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Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang scored twice to win his first trophy as Arsenal captain | **P 08**

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**UAE tells Turkey to stop meddling in Arab affairs over Libya**



Anwar Gargash  
 Reuters | Dubai

The United Arab Emirates minister of state for foreign affairs said on Saturday that Turkey should stop interfering in Arab affairs, criticising comments on Libya made by Turkey's defence minister.

Turkish media had reported the Turkish minister making remarks critical of the UAE's actions over Libya. "Relations are not managed by threats and there is no place for colonialist delusions in this day and age," Anwar Gargash wrote on Twitter.

**UAE successfully starts up first Arab nuclear plant**

AFP | Dubai

The United Arab Emirates yesterday announced the startup of its Barakah nuclear power plant, scoring another first for the Arab world.

The announcement, coinciding with the holiday of Eid al-Adha, comes hot on the heels of the UAE's launch of the Arab world's first probe to Mars.

"UAE first nuclear reactor at the Barakah Nuclear Energy Plant has achieved first criticality and successfully started up," tweeted Hamad Alkaabi, the country's representative to

the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"This is a historic milestone for the nation with a vision set to deliver a new form of clean energy for the nation," he tweeted in English, along with a photograph of technicians raising their arms in celebration.

The UAE premier and ruler of Dubai, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, tweeted that work at Barakah had "succeeded in loading nuclear fuel packages, carrying out comprehensive tests and successfully completing the operation".

"Congratulations on realising this historic achievement in the energy sector & marking this milestone in the roadmap for sustainable development," Sheikh Mohammed said.

The UAE started loading fuel rods into the reactor at Barakah in February, after regulators gave the green light for the first of the plant's four reactors, opening the way for commercial operations.

The plant on the Gulf coast west of Abu Dhabi had been due to go online in late 2017 but faced a number of delays that



Barakah nuclear plant

officials attributed to safety and regulatory requirements.

The Nawah Energy Company said at the time that Unit 1 would begin commercial operations after a "series of tests" leading to the start-up process.

During the process, the unit

When fully operational, its four reactors have the capacity to generate 5,600 megawatts of electricity, around 25 percent of the nation's needs.

would be synchronised with the power grid and the first electricity produced. Barakah, which means "blessing" in Arabic, is a regional first -- Saudi Arabia has said it plans to build up to 16 nuclear reactors, but the project has yet to materialise.

**Targeted US, ended up hitting themselves**

Experts believe Iran's capsized vessel could pose a navigation hazard

● IRGCN wanted to reuse the mockup in future

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Well, Well, Well! It looks like Iranians have created a nice little hazard for themselves right outside Bandar Abbas.

The new satellite images shared on social media appears to tell that.

The giant mockup of a US Navy Nimitz-class aircraft belted and dragged out to open sea for target practice in naval war-games seems to have capsized just outside the port of Bandar Abbas.



Satellite image of the capsized mockup of a US Navy Nimitz-class aircraft

Images posted by open-source intelligence researchers Aurora Intel and Chris Biggers shows the vessel leaning over steeply to one side, with half of its flight deck submerged.

"Imagery courtesy of @planetlabs from today shows the #IRGC's fake #US Navy Nimitz-class carrier capsized just south of Bandar Abbas Port, #Iran after the Great Prophet

XIV war games. I assume we will see more propaganda soon," tweeted Aurora Intel.

Forbes says the mock-up was constructed back in the 2014-2015 period claiming it as a movie prop. However, in February 2015, Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy (IRGCN) dragged it out for target practise and damaging it to a great deal.

Later in 2019, the mockup was again seen repairing in satellite imagery, only to be used at the Straits of Hormuz for an assault practice. The war games which saw anti-ship missiles, rockets and JetRanger helicopters in action, culminated with commandos rappelling onto the carrier's deck by helicopter.

Experts concluded after the exercise, and analysing the minimal damages suffered, that IRGCN wanted to keep the mockup carrier in better condition for it

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to be reused in future.

However, that ambition seems to have received a big blow with the inadvertent capsizing of the mockup.

The incident, experts say, may have been due to damages sustained during the exercise or mishap in towing the bulgy vessel, or a combination of both.

The exercise using mockup has served a propaganda purpose both for Tehran and IRGCN, whose forces received a rare chance to practise their strategy in motion.

Experts believe the capsized vessel could pose a navigation hazard considering its position close to the entrance of Bandar Abbas.

Coronavirus pandemic will be with us for a long time, WHO warns  
 Reuters | Dubai

The World Health Organisation yesterday warned the coronavirus pandemic was likely to be "lengthy" after its emergency committee met.

The committee "highlighted the anticipated lengthy duration of this COVID-19 pandemic", the WHO said in a statement, and warned of the risk of "response fatigue" given the socio-economic pressures on countries.

"WHO continues to assess the global risk level of COVID-19 to be very high," said its latest statement.

Kuwait bans flights to 31 'high risk' countries  
 Dubai

Kuwait has banned until further notice commercial flights to 31 countries it said that it regarded as high risk due to the spread of the coronavirus. The countries include India, Pakistan, Egypt, the Philippines, Lebanon and Sri Lanka, which all have large numbers of expatriates in Kuwait. The list also includes China, Iran, Brazil, Mexico, Italy and Iraq.

The authorities have said Kuwait International Airport would run at about 30pc capacity from Saturday.

**BAHRAIN COVID-19**  
**TOTAL CASES**  
 41,190  
**ACTIVE CASES**  
 2,832  
**DEATHS**  
 147  
**DISCHARGED**  
 38,211  
**NEW CASES**  
 208  
**CRITICAL**  
 43

210 fils (includes VAT)

