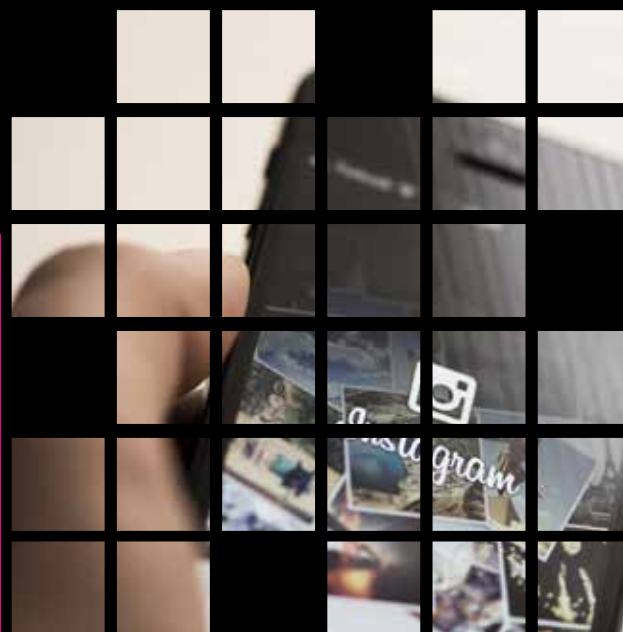
BLACKMAIL

What: Nude photo blackmail over Instagram

Where: Dubai, UAE

When: October 2017

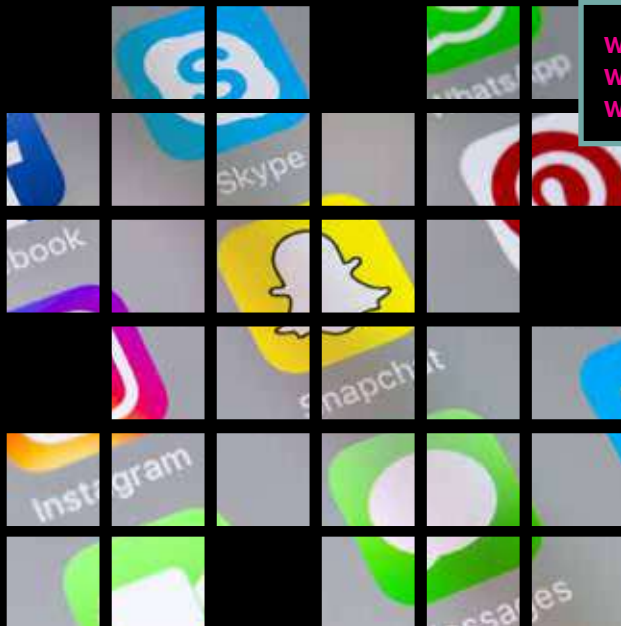
In a plot fit for a B-grade thriller, a European woman blackmailed an Asian man, saying that she had obtained photos of his wife with her lover – the wife was supposedly naked in the photos. The man alleged that the woman had sent him a message through Instagram, threatening to publish the photos online, unless he paid her Dh367,000 in exchange for the nude photos. The victim gave in and wired the money to the blackmailer's bank account. But then he went to the police, who tracked the woman down through Instagram. She was arrested, tried, and sentenced to three months in jail and deportation.



What: Women threatened with Snapchat exposure

Where: Saudi Arabia

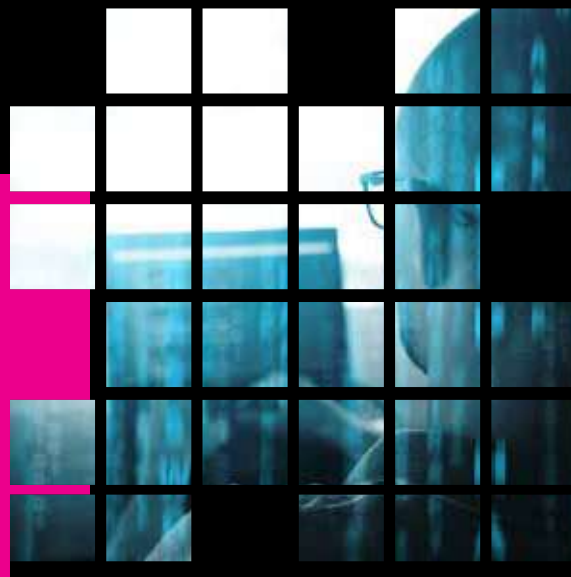
When: September 2015



An Arab man, who'd meet women through social networks, allegedly took their photos without their consent and threatened to publish those images on Snapchat and other online networks, unless they did what he wanted. He was finally netted when one of his victims went to the police. This woman had met him online, and became his girlfriend – but even with her, he tried the same trick. He took pictures of her with his mobile phone and used them to blackmail her. Unlike other victims, this girl didn't keep quiet. She went to the Committee for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice in Saudi Arabia. Her statement said: "When I went with him in his car, he hugged me and forced me to take a video on Snapchat. I tried to refuse, but he forced me to do so and began spinning his car while taking the pictures. Later on, he started blackmailing me that he will post my pictures and videos on social media channels." The committee arrested the man and found photos of other women on his mobile.

What: Teenager blackmailed other boys
Where: Britain
When: November 2015

A European youngster, 17 years old, had been collecting explicit photos of boys younger than him and using those photos to blackmail them. The blackmail started even before the photos were sent. The adult teenager threatened to hack into their Xbox consoles and online accounts unless the younger adults, aged 14, sent him sexually explicit pictures of themselves. The images were sent via Snapchat and the victims believed that the images would disappear after a specific period of time – that's the special feature of Snapchat – but clearly the older male found ways to get around that. There are other apps that enable one to save a photo sent through Snapchat, and this is done without the sender's knowledge. By the time the police caught up with him, he had amassed a large number of such content. Searching his home, the police found 362 inappropriate pictures and 36 videos stored on various electronic devices. Though the defence lawyer tried to deflect blame by offering a theory of "confusion and struggle with his own identity", the judges refused to buy that. The perpetrator was convicted and sent to prison for one year.



What: Man blackmailed teenagers
Where: United States
When: November 2016

A man arm-twisted two girls, both 14, into sending him naked pictures via Snapchat. The girls reported that someone had added them on the picture-messaging mobile app, and then messaged them saying that he already had nude photos of them, and that these photos would be released to family and friends, unless the girls gave him what he wanted. The girls were blackmailed into sending him sexually explicit photos for several weeks. After they finally went to the police, law enforcement zeroed in on a 21-year-old guy. He was convicted and given a 15-year prison term.



