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# **DXB** diverts inbound flights temporarily

DELAYS TO CONTINUE TODAY DUE TO FLOODING ON ACCESS ROADS

#### DUBAI

BY DHANUSHA GOKULAN Chief Reporter

ubai International Airport (DXB) temporarily diverted all inbound flights last evening until the inclement weather improved, a spokesperson told Gulf News. Departures operated as normal.

According to the spokesperson, the flights would be diverted to the nearest "available airports"; however, the decision was up to the airline.

"The airport is working hard with its response teams and service partners to restore normal operations and minimise inconvenience to our customers," he said.

Operations halted at DXB for 25 minutes in the afternoon, with 45 flights cancelled by 5.15pm, a DXB spokesperson

According to flightradar24, DXB arrivals showed an average disruption time of 74 minutes while departures were delayed by 85 minutes. Meanwhile, at Zaved International Airport in Abu Dhabi arrivals were de

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layed by 45 minutes and departures by 55 minutes.

Dubai carrier flydubai suspended all outbound flights from Dubai until 10am today. Emirates airline advised travellers to plan, cautioning that there could be delays on the roads leading to DXB.

Etihad Airways acknowledged that adverse weather conditions might cause some delays. Zayed International Airport in Abu Dhabi experienced delays, with some flights delayed by at least three to four

### Disruptions to persist

Due to significant flooding on access roads to Dubai Airport and ongoing unsettled weather, delays and disruptions are expected to persist into early hours of today, according to airport authorities.

'Response teams have been activated and we are working closely with airlines and other service partners to restore normal operations at the earliest and minimise inconvenience to our customers," the spokesper-

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## Distance learning, remote work to continue for 2nd day

National Centre of Meteorology has issued a red alert for today

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istance learning for students and remote work for government employees was extended to today after heavy rains brought life to a halt in the UAE yesterday.

The UAE Government directed work from home for federal government employees, except for positions that require presence at the workplace.

The Dubai Government extended remote working by

one day for employees in all its departments, while private schools were directed to continue distance learning.

Private sector entities were urged to adopt remote working and take measures to ensure employees' safety.

Sharjah also asked its government sector employees to continue working remotely for a second day.

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the workplace.

Private schools in Sharjah and all public schools in the country had already been asked to switch to distance education for yesterday and today. After a series of announcements by ministries and other federal entities regarding remote work and studies, local emirate-level bodies issued similar decisions.

## Increase in cloud cover

Heavy rain, thunder, and lightning continued across the UAE yesterday evening.

The National Centre of Meteorology last evening issued a red alert indicating that cloud cover had increased across the entire country, indicating that heavy rain is expected today.

An amber alert had been issued in the afternoon.

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