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UAE AIMS HIGH WITH MISSION TO MARS

Government's plan for probe to red planet could 'bring in billions'

THE UAE wants to send an unmanned spaceship to Mars by 2021 and is establishing a space agency to begin the process.

The 60 million km journey will coincide with the country's 50th national day, state news agency WAM reported yesterday.

And one of the UAE's leading space experts said the industry has the potential to become the country's second most important source of income - after oil.

Hasan Ahmad Al Hariri, CEO of the Dubai Astronomy Group, revealed that the Mars mission could help to bring in "billions of dirhams in revenue" to the UAE through research and development projects.

The Astronomy Group has already agreed to assist the project by supplying optical equipment. And Hariri said the entire mission can be achieved for under \$1 billion (Dhs3.6 billion).

Hariri said this mission is the "most important



By Sarwat Nasir

project in UAE history" because the space industry globally is now worth about \$300 billion (Dhs1.1 trillion).

"This is the best time for the UAE to invest - not only because the revenue is high, but we can make huge scientific explorations," he said.

UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan said the UAE aims to be one of the leading countries in aerospace by 2021, WAM reported.

Sheikh Khalifa added: "The UAE's purpose is to build technical and intellectual capabilities in aerospace and space exploration, to enter the space industry and to make use of space technology in a way that enhances the country's development plans."

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UAE rockets into contention as major player

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The UAE has already invested more than Dhs20 billion in space technologies, which includes satellites for Al Yah Satellite Communications, Thuraya Satellite Telecommunications and for Dubai Sat - which focuses on Earth mapping and is an observation system. HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, said: "Despite all the tensions and the conflicts across the Middle East, we have proved today how positive a contribution the Arab people can make to humanity through great achievements, given the right circumstances and ingredients."

The country is evolving into a major player in the space industry. Government-backed group, Aabar Investments in Abu Dhabi, took a 35 per cent stake in the space venture Virgin Galactic in 2009. The stake is worth about Dhs1.1 billion. The owner of the Virgin Group, British tycoon Sir Richard Branson, who is planning the first commercial space tourism flight, suggested earlier this year that Abu Dhabi could one day have its own spaceport. UAE residents have also shown interest in Mars exploration. Four Dubai residents are currently in the running to settle on the red planet as part of the Mars One team, a project to put and settle four people on the red planet by 2023. sarwat@7days.ae



WATCH THIS SPACE: The UAE is becoming a big player in the space industry

Jailed for killing stepchild

Four-year-old was abused

By Ali Al Shouk

A WOMAN who killed her four-year-old stepdaughter after a series of brutal assaults has been sentenced to 10 years followed by deportation.

Dubai Court of First Instance heard that the 24-year-old housewife abused the little girl regularly and on one occasion forced her to eat her own vomit because the child looked like her mother.

The accused had earlier claimed that a doctor who had tried to resuscitate the girl in hospital killed her by pressing too hard on her chest.

But the Egyptian forensic doctor testified that they found 500ml of blood inside the girl's stomach due to bleeding.

He claimed that there were signs of abuse on the child's body and her brain.

Records showed that in

January the child's biological mother received a call from her ex-husband telling her to come to hospital as the little girl, Maya, had fallen off her bicycle and hit her head on a wall.

"I rushed to the hospital but Maya was gone already," the 36-year-old said.

She added that her other daughters, who visited their father, told her of assaults by their stepmother.

A 24-year-old Ethiopian housemaid, who worked for the family in the flat in Muraqabbat, said she left the job because of the accused's treatment of the children.

"She used to put food on the floor and forced them to eat," the maid said. The verdict is subject to appeal.

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Weight loss is hefty goal for families

Mums, dads and kids are up for challenge of trading flab for gold

A TOTAL of 10,581 people have registered for the 'Your Child in Gold' campaign in just one week since its launch - beating last year's overall figure of 10,000 for the weight loss challenge.

On Tuesday night 1,362 residents signed up during the first onsite registration at Mamzar Beach, including 219 families.

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The competition was launched by the Dubai Municipality in an effort to make UAE residents healthier. Each family member wins 2g of gold for each kilo lost.

One Indian family who signed up on Tuesday admitted that each member of the family is overweight.

