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Munich hits back over Dubai Oktoberfest plans

The city of Munich has released a terse statement distancing itself from reports about an Oktoberfest event in Dubai. Other businesses expressed bewilderment with the plans.

Dubai, United Arab Emirates



Munich's Oktoberfest was cancelled due to the pandemic in 2020; the situation remains unclear for 2021. Meanwhile, Dubai, which is holding its World Expo this year, is reportedly planning its own version of the famous beer festival at the Dubai-Marina. According to reports, it would start on October 7, and instead of the usual two weeks of the German version, it would last six months.

The city of Munich on Friday distanced itself from [apparent plans to hold an Oktoberfest event in Dubai](#).

Officials in the southern German city particularly took issue with media reports that implied the official festival was "moving" elsewhere this year.

"Oktoberfest is a Munich original and takes place exclusively in Munich," the city statement read.

"The organizer's plans for the event in Dubai, which have now been made public, are being carried out neither with the participation nor with the consent of the city of Munich," the statement added.