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5 areas across UAE log over 226mm rain in one day

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Some locations in the UAE saw very high levels of rainfall on Friday, the last day of a week of unstable weather.

The National Centre of Meteorology (NCM) has released data revealing the five areas across the country that recorded the highest rainfall. All five areas recorded more than 226mm of rain, with the top spot exceeding 244mm.

The average rainfall received by the UAE in a year is 100mm. Last week the country received several hours of continuous rainfall, sometimes up to nine hours straight, causing flooding and waterlogging in some parts of the emirates. Despite the high amount of rainfall, officials have said that the storm was not comparable to the historic 2024 floods because of the intensity of the rain being distributed over several days and locations. Here is a breakdown of each location:

Jebel Yanas, 244mm

Location: Ras Al Khaimah

Topping the list with 244mm of rain is Jebel Yanas, the popular scenic mountain and camping spot in Ras Al Khaimah.

Unlike its better-known neighbour Jebel Jais, which boasts a smooth asphalt road, the route to Yanas is unpaved and requires a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

The mountain is located approximately 20 km from Ras Al Khaimah City and forms part of the Hajar Mountain range. During winter months, temperatures



Residents wade through a waterlogged street after heavy rain in Sharjah on Thursday afternoon.

in the area can drop significantly, with the mountainous region occasionally experiencing frost.

Manama, 234.7mm

Location: Ajman

Recording 234.7mm of rainfall, Manama is one of two exclaves belonging to the emirate of Ajman. Located at an elevation of approximately 233 metres, this township is primarily known for its agricultural land. Farmers in Manama have long grown papaya, lemon trees, various fruits and vegetables, taking advantage of the area's fertile soil and water sources. Manama is also known for producing

two fine varieties of wild honey from sidr and simr trees.

Al Hayer, 234.1

Location: Al Ain

A desert area located between Dubai and Al Ain, Al Hayer experienced heavy rain and stormy conditions, including thunder and lightning this week. The area came in third, receiving 234.1 mm of rain.

Jebel Mebreh, 229.7mm

Recording 229.7mm of rainfall, Jebel Mebreh, or Jebel Yibir, as it is commonly referred to, stands 1,527 metres above sea level and is considered one of the tallest promi-

nent summits in the UAE. The area has become a destination for hikers seeking cooler temperatures.

Khatam Al Shakhal, 226.6mm

Rounding out the list with 226.6mm of rainfall is Khatam Al Shakhal, located in Al Ain. It is a border crossing point between the UAE and Oman and gained prominence for recording the highest rainfall in the UAE during the historic April 2024 floods – a whopping 254.8 mm in less than 24 hours.

The rainfall data from NCM covers the period of unstable weather that began on March 24.

NCM explains 'main wave' behind storm

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The prolonged downpour that swept across the UAE late Thursday into Friday was caused by a slower, more dominant weather wave, according to the National Centre of Meteorology (NCM).

NCM weather expert Dr Ahmad Habib said that earlier rainfall episode during the week were driven by shorter, fast-moving disturbances, typically lasting between six and 10 hours or less.

"Those were smaller waves within a larger system, moving quickly across the country," he explained. "But what we saw overnight was the main wave, and it behaved differently."

The system moved into Abu Dhabi around midnight and persisted until early morning, resulting in nearly nine hours of continuous rainfall in some areas.

According to Dr Habib, the main wave slowed down as it reached the UAE, particularly as it transitioned

from land into areas influenced by surrounding water bodies.

"This type of transition changes the dynamics of the system," he said. "Moisture increases, instability increases and the movement becomes slower – so rainfall lasts longer."

The system also pulled in large amounts of moisture from the Arabian Sea and Red Sea, fueling cloud development across the country. Residents reported near-constant lightning throughout the night – something Dr Habib said was expected given the type of clouds involved. "All the clouds were convective, meaning they were electrically active," he said. "As long as these clouds persist, lightning continues, which is why people saw it happening continuously."

While rainfall totals were significant – with some areas recording up to 77.5mm – the flooding seen in parts of the country was largely due to how long the rain lasted, rather than extreme hourly intensity.



Residents wait for the bus amid heavy rain in Sharjah last Monday.

Al Ain Ahlia Insurance Company

A Public Joint Stock Company established in the State of Ras Al Khaimah (UAE) in 1975, and registered under No. 15 of 1975 in the Commercial Register and Subject to the Provisional of Federal Decree Law No. 15 of 2025 Regarding the Central Bank, Regulation of Financial Institutions and Activities, and Insurance Business, P.O. Box 152, Ras Al Khaimah 15200, UAE.



