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MOHAMMAD TOURS EMIRATES' FIRST AIRBUS A350

His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, toured Emirates' first Airbus A350, the latest aircraft type to join the fleet. Shaikh Mohammad was briefed on the airline's A350 network plans by Shaikh Ahmad Bin Saeed Al Maktoum, President of Dubai Civil Aviation Authority, Chairman of Dubai Airports, and Chairman and Chief Executive of Emirates Airline and Group. **SEE ALSO P5**

Road safety urged as casualties rise

18 delivery riders have died in accidents so far this year in Dubai

DUBAI
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Senior Reporter

Revealing yet another grim statistic, Dubai Police yesterday said 18 delivery riders have died in accidents so far this year in the emirate.

Also, over the past four years,

181 delivery riders suffered severe injuries in crashes. Police said these incidents were mostly because of sudden swerving, being distracted while riding, and overtaking from the hard shoulder. "Some delivery riders commit violations that endanger their own lives and the lives of others. Remember, staying focused on the road, adhering to traffic rules, and sticking to the mandatory lane are crucial for ensuring everyone's safety," the force said.

Dubai Police recorded 77,227 traffic violations involving delivery motorcycles in 2024 — significantly up from 60,471 in 2023. Earlier this month, Dubai Police had revealed that 32 people died in road accidents caused by swerving motorists since January. These figures underscore the deadly consequences of careless driving and the need for following all traffic rules, officials have repeatedly said, urging motorists and bike riders not to take the matter lightly.

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Biden to push for Gaza truce after Lebanon

UAE COMMENDS US EFFORTS TO SEAL ISRAEL-HEZBOLLAH PEACE DEAL

DUBAI

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US President Joe Biden is set to renew efforts for a Gaza ceasefire and hostage release deal, following a 60-day truce between Israel and Hezbollah as tens of thousands of displaced Lebanese are heading back to their homes.

There were celebrations in Beirut, Lebanon's heavily-bombed capital, and many civilians left for the south of the country.

Returning to his home in the southern town of Nabatiyeh, Ali Mazraani said he was shocked by the extent of the devastation from the raids. "Is this really Nabatiyeh?" he said. "All our memories of Nabatiyeh have disappeared, and we can't recognise our own town."

UAE hails ceasefire

The UAE welcomed the announcement and implementation of the truce and expressed hope that this agreement will lead to a permanent cessation of hostilities. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs commended the efforts of the US in reaching the agreement, highlighting it as a

significant step to prevent further suffering of the Lebanese.

The truce is expected to increase pressure on Hamas to engage in ceasefire and prisoner exchange talks, Biden's national security adviser Jake Sullivan told MSNBC.

"President Biden intends to begin that work today by having his envoys engage with Turkey, Qatar, Egypt and other actors in the region," Sullivan said. "We believe that this is the beginning of an opportunity for a more stable Middle East in which Israel's security is assured and US interests are secured," he added.

Hamas is ready to reach a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, a senior official of the group said, hailing the ceasefire that took hold in Lebanon.

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