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## Emirates and Etihad to resume all flights

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UAE carriers Emirates and Etihad Airways have resumed their operations to Israel, Jordan and Lebanon after temporary closures of airspaces were lifted yesterday afternoon.

An Emirates spokesperson said, "Emirates cancelled some flights and rerouted others due to temporary airspace closures in the region from late evening of April 13 until the morning of April 14. With the reopening of these airspaces, we are resuming our scheduled operations to/from Jordan, Lebanon, and Iraq from the afternoon of 14 April. We are closely monitoring the situation in coordination with the relevant authorities."

UAE's flag carrier Etihad Airways will also resume scheduled operations as of today.

An Etihad Airways spokesperson said, "Following the reopening of airspace in Israel and Jordan and other parts of the Middle East, Etihad Airways plans to operate scheduled passenger and cargo services between Abu Dhabi (AUH) and Tel Aviv (TLV), Abu Dhabi and Amman (AMM) and Abu Dhabi and Beirut (BEY) on Monday April 15."

# UAE, global powers call for restraint after Iran hits Israel

IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS HAD INFORMED THE US OF 'LIMITED' ATTACK'

WASHINGTON/ABU DHABI

The UAE and other Arab states Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and Qatar, along with global powers Russia, China, France and Germany urged restraint after Iran warned Israel and the United States yesterday of a "much larger response" if there is any retaliation for its mass drone and missile attack on Israeli territory overnight, even as Israel said "the campaign is not over yet".

Turkey also called on Iran to avoid a "new escalation", while leaders of G7 nations condemned Iran's unprecedented attack on Israel and called for "restraint" from all sides.

Earlier, in a statement released by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), the UAE called for exercising the utmost restraint in order to avoid serious repercussions, and the region being pulled into new levels of instability.

### Quest for peace

The Ministry called for resolving conflicts through dialogue and diplomatic channels, and for adhering to the rule of law and respecting the United Nations Charter. Furthermore, the Ministry called on the United Nations and the UN Security Council to fulfil their responsibilities to enhance international peace and security by resolving long-standing



■ A police officer inspects the remains of a rocket booster that, according to Israeli authorities, critically injured a 7-year-old girl, after Iran launched drones and missiles towards Israel, near Arad, yesterday.

ing issues and conflicts in the region that threaten global security and stability.

The threat of open warfare erupting between the arch Middle East foes and dragging in the United States has put the region on edge as Washington said America did not seek conflict with Iran but would not hesitate to protect its forces and Israel. "We don't want to see this escalate," White House National Security

Council spokesman John Kirby said on NBC's "Meet the Press". "We're not looking for a wider war with Iran."

Iran launched the attack over a suspected Israeli strike on its consulate in Syria on April 1 that killed top Revolutionary Guards commanders. However, the attack from hundreds of missiles and drones, mostly launched from inside Iran, caused only modest damage in Israel as most

were shot down. An Air Force base in southern Israel was hit, but continued to operate as normal and a 7-year old child was seriously hurt by shrapnel. There were no other reports of serious damage.

Iranian Foreign Minister Amir Abdollahian said Tehran had informed the United States its attack on Israel would be "limited" and for self defence. — Agencies

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