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Arab Reading Challenge 2026: Mohammed bin Rashid crowns Egypt's Mayar Othman El-Shorbagy champion of the 10th edition

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, crowned 11-year-old Egyptian student Mayar Othman El-Shorbagy champion of the 10th Arab Reading Challenge, closing a record edition with more than 40 million stu-

dents from 60 countries. Mayar's road to the stage was a long one. She reached the finals after coming top of a field of 17,616,289 participants from Egypt alone, before competing against the champions of other countries in Dubai...

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Borouge lifts third-quarter revenue to Dh5.3 billion and expects its strongest quarter at the end of 2026

Borouge plc reported third-quarter 2026 revenue of Dh5.3 billion (\$1.4 billion), up 3% on the previous quarter, as its operating rate rose to 76% and sales volumes grew 22%, and said it expects the final...

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Sport

Two nights of League Cup shocks: Fleetwood knock out Arsenal on penalties as Liverpool edge Chelsea from the spot

The English League Cup produced two remarkable nights: fourth-tier Fleetwood Town knocked out league champions Arsenal 5-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw, while Liverpool beat Chelsea 6-5 on penalties after...

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His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler's Representative in Al Dhafra Region and Chairman of the Emirates Red Crescent, chaired the authority's board meeting, which focused on stronger...

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UAE Red Crescent delivers \$13.6 million in winter and medical aid to Gaza

On the directives of UAE President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Emirates Red Crescent has provided winter and medical aid worth \$13.6 million to the people of Gaza.

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Mohammed bin Rashid calls on everyone to raise the flag on 3 November

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum called on citizens, residents, institutions, schools, universities and households across all the emirates to raise the national flag on Flag Day, 3 November.

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UAE President and Vice Presidents congratulate Czech President on National Day

UAE President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan sent a message of congratulations to President Petr Pavel of the Czech Republic on his country's National Day, and the two Vice Presidents sent...

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UAE calls for water security to be central to economic planning

Speaking at WETEX and the World Green Economy Summit, H.E. Abdulla Balalaa discussed opportunities to strengthen economic resilience through integrated infrastructure, innovation and investment.

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UAE

UAE and Vietnam hold third round of political consultations in Hanoi

The UAE and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam held the third round of political consultations in Hanoi, co-chaired by Omran Sharaf and Vietnamese Deputy Foreign Minister Nguyen Minh Hang.

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Saeed Al Hajeri represents UAE President at gas exporters' summit in Moscow

On behalf of UAE President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of State Saeed Al Hajeri took part in the Eighth Summit of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) in Moscow.

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Business

e& nine-month profit jumps 45.9% to AED 17.2 billion

Etisalat Group (e&) posted consolidated net profit of AED 17.2 billion for the first nine months of 2026, up 45.9% year on year, while revenue rose 10% to AED 57.6 billion. In the third quarter alone, revenue reached AED 19.5 billion, up 6.9%, and net profit AED 11.2 billion, helped by completing the sale of its entire stake in Vodafone for total proceeds of AED 21.9 billion including final dividends, and net proceeds of about AED 8 billion...

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Business

UAE and Canada move to delivery: package of agreements across 7 sectors under a CAD70bn investment framework

UAE Minister of Foreign Trade Dr Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi witnessed the signing of a package of agreements and MoUs between Emirati and Canadian institutions and companies in space, advanced technology,...

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Fuel bill halts round-the-world voyage: 200 passengers stranded in Cambodia as luxury residential ship suspends operations

US company Villa Vie Residences has suspended its ship Villa Vie Odyssey's round-the-world voyage after a sharp jump in fuel costs, leaving about 200 passengers in the Cambodian city of Sihanoukville...

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Business

Drone buzz tests residents' patience as companies race to quieten delivery flights

As drone delivery expands in the United States, residents are increasingly complaining about the whine of propellers over their homes...

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Business

Masdar raises \$600m in its first blue bond

Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company (Masdar) announced its first blue bond, worth \$600 million with a five-year tenor, under its global medium-term note programme.

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World & Region

80 mountain lakes in South Sinai: Egypt turns the threat of flash floods into a water source for Bedouin communities

Egypt is pressing ahead with a project to build mountain lakes in Wadi Feiran in South Sinai to harvest rain and flood-water. The plan covers 80 lakes and is expected to be completed within three years, aiming to reduce flood risk and supply water to Bedouin communities. According to Ahmed El Sadek, head of the groundwater sector at Egypt's Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, the project is still at the tendering stage and is expected to be completed within three years. The plan covers 80 mountain lakes in total: 50 identified in an earlier study and 30 more in works now being finalised...

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When a chatbot becomes a child's 'friend': New York and Australia start drawing the lines

New York's governor has signed a law barring chatbots from leading minors to believe they have feelings or personal relationships with them, while Australia's House of Representatives has passed a bill...

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Retatrutide beats Ozempic in late-stage trial: more than double the weight loss, but safety questions remain

Results from a late-stage clinical trial show the experimental drug retatrutide produced 20.9% weight loss over 80 weeks against 9.4% with Ozempic in people with type 2 diabetes, with a bigger fall in...

