

## Industry leaders meet in Abu Dhabi to discuss green hydrogen ahead of COP28

ABU DHABI: The UAE's Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology assembled energy leaders in Abu Dhabi to address the major challenges in the adoption of green hydrogen and the growth of its attendant economy.

The dialogue session took place during the UAE Climate Tech forum, which ran from May 10-11 in preparation for COP28, the Emirates News Agency reported.

The forum brought together 1,000 global policymakers, CEOs, experts, technology leaders, and investors to help accelerate decarbonization through innovative technologies and economic prospects.

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## Reopening of Riyan airport will alleviate humanitarian crisis in Yemen, local governor says

AL-MUKALLA: Control of Riyan International Airport, in the port city of Al-Mukalla in southeastern Yemen, has been returned to local authorities by the Arab coalition that has been guarding it during the conflict in the country, Mabkhout bin Madhi, the governor of Hadramout province, has announced.

He said the coalition has handed over the airport to the provincial government, which has pledged to renovate it and establish new air routes.

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## Sudanese refugees fleeing the war find their homes occupied by fighters

KHARTOUM: Like many Sudanese forced to flee their homes amid raging street battles, Mohammed said that when he finally returned to his flat, he found heavily armed paramilitaries had moved in.

After cautiously approaching his Khartoum apartment block, he discovered that "the entire building had become like a military barracks filled with weapons and ammunition."

Almost a month of heavy fighting has turned Khartoum into a war zone, with

the city's 5 million residents enduring artillery barrages, gunfights, airstrikes and anti-aircraft fire.

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## **Killing of Syrian Captagon kingpin turns up the heat on drug smugglers of the Middle East**

DUBAI/AMMAN: Just days after Ayman Safadi, Jordan's foreign minister, warned in an interview with CNN that his country is "not taking the threat of drug smuggling lightly" and is ready "to do what it takes to counter that threat," Merhi Al-Ramthan, a reputed Syrian drug kingpin, was killed when airstrikes targeted his house in the village of Shuab in the Sweida governorate.

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## **42 percent of workforce in UAE aviation sector are women, conference told**

DUBAI: About 27,000 women now work in the UAE's aviation sector, a figure that represents 42 percent of the workforce, the Emirates News Agency reported on Wednesday

Mervat Sultan, president of the Middle East Chapter of Women in Aviation, said the number of women working in the industry is increasing because of active and constructive engagement with women interested in a career in the field.