

Fujairah Drone Strike Injures Three Indians

● Fire broke out after the strike

● UAE said the attack originated from Iran

● Foreign Ministry condemned it as a “serious escalation.”

Three Indian nationals were injured in a drone attack on an industrial zone in Fujairah, authorities and the Indian Embassy in the UAE said on Monday, as regional tensions escalated further.

The Indian mission said it had been in contact with local authorities to ensure the injured received medical care and support. The condition of the three men, who were taken to hospital, was not immediately disclosed.

In a separate statement, the Fujairah Media Office said the men sustained moderate injuries in the strike, which triggered a fire at the Fujairah Oil Industry Zone (FOIZ). Emergency and



Civil Defence teams were deployed to the site and worked to contain the blaze.

Officials said the fire broke out following a drone strike originating from Iran, describing it as part of a developing situation affecting oil facilities in the area.

The UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs strongly condemned the attacks, which it said targeted civilian facilities using missiles and drones and resulted in injuries to foreign nationals.

The ministry described the incident as a “serious escalation” and an “unacceptable act of ag-

gression”, adding that it posed a direct threat to the UAE’s security and stability. It also stated that the attacks violated international law and the United Nations Charter.

Remote Learning

In a related development, UAE authorities announced precautionary measures in response to heightened regional tensions, including missile interception alerts earlier in the day.

The Ministry of Education later confirmed a temporary shift to distance learning for all

nurseries, public and private schools, and staff, from Tuesday, May 5 until Friday, May 8, 2026. The move was described as a precautionary step to ensure student safety while monitoring the evolving situation.

Schools had initially informed parents that normal operations would continue, but the decision was later revised as the security situation developed.

The UAE had repeatedly called for restraint amid rising regional tensions, warning against actions that could further destabilise the Gulf.

Qatar Rejects “Bargaining Chip” Use of Strait of Hormuz



Qatar strongly condemned the Iranian attack targeting an Emirati oil tanker affiliated with ADNOC while it was transiting the Strait of Hormuz, calling it a violation of international law and maritime navigation rules.

In a statement, the Qatari Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the vessel was struck by two drones as it passed through the strategic waterway. It described the incident as a “flagrant breach” of international law and UN Security Council Resolution 2817.

The ministry renewed Qatar’s rejection of using the Strait of Hormuz as a “bargaining chip,” urging that the key shipping route be kept

open without conditions. It stressed that freedom of navigation in the strait is a “fundamental principle” that cannot be compromised, warning that any continued disruption would threaten the vital interests of regional states.

Qatar also called for an end to what it described as “unjustified attacks” on the property of neighbouring countries. It expressed full solidarity with the United Arab Emirates and supported all measures taken by Abu Dhabi to protect its assets.

The Strait of Hormuz, a narrow maritime chokepoint between the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Gulf, is a critical route for global oil shipments.

Iran accused of repeated destabilising actions

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) strongly condemned “blatant Iranian attacks” targeting the United Arab Emirates, calling them a serious escalation that threatens regional security and stability.

GCC Secretary-General Jassem Mohamed Albudaiwi said the council “strongly condemns and denounces” the incidents, describing them as a clear violation of a member state’s sovereignty and a dangerous escalation in the region.

He said the targeting of the UAE was “unacceptable under all standards” and reflected a pattern of escalation that disregards international law and the principles of good neighbourly relations.

Albudaiwi urged the inter-



national community to assume its responsibilities to halt what he called repeated Iranian attacks and to take urgent action to stop “irresponsible behaviour” that undermines regional and international peace and security.

The GCC did not provide further details on the alleged incidents.

Brussels Warns Iran

The United Arab Emirates has been targeted by “vicious” missile and drone attacks originating from Iran, according to European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, who expressed full solidarity with the UAE and condemned the strikes as a violation of international law.

In a statement, von der Leyen said the UAE was “once again” hit by attacks and extended support to President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Emirati people, and regional partners.

“These attacks are unacceptable and constitute a clear violation of sovereignty and international law,” she said.

She added that “security in the region has direct consequences for Europe,” stressing the need for continued cooperation with international partners.

Von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, also said the European Union would



work closely with partners on de-escalation efforts and pursue a diplomatic solution aimed at ending what she described as the Iranian leadership’s “brutal actions,” both against neighbouring states and its own population.

The statement comes amid heightened regional tensions and renewed concerns over spillover effects on broader Middle East security.

UAE slams Iran strikes as ‘moral bankruptcy’

Anwar Gargash, diplomatic adviser to the UAE president, on Sunday condemned dangerous escalation by Iran following missile and drone attacks targeting the United Arab Emirates, calling the strikes “moral bankruptcy”.

In a statement posted on social media, Gargash said the targeting of civilians reflected the actions of a “regime that has chosen aggression over coexistence”, adding that such behaviour would not alter the UAE’s approach toward regional



relations. “The UAE’s firm and principled position would not be shaken by the escalation and would not allow it to shape the future of relations in the region,” he said, adding: “Once again, Iran has miscalculated.”

UAE attacks spark Arab warning

The Secretary-General of the Arab League, Ahmed Aboul Gheit, strongly condemned renewed Iranian attacks against the United Arab Emirates, including drone and missile strikes targeting civilian infrastructure, according to a statement released by the organisation.

Aboul Gheit also denounced an attack on an Emirati tanker in the Strait of Hormuz, as well as a separate drone strike on an oil facility in Fujairah. He said the incidents represented a “flagrant violation” of inter-



national law and a ceasefire arrangement, according to the statement.

He called for an immediate halt to all hostile actions at-

tributed to Iran against the UAE and against maritime traffic in the Strait of Hormuz. The Arab League chief held Iran “fully responsible” for actions he said threaten international peace and security.

The remarks were conveyed by Gamal Roshdy, spokesperson for the Secretary-General, who said Aboul Gheit reaffirmed that Arab national security is indivisible. He also expressed “full solidarity” with the UAE and support for any measures it takes to protect its security and territorial integrity.

Jordan backs UAE security

Jordan’s Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi condemned “renewed brutal Iranian attacks” on the United Arab Emirates, during a phone call with his Emirati counterpart.

In the call with UAE Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Safadi reaffirmed Jordan’s “absolute solidarity” with the UAE, saying the attacks represented a “dangerous escalation” that threatened the security and stability of the country and its residents.



He said the strikes constituted a “blatant violation of international law and the UN Charter,” according to a statement.



Safadi also reiterated Jordan’s support for any steps the UAE takes to safeguard its sovereignty, security and stability.