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TRUMP'S LANDMARK CRIMINAL TRIAL OPENS IN NEW YORK

Donald Trump's New York criminal trial opened yesterday in a historic first for a US ex-president as he appeared in a Manhattan court to face charges stemming from a hush-money payment to a porn star. Jury selection was due yesterday, but it could take as long as two weeks for defence lawyers and prosecutors to agree on the panel of 12 jurors. **SEE ALSO P11**

Dubai private schools, public sector to work remotely today

Unstable weather expected to continue until tomorrow

DUBAI

Gulf News Report

Private schools in Dubai will switch to distance learning and government departments in the emirate will work remotely today as a precaution after heavy rains hit parts of the UAE yesterday.

"Due to upcoming weather conditions, we have instructed all Dubai Government entities and private schools to work remotely on Tuesday, April 16," announced Shaikh Hamdan Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of Dubai Executive Council, on his account on X yesterday.

Later, the Cabinet announced that all federal government agencies will work remotely today.

Safety of students

Due to the current weather condition in the UAE, the Emirates Schools Establishment decided to adopt the distance learning system for all government schools in the country today and tomorrow in order to preserve the safety of students and teaching staff.

Ras Al Khaimah decided to shift to distance learning today and tomorrow. Private schools

in Sharjah will also switch to distance learning today and tomorrow. Abu Dhabi will see distance learning and remote work today, while Ajman and Umm Al Quwain will see distance learning today and tomorrow.

Elsewhere, Dubai International Airport advised travellers to arrive at the airport at least four hours before flight departs.

Earlier, the National Center of Meteorology (NCM) issued an amber alert for dust across Abu Dhabi. The alert came ahead of unstable weather yesterday in Abu Dhabi, gradually affecting Dubai, Sharjah and other northern and eastern emirates over the coming days, till tomorrow morning. **SEE ALSO P2**

DXB world's busiest international airport

In the passengers' category, it jumped to 2nd rank for the first time in history

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Chief Reporter

Dubai International Airport (DXB) has, for the 10th consecutive year, taken the crown as the world's busiest airport for international travel, catering to 86.9 million passengers in 2023.

Airports Council International (ACI) released yesterday its latest list of the busiest aviation hubs in the world, ranking DXB first in the international passenger category. ACI is an organisation of airport authorities aimed at uniting industry practices for airport standards. And, according to ACI's rank-

ings for 2023, Dubai also took the number 2 ranking in the 'passengers' category for the first time in history.

From January to December 2023, traffic figures at DXB reached more than 86.9 million, up 31.7 per cent from the same period in 2022. Millions more flyers were passing through the gates at DXB last year than in other popular hubs like London Heathrow and Amsterdam, Netherlands, which recorded 74.9 million and 61.8 million, respectively, in 2023.

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Dubai carrier flydubai, which operates multiple daily flights to destinations in Iran, including Tehran, Bandar Abbas, Esfahan, Lar, Mashhad and Shiraz, has resumed operations.

The decision follows Iran's lifting of a suspension on domestic and international flights from its capital early yesterday. A flydubai spokesperson told *Gulf News*, "flydubai flights are operating to schedule following the opening of airspace in the region. We are in direct contact with our passengers whose travel plans have been affected."

As of yesterday, there have been no cancellations or reroutes. However, passengers will have to wait until tomorrow to book fresh tickets to many Iranian destinations, as flights for the next two days are operating at capacity.

Normalcy returns

Economy air tickets to Tehran on Emirates are available after April 17. Etihad Airways was planning to operate scheduled passenger and cargo services between Abu Dhabi and Tel Aviv, Amman and Beirut

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starting yesterday. Abu Dhabi-headquartered Wizz Air Abu Dhabi has also resumed normal operation following the temporary closure of a number of air spaces in the region.

The developments came after European leaders joined the US in pushing for Israel to restrain its response to Iran's drone and missile attack, in a bid to allay a wider military conflict. The US, Europe, and Arab states are trying to convince Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that an aggressive reaction to Iran's assault on Saturday night would harm Israel's interests.

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