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IT'S ALL ABOUT HONEY IN HATTA

A beekeeper pours honey into a container for display at the 8th Hatta Honey Festival at Hatta Hall in Dubai yesterday. The festival, organised by Dubai Municipality and aimed at supporting the beekeeping industry in Dubai and the UAE, runs till Sunday. It features around 60 Emirati beekeepers who are showcasing their wide array of products. **SEE ALSO P4**

Revealed: Road closures in Dubai for New Year's Eve

Streets leading to celebration venues will start closing from 4pm

DUBAI

BY AGHADDIR ALI
Senior Reporter

Dubai's Events Security Committee (ESC) yesterday announced a comprehensive plan to secure the New Year's Eve festivities across Dubai.

The Committee said that the plan, involving a total of 11,972 personnel, including 5,574 police officers, and 1,525 patrols, civil defence and ambulance vehicles, will ensure the smooth management of the New Year's Eve 2024 celebrations.

The Event Security Committee, comprising 55 government and private entities in Dubai, said that 32 locations in Dubai will feature fireworks displays, with notable sites including

ROAD CLOSURES

- Al Asayel Street will be closed from 4pm.
- Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Boulevard at 4pm.
- Burj Khalifa Street at 4pm.
- Lower deck Financial Center Street, 4pm
- Sukuk (DIFC) Street, starting at 8pm
- Upper Financial Center Street starting at 9pm
- Shaikh Zayed Road will be closed at 9pm

—A.A.

Burj Khalifa, The Beach, Bluewaters (JBR), Palm Jumeirah, Kite Beach, among others.

Metro and Tram services

Burj Khalifa Dubai Metro station will close at 5pm. The Dubai Metro will operate continuously for 40 hours from 8am on Sunday, 31 December until midnight on Monday, January 1, 2024. The Dubai Tram will also operate from 9am on Sunday, December 31 till 1am on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 for 40 hours.

Abdullah Al Ali, Executive Director of Traffic and Roads at the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) and Chairman of the Traffic Management and Transport Systems Committee said that to prevent bottlenecks during the festivities, the streets surrounding the Burj Khalifa area and Dubai Mall will see closures. **SEE ALSO P3**

Jordan King, Al Sissi reject evicting Gazans

IN A JOINT COMMUNIQUE, THE TWO LEADERS SLAM ANY SUCH ISRAELI MOVE

CAIRO

Jordan's King Abdullah and Egypt's President Abdul Fattah Al Sissi said after a summit in Cairo yesterday that they rejected any Israeli move to expel Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank, state media reported.

In a statement, both leaders also said the international community should pressure Israel to agree to an immediate ceasefire and allow enough aid into war-torn Gaza to ease the "tragic plight" of over 2 million people under siege there.

On the ground, Israeli forces pounded central Gaza by land, sea and air and Palestinian authorities reported dozens more deaths in the 11-week-old conflict after Israel's military chief said the war on Hamas would grind on for months.

The Gaza health ministry said Israeli forces had killed 195 Palestinians and wounded 325 in the past 24 hours, bringing the recorded toll to 21,110 killed and 55,243 wounded in Israeli attacks in the coastal territory since Oct. 7.

A telecommunications outage in much of the enclave

195

Palestinians were killed in the past 24 hours

hit efforts to reach Palestinian casualties overnight but was gradually coming back online at mid-morning.

More casualties

In central Gaza's Al Maghazi district, five Palestinians were killed in one air strike, medics said, while to the north in Gaza City health officials said the bodies of seven Palestinians killed overnight arrived at Al Shifa Hospital.

Residents also reported heavy fighting east and north of Al-Bureij district and in the nearby village of Juhr Ad-Deek, where they said Israeli tanks are stationed.

Israel's military yesterday reported three more soldiers killed in action in Gaza, bringing total military losses in the enclave since ground operations began on Oct. 20 to 166. — Agencies

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Eiffel Tower shut on remembrance day

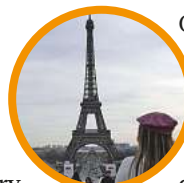
Workers' strike mars 100th death anniversary of its creator

PARIS

The Eiffel Tower, one of the world's prime tourist attractions, was closed yesterday after staff went on strike, the tower's operator said.

The strike on the 100th anniversary of the death of engineer Gustave Eiffel, who built the tower, was to protest about "the current way it is managed", the hard-left CGT union said in a statement.

A special music show marking the death of



Gustave Eiffel on Dec 27, 1923, was still scheduled to air on social networks and French television because it was prerecorded, the spokesperson said.

SETE apologised to visitors, advising anyone with electronic tickets yesterday "to check their email" for more information on their booking.

The Eiffel Tower — Paris's most famous landmark — attracts nearly seven million visitors a year, around three-quarters of them foreigners, according to its website. — AFP

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