

## [20,000 children enrolled in 226 centers marks milestone for Dubai's early childhood education](#)

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DUBAI: More than 20,000 children, aged between 45 days and six years, of 58 different nationalities, are now enrolled in 226 early childhood centers across Dubai.

Emphasizing Dubai's cultural diversity and vibrant education ecosystem, the Knowledge and Human Development Authority – KHDA – reported on Friday that pre-schoolers are supported by more than 1,300 teachers and 1,900 teaching assistants at early childhood centers – ECCs – across the emirate, the Emirates News Agency said.



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## [Iran says it has arrested 9 foreigners](#)

## over protests

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DUBAI: Iran's intelligence ministry says it has arrested nine foreigners over recent anti-hijab protests sweeping the country.

In a statement carried by the state-run news agency IRNA, the ministry said Friday that those arrested included citizens of Germany, Poland, Italy, France, the Netherlands and Sweden.

The death in custody of Mahsa Amini, who was detained for allegedly wearing the mandatory Islamic headscarf too loosely, has triggered an outpouring of anger at Iran's ruling clerics.



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## Iran protests could topple morality police: Human Rights Watch

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LONDON: Nationwide protests in Iran following the death of a woman in custody could topple the country's so-called morality police, Human Rights Watch has said.

Rothna Begum, senior researcher at HRW's women's rights division, told The Independent that the morality police "could have their powers removed" after 22-year-old Mahsa Amini died in September after being detained for an alleged infringement of Iran's hijab rules.



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## [UN sounds alarm over leukaemia in Iraq linked to oil fields](#)

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LONDON: The UN has warned that people living near oil fields, where gas is openly burned, face heightened risks of leukaemia, and that it has classified such areas as "modern sacrifice zones."

Singling out sites in Iraq for gas flaring – a process of burning gas released by oil drilling that produces cancer-linked pollutants including CO2, methane and black soot – the UN said profits have been prioritized over human rights, noting Britain's BP and Italy's Eni as working these sites.



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## [Iraq summons Iranian ambassador after drone bombing campaign](#)

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BAGHDAD: Iraq summoned the Iranian ambassador on Thursday to deliver a diplomatic complaint following a deadly drone bombing campaign, the Iraqi Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The Iranian drones targeted an Iranian-Kurdish opposition group in northern Iraq on Wednesday, killing at least nine people and wounding 32 others. The strikes took place as demonstrations continued to engulf the Islamic Republic after the death of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian Kurdish woman who died while in the custody of the Iranian morality police.



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