## IMPORTANT FACTS ON U.A.E

1. **U.A.E stands for** - United Arab Emirates
2. **Capital of U.A.E** - Abu Dhabi
4. **Prime Minister of U.A.E** - H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum
5. **The number of Emirates in U.A.E** - Seven
6. **Arabic name for the U.A.E Federation** - Dawlat al Imarat of Arabiyyah Al Muttahidah
7. **Ruler of Seven Emirates:**
   b. Dubai  – H.H Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Muktoum
   c. Sharjah  – H.H. Sheikh Dr Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qassimi
   d. Ajman  – H.H. Sheikh Humaid Bin Rashid Al Nuaimi
   e. Umm Al-Quwait  – H.H. Sheikh Saud Bin Rashid Al Mualla
   f. Ras Al Khaimah  – H.H. Sheikh Saud Bin Saqr Al Qassimi
   g. Fujairah  – H.H. Sheikh Hamad Bin Mohammed Al Sharqi
8. **The official religion of the U.A.E** - Islam
10. **Holy month of fasting** - Ramadan
11. **The garden city of the U.A.E** - Al Ain
12. **The pearl of the Gulf** - Dubai
13. **The U.A.E National Day** - 2nd December
14. **Official language** - Arabic
15. **The ship of the desert** - Camel
16. **The wonder tree of the desert** - Date Palm
17. **The National bird** - Majestic Falcon
18. **National tree** - Ghaf
19. **National animal** - Arabian Oryx
20. **National Flower** - TribulusOmanense
21. **Two important festival** - Eid Ul Fitr, Eid Al Adha
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<td>H.H. Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan (First President of the U.A.E)</td>
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<td>23. U.A.E Federation formed on</td>
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<td>2nd December 1971</td>
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<td>24. Ras Al Khaimah Joined in</td>
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<td>26. Largest City</td>
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<td>Dubai</td>
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<td>27. The currency of U.A.E</td>
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<td>Dirham</td>
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<td>28. Calling code of the U.A.E</td>
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<td>29. Internet TLD</td>
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<td>30. The world’s tallest man made building</td>
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<td>Burj Khalifa</td>
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<td>31. Literacy rate</td>
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<td>32. Life expectancy</td>
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<td>77 years</td>
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<td>33. National Anthem</td>
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<td>IshyBilady (long Live My Nation)</td>
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<td>a. Lyrics Written By</td>
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<td>Aref Al Sheikh Abdullah Al Hassan</td>
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<td>b. Music</td>
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<td>Mohammed Abdel Wahab</td>
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<td>34. G.D.P (Per capita)</td>
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<td>$ 29,700 (2013)</td>
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<td>35. Population in 2013</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>9 million (13% Emirati, 87 % Foreigners)</td>
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<td>36. Crude oil</td>
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<td>8th largest producer</td>
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<td>37. Natural gas</td>
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<td>d. Fly Dubai</td>
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<td>e. Rotana Jet</td>
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<td>Local airline</td>
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40. Important sea ports:
   a. Port Zayed, Abu Dhabi
   b. Port Rashid, Dubai
   c. Port Khalid, Sharjah
   d. Port Jebel Ali, Dubai

41. Important Parks:
   a. Al Khalideyyah Public garden, Abu Dhabi
   b. Creekside Park, Bur Dubai
   c. Safa Park, Dubai
   d. Jumeirah Beach Park, Dubai
   e. Zabeel Park, Dubai
   f. Al Mamzar Park, Dubai
   g. Maushrif Park, Al Khawanij – Dubai

42. Important Museums:
   a. Dubai Museum
   b. Al Ain Museum
   c. Fujairah Museum
   d. Ras Al Khaimah Museum
   e. Sharjah Museum
   f. Ajman Museum

43. The smallest emirate - Ajman.

44. A man-made lake in UAE - Lake Zakhera

45. First Arab Woman to reach the North Pole - Elham Al Qasimi.

46. Life expectancy - 77 years.

47. It has been called "The world's only 7 star Hotel" and is the third tallest hotel in the world - Burj Al Arab.

48. The world's largest shopping mall - The Dubai Mall.

49. The world's largest choreographed fountain - The Dubai Fountain.

50. Dubai metro was ceremonially inaugurated on which date - 09/09/2009 {09:09:09 pm}.

51. The first oilfields discovered in the UAE - at Ras Sadr in 1950,

52. Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). Founded on 26 May 1981

53. **Sheikh Zayed** Bin Sultan Al Nahyan **passed away** on the 19th of Ramadan 1425H (2nd of November 2004)

54. Member countries of GCC - Islamic Monarchies of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.
55. Secretaries General of GCC:

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<td>Abdullah Bishara</td>
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<td>April 1993 – April 1996</td>
<td>Fahim bin Sultan Al Qasimi</td>
<td>United Arab Emirates</td>
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<td>April 1996 – 31 March 2002</td>
<td>Jamil Ibrahim Hejailan</td>
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<td>1 April 2002 – 31 March 2011</td>
<td>Abdul Rahman bin Hamad Al Attiyah</td>
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<td>1 April 2011 – present</td>
<td>Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani</td>
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56. UAE's sheikhs were a British protectorate from 1820 until 1971, when they became the United Arab Emirates.

