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AFP | Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The United Arab Emirates said it will resume "limited" flights at Dubai and Abu Dhabi airports, cancelled after Iran began striking targets in the Gulf -- including the cities'



An Emirates Airbus A380 passenger aircraft takes off from Dubai International Airport in Dubai

airports.

"Dubai Airports announces a limited resumption of flights from Dubai International Airport (DXB) and Dubai World Central - Al Maktoum International Airport (DWC) starting this evening, Monday, March 2, 2026," it said in a statement.

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Emirates and low-cost carrier flydubai both said they would resume some flights Monday evening.

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campaign on Saturday, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait and Manama airports were targeted.

Authorities reported one death in the Emirati capital Abu Dhabi in the "incident" at the facility.

On Saturday, the UAE announced it had closed its airspace "temporarily and partially" as an exceptional precautionary measure.

The airspace closures hit a vital sector for the city, with Dubai's air industry accounting for about a third of the emirate's economy.



Dubai's main airport (DXB) ranks as the second-busiest worldwide, behind Atlanta in the United States, according to Airports Council International.

Drone hits fuel tank terminal in Abu Dhabi, situation contained: government

Qatar halts LNG production after fresh Iran strikes

AFP | Doha, Qatar

Qatar suspended liquefied natural gas production yesterday, causing a massive leap in prices, after Iranian strikes hit Gulf energy facilities in a new escalation of the Middle East war.

QatarEnergy, one of the world's biggest LNG producers, made the shock announcement after two attacks on its facilities. A major Saudi oil refinery was forced into a partial shutdown after it was hit by two drones.

The Dutch TTF natural gas contract, considered the European benchmark for LNG prices, jumped almost 45 percent to more than 46 euros.

Qatar's shutdown came after an Iranian drone targeted QatarEnergy's Ras Laffan Industrial City and another a power plant at a key LNG production site.

"Due to military attacks on QatarEnergy's operating facilities in Ras Laffan Industrial City and Mesaieed Industrial City... QatarEnergy has ceased production of liquefied natural gas (LNG) and associated products," a company statement said.

Meanwhile, a source close to the Saudi government warned that a "concerted" Iranian attack on oil facilities could trigger a military response.

The Gulf militaries have so far not hit back against Iran.



Ukraine hits key Russian oil terminal after US warning

AFP | Kyiv, Ukraine

Ukraine struck an oil terminal in the southern Russian port of Novorossiysk early Monday, the Ukrainian army said, several days after the US was reported to have warned Kyiv not to attack its interests at the port.

Ukraine hit the Sheskhari terminal last November, as well as the nearby Caspian Pipeline Consortium (CPC) terminal, which handles the bulk of Kazakhstan's oil exports.

The CPC is partly owned by US oil majors Chevron and ExxonMobil, and handles up to one percent of the world's oil supplies.

The US State Department told Ukraine to stop attacking its interests at the port following



The minesweeper Akca of the Naval Forces of Turkey enters the harbour of the Russian port of Novorossiysk

those attacks last year, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States said last week, according to US media reports.

It was not immediately clear

when the United States made the warning, or which parts of the port it did not wish Ukraine to attack.

Novorossiysk handles around

a fifth of Russia's crude oil shipments and is the country's largest export hub on the Black Sea.

Unverified videos posted on Russian social media purported to show a fire burning at the port, as well as a projectile streaking across the night sky.

"During the night of March 2, units of the Ukrainian Defense Forces struck the Sheskhari oil terminal and the Novorossiysk naval base in Russia's Krasnodar Krai," the Ukrainian army said on Facebook.

"A large-scale fire has been recorded on the site."

The attack wounded five people, the governor of Russia's Krasnodar region said in a post on Telegram, without mentioning the oil terminal.

A state of emergency was declared in the city, he added.

Starlink to launch 'direct-to-cell' satellites in 2027



Barcelona, Spain

Starlink said yesterday that it plans to begin launching next year its second generation of satellites that will allow "direct-to-cell" service without passing through ground antennas.

"We'll begin launching in mid-2027 with Starship, we'll be able to deploy the constellation very quickly" said Michael Nicolls, vice president for Starlink engineering at Space X, referring to the company's super-heavy launch rocket.

The new constellation will initially be composed of 1,200 satellites.

"The goal of Starlink mobile, which will be enabled by the second-generation constellation, is to provide a terrestrial like connectivity when you're connected to the satellite system," said Nicolls, speaking at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona.

It should enter service six months after the first launches.

Starlink currently has more than 9,000 satellites, including around 600 with "direct-to-cell" technology.

The firm owned by US billionaire Elon Musk has partnered with several cellular network operators to offer the service.

However, Nicolls said it hopes to use in the second generation satellites the frequencies it purchased in November 2025 from US operator EchoStar for \$17 billion, subject to regulatory approval.

He said Starlink was working closely with phone manufacturers to ensure as many devices possible may access the service.

Indian PM urges Netanyahu 'early' end to hostilities

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● Modi also spoke to Emirati President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

AFP | New Delhi, India

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Monday he had spoken with his Israeli counterpart and urged an "early" end to the conflict after strikes on Iran.

"India reiterates the need for an early cessation of hostili-

ties," Modi, who met with Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem on Thursday, wrote on X after the telephone call.

Modi "conveyed India's concerns over recent developments and emphasised the safety of civilians as a priority".

Modi also spoke to Emirati President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, after Iran's retaliatory missile and drone campaign in the Gulf.

"India stands in solidarity with the UAE in these difficult times," Modi said on X.

"We support de-escalation, regional peace, security and stability."

Visa relief to stranded foreign travellers

As escalating tensions in West Asia trigger widespread Middle East flight cancellations,

India has announced visa relief measures for foreign nationals stranded in the country due to international flight disruptions.



On Sunday, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) issued a travel advisory clarifying that foreign nationals stranded in India because of airspace restrictions and cancelled flights can approach the nearest Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) for assistance.

The move comes amid ongoing aviation uncertainty following security developments in the region that have impacted several international corridors linking India with West Asian hubs.