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The department of Tourist Police at the Directorate General of Policing Operations at Abu Dhabi Police had its vigilant presence in all tourist spots and activities held in Abu Dhabi since its inception.

The tourist police department was established with the Ministerial Decision number (568) issued by HH Lt. General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan Deputy PM and MoI, to meet the requirements on par with the on going developments and modernization strategies of Abu Dhabi police.

Major Muzeed Fahd Al Uteibi, Acting Head of the Section said that the introduction of the tourist police department is part of the continuous effort to provide security for the tourism sector in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. "Our communities live in harmony which is reflected in their interaction among residents, tourists and visitors in Abu Dhabi." he added.

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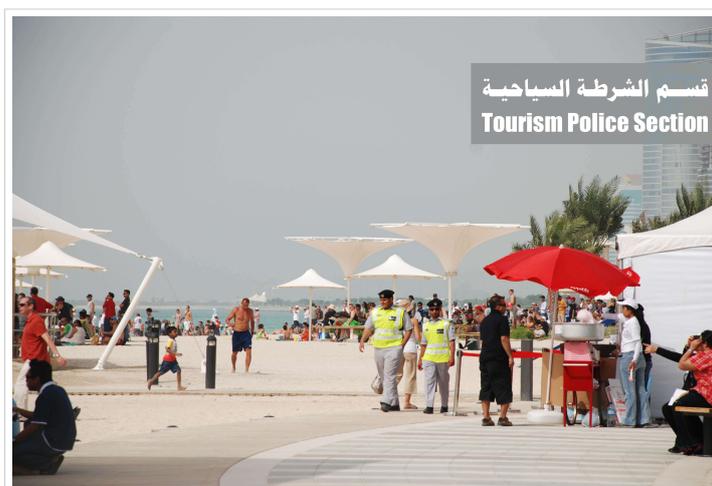
Tourist Police Section keeps pace with the openness in tourism industry, and future projects in the Emirate. It is imperative to provide fool proof security to this sector for it to flourish as the door for all nationalities, despite some negative behaviors that they may bring with them, say Al Uteibi.

A working strategy for the department has been evolved and the vision for the strategy is “Secure Tourism”. The aim of the strategy is to prevent any untoward incidents that tourist may have to face and deal with any such matters immediately as possible. The staff of this department has been selected according to certain set standards, including appearance, tactfulness and multilingual skills.

One of the top priorities for this department is to cooperate and coordinate with Abu Dhabi Tourism Authority and other relevant agencies that deal with various aspects of tourism and its security matters. The ultimate aim is to secure and safeguard tourists, tourism establishments and spots. Handling tourist’s complaints and taking action on their complaints through proper channel is another task entrusted with this department

Tourist Police Sections are located at the Capital Police Directorate Building (Head Office) and another office at Abu Dhabi new beach. This office monitors the security at the beaches. Any incidents are settled amicably before forwarding them to Khalidia Police Station in case it becomes necessary, according to

If members of the public have any inquiry they can obtain it through the phone (6999999) or ADP web site ([www.adpolice.gov.ae](http://www.adpolice.gov.ae)). Two more offices will be set up in the near future at Abu Dhabi airport and Port Zayed.



The Section since its introduction has been very active in many activities held in Abu Dhabi, Such as the 37<sup>th</sup> National day Celebrations, New Year celebration 2009 and other events held during this year. The Section also has dealt with 11 offences, five of them concerning public decency and the others vary between running away from sponsor, Labour Law violations, theft, hit and run and molestation cases.

All our staff does their best to promote the performance of the Section which includes communication with Abu Dhabi Tourism Authority to set up a data base of all tourist companies, to identify absconding tourists and monitoring tourist boats.

In our efforts to make use of others’ experiences in this field we have attended the Tourist Security Conference held in Tunisia in 2008 and another workshop held in Malaysia and also visited Singapore. The Section has issued a booklet about the Section and guidelines to

tourists.

Our future plan is to introduce a unit to monitor and control tourist compounds in the islands provide special well equipped building and special uniform for our staff. Uteibi .



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