57. The largest pre-Islamic site on the Persian Gulf coast: - Al Dour located roughly where the town of Umm Al Quwain is now.

58. Al-Dour was an important trading port from about 200 BC to 200 AD.

59. UAE University, the first comprehensive national university in the Emirates, was established in Al Ain by Sheikh Zayed, founder of the UAE, in 1976.

60. Colours of the UAE National Flag stand for:- Green means fertility; white, neutrality; red, unity; and black is the colour of Prophet Mohammed’s flag.

GOVERNMENT

- Type of political system/Government – Federal, Presidential

UA.E. Federation – Supreme Council consisting of rulers of each Emirate, a Council of Ministers and a semi appointed Federal Council with an advisory role. Each emirate is still governed by its own ruler, with its own local government and courts.
Some state Ministries:
Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Islamic Affairs and Endowments (Waqfs) and Ministry of Social Affairs and labour.

Coat of Arms: The emblem of U.A.E was adopted in 1973 and is composed of golden flacon holding onto a red parchment depicting the name of the country of Kufic script. On the falcon’s chest is a disc representing and national flag surrounded by seven stars (seven emirates).

- The country is located between 22 to 22.5° N Latitude and 51 to 56.51° E longitude.
- The area of the U.A.E is about 84,000 square kms.
- Hormuz strait is the link between the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Gulf.

- Two valleys - Siji valley and Ham Valley
- Three Islands - Das, Delma, Abu Musa
- Three oases - Al Ain, Liwa, Al Dhaid
- Two plains - Al Thaid, Digdaga
- Two Salianas - Salina of Mutti, Salina of Al Sura
- Two creeks - Khor Khuwair, Khor Kalba
- Two gulf - Arabian Gulf and Gulf of Oman
- Highest point of U.A.E - JabalYibir (1527 mtrs)

Emirates of Sharjah:

- Arabic name: Imarat al Shariqa/Ash Shariqah
- Area: - 2,600 km² (1,003 mi²)
- Population:- over 800,000 (2008).
- The emirate of Sharjah comprises the city of Sharjah (the seat of the emirate), and other minor towns and enclaves such as Kalba, Dibba Al-Hisn and Khor Fakkan.
- The emirate is a constitutional monarchy of the Al Qasimi dynasty.
- It has been ruled by Sultan bin Mohamed Al-Qasimi since 1972.
- Known as UNESCO’s Cultural Capital of Arab World (Awarded in 1998)
FEDERAL MINISTRIES

Ministry of Defence
The Minister: H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum (also Vice President and Prime Minister)

Ministry of Finance
The Minister: Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum
The Minister of State for Financial Affairs: Obaid Humaid Al Tayer

Ministry of Interior
The Minister: Lt General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan (also Deputy Prime Minister)

Ministry of Presidential Affairs
The Minister: Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan (also Deputy Prime Minister)

Ministry of Education
The Minister: Humaid Mohammed Obeid al Qattami

Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Foreign Minister: Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan
The Minister of State: Dr Mohammed Anwar Gargash

Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research
The Minister: Sheikh Hamdan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan

Ministry of Public Works
The Minister: Dr Abdullah bin Mohammed Balhaif Al Nuaimi

Ministry of Economy
The Minister: Sultan bin Saeed Al Mansouri

Ministry of Justice
The Minister: Dr Hadef bin Jua'an Al Dhaheri

Ministry of Energy
The Minister: Suhail bin Mohammed FarajFaris Al Mazrouei

Ministry of Labour
The Minister: Saqr Ghobash Saeed Ghobash

Ministry for Cabinet Affairs
The Minister: Mohammed Abdullah Al Gargawi

Ministry of Social Affairs
The Minister: Mariam Mohammed Khalfan Al Roumi

Ministry of State for FNC Affairs
The Minister of State: Dr Anwar Mohammed Gargash

Ministry of International Cooperation and Development
The Minister: Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi

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