

Flag of United Arab Emirates - A Brief History



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Trivia

The designer of the flag, Abdullah Mohammad Al Maainah, didn't realise his design had been chosen until it was raised on the flagpole in 1971.

Technical Specification



Adopted:	2 nd December 1971		
Proportion:	1:2		
Design:	A green-white-black horizontal tricolour with a vertical red band on the right		
Colours:	PMS	Green: 355	Red: 032

Brief History

In 1820 Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Ras al-Khaimah, Sharjah and Umm al-Quwain joined together to create the Trucial States that were allied with the United Kingdom. The flag adopted to represent this alliance was a red-white-red horizontal triband with a seven pointed gold star. Between 1825 and 1952 Dubai, Kalba and Fujairah also joined the alliance

The United Arab Emirates was founded in 1971 when seven of the emirates of the previous Trucial States joined together to create a single independent country.

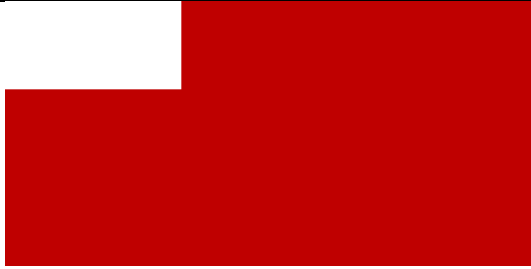
The Pan-Arab green, red, white and black colours were used for the flag which is a green-white-black horizontal tricolour with a vertical red band on the right. The government and private schools raise the flag and play the national anthem every morning.

	
<p>The Flag of the Trucial States (1820 – 1971)</p>	<p>The Flag of the United Arab Emirates (1971 to Present Day)</p>

The Flags of the Emirates in the United Arab Emirates

Since 1968 the flag of Abu Dhabi has been a 1:2 proportioned red field with a white rectangle top left. The previous flag was a 1:3 red field.

The Flag of Dubai and Ajman features a 1:2 proportioned red field with a vertical white band on the left portion.



The Flag of Abu Dhabi



**The Flag of Dubai
The Flag of Ajman**

From 1952 the flag of Fujarah featured a plain red field with the name of the Emirate. In 1961 the flag was replaced with the national flag of the United Arab Emirates.



**The Flag of Fujarah
(1952 - 1961)**



**The Flag of Fujairah
(1961 to Present Day)**

The Flag of Ras al-Khaimah is a red field with a large ¼ with white border. Since 1961 the Flag of Umm al-Quwain has been a 1:2 proportioned red field with vertical white flag on the left and a left facing white crescent moon and five-pointed star in the centre.



**The Flag of Ras al-Khaimah
The Flag of Sharjah**





The Flag of Umm al-Quwain

The Emblem of the United Arab Emirates

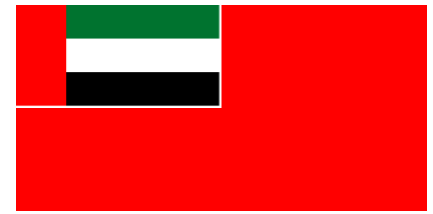
Originally adopted in 1973 the Emblem of the United Arab Emirates is a golden Hawk of Quraish protected by a circular red shield with a white Arab sailboat and seven white stars. A red banner is underneath stating "UNITED ARAB EMIRATES" in Kufic script.

In 2008 the shield designed was changed to the national flag.

	
<p>The Emblem of the United Arab Emirates (1973 – 200*)</p>	<p>The Emblem of the United Arab Emirates (2008 to Present Day)</p>



The Civil Ensign of the United Arab Emirates

The Civil Ensign of the United Arab Emirates is a 1:2 proportioned red field with the national flag top left.



The Flag of the President of the United Arab Emirates

The Flag of the President of the United Arab Emirates is the national flag defaced by the Emblem.

	
<p>The Flag of the President of the United Arab Emirates (1973 – 2008)</p>	<p>The Flag of the President of the United Arab Emirates (2008 to Present Day)</p>