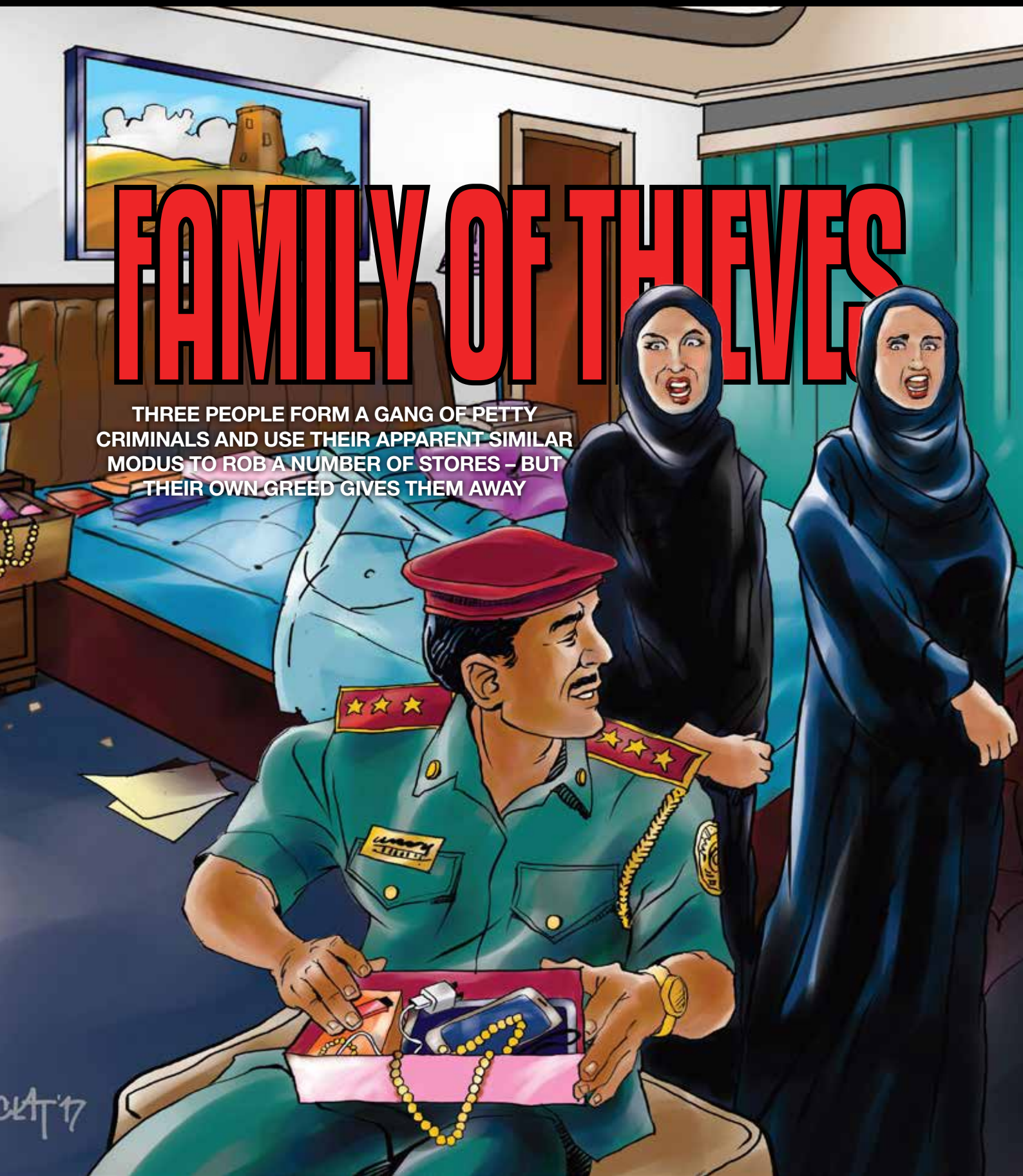
What: Teenager hacks 'high-profile' Instagram account
Where: Britain
When: June 2016

The Instagram account of a high-profile person with thousands of followers was hacked by a young adult, 16, and the victim was blackmailed with a ransom demand. A police team arrested the teenager from his Liverpool home and seized his electronic equipment. A police official said, "Cybercrime is increasingly common, with criminals turning to the Internet to commit the same kinds of offences as traditionally would be committed in the real world, such as theft, blackmail and fraud."



FAMILY OF THIEVES

THREE PEOPLE FORM A GANG OF PETTY CRIMINALS AND USE THEIR APPARENT SIMILAR MODUS TO ROB A NUMBER OF STORES – BUT THEIR OWN GREED GIVES THEM AWAY



They looked like any other women strolling down the street, looking at shop windows, stepping into a few shops. Their manner was unhurried and confident, as that of shoppers with plenty of spare time. The older woman was named Sa'adyya, the younger one was her daughter-in-law Suhayala, wife of her only son, Mamdouh, and their son, about 13, was named Malek (all names withheld).

Sa'adyya and Suhayala, accompanied by Malek, were often seen in city markets. They'd go into stores, ask to be shown some merchandise, and then leave quickly afterwards. Afterwards, it would be discovered that things had mysteriously disappeared from the shops – this happened more often with shops selling certain kinds of goods. The store staff were completely fogged; they could never figure out how things went missing.

The staff wouldn't notice that anything was wrong until it was closing time. And then, they'd accuse each other of stealing, without any evidence. But after all that, it still wasn't clear how and when the goods disappeared.

About a month or more after the series of thefts, a pile of the stolen goods appeared in a house on the outskirts of the city. This house belongs to Mamdouh, the son of Sa'adyya. The stolen items were of an unimaginable variety, e.g. garments for children and adults from famous international brands, expensive cosmetics, miscellaneous feminine accessories, top quality household tools and appliances, etc.

The main concern for Sa'adyya, Mamdouh and Suhayala was selling the stolen items – it had to be done from his house, not any other place. Accordingly, the trio struck a deal with a merchant, asking him to come and see the goods for sale.

On the basis of a telephone conversation with Mamdouh, the merchant named Hashim agreed to

see the goods without any idea about what they were, where they were from, whether the goods had proper documents or not, or whether the sellers were licensed vendors were not.

Mamdouh offered Hashim big discounts to lure him into buying the goods. But Hashim, being a seasoned trader, felt that these goods were suspicious, particularly because Mamdouh, his mother, and his wife asked for prices much lower than the market rates for such items.

Fearing repercussions – his reputation as a trader might suffer if he bought these goods, and vigilant police officers might come knocking on his

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door – and because he is a prudent man who carefully considers every step, Hashim filed a report at a police station, without Mamdouh's knowledge, informing law enforcement about the suspiciously large and cheap pile of brand new goods.

Upon receiving the report, the head of the Criminal Investigation Department took the matter very seriously. After getting a search warrant, he sent a team of officers to Mamdouh's house, as per the address in Hashim's report.

The house was nondescript, not arousing any suspicion when seen from the outside. However, even after the CID officers knocked on the front door for a long time, nobody opened it; so in the end, they broke the lock and entered the house.

Once inside, they found themselves in what looked like Ali Baba's cave – there was a huge amount of stolen goods, hidden expertly, e.g. items hidden in the linen closet, stuffed under sofa cushions, stored within a false ceiling, and so on. The trio of thieves was also in the house, though they had pretended not to be at home, and they were taken to the police station.

During interrogation, Sa'adyya confessed that she was the mastermind behind all the thefts. She said, "I have committed thefts since a very young age in my home country, before I moved in with my son, Mamdouh, to live here, sir. My late mother is the person to be blamed for this tragedy, as she pushed me to steal, and I grew up with such a criminal habit. I confess before Allah and you that I am guilty."

