

## [UAE, India discuss investment, trade at high-level talks in Abu Dhabi](#)

LONDON: The 11th meeting of the UAE-India High Level Joint Task Force on Investments was held in Abu Dhabi on Thursday, the Emirates News Agency reported.

The task force was set up in 2013 to promote trade, investment and economic ties between the two countries.

Officials from the two sides discussed the UAE-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, which went into effect in May last year and aims to boost cultural, political and economic ties.

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## [Turkiye threat to Kurdish militants a 'shot across the bow' to US, analysts say](#)

ANKARA: Turkiye's threat to strike Kurdish militant sites across its border is a "shot across the bow" to the US and other actors in the Syrian conflict, analysts have told Arab News.

The warning on Wednesday – that all PKK and YPG sites are "legitimate military targets" – is viewed as a precursor to a high-level cross-border Turkish operation.

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## [Health crisis in Lebanon is 'catastrophic,' head of parliamentary committee warns](#)

BEIRUT: "Funds allocated for purchasing medications for cancer, (other) chronic diseases and kidney dialysis are nearly depleted," Bilal Abdullah, the head of Lebanon's Parliamentary Health Committee said on Thursday as he warned that the health situation in the country "is catastrophic."

His comments came as concerns grow about the rates of non-communicable chronic diseases in a country mired in a long-running financial crisis and political paralysis.

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## **US shoots down Turkish drone after it came too close to US troops in Syria**

WASHINGTON: The US on Thursday shot down a Turkish drone that had come in too close to US troops on the ground in Hasakah, Syria, three US officials told The Associated Press. The drone was armed and had been dropping bombs on nearby targets, and while it was not targeting US troops it was determined to be close enough that it posed a danger to US forces, one of the officials said.

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## **Egypt energy sector open to Emirati investment, minister says**

LONDON: Egypt's minister of petroleum and mineral resources said that there are investment opportunities in his country's energy sector open for Emirati companies, Emirates News Agency reported on Thursday.

On the sidelines of the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference 2023, Tarek El-Molla said: "There has been significant progress in cooperation between the UAE and Egypt in the energy sector, in general, and in oil and gas, in particular, with ample opportunities for Emirati companies to expand."