

Efforts are ongoing to return evacuated residents in UAE's eastern regions, ministry says

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LONDON: The UAE said on Friday that it is continuing efforts to return residents who have been evacuated to government-provided shelters and that 80 percent of those affected have returned to their homes.

"Authorities are continuing their gradual recovery efforts, in light of the recent rain- and wind-induced weather fluctuations, and deal with the resulting damage," Brig. Gen. Ali Salem Al-Tunaiji, director-general of Federal Central Operations at the Ministry of Interior.



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[Iraq's archaeological treasures face looming threat of climate change](#)

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DUBAI: In January, the drought which has stalked Iraq for the past three years caused water levels at Mosul dam in the north of the country to drop to their lowest levels since it was built in 1986. But, as the water receded, something unexpected emerged from beneath the surface.

To the amazement of onlookers, there stood the ruins of a 3,400-year-old city of the Mitanni Empire that had once occupied the banks of the Tigris River.



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[Iran ramps up drone production](#)

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LONDON: Iran has stepped up the production of military-capable drones, delivering its technology to militant groups across the Middle East as well as to countries such as Venezuela and Sudan, the US has warned.

The New York Times cited Iranian media outlets, satellite images and US defense experts to suggest that Tehran is trying to increase its influence in the drone market.



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[Iran hijab protests a Western conspiracy: Khamenei](#)

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LONDON: Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei has derided Iranian women protesting against wearing of the hijab as victims of a Western conspiracy orchestrated by the UK and US, The Times reported on Friday.

He said Britain and “especially” the US had deployed their media to “attack” the strict dress code imposed by authorities upon women in Iran.

“The enemies’ goal is to spread doubt among the people and shake their faith, which is the main factor in maintaining the country and the Islamic system,” Khamenei told imams.



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[Palestinian lawyers ramp up protests against Abbas governing by 'decree' amid the presidency's silence](#)

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RAMALLAH: Palestinian lawyers are standing firm against legislation delivered by presidential decree that "curbs rights and freedoms."

The lawyers' dispute with the Palestinian Authority has deepened a month after the launch of protests over the approval of dozens of "decisions by law" issued by President Mahmoud Abbas.

These are considered illegal and reportedly strengthen the control of the president's office, while disregarding citizens' rights.



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