She also said, "I and my daughter-in-law, Suhayala, were accompanied by the child as camouflage. We deliberately selected the shops from which we'd steal, and then we'd take the goods from the shops calmly and sneakily. Each time, we repeated the same operation, and everything went as per my plans, and under my supervision."

The court sentenced Sa'adyya, Mamdouh, and Suhayala to imprisonment, to be followed by deportation. The stolen goods were confiscated, to be returned to their owners.

There was more suffering in store for Sa'adyya – her husband Ameen came from his country on a visit visa to take his grandson Malek, who was living temporarily in the house of some relatives. An angry Ameen then visited his wife in jail and divorced her right there for the crimes she had committed with her son and her daughter-in-law.

The family's deplorable situation can be summed up by this line of Arab poetry: "Each ailment has its own treatment, except foolishness, as it cripples its curers."

TAKE A PEEK AT THE NEWEST MUST-HAVE HIGH-TECH ELECTRONIC DEVICES



CAPTURE EVERYTHING

An obsession with photographing or videotaping our surroundings defines this century. And so we need our gadgets to be more and more efficient in giving us the visuals we want. Here's a device, the Rylo 360-Degree Camera, which can shoot footage in every direction. Developed by former engineers from Apple and Instagram, the camera not only captures a 360 degree view, but also allows for editing a 16:9, 1080p video out of your footage. The software has some unique powers, e.g. if the user marks a person or thing as a point of interest, the software will keep it in the frame, no matter how the camera moves. The two 208-degree, f/2.8 lenses are combined with Sony sensors. There's a handheld grip/tripod and it may be compatible with a generic action cam tripod, too.

Website: www.rylo.com
Price: \$500 (Dh1,836)

TIME TO STAND AND STARE

Smartphone cameras or digital cameras with a display screen enable one to see what's being shot and then take more shots, if necessary, until the perfect image is achieved. However, they also distract the photographer – more attention is given to what's on the screen than what's in front of one's eyes. That changes with the Yashica Y35 Digifilm Camera. This is a camera for people who love to compose their shots properly and aren't impatient about seeing the results. The gadget looks like a sleek and classic analogue camera, tweaked for the digital age. Equipped with a 35mm f/2.8 lens and a 14-megapixel sensor, the camera works with the amazing digifilm, which is a cartridge without the traditional film, but with traditional ISO settings, just like a roll of film. Remember how thrilling it was to buy a new roll, open the camera, put the film in, and start taking photos? You get the same blissful feeling with digifilm, minus the need to print out the photos. The camera requires you to "wind the film" after each shot – this is the part where you pause for a few seconds and reflect on what to photograph next. A perfect detox device for the 'always connected' generation.

Website: www.kickstarter.com
Price: From \$140 (Dh514) (pre-order stage)



TWO IN ONE

How many of us are continuously multi-tasking with our devices, working on more than one app or more than one device at any given point of time? A whole lot of us, as we know. Which is what the ZTE Axon M has figured out, too. The mobile phone has two screens that can work independent of each other, or with each other. That means you can run two apps simultaneously, or mirror the content, or extend the content across two screens, or type out a mail on one screen, while watching a video on the other screen, and so on. The hinged screens are each 5.2 inch, and when laid flat side by side, they give you a 6.75 inch (diagonal length) display. This technology is backed by a Snapdragon processor, fingerprint sensor, and 20 megapixel camera. Only want basic functions? Simply fold the mobile phone and use it like any smart device.

Website: www.zteusa.com
Price: \$725 (Dh2,662)

OLD FAVOURITE, REINVENTED

Good news for all BlackBerry lovers out there. The brand has not gone away; it has reinvented itself. So what does the BlackBerry Motion Smartphone got that others haven't? Well, 32 hours' battery life to begin with, as per the brand's claim. Then, the mobile phone is IP67 certified for water and dust resistance. Other specs include a Snapdragon 625 chipset, a 5.5 inch 1080p touchscreen, 4GB of RAM, 32GB of expandable storage, 12 megapixel main camera and 8 megapixel selfie camera, and a 4,000 mAh battery. The OS is Android 7.1 Nougat. The mobile phone has all the signature security features of BlackBerry devices, ensuring utmost privacy.

Website: www.blackberrymobile.com/us
Price: \$460 (Dh1,689)



SLEEK STORAGE

Do you like your electronic accessories to be stylish as well as efficient? Check out the Silicon Power Bolt B80 External Drive – it has 480GB of SSD storage in a polished, round aluminium enclosure. The body is shock-resistant and IP68 rated against water and dust intrusion. The USB Type-C, 3.1 Gen 2 interface enables transfer rates of up to 550MB per second. The disc is tiny – under 12mm tall and weighing just 53g.

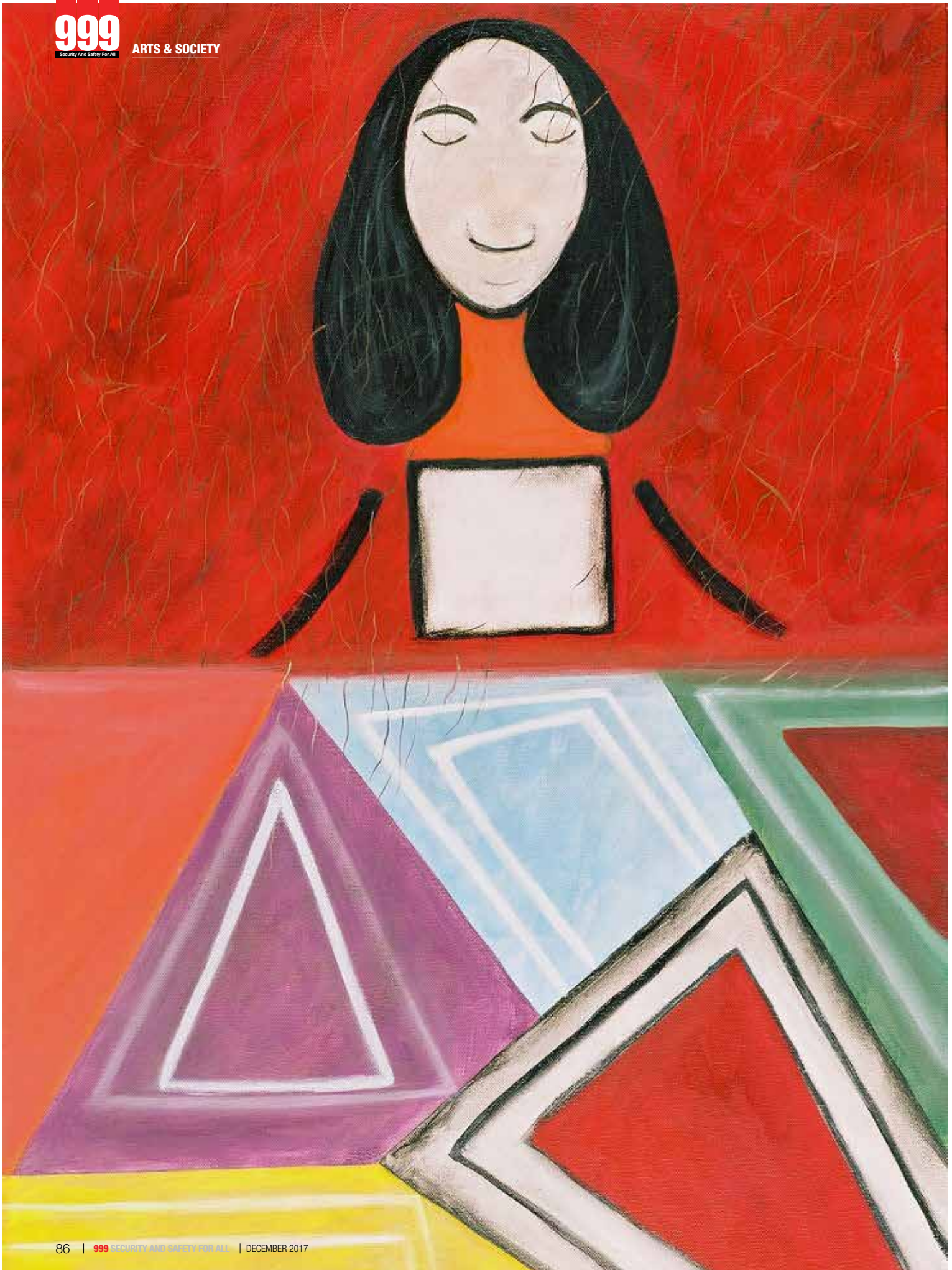
Website: www.silicon-power.com
Price: TBA

