

[Details of 'Great Arab Minds' initiative announced in Dubai](#)

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DUBAI: A main purpose of the UAE's 'Great Arab Minds' initiative is to reduce the emigration of Arab scientists, specialists, intellectuals, doctors, and engineers.

The UAE's Minister of Cabinet Affairs and Chairman of the Committee leading 'Great Arab Minds' Mohammed Al-Gergawi on Thursday highlighted the details of 'The Great Arab Minds' initiative, reported the Emirates News Agency (WAM).



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[US imposes new sanctions on Iran oil exports](#)

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WASHINGTON: The US on Thursday imposed sanctions on companies it suspects of involvement in Iran's petrochemical and petroleum trade, including some based

in China, as Washington warned of further actions to enforce its economic curbs on Tehran.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a statement Washington placed sanctions on two China-based companies, Zhonggu Storage and Transportation Co. Ltd, and WS Shipping Co. Ltd, part of attempts to thwart sanctions evasion on the sale of Iranian petroleum and petrochemical products.



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[Dubai Metaverse Assembly at Museum of the Future draws 20,000 on opening day](#)

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DUBAI: Hundreds of global experts and policymakers, and leading global organizations specialized in metaverse and digital technologies attended the first day of the inaugural Dubai Metaverse Assembly on Wednesday.

Present at the inauguration, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, the crown prince of Dubai and chairman of the Dubai Executive Council, said the metaverse will shape a new digital future for humanity, the Emirates News Agency (WAM) reported.

The two-day Dubai Metaverse Assembly is being organized by the Dubai Future Foundation.



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Lebanese MPs bicker as deadline nears to elect new president

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BEIRUT: Lebanon's parliament speaker has called a Thursday session to elect a new president, despite a political deadlock caused by a splintered chamber failing to agree on a candidate.

Nabih Berri's announcement comes weeks before Michel Aoun is due to leave office, and as rival parliamentary blocs refuse to nominate or even discuss who should replace him.

Lebanon's Parliament of 128 MPs contains two main blocs after elections earlier this year: The Hezbollah-aligned March 8 Alliance with 60 MPs, and their opponents, the March 14 Alliance with 38.



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[PKK blamed for deadly police guesthouse attack in Turkey](#)

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ANKARA: Turkey has blamed the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) for a deadly attack on a police guesthouse in the country's southern coastal Mersin province.

One policeman was killed and another injured in the attack reportedly carried out by two women who opened fire with long-barreled weapons and detonated bombs late on Monday.

Another bomb, found in a bag near the guesthouse, was defused.

One of the assailants has been identified as Dilsah Ercan, codenamed Zozan Tolan, who joined the PKK in 2013 in Mersin, the Turkish Interior Ministry said.



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