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1. Summary

As of March 2, 2026, the Middle East is in a state of high-intensity conflict following the joint U.S.-Israeli military operation on February 28. In retaliation, Iran has launched widespread missile and drone strikes targeting civilian and military infrastructure across the Gulf. **Dubai International Airport (DXB)** remains a primary point of strategic and economic exposure, having already suffered confirmed damage and operational paralysis.

2. Visual Intelligence & Asset Count

Satellite imagery from Skytek (captured March 2, 2026, at 06:57 UTC) confirms a high density of aircraft grounded due to the indefinite suspension of operations.

Airline	Number	Key Aircraft Types	Market Value ($B)
Emirates	**56**	A380-800, B777-300ER	**~$15.20 B**
flydubai	**37**	B737 MAX 8, B737-800	**~$2.40 B**
Foreign Operators	**45+**	A350, B787, A321neo	**~$5.95 B**
TOTAL	**144**		**~$23.55 B**

The concentration of 144 aircraft represents a "cluster risk" of unprecedented scale. A high-density target like the Terminal 3 corridor places billions in aviation assets at risk of damage from direct hits or falling intercept debris.

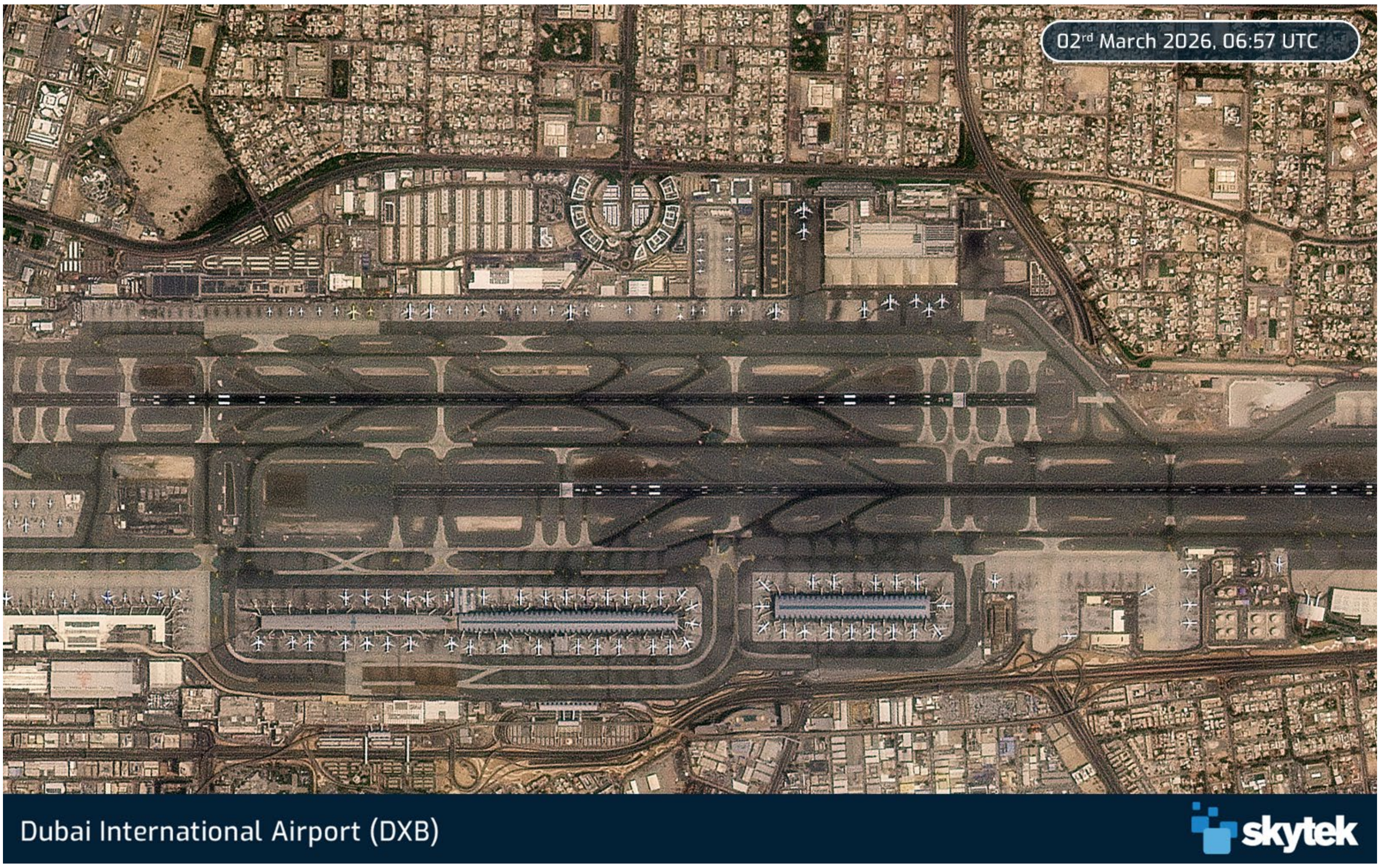

Figure 1 - Dubai Internation Airport (DBX) - 2nd March 2026, 06:57UTC

3. Current Operational Status

- **Confirmed Damage:** Dubai International Airport was hit overnight, resulting in minor structural damage to a concourse.
- **Casualties:** Four airport staff members were injured during the strikes.
- **Grounding:** Emirates has suspended all flights to and from Dubai until at least March 3, 2026.
- **Regional Context:** This is part of a broader "aviation apocalypse," with over 19,000 flights disrupted globally and major hubs like Abu Dhabi and Doha also facing closures.
- **Defense Performance:** UAE air defenses have successfully intercepted hundreds of drones and missiles, but the volume of attacks continues to pose a significant threat to grounded fleets.

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