

# UAE JAILS EMIRATIS UP TO 10 YRS FOR ISLAMIST LINKS

**ABU DHABI:** A UAE court yesterday jailed two Emiratis up to 10 years for their links to a "terrorist" organization seen as a branch of the banned Muslim Brotherhood, media said. The first defendant was handed a 10-year jail term after he was convicted of playing a "leading role" in a "banned secret group", the official WAM news agency reported. The local Gulf News daily said in its online edition that he was found guilty of joining the outlawed Al-Islah group, which authorities accuse of activities aimed at overthrowing the government and seizing power. He will remain under surveillance for three years after serving his prison term, both sources said.

The same Abu Dhabi-based Federal Supreme Court sentenced another Emirati to seven years in prison after it convicted him of joining the same organization, running one of its offices in the Gulf country, and promoting its ideology, the sources said. The United Arab Emirates in 2013 sentenced 69 activists to up to 15 years each in

jail following a mass trial that saw them convicted for their links to Al-Islah. The trial was the largest in the history of the UAE, where authorities have cracked down on dissent and calls for democratic reform in the aftermath of the Arab Spring uprisings that swept other countries.

Also yesterday, the same court sentenced a citizen from Comoros Islands to three years in jail after he was found guilty of promoting the Islamic State group, the Gulf News said. The man drew slogans and symbols on public law promoting the jihadist group as well as "slandering and degrading phrases about state officials", it added. The United Arab Emirates is a member of the US-led coalition that has been bombing IS jihadists in Iraq and Syria since Sept 2014. Authorities in the Gulf state have enacted anti-terror legislation, including the death penalty and harsher jail terms for crimes linked to religious hatred and extremist groups. — AFP



The "supermoon" is covered by clouds behind the skyline of Frankfurt yesterday. — AFP

# RUSSIAN FIGHTER CRASHES IN MED

**MOSCOW:** Russia's defense ministry said Monday that a fighter jet crashed while attempting to land on the Admiral Kuznetsov aircraft carrier in the Mediterranean off Syria, but the pilot survived. In a statement to Russian news agencies, the defense ministry said the MiG-29K fighter crashed due to a "technical fault" a few kilometres from the carrier. The pilot ejected and was recovered and taken aboard the ship. "The pilot's health is in no danger. The pilot is ready to carry out missions," the ministry said, quoted by Interfax news agency.

The defense ministry did not say when the incident occurred, but said the plane was taking part in training flights. It stressed that flights were still going ahead from

the aircraft carrier despite the accident. "The flights of aircraft from the carrier are continuing in accordance with the set tasks," it said. The ministry released a statement after US broadcaster Fox News reported the crash, citing US officials.

The Mig-29K is a multi-functional plane developed in the Soviet era and is used to strike targets both in the air and on the ground. Russia acquired 24 MiG fighters last year. It also deploys Sukhoi bomber planes in Syria. The Admiral Kuznetsov aircraft carrier arrived in the eastern Mediterranean off the Syrian coast as part of a flotilla of ships sent to reinforce Russia's military in the area, its commander confirmed on state television. — AFP

# SKYGAZERS GAWK AT EXTRA BRIGHT...

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Tourists, office workers and couples crowded the Hong Kong waterfront as the supersized moon rose over the skyscrapers of the financial hub, while further north in the Chinese capital Beijing the moon climbed spectacularly over the city's skyline. "I've never seen a moon this big," said Lee Pak-kan, 44, who was watching at the Hong Kong waterfront. "The moon is quite orange too... it's quite special."

In the Taiwanese capital Taipei, more than 100 people queued up to get a look at the spectacle through telescopes outside a major public hall, while others flocked to the city's landmark Taipei 101 skyscraper - one of the world's tallest buildings - to witness the supermoon. "It's quite moving, to see it up close. It's so big, so round, so bright," said Julia Lee, who was peering through a telescope outside the hall.

The supermoon was visible across much of India although residents of New Delhi, the world's most polluted capital, struggled to see it clearly through the toxic smog that has been shrouding the city in recent weeks. Meanwhile, professional astronomers were at the ready at observatories across the region to explain

the phenomenon to curious members of the public. In Thailand, astrologers were variously predicting the supermoon would bring disaster or great fortune.

Soraja Nuan-yoo, renowned for predicting the 2004 tsunami that killed many in Thailand and other countries round the Indian Ocean, warned that when the moon gets close to the Earth, "natural disasters happen". The supermoon also means a stronger high tide, something that gets surfers giddy with excitement, not only at the prospect of riding bigger waves, but doing so at night.

Forecasters had predicted higher than usual tides on Indonesia's Bali, a favorite with surfers. But the holiday island was overcast and rainy when the moon rose, with surfers deciding not to take to the waters. Astronomers say it can be hard to notice that the moon appears brighter than usual. Once it is high in the sky, it can be hard to tell it is larger but on the horizon, it could appear quite spectacular. To get the best view, Pascal Descamps of the Paris Observatory recommended that people choose somewhere with a well-known landmark in the foreground. Supermoons are actually quite common - there is one every 14 months on average. "But some supermoons are more super than others," said Descamps. —AFP

# DASHTI OUT OF ELECTION RACE AFTER FINAL...

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Dahoum, who was speaking at the election headquarters of former Islamist opposition MP Osama Al-Munawer, urged those who win in the elections not to vote for Marzouq Al-Ghanem as the next speaker, adding that he will not vote for him if elected.

Former Islamist MP Waleed Al-Tabtabaei also urged voters to vote for good candidates who will serve the interests of the people. He said a law passed by the previous Assembly to bar those convicted over religious offences and insulting HH the Amir from public office was especially designed to prevent former opposition MP Musallam Al-Barrak, currently in jail, from

contesting the polls. Tabtabaei also strongly condemned some members of the previous house on their position on the trial of 25 Kuwaitis and an Iranian for spying for Iran and Hezbollah.

Candidate Saud Busaleeb charged that the government's economic reform plan is a cover to end subsidies on commodities and services and this will result in increasing the financial burden on citizens. Former MP Adnan Abdulsamad defended the dissolved Assembly, saying that it made some great achievements and people opposed to it are essentially against the single-vote election system. Abdulsamad said that people are becoming increasingly frustrated from the election process because of repeated polls, as this will be the seventh general elections in a decade.

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