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‘Dubai
growing
as fast as
technology’

DUBAI
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Chief News Editor

Technology is growing rapidly, and Dubai is growing at the same speed, said His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, on the occasion the city hosting the five-day Gitex Global 2024, one of the world's largest technology exhibitions.

He highlighted that Gitex, which gets under way today, has evolved into a major platform for technology and start-ups, covering fields such as artificial intelligence, smart mobility, and cybersecurity, with over 180,000 specialists from more than 180 countries participating.

Expand North Star

The UAE will also host this week Expand North Star, the world's largest event for start-ups and investors, bringing together founders, venture capitalists, ecosystem enablers and tech leaders from around the world to secure business deals, attract investments, expand their networks, and share valuable knowledge. Expand North Star will take place from October 13 to 16.

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3 killed, 67 hurt as Hezbollah attacks Israeli military base

US TO DEPLOY ANTI-MISSILE SYSTEM 'THAAD' AND MILITARY CREW TO ISRAEL

DUBAI
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Hezbollah drone attacks on a military base in southern Haifa left three Israelis dead and 67 wounded, including nine in serious condition. Ambulances and air force helicopters were dispatched to evacuate the injured.

The Iran-backed group launched "a squadron of attack drones at a training camp... in Binyamina, south of Haifa," it said, in "response to Zionist attacks" including Israeli air strikes in the central Beirut neighbourhoods of Basta and Nweiri that killed 22 people on Thursday.

US THAAD system for Israel

In another development, the Pentagon said it will deploy a high-altitude anti-missile system and its US military crew to Israel to help the ally protect itself from potential Iranian missile attacks.

At the direction of US President Joe Biden, Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin "authorised the deployment of a Terminal High-Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) battery and associated crew of US military personnel to Israel to help bolster Israel's air defences."

Meanwhile, Israeli Prime



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Children take part in the relief aid collection event as part of the 'UAE Stands with Lebanon' campaign held at the Exhibition Centre in Expo City Dubai on Saturday.

Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday called on the UN chief to move peacekeepers deployed in south Lebanon out of "harm's way", claiming Hezbollah used them as "human shields".

His appeal to UN chief Antonio Guterres came a day after the United Nations Interim Force

in Lebanon refused to withdraw from the border area despite five of its members being injured amid recent fighting.

Meanwhile UN peacekeepers said Israeli tanks broke through a gate to enter a Blue Helmet position in Lebanon yesterday, after blocking their movement the

previous day. "At around 4.30am, while peacekeepers were in shelters, two IDF (Israeli military) Merkava tanks destroyed the position's main gate and forcibly entered the position" in the Ramia area of southern Lebanon.

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Dubai road travel time to be cut from 20 to 5 minutes

RTA's Dh600m project aims to ease commute woes in key areas

DUBAI
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It's good news for motorists in Dubai, as the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) yesterday announced a Dh600 million project that, among other things, will bring down commute time in key areas by 75 per cent.

The new project will connect Al Asayel Street to Al Khail Road via Al Nawras Street and provide an exit to Oud Metha and Al Nawras Streets.

Its development follows the directives of His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE, Ruler of Dubai, to continue developing the Shaikh Rashid Corridor under the follow-up of Shaikh Hamdan Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Chairman of the

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Executive Council of Dubai. According to Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the RTA, the project entails the construction of four major intersections, 4,300 metres of bridges and 14km of roads.

More vehicle capacity

The project will enhance the capacity of Oud Metha Street from 10,400 vehicles per hour to 15,600 vehicles per hour, marking a 50 per cent increase in capacity.

It will also reduce travel time on the route from 20 minutes to just five minutes. The new intersections, bridges and roadworks will prove to be a game-changer elsewhere too.

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