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## STUDENTS, PARENTS THROG GULF NEWS EDUFAIR

■ From the moment the doors opened on day one, right until the closing hour yesterday, the three-day *Gulf News* Edufair witnessed a full house with thousands of students and parents packing the fair at H Hotel Dubai, where over 30 prestigious universities and higher education institutions showcased an array of higher education options under one roof. **SEE ALSO P3**

## New track for cyclists, pedestrians in Dubai

Stretch spans 4.5km  
between Shaikh Zayed  
Road and Al Khail Road

**DUBAI**  
**BY FAISAL MASUDI**  
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A new 13.5km track tailored for bicycles, scooters, and pedestrians is being built in Dubai, stretching from Al Sufouh to Dubai Hills via Hessa Street.

According to the Roads and Transport Authority, the new

pathway also features two bridges crossing over Shaikh Zayed Road and Al Khail Road.

Mattar Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors, RTA, said: "This track designated for cyclists, scooter riders and pedestrians is part of Hessa Street Improvement Project currently undertaken by RTA spanning 4.5km between the intersections with Shaikh Zayed Road and Al Khail Road."

The planned multi-use track measures 4.5 metres in width

(2.5-metre-wide track for cyclists and scooter riders, and two-metre-wide track for pedestrians). It serves 12 diverse residential, commercial, and educational areas in addition to service facilities in neighbourhoods like Al Barsha and Al Barsha Heights.

The track is designed to improve connectivity for first and last-mile trips, linking with the Dubai Internet City Metro Station and other hotspots in the vicinity. The capacity of the track is estimated at 5,200 users per hour, Al Tayer said.

## Helicopter carrying Iran president crashes

RESCUE TEAMS RUSHED TO MOUNTAINOUS ACCIDENT SITE

**TEHRAN**

A helicopter carrying Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and his foreign minister crashed yesterday as it was crossing mountain terrain in heavy fog, an Iranian official said, and rescuers were making their way to the site of the incident.

The official said the lives of Raisi and Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian were "at risk following the helicopter crash", which happened on the way back from a visit to Iran's border with Azerbaijan.

"We are still hopeful but information coming from the crash site is very concerning," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

### Bad weather hampers rescue effort

The bad weather was complicating rescue efforts, the official IRNA news agency reported. The chief of staff of Iran's army ordered all the resources of the army and the elite Revolutionary Guard to be put to use in the search and rescue operations.

State TV stopped all its regular programming to show prayers being held for Raisi across the country and, in a corner of the screen, live cov-



Reuters

■ A helicopter carrying Ebrahim Raisi takes off near the Iran-Azerbaijan border yesterday. It crashed amid poor weather.

## KHAMENEI TELLS IRANIANS TO 'NOT WORRY'

Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei urged Iranians yesterday to "not worry" for the country after state media said a helicopter carrying President Ebrahim Raisi had an accident.

"The Iranian people should not worry, there will be no disruption in the country's work," Khamenei said in a speech carried on state TV. "We hope that Almighty God will bring our dear president and his companions back in full health into the arms of the nation."

erage of rescue teams deployed on foot in the mountainous area in heavy fog.

The rescue teams were expected to reach the site of the crash later yesterday night, state TV reported.

Raisi, 63, was elected presi-

dent in 2021. Interior Minister Ahmed Vahidi told state TV only that one of the helicopters in a group of three had come down in the incident, and that authorities were awaiting further details.

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