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Raids turn West Bank into 'prison'

DUBAI

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Life has come to a standstill for Palestinians in the occupied West Bank where Israel is conducting raids, and making arrests in what the military describes as "counter-terrorism" operations.

"It's like a prison," Adnan Naghnaghia, a father of five told AFP from Jenin refugee camp. Most residents have already fled in search of safety elsewhere, he added.

His comments reflect the situation in Gaza, where people are also seeking safer areas amidst deadly Israeli air raids and ground assault.

The UN's humanitarian agency said Israeli forces are employing "lethal war-like tactics" in the West Bank.

The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said that attacks have killed 36 people, including children, since Israel started it's operations in the territory on August 28.

As the war in Gaza nears its 12th month, Defence Minister Yoav Gallant said that Israel must use its "full strength" to combat "the resurgence of terrorism" in the West Bank, which is separated from the Gaza Strip by Israeli territory.

"There is no other option, use all the forces… with full strength," said Gallant.

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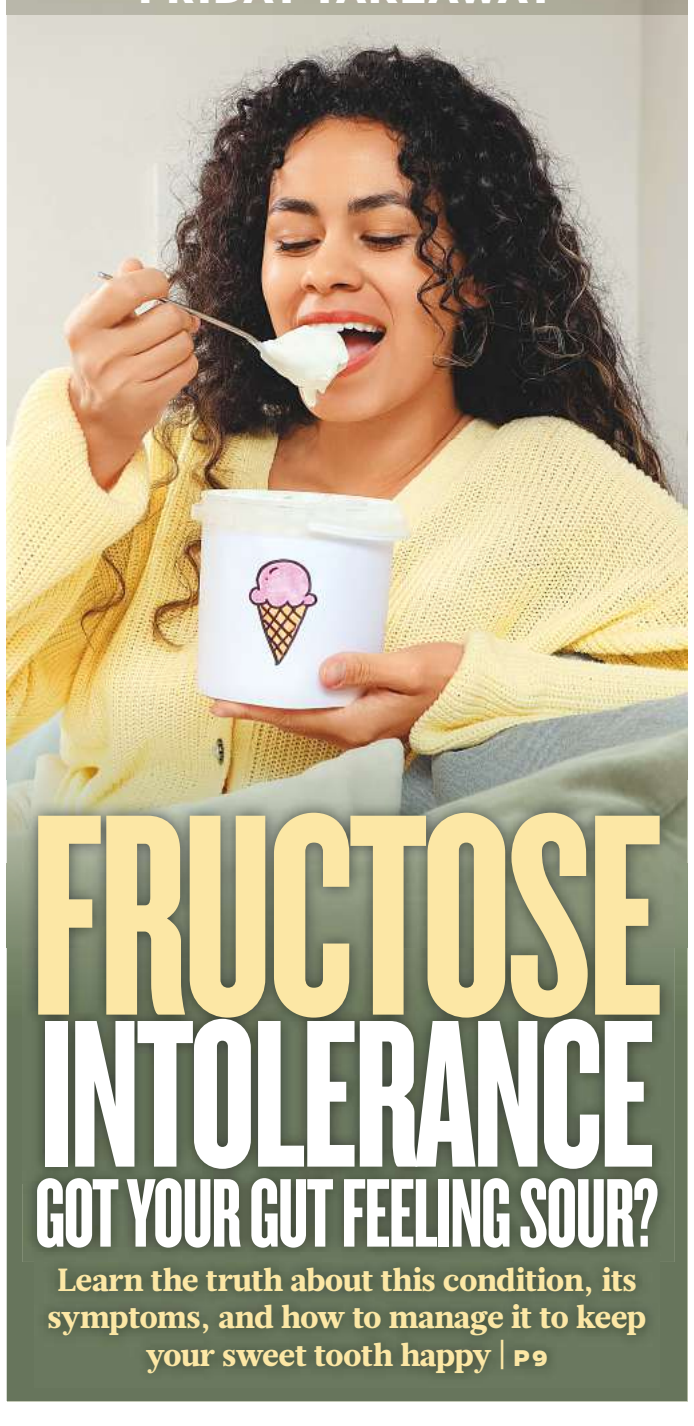

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BARAKAH PLANT UNIT 4 BEGINS COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

ABU DHABI

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The UAE marked a historic milestone yesterday as Unit 4 of the Barakah Nuclear Energy Plant commenced commercial operations, ushering a new era of clean energy in the country.

