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Munich hits back over Dubai Oktoberfest plans

Exploring 'legal options'

Clemens Baumgärtner, the man in charge of organizing the Munich Oktoberfest, said although there was only a slim chance that the festival will be able to take place this year due to the pandemic, the idea of moving it to Dubai was "absolutely absurd."

"We will explore all our legal options to protect Munich's Oktoberfest," he told German news agency dpa.

For Munich businesses, there's no substitute for Oktoberfest

The business associations and groups in charge of providing beer, food and entertainment for the Oktoberfest in Munich said they knew nothing about the festival in Dubai.

"I don't know anyone who's going there," the head of Munich theatrical association, Peter Bausch, told dpa.

What are the Dubai Oktoberfest plans?

Reports on Thursday about an Oktoberfest in Dubai sparked confusion and wry remarks from social media users in Germany — including jokes about wearing lederhosen in the desert.

The as-yet-to-be-confirmed event is being organized and promoted by Charles Blume, who helps organize the Berlin Christmas market, as well as former Munich restaurateur Dirk Ippen, who now lives in Dubai.

The Dubai Oktoberfest seeks to mirror its namesake with dozens of beer tents, food stands, attractions and rides. The event boasts a celebrity attendee lineup including Arnold Schwarzenegger and Pamela Anderson.

The event is slated to take place from early October through the end of March 2022 — running parallel to the World Expo in Dubai.

Last year's Oktoberfest in Munich was canceled [due to the coronavirus pandemic](#).