

# UAE skyscraper engulfed by fire

A blaze at a United Arab Emirates' tower, the fourth fire in a little more than a year, has raised fears about the use of highly combustible aluminium composite panels on the exterior facades of skyscrapers



**1 Feb 2015, Dubai:** 79-storey **Torch Skyscraper**. Fire breaks out on 50th floor, 20 apartments on 10 floors destroyed. No major casualties

**2 Oct, Sharjah:** 32-storey **Al-Nasser Tower**. Fire leaves 250 families homeless. Lack of fire protection equipment blamed for spread of blaze

**3 Dec 31, Dubai:** 63-storey **Address Downtown Hotel**. Blaze engulfs exterior of luxury residence near to Burj Khalifa – world's tallest building

**4 Mar 28, 2016, Ajman:** Latest fire erupts at 32-storey tower at **Ajman One** residential complex – development of 12 towers with some 3,000 apartments. Blaze quickly spreads to second tower