



Sport

Hakimi hat-trick: Moroccan captain's first career treble leads PSG to 5-1 rout at Le Havre

Moroccan Achraf Hakimi scored the first hat-trick of his professional career and set up two goals as Paris Saint-Germain came from a goal down to beat Le Havre 5-1 away on Matchday 9 of Ligue 1. The match was played on the

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evening of Friday 30 October 2026 at the Stade Océane, and the hosts struck first through Josh Maja in the 18th minute from a fast counter-attack...

UAE

Agentic AI in UAE government: self-completing services and a two-year target for half of all sectors

UAE government services are entering a new phase in which AI moves from answering questions to proactively completing transactions, from automatic licence renewals in Abu Dhabi and Ajman to 76% of DEWA...

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Business

Make it in the Emirates: ROX delivers its first 100 Abu Dhabi-built vehicles

ROX has delivered its first batch of 100 vehicles manufactured in the UAE and bearing the Made in the Emirates mark as part of its UAE Signature Edition, produced at its AI Manufacturing Centre in Khalifa...

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Sport

Al-Shabab 6-1 Al-Ahli: early red card for Al-Sanbi opens the way for a rout and a Carrasco hat-trick

Al-Shabab thrashed visitors Al-Ahli 6-1 in Matchweek 12 of the Saudi Pro League, a game turned by the straight red card shown to Al-Ahli goalkeeper Abdulrahman Al-Sanbi in the 22nd minute, with Belgian...

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

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UAE

UAE and Benin: Abu Dhabi business roundtable aims to turn the new CEPA into projects and investment

Dr Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, Minister of Foreign Trade, told a UAE-Benin business roundtable in Abu Dhabi that the UAE's global reach and investment community can support Benin's logistics, manufacturing and energy sectors, days after the two countries exchanged their Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement. Al Zeyoudi described Benin as one of

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West Africa's fastest-growing and best-connected economies, with growth of 7.5% in 2025. He said non-oil trade between the two countries rose 63.5% in 2025 from the previous year to about US\$2.15 billion, and urged both business communities to turn shared interests into investment projects and...

UAE

First Class Order of Zayed II for flydubai crew: a presidential honour for courage that kept passengers safe

His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, conferred the First Class Order of Zayed II on the crew members of flydubai flight FZ1073 in recognition of their courageous efforts to...

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UAE

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

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, crowned Egyptian student Mayar Mohamed Ragab Othman champion of the 10th Arab Reading Challenge, closing...

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UAE

Chaired by Hamdan bin Zayed, UAE Red Crescent board puts governance and financial sustainability at the top of its agenda

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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Business

AI now a top-two priority for 62% of energy leaders as the sector moves from pilots to operations

The third Powering Possible report from ADNOC, XRG and Microsoft finds that 62% of energy leaders now rank AI among their top two corporate priorities, up from 42% in 2025, as adoption of agentic AI more than doubles. Based on a survey of almost 400 senior energy and finance leaders, the report shows that 89% increased AI spending over the past year, while 63% expect returns on existing investments to cover or exceed their costs...

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Business

On behalf of Mohammed bin Rashid, Saeed Al Hajeri leads UAE delegation to the Autumn Economic Forum in Vietnam

H.E. Saeed bin Mubarak Al Hajeri, Minister of State, led the UAE delegation to the Autumn Economic Forum 2026 in Ho Chi Minh City on behalf of H.H...

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UAE-DR Congo Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement enters into force

The Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement between the UAE and the Democratic Republic of Congo has entered into force, removing tariffs on the vast majority of product lines and harmonising customs...

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Business

FAB lifts nine-month net profit to Dh16.46 billion as assets pass Dh1.47 trillion

First Abu Dhabi Bank posted net profit of Dh16.46 billion for the first nine months of 2026, up 3% year on year, as operating income rose 7% to Dh29.71 billion and third-quarter profit before tax jumped 9%.

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Business

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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Science, Culture & Variety

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 restricting AI systems that simulate emotional intimacy with children. On Wednesday 28 October, New York Governor Kathy Hochul signed a law that bars chatbots from leading minors to believe they have real feelings or a personal relationship with them, with the rules taking effect in January 2027. The law does not target the use of AI for study or research...

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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 floodwater. The plan covers 80 lakes and is expected to be completed within three years,...

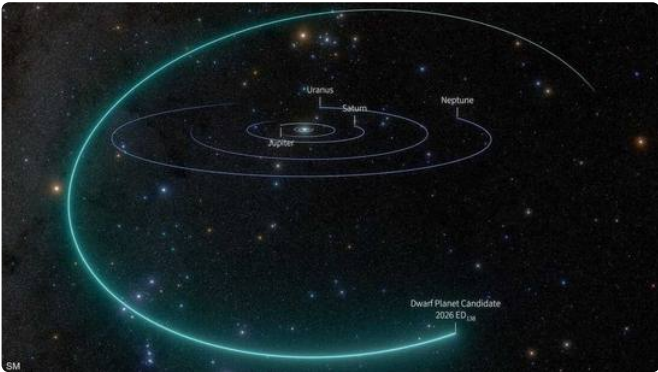
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Science, Culture & Variety

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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Science, Culture & Variety

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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Opinion • 4 min read

The Emirates Red Crescent and Hamdan bin Zayed: when governance becomes a trust

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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Opinion • 5 min read

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. Whenever a domestic crisis deepens, or an authority stumbles in running its affairs, or the questions come close to places no...

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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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Who chose for us what we want?

What surprises me most when people talk about freedom of choice is the absolute confidence with which they speak about their decisions, as if a person were born knowing what they want and then simply spent their life choosing what suits them.

But who said we even know what we want?

And who said that everything we want is necessarily the product of our own will?...

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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 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

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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Mohammed Al Khoury

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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

Abha vs Al Ittihad: late strike from substitute Al-Subiani earns 1-1 draw in Roshn Saudi League

Abha held visitors Al Ittihad to a 1-1 draw in round 12 of the Roshn Saudi League, with Faisal Al-Subiani replying in the 87th minute to Housseem Aouar's opener, leaving Al Ittihad on 24 points in fourth place. The first half ended goalless despite Al Ittihad's advantage in possession and build-up play...

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Sport

Africa Cup of Nations returns to two-year cycle as CAF unanimously scraps four-year plan

The CAF Executive Committee has unanimously decided that the Africa Cup of Nations will again be held every two years, reversing last year's decision to make it a four-yearly event, with the next editions...

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Sport

Al Jazira come from two goals down to beat Al Muharraq 4-2 as Malcom's hat-trick sends them top of their Asian group

Al Jazira overturned a two-goal deficit to beat Bahrain's Al Muharraq 4-2 at Mohammed bin Zayed Stadium on matchday three of the AFC Champions League Two, thanks to a hat-trick from Brazilian forward Malcom,...

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Sport

Ronaldo hat-trick fires Al Nassr to 5-3 thriller over Al Kholood, leaving him 15 goals short of 1,000

Cristiano Ronaldo scored a 15-minute hat-trick as Al Nassr beat Al Kholood 5-3 in round 12 of the Roshn Saudi League, taking his career tally to 985 goals, while Al Nassr moved up to second place on 28...

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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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