

# Eid holidays announced for private, public sectors

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**T**he Eid Al Adha holidays for the private sector in the UAE will be from Saturday, June 15, to Tuesday, June 18, according to the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization.

Meanwhile, the Federal Authority for Government Human Resources in the UAE on Saturday announced that the Eid Al Adha holidays for federal government employees will also commence on June 15, and will extend till June 18.

Government offices will close during these days, allowing employees to celebrate one of Islam's most significant festivals.

## Schools closed

All private schools, universities and nurseries in Dubai will be closed from June 15 to June 18 for Eid Al Adha, and will reopen on June 19.

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# Massacre: 274 Gazans killed as Israel rescues 4 hostages

ISRAEL WAR CABINET MINISTER BENNY GANTZ QUILTS GOVERNMENT

**GAZA STRIP/JERUSALEM**

**I**sraelis yesterday cheered the rescue of four hostages from war-torn Gaza while Palestinians counted the cost, with Hamas officials saying 274 people were killed and hundreds wounded during the daytime raid.

Special forces fought heavy gun battles with Palestinian militants on Saturday in central Gaza's crowded Nuseirat refugee camp area as they swooped in to free the captives from two buildings and then flew them out by helicopters.

### 3 hostages killed

Hamas' Al Qassam Brigades said in a video posted on its Telegram channel yesterday that three hostages were killed, including a US citizen in the Israeli military operation.

The Hamas-run Gaza Strip's health ministry said 274 people were killed in what it labelled the "Nuseirat massacre", adding the fatalities included many women and children. The health ministry said 698 people were wounded.

## Gantz withdraws

Israeli war cabinet minister Benny Gantz said yesterday his party was quitting the government after threatening last month to leave over the lack of post-war strategy for the Gaza



Bloomberg

■ Palestinians at the site of an Israeli strike on buildings in Nuseirat refugee camp, central Gaza, on Saturday. The number of Palestinians killed in the Gaza war stood at 37,084 yesterday.

Strip. “(Benjamin) Netanyahu is preventing us from progressing to a real victory. That is why we are leaving the emergency government today with a heavy heart,” Gantz said in a televised address.

## UAE slams Israeli action

The UAE yesterday con-  
demned in the strongest terms

and denounced the ongoing Israeli violations which has resulted in hundreds of deaths and injuries of innocent civilians.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) stressed the UAE's categorical rejection of the targeting of civilians and civilian facilities. —Agencies

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## Palestinians wounded in Israeli raid on Saturday

# New rules to curb intrusive telemarketing

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The UAE Ministry of Economy, together with the Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority (TDRA), yesterday announced a new set of strict measures to regulate telemarketing activities.

Effective from mid-August 2024, these measures are aimed at curbing the intrusive nature of telemarketing and ensuring privacy for consumers.

### Fines up to Dh150,000

The newly introduced regulations stipulate severe penalties for violations, including fines up to Dh150,000, possibility of activity suspension, cancellation of licences and denial of telecommunication services within the UAE for up to one year.

All marketing companies must secure prior approval from competent authorities before engaging in telemarketing.

Additionally, calls can only be made from numbers registered under licensed companies, not individuals.

The resolution also sets clear boundaries on the timing of telemarketing calls, which are only permitted between 9am and 6pm.

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