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■ The crowd at a popular mall during Eid Al Fitr. Dubai's population accounts for one-third of the population of the UAE as a whole, Dubai Statistics Centre figures show.

Dubai population crosses 3m mark

WORLD POPULATION DAY HIGHLIGHTS CITY'S GROWTH STORY

DUBAI
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As people around the planet observe United Nations' World Population Day today to mark the challenges facing 7.6 billion people alive today, experts say cities such as Dubai will have their work cut out to accommodate growth while maintaining quality of life and infrastructure.

Dubai's population has reached 3.086 million people comprising one-third of the national UAE population of 9.27 million residents, according to Dubai Statistics Centre figures yesterday.

And by 2027, Dubai's population is expected to jump to more than five million in a city where the population has grown 1,000 per cent in the last 40 years, making it one of the fastest growing cities on the planet thanks to an influx of expatriates seeking work.

Dubai Statistics Centre numbers in 2016 showed that the city's infrastructure is not only used by the residents living in Dubai but also by another 1.1 million people who live outside of the emirate and commute to work in the city every day.

The latest bulletin showed roughly 70 per cent of Dubai is comprised of males and the remaining 30 per cent of the population is made up of females.

Nadeem Azam, CEO, Azam Marketing, and Middle East analyst, told *Gulf News* yesterday that large cities such as Dubai must prepare for the future growth of urban centres.

"Population growth predictions show the population of Dubai will reach over five mil-

How it adds up over three years

	2015	2016	2017
Emiratis	222,875	233,430	245,200
Expatriates	2,223,800	2,465,170	2,731,255

Source: www.dsc.gov.ae/en-us

lion by 2027, which is almost a doubling in the current number of residents. Such a significant rate of population growth can lead to a variety of issues. Most notable is the construction and maintenance of infrastructure. Housing obviously has to be provided for a booming population and this can prove to be challenging particularly in already-tightly-packed cities with limited space," he said.

"A tighter concentration of people, physical assets, infrastructure and economic activities can result in challenges and upheavals that can have negative repercussions, particularly over the medium to long term."

Foreign-born population

According to the World Migration Report 2015, Dubai has the highest foreign-born population in major cities globally with 83 per cent of the emirate comprising residents from other countries.

Azam said "a sizeable foreign-born population invariably has a profound impact on a place. On the positive side, an increasingly cosmopolitan make-up can be tremendously valuable to a location by bringing in fresh ideas, and more and wider skillsets. These benefit the host locality in terms of improving services and facilities available to existing residents, the private sector and the public sector,

ranging from neurosurgeons to operate on patients to chefs introducing new kinds of cuisines to people."

Dr Fayez Al Essawy, UAE University (UAEU) researcher, led a study which found that Dubai's population exploded by 1,000 per cent in the last four decades with Dubai growing from 132,371 people in 1975 to more than 2.1 million people in 2015, a growth rate of 6.5 per cent every year fueled nearly entirely by expatriates.

"The study also found that Dubai has one of the highest annual jumps in population with a 6.5 per cent growth rate from 2005 to 2015 when it reached 2.1 million. If the numbers remain that way, the population of Dubai will more than double by 2027, reaching around five million," Al Essawy said.

Urban boom

The study noted that the built-up area of Dubai grew from 54 square km in 1975, which grew to 977 square km in 2015, and this means that there has also been a great urban expansion as well.

"This urban expansion has not only stopped with Dubai, but has also extended to eastern areas like Sharjah and Ajman, with many people who work in Dubai going to live in both those cities," he said in an interview with *Gulf News* last year.

the family, sources said. Dubai Police received a report of the incident on the night of June 29 and an officer went to the scene. The actress, her sister and the tourists were taken to Al Barsha police station.

Outburst at child

The 47-year-old man accused the actress of yelling at and cursing his daughter at the hotel, accusing the child of filming her in her swimming suit. In his statement, the man said that he tried to explain to

the actress that his daughter was taking pictures of his five-year-old son, but the woman and her sister attacked him, his wife and daughter. He said that the actress snatched the phone from his daughter's hands and broke it while her sister bit him in the shoulder.

According to a medical report, the American man, his wife and daughter had bite and scratch marks on their bodies.

The family has hired legal consultants from Al Rowad Advocates to pursue the case.

Ailing teacher gets helping hand to go home after 20 years

Social workers arrange for rehabilitation centre to care for Yazdani along with her mentally ill son

DUBAI
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An ailing elderly Indian woman in Fujairah will soon be flown to India, ending years of illegal stay in the UAE, social workers have said.

