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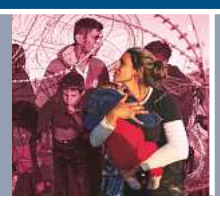

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UAE leaders extend Eid Al Fitr greetings

DUBAI

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President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan and His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, congratulated the leaders of Arab and Islamic countries on the occasion of Eid Al Fitr.

Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed wished them and their people continued progress, prosperity and stability.

Shaikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice-President, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Presidential Court, also congratulated the heads of Arab and Islamic nations on Eid Al Fitr.

In a post shared on his official X account, Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid said: "We congratulate the people of the UAE and all the Arab and Islamic people on Eid Al Fitr. May God return it to us and you with good and blessings. May Allah accept everyone's deeds in the month of goodness. Happy Eid."

Shaikh Hamdan Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of Dubai Executive Council, congratulated the UAE leadership and people and Muslims worldwide on the festive occasion.

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The Jumeirah Mosque in Dubai is lit up on the occasion of Eid Al Fitr which begins today.

UAE RESIDENTS GEAR UP FOR EID

Prayers, gatherings over scrumptious delights, charitable initiatives, shopping and travel to mark Eid Al Fitr celebrations during the long holiday in the UAE | P2-4

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Hottest March ever makes it 10 record months

NEW RECORD FOR OCEAN SURFACE TEMPERATURE IN FEBRUARY ECLIPSED

PARIS

Europe's climate monitor said yesterday that March was the hottest on record and the tenth straight month of historic heat, with sea surface temperatures also hitting a "shocking" new high.

It is the latest red flag in a year already marked by climate extremes and rising greenhouse gas emissions, spurring fresh calls for more rapid action to limit global warming. Every month since June 2023 has beaten its own "hottest ever" tag — and March 2024 was no exception.

The EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) said that March globally was 1.68 degrees Celsius hotter than an average March between the years 1850-1900, the reference period for the pre-industrial era. The March record was only broken by 0.1C but it is the broader trend that was more alarming, said Samantha Burgess, deputy director of C3S.

Sizzling 12-month period

Huge swathes of the planet endured above-average temperatures in March, from parts of Africa to Greenland, South America and Antarctica. It was not only the tenth consecutive month to break its own heat record, but capped the hottest 12-month period on the books — 1.58C above pre-industrial averages.

This doesn't mean the 1.5C warming limit has been breached. Nonetheless "the reality is that we're extraordinarily close, and already on borrowed time," Burgess told AFP.

The UN's IPCC climate panel has warned that the world will likely crash through 1.5C in the early 2030s. — *Agencies*

HISTORIC RULING

Europe's top rights court yesterday said Switzerland was not doing enough to tackle climate change in a historic decision that could force governments to adopt more ambitious climate policies. The Swiss association of Elders for Climate Protection — 2,500 women aged 73 on average — had complained about the "failings of the Swiss authorities" in terms of climate protection that could "seriously harm" their health. — *AFP*

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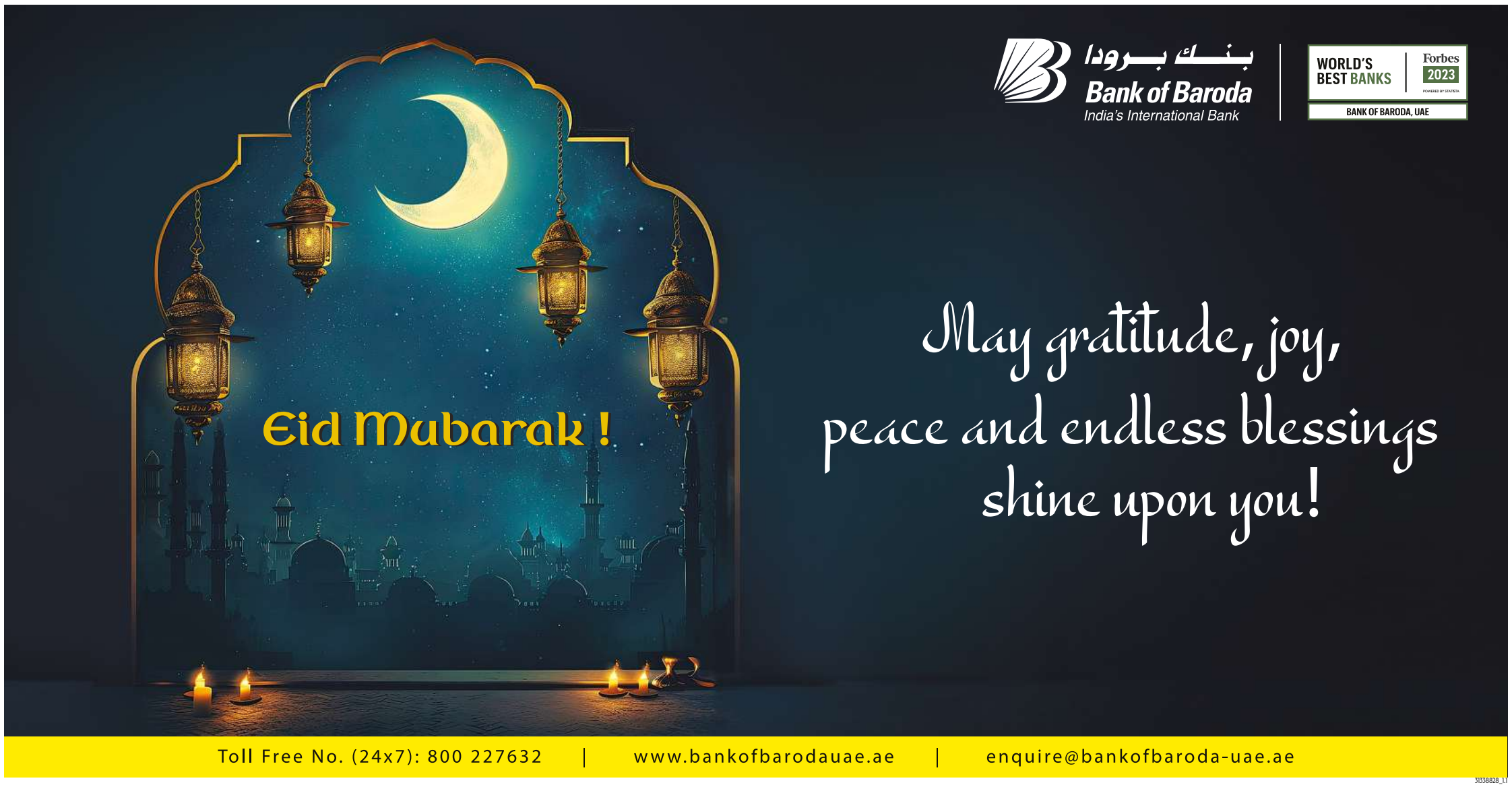

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