Located in the Al Dhafra region of Abu Dhabi, the plant's four APR1400 design nuclear reactors will now cater to 25 per cent of the UAE's power requirements, the Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation (ENEC) announced..

Celebrating the proud moment, President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan said, "The UAE has taken another significant step in the journey towards Net Zero."

Arab pride

His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, lauded the project's delivery as "an Emirati accomplishment, Arab pride and a significant global contribution to protecting the planet".

Barakah's production of 40 terawatt-hours of clean and reliable electricity will annually power homes and industrial majors across the nation, including Adnoc, Emirates Steel and Emirates Global Aluminum, to produce clean products through sustainable growth.

The clean and carbon-free energy is said to be enough to power 16 million EVs annually. It represents the largest decarbonisation effort in the UAE and the region, positioning the country ahead of its 2030 climate commitments.

The 22.4 million tonnes of annual carbon emissions prevented by the Barakah plant are equivalent to removing 4.6 million cars from the roads each year.

Mohammad Al Hammadi, Managing Director and CEO of ENEC, said, "The Barakah Nuclear Energy Plant offers a new model for the world and demonstrates that nuclear energy is bankable and can be delivered efficiently, with our units coming online within eight years from first concrete pour to fuel load, and achieving a 40 per cent improvement in schedule from start of operational readiness to commercial operations for Unit 4 compared to Unit 1."

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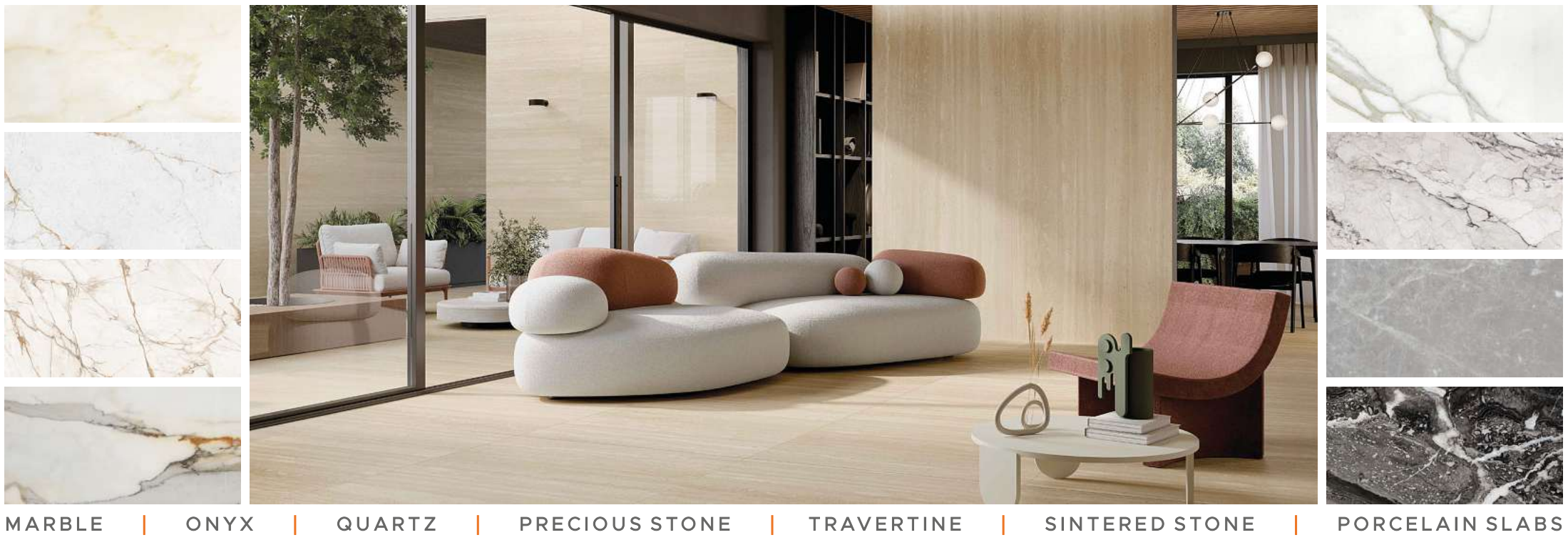

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