Saira Saeed Ahmad Yazdani, 79, from Pune, will be taken to Santhi Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Centre, a new shelter in the south Indian state of Kerala, along with her mentally challenged 45-year-old son Parvez.

It will also be the first time in 20 years that they both are going back to India.

Uma Preman, founder of the centre, who has been taking home bedridden Indian patients in Dubai for long-term treatment and care, has agreed to admit Yazdani at the rehabilitation centre and to take in Parvez along with the former teacher.

On a visit to the UAE to complete paperwork for the repatriation of the duo in Fujairah and three other patients in Dubai, Preman told *Gulf News* that she learned about the troubled mother and son from the Indian Social Club (ISC) in Fujairah.

ISC president Puthur Rahman took up their case with her after the club was contacted for help by Syed Hussain Pookoya Thangal, who helped with their accommodation when they came to his neighbourhood.

"He is like my son. When I came here, he told me to teach his children," Yazdani recalled



■ Saira Saeed Ahmad Yazdani

while speaking to *Gulf News* by phone from Fujairah.

Yazdani said she met her husband, an engineer from Pakistan who used to run an AC repair shop in Fujairah, when he visited Pune, and they got married before coming to the UAE with her eldest son Parvez in 1976.

"I used to be a teacher in Pune. I taught here also in three schools in Fujairah — Pakistan [Islamia Higher Secondary] School, Modern Indian School and Our Own English High School."

Husband's death

She claims to have 30 years of experience in teaching and says she retired in 1998. "After leaving the school, I was taking tuitions till two years ago," she said.

The two-bedroom villa where she once lived with her husband and three children is now occupied only by her and Parvez.

Her husband, who had left for Pakistan for good several years ago and used to visit her

occasionally, passed away and her two younger children have since left the country.

Thangal said Saira had never travelled to Pakistan and the last time the whole family had been to Pune was in 1998. "Only Parvez had an Indian passport. The other son lives in Pakistan and her daughter got married here last year, but now she is not in a position to take care of her mother and brother," he said.

After Yazdani stopped taking tuitions, Thangal and other well-wishers in the neighbourhood used to supply provisions for the elderly woman and her son. "Her health became worse since last year due to arthritis. Now it is Parvez who is taking care of her by serving food and even changing her diapers," said Thangal.

Consulate assistance

Though ISC Ladies' Forum contacted some old age homes and orphanages in Mumbai and Pune, none was ready to accept the mother and son together, said the forum's head Vidya Nair.

When Preman agreed to take them, the club sought the help of the Indian consulate in Dubai for emergency certificate (travel document commonly known as out-pass) for them.

Nasirudheen M.P, general secretary of ISC, said a consulate official visited them and issued out-passes after checking relevant documents.

"We are now trying to get clearance from the immigration and police departments for repatriating them. We hope the authorities will waive fines for both of them on humanitarian grounds and facilitate their early repatriation so that her treatment can start soon."

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Based on our request, the Central Bank of the UAE "the Central Bank" has permitted the closure of the business of "Arab Link Money Transfer - P.S.C." (hereafter called "the Exchange House") and liquidate the Exchange House by the Liquidation Committee appointed by the Central Bank. Upon the completion of liquidation process, the Central Bank will delete the name of the Exchange House from its "Register of Money Changing Establishments operating in the UAE".

The Central Bank is in the process of assessing/calculating the claims against the Exchange House in order to complete the liquidation process. Therefore, we hereby inform and direct all natural as well as juridical persons (government authorities/departments, employees of the Exchange House, lessors/landlords of the office premises, remitters of funds if their remittances were not paid to respective beneficiaries at respective destinations, beneficiaries who had not received their remittances or other claimants of any type/nature) who had dealings with the Exchange House, whether directly or indirectly, to submit their claims to the Central Bank for the attention of:

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We hereby advise all parties who have claims of any type or nature must include the complete details of the type/nature of their relationship/dealing with the Exchange House, the amount of claim in UAE Dirhams and must be accompanied by original supporting documents in order to facilitate the calculation of claims.

We urge all concerned to submit their claims within a maximum period of forty five (45) days from date of this announcement. The Central Bank will not accept or consider any claims received after expiry of the above stated period.

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Tourists accuse Egyptian actress of assault

Celebrity, sister accused of biting and scratching visitors in privacy row

DUBAI
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An Egyptian actress has been accused of assaulting an American tourist, his wife and their 11-year-old daughter at a five-star hotel last month, *Gulf News* has learnt.

The movie star and her sister were caught on camera attacking