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Invitation to attend Annual General Assembly Meeting Of Al Ain Ahlia Insurance Company (PSC)

The Board of Directors of Al Ain Ahlia Insurance Company (PSC) has the honor to invite Shareholders to attend the Annual General Assembly meeting (Remotely or Personally) at 11:00 AM on Wednesday 22/04/2026 remotely through www.smartagm.ae or personally at Pearl Rotana Capital Centre Hotel in Abu Dhabi to consider the following agenda:

- To hear and approve the Board of Directors' Report on the Company's activity and its financial position for the fiscal year ended on 31/12/2025.
- To review and approve the report of the external auditors of the financial position of the Company for the financial year ended on 31/12/2025.
- To discuss and approve the Company's balance sheet and its profit and loss accounts for the financial year ended on 31/12/2025.
- To consider and approve the recommendation of the Board of Directors to distribute cash dividends to shareholders amounting to 20% of the Company's share capital, equivalent to AED 2 per share, with a total distribution of AED 30,000,000 for the financial year ended 31/12/2025, subject to obtaining the approval of the competent authorities.
- To approve a proposal concerning the remuneration of the members of the Board of Directors for the year 2025 & determine the amount thereof.
- To discharge the liability of the members of the Board of Directors for the year ended on 31/12/2025 or remove them and file a liability action against them, as the case may be.
- To discharge the liability of the auditors for the year ended on 31/12/2025 or remove them and file a liability action against them, as the case may be.
- To appoint the Company's auditors for the year 2026 and determine their fees, subject to obtaining the prior approval of the Central Bank of the UAE.
- To approve the appointment of Ms. Asma Abdulla Abduljalil Alfallah as a female member of the Board of Directors.

Notes:

- As per the guidance of the Securities and Commodities Authority, the company's shareholders who will attend the General Assembly by virtual means should register their attendance electronically to be able to vote on the items of the General Assembly. Registration is open from 11:00 AM On Tuesday 21/04/2026 and closes at 11:00 AM On Wednesday 22/04/2026. For electronic registration, please visit the following website: www.smartagm.ae.
- For individual and corporate proxy holders may register through www.smartagm.ae fill out the proxy form and upload it with the supporting documents once the online registration is open.
- For personal attendance, it will take place at 11:00 AM On Wednesday 22/04/2026 at the Pearl Rotana Capital Centre Hotel in Abu Dhabi.
- Any shareholder who has the right to attend the General Assembly may delegate any person other than a member of the Board of Directors or employees of the Company, or Brokerage Company, or their employee under a special written proxy. In such capacity, no proxy may represent more than (5%) of the shares of the Company's Capital. Shareholders who lack capacity or competency shall be represented by their legal representatives, subject to points 1 & 2 of Article No. (40) of the Authority Chairman's decision No (3/84) 2020 concerning Corporate Governance Guide. The shareholder's signature on the power of attorney referred in clause No. (1) shall be the signature approved by any of the following entities:
 - Notary Public.
 - Commercial chamber of economic department in the state, provided that the agent shall have account with any of them.
 - Any other entity licensed to perform attestation works.
- The Proxy form shall include the name & contact number(s) of the shareholder and the brokerage firm who approved the proxy. This form/power of attorney/delegation/Proxy is a guiding form whereby the client has the power to issue the Proxy in accordance with the limits and powers he deems appropriate, all of this with the obligation that the signature of the shareholder mentioned in the proxy be the signature approved by / with one of the above-mentioned authorities. For further inquiries or clarification please contact us at 02-6999929 / 050-9254739 or email us at legal@alainiainsurance.com.
- A corporate proxy may delegate one of its representatives or those in charge of its management under a decision of its Board of Directors or its authorized deputy to represent such corporate person in the General Assembly of the Company. The delegated person shall have the powers as determined under the delegation decision.
- Shareholders registered in the Shareholders Register on Tuesday 21/04/2026 shall be entitled to vote in the General Assembly meeting.
- Shareholders registered in the Shareholders Register on the tenth day following the date of the General Assembly meeting, i.e. Monday, 4 May 2026, shall be entitled to dividends, in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.
- Shareholders can access and review the Financial Statements & Integrated Governance Report of 2025 on website of the Company www.alainiainsurance.com and Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX).
- The meeting of the General Assembly shall not be valid unless attended by shareholders who hold or represent by proxy at least (50%) of the Company's share capital. If the quorum is not met attended in the first meeting, the second meeting shall be convened on Wednesday 29/04/2026 in the same place and time. (The second meeting shall be held after (5) five days and before (15) fifteen days from the first meeting, this meeting shall be considered valid regardless of the number of attendees).
- Special Resolution is a resolution passed by Majority vote of the shareholders who hold at least 3/4 of the shares represented in the General Assembly meeting of a joint stock company.
- You can view the guide on investor rights in securities, which is available on the main page of the SCA official website, according to the following link: <https://www.sca.gov.ae/ar/awareness/publications/guidelines.aspx>

