

## Sharjah airport welcomes over 4m passengers in Q1

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United Arab Emirates: Sharjah Airport revealed that the first quarter of 2024 witnessed the arrival of more than 4.2 million passengers and recorded 26,473 flight movements, and transported more than 42 thousand tons of cargo, thereby enhancing its regional position in providing a distinguished travel experience and improving the quality of services for its customers, reflecting positively in the development of tourism and the economy in the Emirate of Sharjah, and promoting its commercial growth.

Ali Salim Al Midfa, Chairman of Sharjah Airport Authority (SAA), confirmed that the statistics recorded by Sharjah Airport during the first quarter of 2024 show an increase in passenger numbers, with a growth rate of approximately 10% compared to the same period last year, reflecting the efforts made by SAA and various entities operating through Sharjah Airport to become one of the top 5 airports regionally and to enhance its pioneering role in providing a safe travel experience

and leading services for everyone.

He expressed his confidence in the increasing pace of passenger movement and the growth of air travel in the coming period, especially with the continuation of the new expansion operations at the airport, which are expected to increase its capacity to 25 million passengers annually by 2027.

Ali Salim Al Midfa pointed out that the qualitative leap experienced by Sharjah Airport on various levels is the fruit of an ambitious long-term plan implemented in cooperation with strategic partners from the public and private sectors, contributing to reinforcing its competitiveness and leadership through enhancing operational performance and providing services at the highest global standards.

This is in parallel with the continuous development of infrastructure, facilities, technical systems, and the use of smart solutions applied to continue enhancing travel procedures more efficiently and effectively, and expanding the communication network between our tourist destinations around the world.

The statistics clarified that last March was the most active month in terms of the number of flights, with a total of 9,127 flights, and also in the volume of transported cargo, totaling 17.7 thousand tons, while January was the month with the highest number of passengers, with a total of 1,444,525 passengers.

Sharjah Airport Authority consistently strives to continue growing passenger numbers and enhancing air traffic by adopting the latest innovative technologies, which provide a journey characterized by comfort and smoothness.

Led by Ali Salim Al Midfa, Chairman of Sharjah Airport Authority (SAA), a delegation from the SAA visited the Passenger Terminal Conference 2024 in Frankfurt, Germany, held from April 16 to April 18.

The visit to this leading international exhibition and conference on airport design and operation is part of the Sharjah Airport Authority's commitment to keeping up with the latest technological innovations and advanced infrastructure in this sector and to exchange advanced ideas and experiences with industry leaders participating in the event.

It aims to listen to views and visions on the topics discussed by speakers and experts, contributing to achieving the airports' goals of achieving a balance between growth, sustainability, and striving to ensure operational efficiency of services based on new technology.

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