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SHARJAH READING FESTIVAL KICKS OFF

His Highness Dr Shaikh Sultan Bin Mohammad Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah, inaugurated yesterday, in the presence of Shaikh Sultan Bin Ahmad Bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Deputy Ruler of Sharjah, and Shaikha Bodour Bint Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Sharjah Book Authority, the 15th session of the Sharjah Children's Reading Festival being held at Expo Centre Sharjah until May 12. **SEE ALSO P5**

Remote work, classes today as rain forecast

HOST OF MEASURES IN PLACE TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY

DUBAI
BY SHARMILA DHAL
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The UAE yesterday braced itself to face "unstable weather" conditions expected today, as authorities went all out to introduce a host of proactive measures to ensure public safety.

Although weathermen have forecast rains for today, they expect the conditions to be far less severe than what the country witnessed on April 16, when it recorded its heaviest rainfall in 75 years.

Following an advisory by the National Emergency, Crisis and Disaster Management Authority (NCEMA), schools and colleges will be implementing distance learning today and tomorrow. Both government and private organisations have been urged to consider remote work. This, however, will not apply to those who are required to be physically present at work or be

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involved in potential response and recovery efforts.

Meanwhile, Dubai International (DXB) and Al Maktoum International Airport (DWC), have urged passengers to avoid delays due to possible road congestion, utilise smart apps for real-time traffic updates and consider using the Dubai Metro.

To facilitate transportation to and from DXB, Dubai Metro operating hours have been extended from 12am to 5am. Trains will depart from Centrepoint Metro Station and will only stop at Emirates Metro Station, Airport Terminal 1, Airport Terminal 3 and GGICO stations. UAE-based airlines, includ-

ing Emirates and flydubai, have issued travel advisories asking passengers to arrive early at the airport.

The police in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and other emirates have also urged motorists to exercise due caution on the roads. Abu Dhabi Police have even made it a point to advise against delivery services on motorcycles in the event of heavy rains.

Residents alerted

Dubai Municipality, Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (Dewa) and other departments have alerted residents about various precautionary measures they should take amid unstable weather conditions.

The Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure has shared its preparedness measures in ensuring the safety of infrastructure, roads and dams. It said 103 dams, barriers and lakes across the UAE are being duly managed with the highest safety protocols in place.

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Tahnoun Bin Mohammad passes away, 7 days mourning declared

UAE leaders mourn passing of Abu Dhabi Ruler's Representative in Al Ain region

ABU DHABI
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UAE President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan yesterday mourned the death of Shaikh Tahnoun Bin Mohammad Al Nahyan, the Ruler's Representative in Al Ain, who passed away yesterday at the age of 82. Shaikh Tahnoun was born in 1942.

"In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful... With hearts faithful to God's decree and destiny, President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan mourns his uncle, Shaikh Tahnoun Bin Mohammad Al Nahyan, Abu Dhabi Ruler's Representative in Al Ain Region, who passed away today," the Presidential Court said in a statement.

The Presidential Court de-



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Shaikh Tahnoun Bin Mohammad Al Nahyan

Shaikh Tahnoun was one of the few people who, from an early age, accompanied the late Shaikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the UAE's Founding Father.

clared official mourning with flags flown at half-mast for a period of seven days starting from yesterday.

His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, also mourned the passing of Shaikh Tahnoun Bin Mohammad Al Nahyan.

Heartfelt condolences

"Today, we bid farewell to Shaikh Tahnoun Bin Mohammad Al Nahyan, the esteemed companion of the late Shaikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, as he departed our world. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the President of the UAE, the entire Al Nahyan family and to the Emirati people," the Vice-President said in a post on his official X account.

"He left behind a legacy of achievements, reflecting his long years of dedication and service to his country. His sons continue to honour his legacy through their unwavering commitment to serving the nation. May Allah grant him mercy and place him in paradise. May Allah grant us patience and solace to endure this loss. We belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we shall return," Shaikh Mohammad added.



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