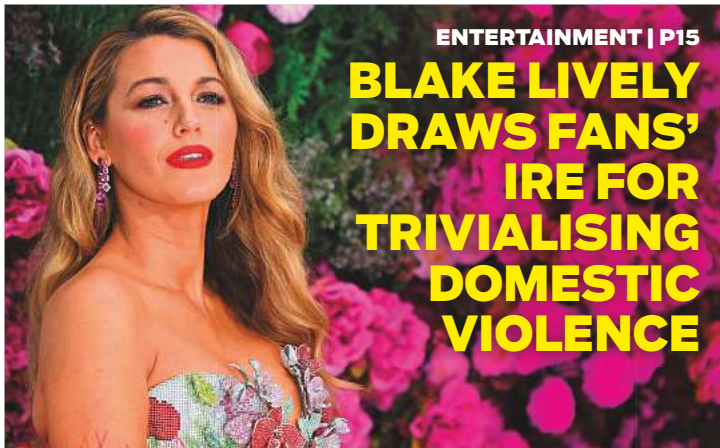


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UAE school suppliers warned not to hike prices

ABU DHABI
BY ALI AL HAMMADI
Reporter

The Emirates Consumer Protection Association (ECPA) has asked commercial institutions and schools to ensure all support to families by providing multiple options for supplies at reasonable prices, and see that they are not exploited through exaggerated prices.

Chairman of the Board of Directors of ECPA, Mohammed Khalifa Al Muhairi, has also advised consumers to make a detailed list of basic needs and allocate sufficient time to make purchases, so they can compare prices in different outlets, whether traditional or e-commerce platforms, and ensure they get good quality products at the right prices.

What the law says

The Consumer Protection Law (Federal Decree-Law No. 5 of 2023 amending Federal Law No. 15 of 2020 regarding Consumer Protection) protects consumer rights so that they get quality goods and services at the right price. The law also encourages healthy consumption patterns. Privacy and security of consumer data is protected and its use for promotional and marketing purposes is prohibited.

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Israel kills Fatah commander as Gaza truce talks stumble

KHALIL MAQDAH KILLED IN A STRIKE ON HIS CAR IN LEBANESE CITY OF SIDON

SIDON, LEBANON

Israel killed a senior member of the Palestinian movement in Lebanon yesterday, accusing him of orchestrating attacks in the West Bank.

In response, the slain militant's Fatah party accused Israel of seeking to "ignite a regional war".

Khalil Maqdash was killed in a strike on his car in the southern Lebanese city of Sidon, according to Fatah and a Lebanese security source.

The Israeli military said an air force "aircraft struck the terrorist Khalil Hussain Khalil Al Maqdash in the area of Sidon in southern Lebanon."

The military said Maqdash was the brother of Mounir Maqdash, who heads the Lebanese branch of Fatah's armed wing, the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, and accused them both of "directing terror attacks and smuggling weapons" to the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

It alleged that the pair "collaborate on behalf of" Iran's Revolutionary Guards.

First attack on Fatah

The attack marks the first such reported attack on a senior member of Fatah, the movement led by Palestinian President Mahmud Abbas, in more than 10 months of cross-border



AFP

Lebanese civil defence personnel inspect a car that was targeted by an Israeli strike in the southern city of Sidon yesterday that led to the killing of a Fatah official.

clashes between Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah following the Gaza war.

Fatah said Maqdash had been killed "in a cowardly assassination carried out by ... Zionist (Israeli) warplanes on Sidon", describing him as "one of the leaders" of the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades in Lebanon, the movement's armed wing.

In a statement, it said

Maqdash had "a central role" in "supporting the Palestinian people and its resistance" during the Gaza war and an "important role in supporting resistance cells" for years in the West Bank.

A senior Fatah official in the West Bank city of Ramallah accused Israel of killing him in order to spark a regional war.

The "assassination of a Fatah

official is further proof that Israel wants to ignite a full-scale war in the region," Tawfiq Tirawy, a member of Fatah's central committee, told AFP in Ramallah.

Fatah has not announced any attacks on Israel from Lebanon since clashes began nor had it mourned members killed by Israeli fire in Lebanon. —AFP

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Eating meat raises risk of type 2 diabetes, study says

100 grams of red
meat daily raises
risk by 10% of
developing disease

WASHINGTON

Eating meat increases the risk of developing type 2 diabetes, according to the findings of a new study.

Regular consumption of 50 grams of processed meat a day — equivalent to two slices of meat — is associated with a 15 per cent higher risk of developing the disease, researchers from the University of Cambridge found. Eating 100 grams of unprocessed red meat, such as a small steak, raises the risk by 10 per cent, they said.

There's currently no cure

for diabetes, which affects the body's ability to control blood sugar levels, but it can be controlled. Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of the disease, affecting more than 500 million people worldwide. Research estimates that global aging and rising body weight will more than double that number by 2050.

Broad research

More than 107,000 of the 1.97 million adults in the study went on to develop diabetes after 10 years. The research is broader than previous studies because it includes data from the Middle East, Latin America and South Asia, said Nick Wareham, director of the Medical Research Council Epidemiology Unit at Cambridge University. Previous studies

have focused on the US and Europe, Wareham said.

Global meat production has grown rapidly in recent decades, with consumption exceeding dietary guidelines in many countries, the study said.

Type 2 diabetes is often linked to being overweight. Drugmakers such as Novo Nordisk A/S and Eli Lilly & Co. have invested heavily in their treatments, Ozempic and Mounjaro, respectively. Patients with type 2 diabetes can also get insulin injections and take drugs such as metformin.

While there's currently no cure, physical exercise and better nutritional habits are recommended by the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention's National Diabetes Prevention Programme.

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