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UAE passport world's 'most powerful' – 9th December, 2018

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The United Arab Emirates passport is now the world's most powerful travel document. This is according to the Passport Index, which provides insights on travel and visas. UAE passport holders enjoy the greatest freedom of movement of anyone in the world. They can travel visa-free to 167 countries. The second most powerful passports are Singapore's and Germany's. The Afghanistan passport offers the least freedom of movement.

The UAE passport got to number one just before the country's 47th National Day celebrations. The prime minister expressed his pride in his country's achievement. He thanked his people for their "great efforts to strengthen the UAE's status, enhance its reputation, and facilitate procedures for Emirati citizens". The Passport Index said: "The Emirati passport has witnessed unprecedented progress...reflecting the international stature of the country."

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The United Arab Emirates passport has risen to the top spot on the list of the most powerful passports. This is according to the Passport Index - an online service that provides insights on passports and visas. UAE passport holders now enjoy the greatest freedom of movement globally of anyone in the world. UAE passport holders can travel visa-free to 167 countries. The second most powerful passports are the Singaporean and German passports. The USA passport is ranked at number four. Holders of the Afghanistan passport have the least freedom of movement.

The UAE passport reached number one on the eve of the country's 47th National Day celebrations. The UAE prime minister expressed his pride in his country's achievement. He tweeted: "A big 'thank you' goes to the working teams for their great efforts to strengthen the UAE's status, enhance its reputation, and facilitate procedures for Emirati citizens. Congratulations to the UAE leadership and people." A Passport Index spokesman said: "The Emirati passport has witnessed unprecedented progress globally in the past few years, reflecting the international stature of the country."

Level 6

The passport of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has risen to the top spot on the list of the world's most powerful passports. This is according to the Passport Index - an online service that provides insights on passports and required visas. UAE passport holders now enjoy the greatest freedom of movement globally of any nationality in the world. The Passport Index shows that UAE passport holders can travel visa-free to 167 countries and require an entry visa from 31 countries. The second most powerful passports are the Singaporean and German passports. The USA passport is ranked at number four. Holders of the Afghanistan passport have the least freedom of movement.

The UAE passport achieved the number-one position on the eve of the country's 47th National Day celebrations. The Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, expressed his pride in his country's achievement in a tweet. He wrote: "A big 'thank you' goes to the working teams for their great efforts to strengthen the UAE's status, enhance its reputation, and facilitate procedures for Emirati citizens. Congratulations to the UAE leadership and people for this worthy achievement." A Passport Index spokesman said: "The Emirati passport has witnessed unprecedented progress globally in the past few years, reflecting the international stature of the country."