Vehicles stuck on flooded roads? Mechanics offer tips to motorists

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After unstable weather swept the UAE last week, mechanics and experts are stepping in to provide motorists with tips on what to do in various situations.

If a driver finds their car submerged while parked, mechanics advise against switching it on. "If the vehicle is fully submerged and the driver cannot open the door, it is advisable to leave the car as is," said Rajith Kumar, founder of Al Mirath Vehicle Service LLC. "Once the water has subsided, they should call a recovery service and take the vehicle to a garage."

He added that at the garage, the car would be parked in a sloped position to allow the water

in its exhaust and other possible inlets to drain out. "The mechanic will also check the air filters and other parts to ensure that water has been drained before switching the engine on," he said. "This will make sure that there is minimal damage to the car."

He added that in this case, the seats and the mats of the car will have to be taken out and dried before the car can be used again. Abdul Latheef, who runs Car Vox, part of Al Zarouni Group, said that if a car stalls in waterlogged conditions, drivers should not attempt to restart it. "They should not try to crank the engine even once," he said. "That can push water deeper into the engine and electrical systems, causing far more damage. Leave it as it is and call a recovery service."

He added that if the car stalled in the middle of the road, it was important to disconnect the battery. "When other vehicles pass by a stalled car in the middle of the road, it causes waves which can further damage the electronic components of the car," he said. "So, the driver should disconnect the battery from the car to avoid massive damages."

Drivers can apply for the necessary documentation to repair their cars via official platforms in various emirates. Ajman Police have begun a proactive initiative to issue these certificates, which will help drivers to complete their repair procedures. Dubai Police have also posted on social media how drivers can apply for a "To Whom It May Concern" certificate through their app or website.

200mm rain in April 2024 vs 80mm now: NCM cites key differences

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It may have felt severe, but the UAE's latest downpour was not on the same scale as the historic 2024 floods – and the difference lies in both how much rain fell, and how fast. Despite widespread flooding and disruption, the latest round of rain across the UAE is significantly less intense than the 2024 storm, according to meteorologists.

NCM weather expert Dr Ahmad Habib said the key distinction lies in rainfall intensity and distribution over time.

"In 2024, some areas recorded more than 200mm of rain in less than a day," he said. "That is very different from what we are seeing now." By comparison, the latest system brought around 80mm in some areas, with rainfall spread over several days in multiple waves.

According to NCM data for March 26:

- Shoukhat: 77.5mm
- Kalbar: 65.8mm
- Umm Al Qaf: 60.6mm
- Wadi Al Tuwa: 57.2mm
- Al Dhaid: 53.9mm

"These are significant amounts, but they are not comparable to a single-day event exceeding 200mm," Dr Habib said.

Experts say flooding risk is not



Vehicles move through floodwaters in Sharjah on Thursday.

only about how much rain falls – but how quickly it falls.

"There is a big difference between 200mm in one day and similar totals spread over five or six days," Dr Habib explained.

"When rain falls in a short period, the system cannot absorb or drain it efficiently, which leads to more severe flooding."

He added that the structure of the weather system itself also differed.

"The 2024 event was a single, very intense system," he said. "What we are seeing now is a series of waves within a broader low-pressure system."

Dr Habib also addressed misin-

formation circulating online, where some described the storm as a "tornado" or "cyclone."

"No specialist would describe this as a tornado," he said.

He explained that tornadoes involve:

- Sustained, destructive wind speeds
- Structural damage such as uprooted trees or "cyclone"

"Continuous high-intensity winds. This was a thunderstorm system. Using terms like 'tornado' is incorrect. He said that such claims often come from non-specialists seeking attention, stressing that official forecasts rely on detailed modelling and analysis.