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# **UAE** waiver for Indians with UK, US, EU visit visa

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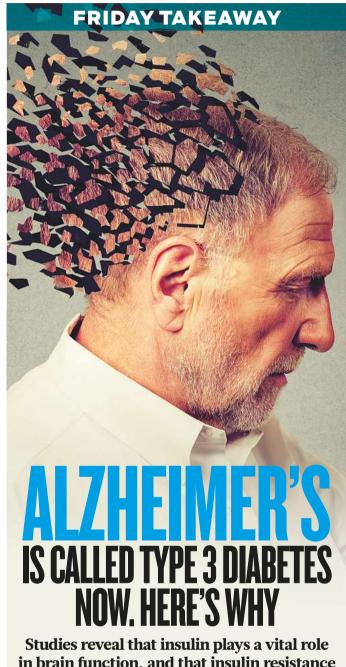
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ndian nationals holding tourist visas to the European Union, the United States, or the United Kingdom are now exempt from a pre-entry visa to enter the

This was announced by the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Ports Security yesterday. The visa exemption has been expanded to include Indian nationals holding valid tourist visas for the EU, US, and UK. Earlier, it was limited to those Indians with residence permit to US, UK and European countries.

Additionally, visitors can also extend their stay in the UAE after paying the applicable fees, provided their visa to EU, US or UK remain valid with at least six months passport validity.

The fee for a 14-day entry visa for Indian nationals and their family members holding ordinary passports, along with a valid visa, residency, or green card from the US, EU, or UK, is Dh100. For those wishing to extend their stay for an additional 14 days, the fee is Dh250, while the cost for a 60-day visa is also Dh250



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# Israel says Hamas chief killed in Gaza battle

SINWAR WAS ONE OF KEY ARCHITECTS OF OCT 7 ATTACK

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srael vesterday said it has killed Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar in an operation in Gaza.

Israeli Foreign Minister Israel Katz announced the killing Sinwar, who Israel has accused of masterminding the group's attack on October 7 last year.

The Hamas leader, who has not been heard from in weeks, has been the group's most senior member following the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran

Authorities were earlier conducting DNA tests on a body to determine if it was him, an Israeli security official said. There was no immediate comment by Hamas on the report.

In recent days the Israeli forces have stepped up attacks in the northern part of Gaza.

Sinwar was one of the chief architects of Hamas' attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, and Israel has vowed to kill him since the beginning of its campaign in Gaza.

If confirmed, Sinwar's death could be a heavy blow to the militant group. He has been Hamas' top leader inside the Gaza Strip for years, closely connected to its military wing while dramatically building up its capabilities.

Meanwhile, Israel continued



Displaced Palestinians queue to receive food rations in Deir Al Balah in the central Gaza Strip yesterday.

## 100% OF GAZA'S POPULATION IN POVERTY

More than a year into Israel's war against Hamas, "nearly 100 per cent" of Gaza's population has been plunged into poverty with a ruined economy and "staggering" unemployment, the UN said

Ruba Jaradat, ILO's regional director for Arab States, said: "The war has fundamentally altered the socioeconomic landscape of Gaza. The impact will be felt for generations to come.'

its attacks on Gaza, Lebanon and Syria yesterday.

### 15 killed in Gaza

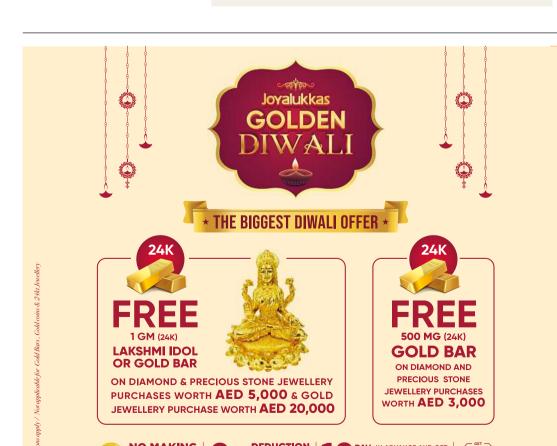
A strike on a school in northern Gaza that Israel said was an "operational meeting point" for Hamas and Islamic Jihad militants, killed at least 15 people.

Also yesterday, US B-2

stealth bombers struck weapons depots in Yemen linked to the Houthis.

The strikes hit bunkers containing missiles and other munitions "used to target military and civilian vessels throughout the region," US Central Command said. There's no indication of civilian casualties, it added.

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