



UAE wants a loyalty pledge amid deportation spree of Shia Muslims

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The US and Israel-allied state, the [UAE](#), has launched an initiative calling citizens and residents to [digitally](#) reaffirm their dedication to the nation's core values of unity, coexistence, and tolerance, as it has also [deported](#) 5,000 to 18,000 Shia Pakistanis recently since the US-Israel war on Iran began in February.

The two actions by the Gulf state show it is anxious to ward off working-class solidarity against its alliance with [Zionism](#)

This follows a broader pattern of the UAE aligning with Washington. The Gulf state has reportedly joined US-Israeli strikes on Iran, requested dollar swap lines tying its economy to America, and exited OPEC as part of its [Israelification](#)

Iran's foreign minister has [slammed](#) the UAE for being directly involved in the aggression against his country, while Netanyahu [claims](#) he made a secret visit to the UAE on March 26th, a claim the UAE denied, though flight data suggests otherwise.

Deportation of Pakistani Shia workers in UAE

NPR [reported](#) over the weekend accounts from Pakistani Shia men who were deported from the UAE shortly after the US and Israel went to war with Iran.

Pakistani legislators told NPR that anywhere between 5,000 to 18,000 Shia Pakistanis had been deported.

They also reported that Pakistan's government has called the accounts "vicious propaganda" and refuses to accept what is happening to its own citizens.

Pakistani Shias in the Gulf appear to have become more vulnerable to suspicion amid a regional security climate increasingly sensitive to any perceived connection to Iran, whether religious, social or political

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Meanwhile, *MBN English* [reported](#) that Pakistani Shia deportees had their phones searched by UAE authorities for Iranian contacts, their bank accounts frozen, and were given no explanation except "We cannot tell you, but you must leave."

MBN English reported that a Shia political organization estimated as many as 30,000 Pakistani passport holders may have been affected.

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