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MEXICO'S SHEINBAUM BLAZES TRAIL AS FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT

■ Presidential candidate of the ruling Morena party Claudia Sheinbaum gestures while addressing her supporters after winning the presidential election, at Zocalo Square in Mexico City, Mexico, yesterday. Sheinbaum will be Mexico's first woman leader in the nation's more than 200 years of independence. **SEE ALSO P10**

In a first, Dubai to build a pedestrian floating bridge

Soon, you can walk across to other side of Mamzar beach

DUBAI
BY FAISAL MASUDI
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In less than two years, people will be able to walk across both sides of Al Mamzar beach on a floating bridge and safely enjoy night-time swimming at a 24/7 beach in Deira.

These developments are part of new projects to develop Al Mamzar and Jumeirah 1 public beaches into major attractions, featuring running and cycling tracks, play ar-

eas, and lush landscaping. The projects, worth Dh355 million, were revealed yesterday, with the timeline for completion slated for 18 months from now.

The Higher Committee for Urban Planning and Well-Being said "radical changes" will reshape and enhance the infrastructure of these beaches, placing them among the

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"most advanced and attractive" beaches in the world.

In Deira, Dubai's first 24/7 beach will stretch 300 metres. Meanwhile, a 200-metre floating pedestrian bridge — the first of its kind in the emirate — will connect both sides of Al Mamzar Beach.

The beaches will also have barbecue zones, shops, and 1,400 parking spaces.

Safety and security will be paramount, with beach rescue services deploying the latest AI-assisted technologies, and surveillance through 100 cameras linked to the central control rooms of Dubai Municipality and Dubai Police.

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Global airlines increase profit forecast for 2024

Carriers will connect 5 billion people over 22,000 routes

DUBAI
BY DHANUSHA GOKULAN
Chief Reporter

Global Airlines raised their profit forecast for 2024 and projected industry-wide revenues nearing \$1 trillion as a record number of travellers board flights.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released its report on the Air Transport Industry yesterday, during its annual general meeting (AGM) in Dubai.

It anticipates the industry will generate \$30.5 billion in profit this year, surpassing the revised \$27.4 billion in 2023, as carriers manage labour costs, supply chain constraints, and

disruptions caused by geopolitical challenges.

"Unfortunately, that's not a record and represents a net margin of just over 3 per cent. But considering where we were just a few years ago, it is a major achievement," Willie Walsh, Director-General of IATA, said, referring to the pandemic.

Middle East carriers

Middle East carriers are expected to rake in profits of \$3.8 billion, compared to the \$3.1 in 2023.

"The UAE continues to benefit from its attractiveness to leisure and business travellers. Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia's massive investments in infrastructure and tourism are delivering robust growth in passenger and cargo volumes," said IATA.

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MEET EGYPT, QATAR COUNTERPARTS TO DISCUSS BIDEN'S CEASEFIRE PLANS

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The foreign ministers of the UAE, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Jordan, and Egypt held a virtual meeting to discuss developments in the mediation endeavours undertaken by the Egypt, Qatar, and the United States to reach a deal for a permanent ceasefire, the release of hostages and detainees, and the sufficient entry of aid into the Gaza Strip.

The foreign ministers of the UAE, Saudi Arabia and Jordan affirmed their support for these endeavours.

US president's proposal

The ministers discussed the proposal presented by US President Joe Biden on June 2 to achieve these goals.

The ministers of the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Jordan and Egypt emphasised the importance of engaging seriously and positively with the US president's proposal to agree on a deal that secures a permanent ceasefire and the adequate delivery of aid to all parts of the Gaza Strip, to alleviate the suffering of its people.

The ministers stressed the need

to halt the aggression against Gaza, end the humanitarian catastrophe it is causing, facilitate the return of displaced people to their areas, ensure the complete withdrawal of Israeli occupation forces from the Gaza Strip, and initiate a reconstruction process within the framework of a comprehensive plan to implement the two-state solution in accordance with relevant Security Council resolutions, with specific timings and binding guarantees.

Furthermore, the ministers stressed that implementing the two-state solution, which includes an independent, sovereign Palestinian state based on the June 4, 1967, borders with East Jerusalem as its capital, living in security and peace alongside Israel, in accordance with relevant international legitimacy resolutions, is the path to achieving security and peace for all in the region.

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