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Dubai to fund top research projects

DUBAI

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A new initiative to fund research projects, called 'Dubai Research, Development, and Innovation (RDI) Grant Initiative', was announced yesterday by Shaikh Hamdan Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Chairman of The Executive Council of Dubai.

"Our vision is for Dubai to become one of the world's top cities in supporting researchers and scientists by offering the necessary funding, infrastructure, and regulatory frameworks to drive progress in the research field," Shaikh Hamdan said.

"This initiative will provide grants and essential resources to bring ground-breaking projects and ambitious ideas to life in Dubai. We anticipate outstanding contributions from academics, researchers, national and international universities, and research institutions from the UAE and across the globe," he added.

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ROADS TURN INTO RIVERS IN CENTRAL EUROPE DUE TO HEAVY RAIN

This aerial photograph taken yesterday shows a view of the flooded streets in Glucholazy, southern Poland. One person drowned in Poland and an Austrian fireman died responding to floods, as Storm Boris lashed central and eastern Europe with torrential rains. **SEE ALSO P10**

AFP

Two new bridges ease traffic rush in Dubai

DUBAI

BY SHARMILA DHAL
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Two key bridges opened in Dubai yesterday considerably easing traffic in the east-west corridors and arterial roads.

The bridges are part of the crucial Garn Al Sabkha-Shaikh

Mohammad Bin Zayed Road Intersection Improvement Project, which will contribute to a 70 per cent cut in travel time from Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Road rightward to Al Yalays Street towards Jebel Ali Port.

Travel time from Garn Al Sabkha Street to Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Road to-

wards Al Qusais and Deira is also expected to drop by 40 per cent.

The entire project is currently 97 per cent complete and will be fully ready in October, according to Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors, Roads and Transport Authority.

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Houthi missile hits central Israel raising regional tensions

ATTACK MARKS DEEPEST REACH BY
AIRBORNE WEAPONS FROM YEMEN

JERUSALEM

A missile fired by Yemen's Al Houthi fighters triggered a rush to shelters in central Israel yesterday, a rare incident that caused no injuries but again added to regional tensions nearly a year into the Gaza war.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the rebels will pay a "heavy price".

AFP photographers saw firefighters putting out a brush fire near Lod and broken glass at a train station in Modin, about 20 kilometres southeast of Tel Aviv, Israel's commercial hub, after the attack.

It marked the deepest reach yet for a missile launched from Yemen — some 2,000km away from Israel — by the Houthis.

"The Houthis launched a surface-to-surface missile from Yemen into our territory.

They should have known by now that we charge a heavy price for any attempt to harm us," Netanyahu said at the start of a cabinet meeting, according to a statement from his office.

Military position targeted

The Houthis had targeted an Israeli "military position" in the Jaffa area, around Tel Aviv, using a "ballistic missile that succeeded in reaching its target", their spokesman Yahya Saree said in a video statement. He added that "the enemy's defences failed to intercept it".

Israel's military said an initial inquiry indicates the missile fired from Yemen probably fragmented in mid-air.

"Several interception attempts were made by the Arrow and Iron Dome Aerial Defence Systems, and their results are under review," a military statement said.

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