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Icy body beyond Pluto could become the solar system's sixth dwarf planet

Scientists using the Vera C. Rubin Observatory in Chile have spotted an icy object, 2026 ED138, orbiting beyond Pluto. Estimated at 600 to 1,500 km across, it could join the list of dwarf planets if further...

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'Ferritin face': can your appearance reveal iron deficiency? Doctors weigh in

The term 'ferritin face' has spread on social media as a supposed sign of low iron stores, but doctors say pale skin, dark circles and hair loss are not enough for a diagnosis and that a blood test remains...

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AI helps uncover stolen 'Saint Agnes' painting 20 years on despite repainting

An AI-based visual comparison system helped Italian police identify a 17th-century painting of Saint Agnes, stolen in 2004, after its features had been altered to disguise it and it was put on display at an...

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Rare dinosaur skeleton sells for \$47.3 million

A rare skeleton of a Nanotyrannus, a smaller relative of T. rex, was sold at auction for \$47.3 million.

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Doing good is not enough just by being plentiful; it has to be done right. I come back to this idea every time I read news about humanitarian work in the UAE: giving is a value we were raised on in the house of Zayed, but a value alone is not enough without a system behind it that protects it and makes sure help reaches those who deserve it, on time and without waste.

This is exactly where I want to talk about the Emirates Red Crescent Authority, and about His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Ruler's Representative in Al Dhafra Region and Chairman of the Authority.

Under Federal Law No. (9) of 2002, the Red Crescent is an independent federal authority with legal personality and financial and...

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Somaliland and Burjeel: Burao hospital is a test of a health partnership before it is a building

When I read the news of the meeting between Somaliland's Minister of Health Development, Hussein Bashir Hirsi, and senior executives of Burjeel Holdings in Abu Dhabi, I paused at one word at the top of the statement: acceleration. This is not about a new agreement or a new promise, but about an existing project that both sides want to see working as soon as possible: the Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Referral Hospital in the city of Burao...

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Why are you afraid to buy property or take the first investment step of your life?

Let me ask you a simple question...

If you have some money and are thinking of buying property, you are surely asking yourself: what if I lose my money? What if I can't find a tenant? And is the property worth what I'm paying?

These questions are natural, but the more important question is: are you afraid of investing itself, or because you don't know how to...

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The Season of Flies

There is a phenomenon in the Arab political scene that deserves reflection. Some crises, it seems, are not complete until the name of the United Arab Emirates is mentioned. And when its name appears, the season of flies begins.

Flies have their seasons, though some of them seem to have decided to do without the calendar and work all year round.

This behaviour is not hard to notice; what is interesting is its timing...

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Prey: How Extremists Turned Loneliness into a Weapon

Let us be precise before we are cruel. Not all British Pakistanis and British Bangladeshis are terrorists, recruiters, or apologists for murder. They bury their dead when bombs go off. They raise children who become doctors, teachers, soldiers. What follows is an indictment of a growing minority of predators and of the systems that failed to stop them — not a smear against two communities...

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The man who spent his life pushing a door that opens by pulling

I believe that among all the philosophers who reflected on man's tragedy with his own ideas, some came close to the most mysterious of prisons: the prison that lives inside the mind and gives its owner the feeling that he understands the world while the distance between him and the truth keeps growing. Plato spoke in the Republic of the prisoners of the cave who believed the shadows were reality; Francis Bacon studied in the New Organon the illusions that...

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Civil aviation today is a system that connects people and markets and supports tourism and trade. But the value of its development is not measured only by the number of aircraft and airports; it is measured by the safety of the journey, the quality of the service and the trust of the traveller.

As the sector develops, there is a responsibility to strike a balance between expansion, safety and sustainability...

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Zayed the Founder Day: a legacy we carry and a responsibility we continue

Some names are tied to the history of nations, and some become part of their conscience and the meaning of their existence. In the United Arab Emirates, the name of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may God rest his soul, remains present in the nation's memory, in the ambition of its people, and in the values they pass on from one generation to the next...

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Sport

Kompany leaves hospital after 'meningeal irritation' diagnosis as Danks leads Bayern before Dortmund clash

Belgian coach Vincent Kompany has left hospital five days after falling ill and collapsing during a training session. Bayern Munich said he was diagnosed with irritation of the meninges, while assistant Danks continues to lead the team on an interim basis. Sporting director Max Eberl said in televised comments that the condition was diagnosed as irritation of the meninges, the membranes...

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Sport

Confederation Cup draw pits Egypt's Al Ahly against Morocco's Raja

The CAF Confederation Cup group-stage draw placed Egypt's Al Ahly and Morocco's Raja Casablanca in Group A alongside Togo's ASKO Kara and Angola's Primeiro de Agosto.

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Sport

Yamal after finishing third in Ballon d'Or: "My time will come"

Spanish star Lamine Yamal responded to finishing third in the 2026 Ballon d'Or behind winner Harry Kane and Kylian Mbappé, saying his "time will come" if he keeps working at the same level.

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Sport

Real Madrid apologises to Chinese people over Mbappé remarks

Real Madrid issued a formal apology to the Chinese people over remarks by its star Kylian Mbappé that appeared to joke about the late Chinese leader Mao Zedong, a row that led to the suspension of La Liga...

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