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DXB issues scam alert over lost luggage

DUBAI
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We all know that Dubai International Airport (DXB) is the world's busiest airport. It is perhaps the most efficient too. So if you come across a social media post saying "lost luggage" at DXB is for sale, don't fall for it.

Warning passengers against suspicious bargains and fake profiles claiming to sell lost luggage on Facebook and Instagram, DXB has said, "We're here for take-offs, not rip-offs."

dnata, which caters to all baggage requirements at DXB, covers over 100 airlines and flights operating to over 250 destinations.

Streamlined system

It has a highly streamlined system in place to handle millions of bags every year. And if in the odd scenario that a piece of luggage is lost, there is an equally streamlined process through which a missing report can be filed to track and find the item.

In fact, how DXB's Baggage Handling System (BHS) transports luggage using the most advanced methods is a case study by itself.

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US, UK pushing for wider war with Yemen strikes, Iran says

WESTERN FORCES STRIKE 36 HOUTHI TARGETS INCLUDING A CRUISE MISSILE

TEHRAN/WASHINGTON

Iran yesterday denounced the latest US and UK strikes on targets in Yemen saying they "contradict" their declared intention of avoiding a wider Middle East conflict.

These attacks are "in clear contradiction with the repeated claims of Washington and London that they do not want the expansion of war and conflict in the region," Iran's foreign ministry spokesman, Nasser Kanani, said in a statement.

He accused the US and Britain of "fuelling chaos, disorder, insecurity and instability" by supporting Israel in its war against Hamas militants.

Further strikes on Yemen's Al Houthi fighters in response to the group's attacks on international shipping in the Red Sea is "a threat to international peace and security", Kanani said.

Al Houthis vow revenge

Meanwhile Al Houthis said yesterday US and British air strikes "will not deter us" and vowed a response after dozens of targets were hit in retaliation for the Iran-backed militants' repeated Red Sea attacks.

Saturday's strikes hit "36 Houthi targets across 13 locations in Yemen", the US, Britain and other countries that provided support for the operation



READY TO STRIKE

Weapon technicians prepare RAF Typhoon FRG4 aircraft to conduct strikes against Houthi targets on Saturday. Reuters

13

locations in Yemen struck by American and British fighter jets

165

attacks launched on US and allied troops in region since mid-Oct

said in a statement. It is the third time that British and American forces have jointly targeted the Houthis, whose attacks have disrupted global trade.

The US Central Command said its forces conducted an additional strike yesterday "in

self-defence against a Houthi anti-ship cruise missile prepared to launch against ships in the Red Sea". The joint air raids in Yemen followed a separate wave of unilateral American strikes against Iran-linked targets in Iraq and Syria.

The US intends to make additional strikes against Iran-backed groupst, White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan told NBC News yesterday.

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SUV-owners in Paris forced to battle it out for parking space

Parisians vote on referendum to triple parking costs for big cars

PARIS

Parisians voted yesterday in a referendum on tripling parking costs for hefty SUV-style cars, a campaign that has drivers' groups up in arms against city hall.

Some 1.3 million in the French capital are eligible to cast their ballot on the change, which would see cars weighing 1.6 tonnes or more charged 18 euros (\$19.50) per hour for parking in central areas, or 12 euros further out.

Fully electric cars would have to top two tonnes to be affected, while people living or working in Paris, taxi drivers, tradespeople, health workers and people with disabilities would all be exempt.

"The bigger they are, the more they pollute," Paris's Socialist mayor Anne Hidalgo said in December to justify the step.

Most people at one polling station in the city's 10th district said they were voting in favour of the higher fees.



Caroline, a 51-year-old teacher who asked not to give her family name, said she backed the move "for obvious environmental reasons", adding that "to be honest, no one really needs an SUV in Paris".

On Hidalgo's watch, the city has pedestrianised many streets, including the banks of the river Seine, and built a network of cycle lanes in an effort to discourage driving and reduce harmful transport emissions. —AFP

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