

[Dubai aims for complete switch to eco-friendly taxis by 2027](#)

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DUBAI: Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority has endorsed a plan to make all taxis in the emirate environmentally friendly by 2027.

Under the five-year plan, the entire taxi fleet will complete the switch to fully hybrid electric and hydrogen-powered vehicles, the Emirates News Agency reported on Monday. This is in line with the authority's goal of ensuring that public transportation is emissions-free by 2050. The RTA has already replaced 72 percent of Dubai taxis with hybrid vehicles.



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[Saudi authorities arrest four found in possession of more than 63,000](#)

amphetamine tablets

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RIYADH: The Kingdom's General Directorate of Narcotics Control arrested four citizens found in possession of 63,443 amphetamine pills in the Eastern Region, Saudi Press Agency reported on Monday.

The pills had an estimated street value ranging from \$630,000 to \$1.8 million, according to figures published in the International Addiction Review journal.

The four have been referred to the Public Prosecution.



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Iran 'shamefully' celebrates amid

cover-up of 'horror after horror': Amnesty

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LONDON: The Iranian regime is systematically covering up a series of massacres as it “shamefully” celebrates the 44th anniversary of the Islamic Republic, Amnesty International said on Monday.

A report by the organization details how key officials involved in the cover-up of prison massacres in 1988 did not face punishment for their role in disinformation campaigns, with Amnesty warning that Iran’s current regime “employs similar strategies to weaken international responses to crimes.”



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UAE pledges \$13 million in aid to quake-hit Syria

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DUBAI: The United Arab Emirates on Monday pledged humanitarian assistance worth around \$13.6 million to Syria following an earthquake in Turkiye that killed at least 1,000 people in the war-torn country, Emirates News Agency reported.

The 7.8 magnitude quake struck near the Turkish city of Gaziantep before dawn on Monday, killing more than 1,651 people in Turkiye and another 1,100 in neighboring Syria.

Dubai Ruler and UAE Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum "directed urgent humanitarian aid to those affected in Syria," WAM said.



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[Turkiye's President Erdogan says Western missions will 'pay' for closures](#)

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ISTANBUL: Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said Western missions would "pay" for issuing security warnings and temporarily closing consulates in Turkiye

last week, while police said there was no serious threat to foreigners after detaining 15 Daesh suspects on Sunday.



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