The mum, 42-year-old Nezurun Nadeemula, weighs 82kg and wants to lose at least 10kg during the competition.

She said: "There is no physical activity at our home. We always stay inside.

"We will keep getting fatter if we eat, sleep and do not exercise," Nadeemula said.

Her 10-year-old son, Mohammed Yasin, weighs 47kg. He said he spends most of his time on his iPad and playing video games.

Yasin said: "I love playing video games and searching things on the internet. But now I want to lose weight because I think



DIETING: Sabha Nadeemula and Mohammed Yasin

I'm too heavy for my age. Maybe I'll get bored of vegetables and exercising, but I'll try not to quit."

Nadeemula's 18-year-old daughter, Sabha Nadeemula, weighs 76kg and wants to lose 10kg. She may be smart, but she said she is too busy studying to exercise.

"I'm a medical student. So I barely get time," she said at the registration.

Their father, Nadeemula Khan - who weighs 76kg - said he is intent on bringing the family closer with group exercising sessions.

He added: "This gives us a chance to bond."

Another Indian family brought their one-year-old daughter to register. Even though the dad, Satya Madala (pictured left), said she is not overweight, they will still sign her up.

Madala, who weighs 103kg and wants to lose 20kg, said he and his wife will be working out. He said: "It's a good opportunity to get fit."

A total of Dhs200,000 worth of gold is up for grabs. The Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC) has sponsored the initiative to promote good health in the UAE.

DMCC's executive chairman, Ahmed bin Sulayem, said: "As Dubai residents strive to make healthier choices during the holy month of Ramadan, this campaign offers a novel way for participants to help themselves and hopefully to help motivate others - it's a win for everyone."

Registration for the 'Your Child in Gold' can be made online at www.thedmgold.com.

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Gang of camel thieves caged for farm raids

A GROUP of men have been jailed for stealing camels from farms in Abu Dhabi. Prosecutors said the gang would wait until night and then help themselves to the animals. Abu Dhabi Criminal Court was told that the gang leader had recruited six men to help in his operation across the emirate. Investigations eventually led police to their hideout, where the officers also found several of the stolen camels.

Two defendants, including the gang leader, were each given six months in prison for stealing the camels and entering farms illegally. The third and fourth defendants were jailed for six months for forging data about camel ownership. The fifth, sixth and seventh defendants, who looked after the animals without participating in or knowing of the thefts, were jailed for three months each for possessing stolen animals. All will be deported after serving their sentences.



Fireworks snuffed

A MAN has been arrested in Abu Dhabi after he was caught selling fireworks to the public via adverts on social media. Abu Dhabi Public Prosecutors said the Arab was found in possession of large quantities of the illegal products after a tip from Asian men he was trying to sell them to.

Cops coordinated with the would-be customers to set up a sting operation. The man was storing the fireworks at his Abu Dhabi home and was delivering the products to buyers after they struck a deal. The suspect was charged with possession of and selling fireworks.



Off to a flying start

A CONSERVATION programme in Fujairah's Wadi Wurayah National Park has been hailed a "conservation success" after just one year. The programme, which is the first of its kind in the Middle East, has included research into the biodiversity of freshwater areas and spreading awareness on freshwater issues since its launch last year. Since opening its doors to more than 26 volunteer teams of HSBC employees from across the region, the programme has been host to eight main research activities including a freshwater watch, dragonfly tagging, and also camera trapping. Emirates Wildlife Society and WWF Director General, Ida Tillisch, said: "Freshwater is a scarce yet important commodity, especially in the Middle East. It is important to better understand freshwater ecosystems, such as those inside Wadi Wurayah National Park, by gathering important data."

Forged currency factory is busted

POLICE have shut down a business that was making and selling fake bank notes. Officers from Sharjah carried out a raid and arrested three Bangladeshi men who they caught in the act of forging UAE currency. CID received a tip that the gang were selling the homemade notes on to the public. "Our information led us to a farm in the Al Thaid area in Sharjah," said a police spokesman. "We surrounded the area and raided the place and arrested the three men inside a house. "We found a big amount of fake currency and also some notes they were still printing." The three men were charged with possession of and selling fake currency and transferred to Sharjah Public Prosecution.