MADE FOR ARCHITECTS

Three-dimensional printers are both fun and useful, but few are made for a specific target market. Shunning the one-size-fits-all approach, the Platonics Ark 3D Printer is a crowdfunded machine designed for architects, based on extensive feedback from practising professionals. The designs allows the machine to self-clean and self-calibrate, so it's low-maintenance. The printer's specialised software pairs with commonly used architectural apps. The manufacturer claims that you can move from a CAD file to printable STL in just four steps.

Website: www.indiegogo.com
Price: From \$2,500 (Dh9,182) (pre-order stage)







Dr Samar Al-Shamsi is an internationally respected artist who is renowned for her commissioned portraits of high profile individuals, including the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, UAE President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, US President Barack Obama and others.

HUMAN NATURE

This complex thing ranges from downright opportunism to absolute altruism, with all shades in between

The human experience is the foundation on which human sciences are based, understanding the ever-changing human nature and behaviour, the latter being controlled by many variables that are often affected by biases and personal interests, which at times plague the reasoning of the human mind.

Highs and lows are part of human life and experience. And in many instances, we may experience firsthand or know of someone or an entity greatly influenced by the ill advice of people around them who only wanted to dominate them by manipulating their thinking or choices.

On the other hand, there are, of course, people who are altruistic with the care and friendship they offer to others. They are the ones who don't expect any personal gain. Yet, others may perceive them otherwise, misinterpret their friendship, or think that they do want to get

Those people who experience the prejudices of others must always voice their feelings and points of view

something in return for the 'friendship' they offer. Well, these two are inevitable consequences of the complex human habits, traditions and cultures.

It's important to note, in this aspect, that appearances shouldn't be the basis of our judgement. And those people who experience the prejudices of others must always voice their feelings and points of view.

The human mind is indeed complex, very hard to understand. There are those who call themselves infallible, like angels and prophets. But if you take a closer look, they're pointing fingers at another person to save their own skin, allowing them to escape blame-free.

While some norms that are acceptable in certain communities might be unacceptable for others, upholding utmost tolerance is a must in any society. Without diversity, exactly like languages, it would be impossible for the human race to achieve individuality, dimension and depth.

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NEW INTERNATIONAL MOVIE RELEASES COMING SOON TO A CINEMA NEAR YOU



★ **STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI**

DIRECTOR: RIAN JOHNSON

STARRING: MARK HAMILL, CARRIE FISHER, DAISY RIDLEY, OSCAR ISAAC, BENICIO DEL TORO, ADAM DRIVER, JOHN BOYEGA

MOVIE TYPE: ACTION, ADVENTURE, SCI-FI, SEQUEL

The Waif Rey (Ridley), who had shown such an affinity for the lightsabre, now continues her journey, along with her ally and former Stormtrooper Finn (Boyega). The thrilling glimpse of Luke Skywalker at the end of Star Wars: The Force Awakens has paved the way for the full-fledged return of the Jedi knight. Just as Luke once inherited the legacy of Jedi master Obi Wan-Kenobi, it's time for Rey to carry forward the Jedi tradition. Kylo Ren (Driver), the son of the great Han Solo, is pitted against the forces of good. While the previous film was carried almost entirely by Ridley, barring the brief appearance of Harrison Ford as Han Solo and Carrie Fisher as Leia, this one has a meatier plotline with the appearance of Luke.

★ **FERDINAND**

DIRECTOR: CARLOS SALDANHA

VOICES: JOHN CENA, KATE MCKINNON, GINA RODRIGUEZ, DAVEED DIGGS, GABRIEL IGLESIAS, BOBBY CANNAVALE

MOVIE TYPE: 3D, ANIMATION, ADAPTATION

This beautiful animation film tells the story of a giant bull with a big heart. After being mistaken for a dangerous beast, Ferdinand (voiced by Cena) is captured and torn from his home. Determined to return to his family, he rallies a misfit team on the ultimate adventure. The main character is based on American author Munro Leaf's famous story of Ferdinand the Bull, a strong beast with a very soft heart and a preference for smelling flowers.



★ **JUMANJI: WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE**

DIRECTOR: JAKE KASDAN

STARRING: DWAYNE JOHNSON, KEVIN HART, JACK BLACK, NICK JONAS, KAREN GILLAN

MOVIE TYPE: ADVENTURE, FANTASY, REMAKE

The original 1995 film, starring Robin Williams, is something of a classic in the modern fantasy genre. Which makes the reboot about the magical board game called Jumanji highly anticipated. In this brand new adventure, four teenagers in detention are sucked into the world of Jumanji. When they discover an old video game console with a game they've never heard of before, they are immediately thrust into the game's jungle setting, into the bodies of their avatars, played by Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart, and Karen Gillan. What they discover is that you don't just play Jumanji; Jumanji plays you. They'll have to go on the most dangerous adventure of their lives, or they'll be stuck in the game forever.

★ **PITCH PERFECT 3**

DIRECTOR: TRISH SIE

STARRING: ANNA KENDRICK, REBEL WILSON, HAILEE STEINFELD, ELIZABETH BANKS

MOVIE TYPE: COMEDY, MUSICAL, SEQUEL

The ultimate girl movie, in which the female bonding counts as much as the singing. After the highs of winning championships, the group of singers (led by Kendrick and Wilson) find themselves adrift, as paid work is hard to come by. But when they get a chance to reunite for a tour, this group of awesome women will come together one last time.

