

## **UAE spacecraft takes close-up photos of Mars' little moon**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida: A spacecraft around Mars has sent back the most detailed photos yet of the red planet's little moon.

The UAE's Amal spacecraft flew within 100 km of Deimos last month and the close-up shots were released on Monday.

Amal – Arabic for Hope – got a two-for-one when Mars photobombed some of the images. It was the closest a spacecraft has been to Deimos in almost a half-century.

The spacecraft also observed the little explored far side of the odd-shaped, cratered moon, 15 km by 12 km by 12 km.

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## **RAF plane lands in Sudan as UK gears up for further evacuations**

LONDON: A team of troops from the UK arrived at Port Sudan on Monday on a reconnaissance mission, media reported on Monday.

The flight comes as the UK government assessed options for an evacuation of British nationals stranded in the crisis-hit country, Sky News said.

The C-17 Globemaster was on the ground at the eastern Sudanese port on the Red Sea along with troops who "may form part of a second rescue," the channel reported.

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## **Flydubai aircraft heads for destination after engine fire extinguished**

DUBAI: A Flydubai flight from Katmandu to Dubai experienced a bird strike during takeoff but is now heading to the United Arab Emirates, the company said on Monday.

Jagannath Niroula, spokesperson for Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal said in a statement to Reuters an engine caught fire on the Flydubai Boeing 737-800 plane with 167 passengers on board, shortly after takeoff from Katmandu and the fire had been brought under control.

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## UK pulls diplomats and families out of Sudan

LONDON: British armed forces have evacuated UK embassy staff and their families from Sudan, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said Sunday, as fighting raged between rival Sudanese generals.

“UK armed forces have completed a complex and rapid evacuation of British diplomats and their families from Sudan, amid a significant escalation in violence and threats to embassy staff,” Sunak tweeted.

The prime minister said the government was “continuing to pursue every avenue to end the bloodshed in Sudan and ensure the safety of British nationals remaining in the country.”

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## Over 400 Egyptian citizens evacuated from Sudan

LONDON: Over 400 Egyptian citizens were successfully evacuated from Sudan on Sunday as fighting continued to rage in the country.

The 436 citizens crossed into Egypt via land and the country continues to secure evacuations to ensure the safe and sound return of Egyptians to their country, the spokesperson for the foreign ministry Ahmed Abu Zeid said.

An Iraqi citizen was killed in the fighting on Sunday, according to Iraq’s state news agency, as foreign governments evacuated diplomats, staff and others trapped in Sudan.