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Two direct routes on Red Line to make for seamless metro ride

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tarting April 15, Dubai Metro passengers will be able to take direct trains from Centrepoint to UAE Exchange and from Centrepoint to Expo 2020 and vice versa without the need for swapping trains at the Jebel Ali interchange station.

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), yesterday announced that it will facilitate seamless travel on Dubai Metro Red Line.

This is being made possible with an improvement to the timetable of Dubai Metro Red Line Y junction (meeting point of three railways) in cooperation with Keolis MHI, the operator of Dubai Metro and Tram.

The commuters travelling from Ibn Battuta station to UAE Exchange can now benefit from a direct journey, while those heading to Gardens -Expo 2020 can conveniently board a train directly to their destination," said Hassan Al Mutawa, director of Rail Operation at RTA.

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Gaza on brink as aid groups halt delivery

ISRAEL CONTINUES TO BLOCK UNRWA FROM BRINGING FOOD AND SUPPLIES

DUBAI

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he dire humanitarian crisis in Gaza is set to worsen after charities suspended operations in the enclave in the aftermath of an Israeli attack on World Central Kitchen (WCK)

Also, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) yesterday said that Israel continues to block the agency from bringing food and other aid into northern Gaza.

The strike on the WCK convoy killed citizens of Australia, Britain and Poland as well as Palestinians and a dual citizen of the US and Canada.

Following the attack seaborne aid for Gaza is returnattack. ing to Cyprus, officials said. "One third [of the aid cargo] was delivered, and two thirds is coming back."

The UAE, which had been the main financier for WCK's aid efforts through the maritime corridor, said it was pausing humanitarian aid efforts through that channel pending

further safety guarantees and a full investigation, a UAE official told Reuters.

The strikes on WCK, UAE's partner in the Amalthea Initiative, has prompted Dubai strategic imple-Cares' menting partner, Anera, to pause its operations in Gaza. An analysis released last week fuelled international concern by saying half of Gazans are feeling "catastrophic" hunger and projecting a possible famine in the territory's north.

The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification partnership estimated that 1.1 million people - half the population, according to UN figures - were facing dire conditions.

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