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More UAE retailers offer rupee payments

DUBAI
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With visitors from India being allowed to use rupee to shop in the UAE with the UPI (Unified Payments Interface) from last month, more UAE retailers are now making this option available to shoppers.

Hypermarket operator LuLu was the latest among several others to roll out UPI payments at all its UAE stores. Indian tourists can scan a QR code at point-of-sale machines in LuLu outlets using their UPI-enabled apps — with the mobile number they have in India — or the RuPay card to make payments on purchases in the UAE.

The payment, which is made using the funds tied to their bank accounts in India, can be done in Indian rupees, as opposed to being made in UAE dirhams, US dollars or any other currency — in cash or credit card — up until now.

Additionally, as the UPI is directly connected to the visitors' bank accounts in India, payment for a transaction here gets done instantly. Much like what those shoppers would experience if they bought anything in India.

Blinken in Israel to bridge gaps in Gaza ceasefire talks

TOP US DIPLOMAT ON 9TH TRIP TO REGION AIMS TO AVERT WIDER WAR

DUBAI
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Israel and Hamas were at odds over the progress of ceasefire talks in Gaza, as top US diplomat Antony Blinken arrived in Israel yesterday.

Blinken's visit aims to secure a deal that could help avert a wider regional conflict. Despite two days of talks in Doha and reports of progress from US, Qatari, and Egyptian mediators, Hamas has dismissed the optimism of a near deal as "an illusion."

Israel voiced cautious optimism about prospects for a ceasefire after high-level talks with mediators over a new US proposal, placing the onus on Hamas to drop objections.

'American diktats'

But Hamas political bureau member Sami Abu Zuhri told AFP: "We are not facing a deal or real negotiations, but rather the imposing of American diktats."

Making his ninth trip to the region since the Gaza war began, Blinken was due to meet Israeli leaders before truce talks resume in Cairo. A framework proposal, laid out by President Joe Biden in late May and later endorsed by the UN Security Council, aims to freeze fighting for an initial



■ Palestinians flee a makeshift camp for displaced people in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip after Israeli tanks took position on a hill overlooking the area yesterday.

six weeks. This plan includes exchanging Israeli hostages for Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails and allowing humanitarian aid into Gaza.

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accused Hamas of obstructing progress and

called for increased pressure on the Palestinian militants ahead of the upcoming talks. "Hamas remains obstinate and did not even send a representative to the talks in Doha. Therefore, the pressure should be directed at Hamas and Yahya Sinwar, not at

the Israeli government," Netanyahu said at a cabinet meeting. In contrast, Jordan, hostage supporters in Israel, and Hamas have urged pressure on Netanyahu to facilitate reaching an agreement.

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Macron calls legendary French actor Alain Delon a 'monument'

Star, who passed away yesterday, leaves 'void no one can fill', Brigitte Bardot says

PARIS

French President Emmanuel Macron paid tribute yesterday to the film star Alain Delon, who died aged 88, calling him not just a legendary actor but a "monument".

"Alain Delon played legendary roles and made the world dream. Lending his unforgettable face to turn our lives upside down," Macron wrote on X. "Melancholy, popular, secretive, he was more than a star: he was a French monument."

Delon's death leaves "a



■ Alain Delon died yesterday after a battle with ill health.

huge void that nothing and no one will be able to fill", fellow silver screen icon Brigitte Bardot said yesterday.

Delon "represented the best of France's 'prestige cinema'. An ambassador of elegance, talent, beauty. I lose a friend, an alter ego, a partner," Bardot said in a written message.

Delon starred in some of the greatest European films of the 1960s and '70s. "With a filmography boasting such titles as Luchino Visconti's *Rocco and His Brothers* (1960) and *The Leopard* (1963), Rene Clement's *Purple Noon* (1960), Michelangelo Antonioni's *The Eclipse* (1962), Joseph Losey's *Mr. Klein* (1976) and Jean-Pierre Melville's *Le Samourai* (1967) and *The Red Circle* (1970), Delon graced several art house movies now considered classics," according to The Hollywood Reporter.

His tense and stoic performances, frequently as alluring men, were characterised by abrupt outbursts of violence and emotion. He was often dubbed "the male Brigitte Bardot."

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