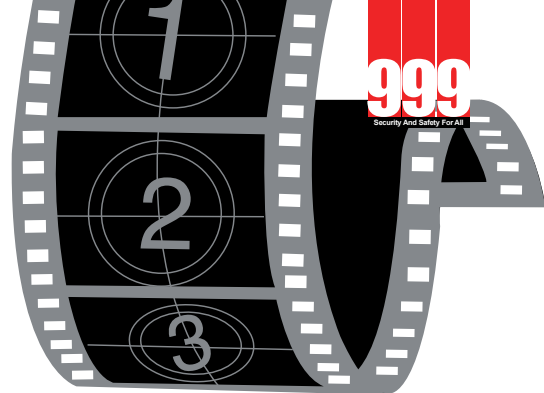




★ FATHER FIGURES

DIRECTOR: LAWRENCE SHER
STARRING: GLENN CLOSE, OWEN WILSON, J.K. SIMMONS, ED HELMS, VING RHAMES
MOVIE TYPE: COMEDY

Peter and Kyle Reynolds (Helms and Wilson) are two brothers whose eccentric mother (Close) raised them to believe that their father had died when they were young. When they discover this to be a lie, they set out to find their real father, learning more about their mother than they probably ever wanted to know.



★ DOWNSIZING

DIRECTOR: ALEXANDER PAYNE
STARRING: MATT DAMON, CHRISTOPH WALTZ, KRISTEN WIIG, NEIL PATRICK HARRIS, JASON SUDEIKIS, ALEC BALDWIN
MOVIE TYPE: DRAMA

In a world with a population galloping towards nine billion, this is an amusing as well as thought-provoking movie. The plot imagines what might happen if, as a solution to over-population, humans are literally 'downsized'. Norwegian scientists discover how to shrink humans to five inches tall and propose a global transition from big to small. People soon realise the helpful economics of a miniaturised world. With the promise of a better life, regular guy Paul Safranek (Damon) and his wife Audrey (Wiig) decide to abandon their stressed lives and get smaller and happier – their choice to move to a new downsized community triggers life-changing adventures.



★ THE GREATEST SHOWMAN



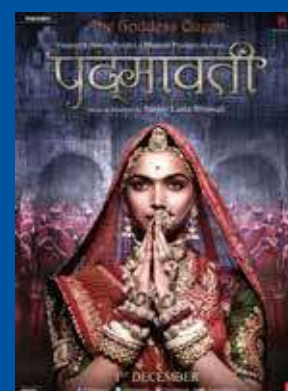
DIRECTOR: MICHAEL GRACEY
STARRING: HUGH JACKMAN, ZAC EFRON, MICHELLE WILLIAMS, ZENDAYA, REBECCA FERGUSON
MOVIE TYPE: COMEDY, DRAMA, MUSICAL

To anyone who knows him mostly as Logan / Wolverine in the X-Men films, Hugh Jackman's musical abilities may come as a surprise. But if you've watched him open the 2009 Academy Awards (with Beyonce Knowles), you'd know what a showman he is – Jackman's talent for flourishing a top hat and making smooth moves is as great as Wolverine's prowess at slashing with his adamantine claws. In this film, a project close to Jackman's heart, he plays P.T. Barnum, the man who practically invented the show business in the late 19th century. The Greatest Showman is an original musical about a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation.

★ PADMAVATI (HINDI)

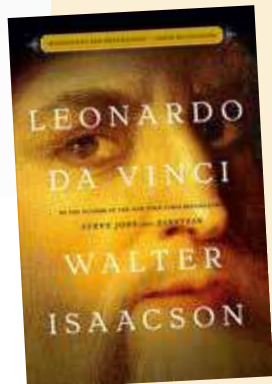
DIRECTOR: SANJAY LEELA BHANSALI
STARRING: DEEPIKA PADUKONE, RANVEER SINGH, SHAHID KAPOOR
MOVIE TYPE: DRAMA, EPIC

The last month of the year is when the Hindi film industry, aka 'Bollywood', brings out its big guns. This year, it's the story of Padmavati (or Rani Padmini of Chittor, as history knows her), told in the intense, visually extravagant style of Sanjay Leela Bhansali. Padmavati (Padukone) is the wife of the valiant Rajput king of Chittor (Kapoor). Enticed by her beauty, the invader Alauddin Khilji (Singh) attacks the kingdom and an epic battle ensues. The high point of the historical narrative of Rani Padmini is the way the queen and the women of the besieged fortress evade capture by undertaking the jauhar vrat (ritual self-immolation). In doing so, in choosing extreme pain over extreme dishonour, the women defeat the invaders.





EXPLORE THE WONDERS THINGS THAT ARE ALMOST LIKE MAGIC, SUCH AS THE WAY OUR BRAIN WORKS WHEN WE SLEEP, AND WHAT WENT THROUGH ONE OF THE GREATEST MINDS EVER



HISTORY'S GREATEST POLYMATH

Title: Leonardo da Vinci
Author: Walter Isaacson
Publisher: Simon & Schuster
Price: \$35 (Dh128) (Hardcover)

Acclaimed biographer Walter Isaacson has already been through the lives of tech guru Steve Jobs, the genius savant Albert Einstein, and American leader and scientist Benjamin Franklin. And now he goes for the ultimate polymath, the person who had a lot of the qualities of the luminaries mentioned above, and then topped that up with his astonishing vision. The legendary Italian artist and inventor Leonardo da Vinci comes to life in this exciting book, which draws its material from da Vinci's own notebooks and several discoveries related to the polymath's work.

Through this biography, Isaacson shows how da Vinci's genius was based on skills that we can improve in ourselves, such as passionate curiosity, careful observation, and a soaring imagination. While the name 'Leonardo da Vinci' is associated with great art – mainly the paintings, The Last Supper and the Mona Lisa – he saw himself as just as much of a scientist, and delved into everything from fossils to weapons. His iconic drawing of the Vitruvian Man is one of the most recreated or reproduced images from the world of art. Aside from deep insight into the subject's mind, the book gives the message that it's okay to be different, to want to question and explore – that's how Leonardo became the world-famous da Vinci.

BE MERRY WITH HARRY

Title: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban: The Illustrated Edition
Author: J.K. Rowling; Illustrator: Jim Kay
Publisher: Arthur A. Levine Books
Price: \$39.99 (Dh146) (Hardcover)

One of the most thrilling books in the Harry Potter series now comes in an illustrated form, making the world of Hogwarts even more vivid. For years, the dread fortress of Azkaban held an infamous prisoner named Sirius Black. Convicted of killing thirteen people with a single curse, he was said to be the heir apparent to the Dark Lord, Voldemort. Now he has escaped, leaving only two clues as to where he might be headed: Harry Potter's defeat of You-Know-Who was Black's downfall as well. And the Azkaban guards heard Black muttering in his sleep, "He's at Hogwarts... he's at Hogwarts." Is Harry Potter safe at his magical school, surrounded by his friends? Even if you haven't touched the original Potter series or seen the movies, this illustrated book is a great read on its own, as it introduces the most fascinating character in the Potter universe, Harry's slightly berserk yet extremely noble godfather.

