# Abandoned IL-76

# Information

Abandoned IL-76 is a Russian cargoplane that was left abandoned and rusting away since probably the 1970s at a non-functional airstrip in Umm al-Quwain.

This soviet-era abandoned cargo plane might as well be the most interesting object in Umm Al Quwain. The plane is currently used as a billboard for the Palma Beach Hotel. The engines are long gone and its wings have begun to rust. The stories that accompany the aircraft and its history are all equally strange.

**History**

The Soviet plane, according to the Aero Transport Data Bank, was built in 1975 in Uzbekistan, following which it flew as a Soviet military transport plane. In the early nineties, it was sold to the Air Ces a company formed by Sergei Bout in Belgium that moved to Sharjah in 1997.

The cargo plane, owned by the brother of arms dealer Viktor Bout, was transferred to a company called Air Pass. This company was disbanded when South Africa's Civil Aviation Authority charged Air Cess with 146 breaches of civil aviation law.

The plane, listed as "derelict" under the Centrafrican Airlines, 1998 to 2000, ended operations in 2001. However, it is said to have been bought by someone who transformed it into a café shop.

# What to Do

# There’s nothing much to do in the Abandoned IL-76 but explore aircraft itself, just take a quick stop and take pictures, after all who would want to miss this historical place?

# Timings

7 days a week, 24 hours.