

# Employing an illegal could land you in jail

Firms flouting residency rules risk closure.

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Dubai: A get-together organised by the Dubai General Department for Residency and Foreigners Affairs for detainees at Al Aweer deportation jail on the occasion of Eid Al Adha saw officials urging the public to make doubly sure that there was no irregularity connected to their residency status.

Major Khalaf Al Gaith, Assistant Director for Investigation and Illegals at the follow-up section of the department, had breakfast with inmates at the facility who were caught staying illegally in the country.

Major Al Gaith urged the public to avoid violating the residency law. "Those who employ illegals or infiltrators will face fine of Dh100,000 and will result in the closing down of the establishments and will get jail terms too," he warned.

"Employing illegals will affect the security and stability of the country," he said.

He said people who had come to the country looking for employment but had instead been cheated could call 8005111 for assistance.

## Inspection visits

Meanwhile, Major General Mohammad Ahmad Al Merri, Director General of Dubai General Department for Residency and Foreigners Affairs, visited Dubai airport accompanied by senior officials from the department.

Major General Al Merri visited the departures and arrivals buildings 1, 2 and 3 in addition to the iris scan counter and the mobile phone visa counter. He also inspected areas where people who attempt to enter the country with forged documents or forged visas are confined.

Major General Al Merri said the residency section at the airport has been working round the clock to offer various kinds of residency services besides passport renewal services to Emiratis.

Eid activities at the residency department also witnessed a delegation of the Hawa committee visiting the Dubai Foundation for Women and Children to offer financial and moral support to the foundation.

**Helpline:**

People who came to work in the UAE but have been cheated and are in trouble can contact 8005111 and seek help.

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