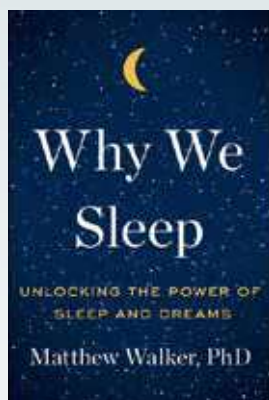


Title: Harry Potter: A Journey Through a History of Magic
Author: British Library
Publisher: Arthur A. Levine Books (ideal for 8-12 years)
Price: \$19.99 (Dh73) (Paperback)



The release of this book coincides with the British Library's special new exhibition in the UK, titled 'Harry Potter: A History of Magic'. Readers are taken on an enchanting journey through the Hogwarts curriculum, from the Care of Magical Creatures and Herbology to Defence against the Dark Arts, Astronomy, and more in this book, uncovering thousands of years of magical history. The book pulls together artefacts released from the archives of the British Library; unseen sketches and manuscript pages from author JK Rowling; and some incredible illustrations from artist Jim Kay.

Discover the truth behind the origins of the Philosopher's Stone, atrocious dragons, and troublesome trolls; examine real-life wands and find out what makes a mandrake scream; pore over remarkable pages from Leonardo da Vinci's notebook; and discover the oldest atlas of the night sky. Curated by the British Library and full of extraordinary treasures from all over the world, this is an unforgettable journey exploring the history of the magic at the heart of the Harry Potter stories.



BEHIND THE SHUT EYE

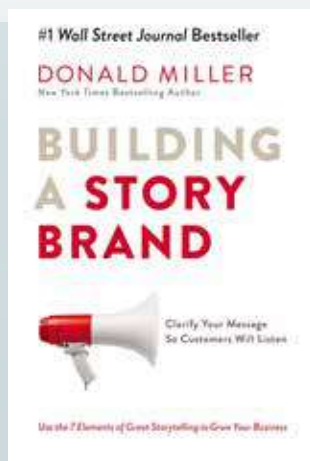
Title: Why We Sleep: Unlocking the Power of Sleep and Dreams
Author: Matthew Walker
Publisher: Scribner
Price: \$27 (Dh99) (Hardcover)

Sleep is not only a necessity, but a mystery. The brain and body are at rest, but not inactive. And all our dreams have a meaning – even if not always clear. This book explores the science of sleep and the author, Professor Matthew Walker, Director of UC Berkeley's Sleep and Neuroimaging Lab, reveals how understanding sleep and using it right can improve our lives. Until recently, science couldn't explain why sleep is so closely tied to our well-being. That has now changed, and sleep takes centre stage in health studies. Walker offers a new understanding of the vital importance of sleep and dreaming. Sleep enriches our ability to learn, memorise, and make logical decisions. It recalibrates our emotions, buffs up our immune system, fine-tunes our metabolism, and regulates our appetite. The book answers questions such as: how do caffeine and alcohol affect sleep? What really happens during REM sleep? Why do our sleep patterns change across a lifetime? How do common sleep aids affect us?

CONNECTING BETTER

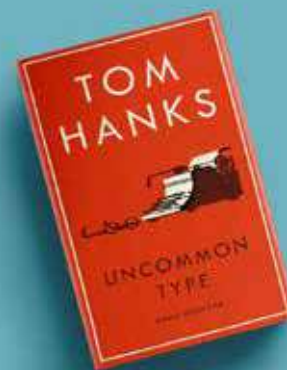
Title: Building a StoryBrand: Clarify Your Message So Customers Will Listen
Author: Donald Miller
Publisher: HarperCollins Leadership
Price: \$24.99 (Dh91) (Hardcover)

Bestselling author Donald Miller uses seven universal elements of powerful stories to show that anyone can improve their customer connect and grow their business. StoryBrand is based on story points that all humans respond to; the real reason why customers make purchases; how to simplify a brand message so people understand it; and how to create the most effective messaging for websites, brochures, and social media. Your business may be small or big, or you may need to find an audience. Whatever your needs, the StoryBrand method will transform the way you talk about who you are, what you do, and the unique value you bring to your customers.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Title: Uncommon Type: Some Stories
Author: Tom Hanks
Publisher: Knopf
Price: \$26.95 (Dh98) (Hardcover)

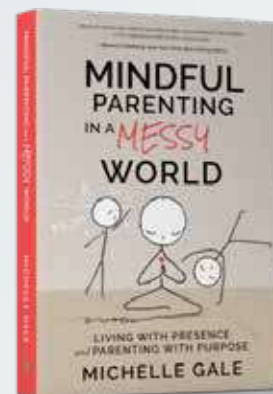


Two-time Oscar winner Tom Hanks has played so many different characters by now that it's no wonder he has so many stories to tell. This book is a collection of 17 short stories. Some of the plots bear a resemblance to the films in which Hanks has starred, e.g. the gentle Eastern European immigrant who arrives in New York City after his life is torn apart by his country's civil war recalls the man without a nation in Hanks' film The Terminal. In other stories, there's a man who loves to bowl, and he becomes a national celebrity after several perfect games; an eccentric billionaire and his faithful executive assistant venture into America, looking for acquisitions, and discover a shabby motel, romance, and a bit of real life. The stories are intelligent, heart-warming, and all with the Hanks touch.

GET THE HARDEST JOB DONE

Title: Mindful Parenting in a Messy World: Living with Presence and Parenting with Purpose
Author: Michelle Gale
Publisher: Motivational Press
Price: \$19.95 (Dh73) (Paperback)

Producing children takes little or no effort; raising children right takes half a lifetime's effort. From dealing with practical things like putting the children through school to deeper things like mentally compared oneself with the 'achievements' of other parents. Author Michelle Gale worked at Twitter and other high-tech start-ups while raising two sons, and though her experience she found the answer: being present in each moment. Learning to embrace life in the moment, especially when it is messy, is at the heart of Gale's book. She uses engaging and funny personal stories to show how a parent can: recognise family as a catalyst for personal growth; react less and connect more; grow their capacity for self-awareness, humour and love; find ease in the midst of managing a family.



UAE wins awards for welcoming migratory species



Winter migration of birds is one of the most remarkable natural phenomena, and countries need to protect their natural environment to provide vital refuge for these birds, as they stop for food and rest during their journeys across thousands of miles.

The UAE sees some three million birds passing through the country every year. Razan Khalifa Al Mubarak, EAD Secretary General, said that alongside birds, the country also offers a home or temporary home to marine species such as dugongs, endangered hawksbill, green turtles, dolphins, sharks, rays, and several types of fish.

Al Mubarak said, "We have long understood that what happens to migratory wildlife in other countries directly affects the UAE's success in protecting species while they reside in, or pass through its territory. No matter how committed and well-resourced our country may be, long-term conservation of migratory animals can only be achieved by engaging with other countries through international co-operation, and closely co-ordinating conservation activities across each species' range."

THE Environment Agency Abu Dhabi (EAD) was recently presented with two Champion Plus awards at the Conference

of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals in Manila, Philippines.

