



“Why is Mohit trying to pass his crane operators license?”

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In the 1950's Dubai was a small pearl fishing and trading port.

For many years, Dubai has been the centre of a gold smuggling trade with India.

Dubai is ruled by a Sheik, H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum who is also the Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates.

The world's largest shopping mall, the Dubai Mall will be finished in 2008. It will cover an area the size of 50 "international-sized soccer pitches"



Mohit comes from Bangalore, India.

Thirty-three islands in The World, 2 1/2 miles offshore, have already sold for \$7 million to \$35 million each.

The Burj al-Arab is the world's first 7 star hotel. It is also the world's tallest hotel, and designed to look like a sailing ship.

By 2006 the population had reached 1.1 million, 90% of whom are foreigners.

Oil was discovered in 1966

Dubai is becoming a centre for high technology industry. Microsoft has located in the Dubai Internet City

Revenue from oil has been used to build modern roads, schools and hospitals.



Dubai is located on the Persian Gulf and is one of the seven states that make up the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Dubai is diversifying its economy from oil to tourism and business.

There are no taxes in Dubai!

Dubai has its own airline Emirates

Oil is expected to run out by 2025



The Dubai Biotechnology and Research Park is a new development in Dubai aimed to attract biotechnology research and development to the emirate

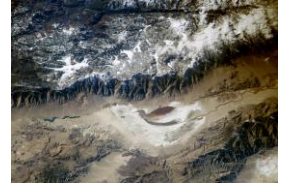
In 2006 hundreds of construction workers rioted over low wages and poor working conditions.

Dubai has a hot dry climate. Most of the country is desert.

Around 250,000 men, largely from India and Pakistan, are working on construction sites earning on average £150 a month.

Dubai Waterfront is the largest artificial waterfront in the world.

Dubai Media City is home to companies like CNN



In 1960 the population reached 20,000

The Jebel Ali Free Trade Zone has been created to encourage foreign companies to set up.

Dubai is regarded by the USA as an ally in the “war on terror”

Dubai is a Muslim state.

Foreigners are not allowed to become Dubai citizens but they are allowed to own property.

The World and the Palm islands are examples of mega projects, built to provide luxury accommodation for tourists and residents.

Home buyers in Dubai include Michael Owen and David Beckham.

Mohit moved to Dubai because his brother told him that it was easy to find work.