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## Mid-air drama

Qatari fighter jets intercept UAE passenger plane

- Jets fly dangerously close to UAE civilian aircraft
- Hostile act puts the lives of passengers and property at risk



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In a hostile act, Qatari fighter jets yesterday intercepted a UAE civilian aircraft carrying 86 passengers including children.

The fighter jets flew dangerously close to the Emirati Airbus 320 flight from Dammam to Abu Dhabi at 10:50 am, the Civil Aviation Affairs said in a statement.

The flight ETD88 was crossing the Bahraini air space when the Qatari planes intercepted. The UAE passenger aircraft was following a scheduled flight path. The flight had met all requirements and the plane was flying at an altitude of 25,000 feet above the international waters, Route UN318 within Bahrain Flight Information Region, the Civil Aviation said.

"The Qatari fighter jets flew too close to the UAE civilian aircraft, jeopardising its safety, which required the intervention of the air control in Bahrain to take the necessary procedures to maintain safety of aviation and the pilot of the plane to manoeuvre and

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*Civil Aviation Affairs*

lower it to an altitude of 24,600 feet in order to avoid the Qatari fighters," the Civil Aviation said. It said the incident constituted a clear violation of international regulations, threatened the safety of international air traffic, posed serious risks to air traffic and put the lives of passengers and property at risk. "Bahrain

## Ministry condemns flight interception

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday condemned the interception of Emirati Airbus 320 civilian aircraft by Qatari fighter jets. The Ministry said that these provocative and repeated acts, which the State of Qatar bears responsibility for, represent a threat to passengers and endangers their lives.

"It also threatens the safety of civil aviation and is a serious

violation of international laws and conventions," the Ministry said, affirming its right to take the matter with the International Civil Aviation Organization and UN agencies to preserve the safety and security of civil aviation and passengers against irresponsible and illegal Qatari practices. The Ministry reiterated its solidarity with the UAE in addressing repeated Qatari violations to ensure safety and protect the lives of civilians.

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The UAE General Authority of Civil Aviation also confirmed the incident. "The Qatar fighter jets followed and approached the UAE

aircraft, reducing the horizontal distance to less than two miles and vertical separation to 700 feet, leaving just a few seconds before a possible collision of the aircraft. It was a dangerous approach endangering the lives of passengers," it said, as quoted by *The National*.

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This is the fifth time Qatari aircraft intercepting UAE passenger planes