Gov't agencies unite to stop illicit animal trade



THE UAE Ministry of Climate Change and Environment has joined hands with Dubai Police, Dubai Municipality, and the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority to stop illegal trade in endangered species. This was done by the recent signing of agreements.

Dr Thani bin Ahmad Al Zeyoudi, Minister of Climate Change and Environment, said that the agreements and the resulting coordination would result in more streamlined action against wildlife trafficking rackets. The police can make arrests, the municipal body can investigate unlicensed dealers, and the telecom authorities can monitor social media activities promoting illegal trade. In short, the different arms of the state machinery can move as one. Member of the public have been urged to call 800900 to report anything they suspect to be illegal.

Butt, really? Jolting facts from UAE data on smoking

THE stiff tax slapped on tobacco products in the UAE and the other measures being taken to shrink the space for smoking haven't come a day too soon. Recent UAE studies have found that a significant percentage of pre-teens and young adults in the country are smokers.

"We should focus on tobacco use at a young age," said Dr Syed Shah, Associate Professor at the UAE University's Institute of Public Health, and a study leader.

His team looked at 1,186 Arab pupils between the ages of 12 and 18, of which 51.4 per cent were Emirati.

More than 20

per cent of the boys surveyed smoked shisha; and 21.9 per cent smoked cigarettes.

A similar study was carried out amongst female students of Zayed University, though the sample population was smaller, with 552 respondents. It revealed that several of them had smoked their first cigarette or shisha at the age of nine or younger.

"There is a high prevalence now for shisha smoking and I think the most alarming aspect of this is the early onset," said Dr Heba Barazi, Assistant Professor at Zayed University's College of Natural and Health Sciences. "This early onset, this staggering number is actually consistent with a WHO original survey that was done 13 to 15 years ago."

Eating alone? Watch what you put on the plate

PEOPLE these days are far more used to eating on the go or living alone, and that means they eat alone, and that, in turn, means reaching for processed food that's low on nutrition and high on calories. Eating alone can increase your risk of heart disease and diabetes, as per a new study published in Obesity Research & Clinical Practice.

The study authors have written that across the world, there are more single-person households now than at any other time in the past. A corresponding change is that "eating patterns have become irregular, informal,



and individualised in the form of more eating alone".

The researchers asked some 8,000 South Korean adults how often they ate alone. These responses were checked against their health data, adjusting for various factors. They found that men were more likely to develop health problems as a result of eating alone. Men had a 45 per cent higher risk of obesity and a 64 per cent higher risk of developing metabolic syndrome (this refers to a cluster of conditions such as increased blood pressure, high blood sugar, excess body

fat around the waist, and abnormal cholesterol or triglyceride levels, according to the Mayo Clinic).

Women who ate alone at the same rate had a 29 per cent higher risk of developing metabolic syndrome. The percentage of higher risk is in relation to survey responders who ate with someone else.

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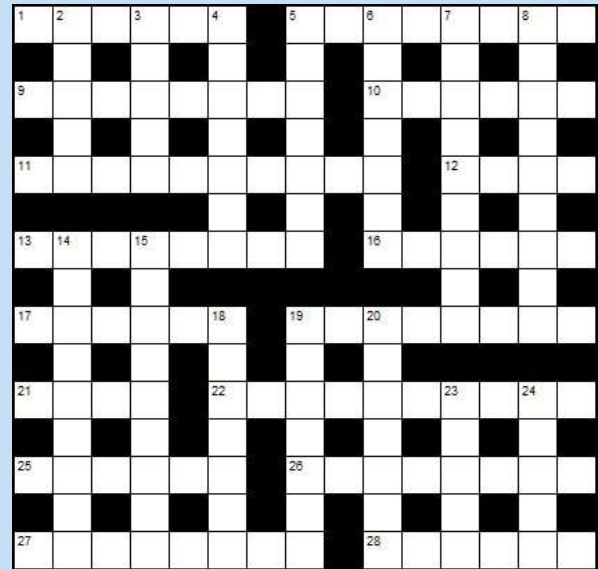
PUZZLES

Across

- 1 Out of bed, exhausted but cheerful (6)
 5 Revolting Bolshevik not very friendly (8)
 9 TV hosts retro party often accompanied by whole kit (8)
 10 Odious creature catches returning condition that stinks – what a pity! (3,3)
 11 Fly with indecent courage? (10)
 12 No more deliveries (4)
 13 Parasites mysteriously seen on bartender's head? (8)
 16 Monk emerges from salmon pink cast of backbone (6)
 17 Meets sweetheart returning to high regard (6)
 19 Nobody eats half of tasty morsel at midday (8)
 21 Note to self: send back royal honour (4)
 22 Research centre left a bighead with highfalutin language (10)
 25 Contemptible fellow in waistcoat (6)
 26 Leading light left in a line without hesitation (8)
 27 Like sex used to be, in a manner of speaking (2,2,4)
 28 Carelessly, constantly tactless, rearranged hosiery (6)

Down

- 2 Political leader and peer produce modicum of wisdom (5)
 3 Conjure up naked gardener hugging hollow oak (5)
 4 Quiff cultivator finds debt reminders tiresome (7)
 5 Swim round about and use lungs (7)
 6 Retail operations not in rented premises (7)
 7 Gloomy scientist recast emoticons (9)
 8 Seeker of fast buck, eh? And histrionic removal man? (9)
 14 Is marriage overbearing without kids? (9)
 15 Cranial depression? I beat it, by all accounts (3,6)
 18 Mix bits of melon and blancmange (7)
 19 They may be discerned dimly at night, hopelessly unable, on mind-altering substance (7)
 20 Eight awful moaners (7)
 23 Type of music emanating from duet on a love seat (5)
 24 Queen going up batsman's passage broadcast again (5)



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WHAT THE MONTH HAS IN STORE



Aries (March 21 – April 19)

In the professional sphere, you'd be doing well on the face of it, and promotion or pay rise might be under way. Find your purpose in the job as you explore the new changes in your position and career. A journey undertaken with family members will show you the true state of your relationships. If you find feeling low, take time to reassess your priorities. Being able to put your life in the right perspective can give you peace of mind and clarity on the choices that you want to make.



Taurus (April 20 – May 21)

You're in a great phase in your career and clients will find you rather than you having to go look for them. However, don't trust people too easily – be particularly careful about the people within your circle; those who're the closest often do the greatest harm. Your rising good fortune is likely to bring out insecurities in various people. At the same time, someone who has been intimidating in the past might offer you a helping hand; accept it but don't blindly fall for any promises.



Gemini (May 22 – June 20)

This month is going to be quite a learning experience for you. Both in the professional and personal spheres, you'll encounter unique situations that'll make big demands on your problem-solving skills. You'll overcome every barrier by being candid and emphatic. Some of these situations will arise from your own ambitions; and you need to bring your practical side out and, perhaps, reset your goals. And if there are unexpected twists and turns along the way, use this sun sign's ingenuity to sail through it.



Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

If you're unattached, now is the best phase for your career – focus on your targets and the dividends will start coming soon, quite soon. Don't get side-tracked by shallow romantic interests. There could be small misunderstandings with friends, but you'll be able to sort that out and bond with them even better afterwards. You'll be making a good deal of money so find your investor's hat and hang on to it. Play your cards right, and the near future looks rosy.



