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UAE Embassy in Washington, DC Coronavirus Response

The UAE Embassy in Washington, DC has been working to assist and repatriate UAE nationals and residents in the US ever since the onset of the global outbreak of the novel Coronavirus.

On April 1, HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, [chaired](#) a video meeting with HH Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and a number of UAE ambassadors including UAE Ambassador to the US Yousef Al Otaiba, to review the country's diplomatic missions overseas amid the ongoing global efforts to combat the coronavirus outbreak.

UAE Embassy Actions to Repatriate Nationals and Residents



The Embassy worked with government organizations and UAE national airline Etihad Airways to arrange [special flights](#) back to the country.

- More than 400 UAE nationals were repatriated to the UAE on March 28 and 29 on special charter flights.
- A special Etihad Airways charter flight also carried US citizens from the UAE to Washington, DC. Through close collaboration with the US Embassy in Abu Dhabi, 25 Americans were returned to the US as part of the operation.



“At the direction of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Embassy, Attachés and Consulates were mobilized rapidly to contact, assist and bring home more than 1,000 Emiratis as quickly as possible.” - Shaima Gargash, Deputy Chief of Mission at the UAE Embassy in Washington, DC

The Embassy is also assisting fulltime UAE residents, including Americans and other nationalities. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation has introduced a service on its website: “[Tawajudi for Residents](#).” The new service is intended for residents with valid residencies and who are outside the country. Furthermore, the UAE has made the US customs pre-clearance facility at Abu Dhabi airport available to all US airlines that need to schedule special flights.

Diplomats are also working with Emiratis who are receiving medical care at US hospitals and are unable to travel home. The Embassy will continue to remain in contact with patients, their families, and caregivers to ensure they receive the very best medical care and attention.



“We are handling those situations on a case by case basis and will continue to provide all support needed to ensure their health and well-being.” - Shaima Gargash, Deputy Chief of Mission at the UAE Embassy in Washington, [The National](#)

Social Media

UAE Embassy US | Apr 1 |

Over the weekend, more than 400 Emiratis and UAE residents in the US safely returned home on UAE government-organized flights from Washington, DC. Take a look at their journey home to the UAE.

Link to video: <https://twitter.com/UAEEmbassyUS/status/1245378137443180545?s=20>

UAE Embassy US | Mar 31 |

Saturday & Sunday, UAE Embassy in Washington facilitated return of 400+ Emiratis & UAE residents who were studying, receiving medical treatment or traveling in the US. The Embassy, @NCEMAUAE & @MOFAIC arranged special flights from @Dulles_Airport to UAE <http://bit.ly/UAECharterFlights>

Hend Al Otaiba | Mar 31 |

Pleased to see pregnant American teacher return home safely to UAE after government help. Thank you @UAEEmbassyUS for making this happen.

<https://thenational.ae/uae/health/pregnant-american-teacher-flown-home-to-uae-after-government-help-1.999425>

UAE Embassy US | Mar 31 |


UAE diplomats accompanied Emirati nationals and UAE residents in the US to UAE-bound government organized flights at Dulles International Airport in Washington, DC. Nationals and residents from throughout the country came to DC to travel on the flights.

US Mission to UAE | Mar 27 |

There is no greater duty for a U.S. embassy than the protection of U.S. citizens abroad. The Embassy of the United States in UAE is deeply grateful to @etihad for facilitating the repatriation of U.S. citizens who were unable to travel due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Mission UAE has worked with our Emirati partners to facilitate the repatriation of 25 U.S. citizens, including four children, to the United States. Ambassador John Rakolta Jr and Mrs. Terry Rakolta met with the Americans Friday night at @AUH to wish them safe travels home.

Ambassador Rakolta also recognized the generosity of the UAE government, who made available a special @etihad flight to return our citizens to the United States.

The National | Mar 27| 

Coronavirus: UAE diplomats race to return Emiratis home from US

@Joyce_Karam reports

Joyce Karam | Mar 27| 

UAE is on track to evacuate all 4,200 Citizens from US in coming days, due to #COVID19 .

An inside look at their operation from Embassy in DC: <https://www.thenational.ae/world/the-americas/coronavirus-uae-diplomats-race-to-return-emiratis-home-from-us-1.998132>

Mohamed Bin Zayed | Mar 25| 

Today I received a phone call from US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, in which we discussed mutual cooperation and joint coordination. We discussed the importance of international solidarity and cooperation in the face of COVID19 and its containment during these difficult times.

UAE Embassy US | Mar 25| 

Attention: UAE Nationals who are currently in the US and wish to return to the UAE are asked to register via the following link for an evacuation that is scheduled for Friday March 27, 2020

Registration link: <https://research.net/r/MOFA-US>

For questions call:

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Emirati Nationals wanting to return to the UAE with accompanying foreign nationals (immediate family members or household employees) will need to register them with the Twajudi Resident Service via the following link: <https://mofaic.gov.ae/en/Services/Twajudi-Resident>

UAE Embassy US | Mar 19| 

Ambassador Al Otaiba met w/ @SecPompeo to deliver a message from UAE Foreign Minister HH Sheikh Abdullah to convey continued support & solidarity with the US, as both countries work to protect the public & prevent the spread of COVID-19. @OFMUAE

<http://bit.ly/AlOtaibaPompeoMeeting>

Sheikh Abdullah's message to @SecPompeo reaffirmed commitment to provide medical assistance to any US citizen or member of US armed forces residing in UAE. UAE also offered to facilitate repatriation of US citizens, if necessary, through US customs pre-clearance facility @AUH

UAE is conducting one of world's most comprehensive testing initiatives & has performed 127K+ COVID-19 tests on residents. In addition, UAE has worked with US & multilateral partners like @WHO to provide assistance & supplies for countries w/ significant need