Leo (July 23 – August 22)

People in innovative professions will be fired up completely and deliver excellent work, paving the way to bigger success. Do give some time to the family, too, as those warm vibes will help you generate better ideas. Keep your temper under control and all the wrinkles in your life will be ironed out easily. Give a patient hearing to people coming to you with outlandish proposals; some of them can actually have the seed of something brilliant, and you can capitalise on that.



Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Recent experiences might have left you feeling bewildered and angry at the way things have been unfurling. Stress not, because out of this chaos will come a phase in which everything you do will be sharper, smarter. Trust your instincts and keep your cool, and let things settle down a bit. If necessary, detach yourself from the scene – take a trip to the kind of place that really makes your heart leap. Once you've had time to think, the solutions will be easy.



Libra (September 23 – October 22)

It's time to put aside the daily grind and renew connections such as old friends and old flames. This will lift your mood and help you concentrate better and act without hesitation. Allow yourself to review your own achievements and give yourself a compliment – you've worked hard, attained a certain position; that's all that matters. Enjoy the positives without comparing yourself relentlessly with the next guys (or girls). Also, don't measure success by how much money you've made; your learnings are more important in the long run.



Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

Some of you'll feel stuck in a rut and spend too much time brooding over trivial matters. This is especially true of those who're in a career that wasn't their first choice but one that comes with financial security. The conflict between passion and prudence could leave you weary. Make the best of this situation by using your current career as the gateway to something that interests you. Eliminate some of the unnecessary stuff from your life – habits, acquaintances, anything non-productive – and it'll be rejuvenating.



Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

Something exciting is around the corner. It's not entirely a surprise, but the great thing is that what you had anticipated is finally happening. It could be quite life-changing, depending on how you receive it. The newfound happiness will lead to improved relationships at home as well. As you enter a more peaceful phase, small daily troubles will fade – or at least, they'll stop bothering you. Don't deal with people who, at the end of the day, would only sap your energy.



Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

An intense phase is on the cards for people in committed relationships. There could be disagreements or collaborations – whatever it is, you'll be compelled to give each other your full attention. Once you've weathered this phase, everything gets a lot better. With the help of your partner, you can achieve what had looked impossible before. People in creative industries are particularly well suited to feed off each other's energy. If there are opinion clashes, dial it back, find common ground and start again from there.



Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

Radiating confidence, you'll be in all-conquering mode this month. At the same time, you'll retain your sense of justice and fair play. Financial rewards will be immediate and substantial. Overall, this phase spells success and respect. The only downside is that with everything going your way, you might fall into the trap of being too pleased with yourself. Do be mindful of how you're behaving with others, and remember to show modesty. Strike a balance between being assertive and being flexible.



Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

Changes in your professional life are imminent. You won't be able to control the external factors, but you can position yourself so that the new management favourably looks upon your contribution. Those of you who're self-employed or run a business will get good offers quite effortlessly. Be prepared for some give-and-take in the matter of supporting colleagues with their share of work – generosity with your time and effort should not be wasted on those who're undeserving; set your terms clearly before you take on any extra load.



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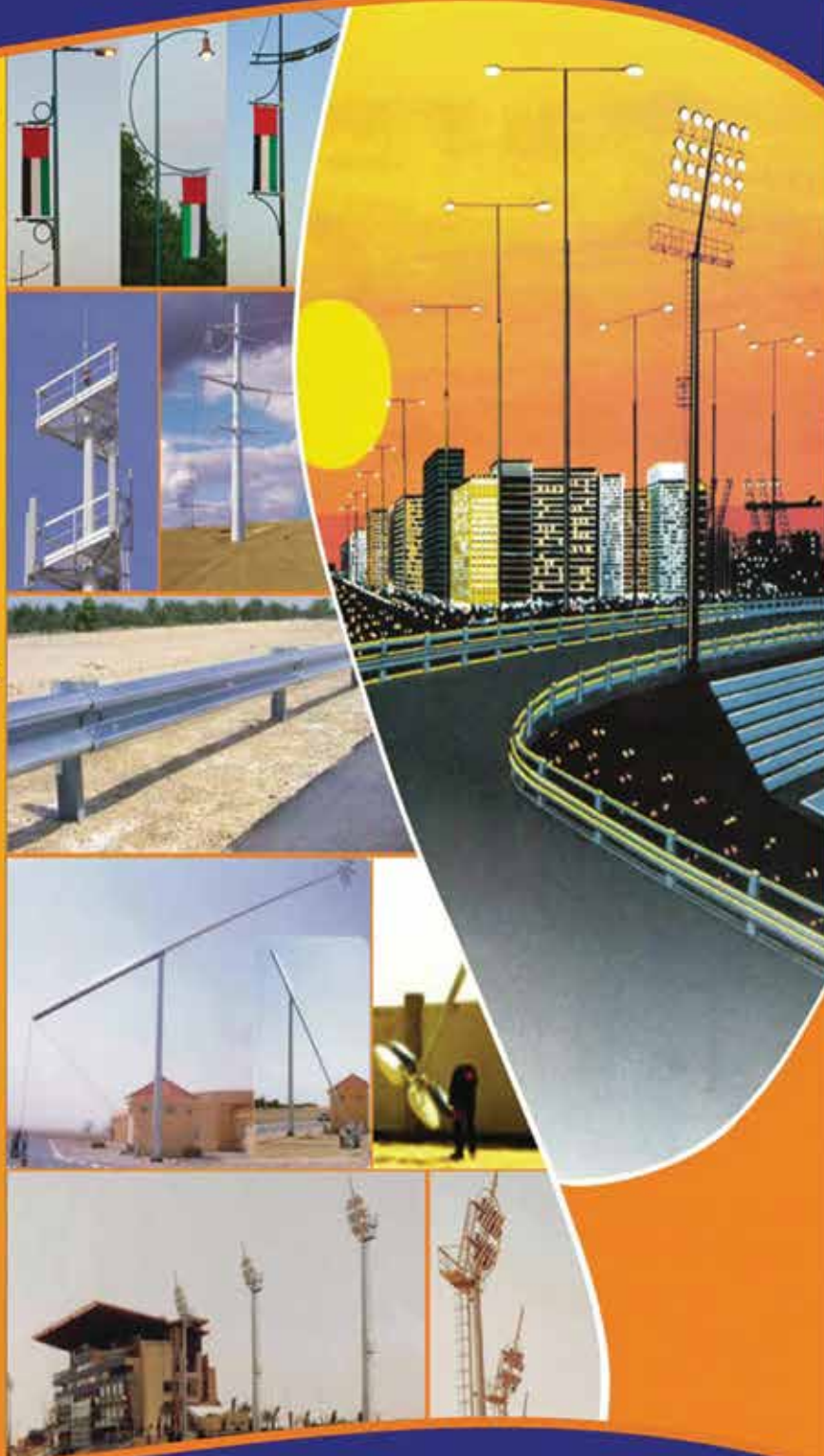


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