Qatar, Turkey hail significant progress in strategic relations

In a speech during the opening of the Ministerial Meeting of the fifth round of the Qatar-Turkish Higher Strategic Committee, His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, stressed the importance attached by Amir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and the President of Turkey, to the High Committee.

His Excellency called on Turkish companies to invest in Qatar, pointing that it has become an attractive destination for investments in light of enacting encouraging foreign investment, and providing many incentives and benefits to foreign investors, pointing out that this is part of the Qatar National Vision 2030.

The Foreign Minister of the Republic of Turkey, Mevlut Cavusoglu, praised the role of the Committee in the development of bilateral relations during the past years, in a speech during the meeting. Cavusoglu explained that the committee has become an important umbrella for all aspects of bilateral cooperation between the two countries. He also touched on trade relations and projects implemented in the State of Qatar by Turkish companies, pointing to the increase of Qatar investments in Turkey.

The two countries signed 45 agreements and memorandums of understanding during the last four sessions of the meetings of the High Strategic Committee.

Qatar affirms support for Somalia’s development

H E the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, said this in his opening speech while chairing the Ministerial Meeting of the OIC Contact Group on Somalia which was held yesterday for mobilising more international support to establish security and promote development in Somalia.

The meeting was attended by a number of foreign ministers and other top officials of the OIC countries including the Foreign Minister of the Republic of Turkey, Mevlut Cavusoglu, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Elmar Mammadyarov, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Somalia, Ahmed Isse Awal, among others.

H E the Deputy Prime Minister stressed that the meeting was being held in the context of the keen attention that Qatar attached to Somalia as part of its role as Chair of the OIC Contact Group and to provide various forms of support to Somalia.
The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, H E Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, met with the US Secretary of the Treasury, Steve Mnuchin, and his accompanying delegation at the Amiri Diwan, yesterday. The meeting discussed strategic cooperation relations between the two friendly countries and joint counter-terrorism efforts in addition to regional and international developments.

**Success of ministerial meeting on Somalia underlined**

The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, H E Sultan Ibn Saad Murukhi, has confirmed the success of the Ministerial Meeting of the OIC Contact Group on Somalia hosted in Doha yesterday. “It is a matter of pride that all those present at this event are essential supporters of stability and development in Somalia,” he said. His Excellency explained in remarks following the meeting that the main objectives of this gathering are to politically, economically and developmentally support the brothers in Somalia. H E the Minister pointed out that the participation of this number of ministers and officials in the meeting and their statements in support of Somalia confirm the great quest for the stability of this brotherly country, and a great support for the efforts of the Somali state in achieving the desired development.

**Qatar affirms support for development of Somalia**

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, H E Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, during the Ministerial Meeting of the OIC Contact Group on Somalia held in Doha.

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Somalia, Ahmed Isse Awad, confirmed that the meeting to discuss the meeting of the OIC Contact Group on Somalia, held in Doha, yesterday, was achieved with the purpose of more cooperation and support for development issues and challenges.

The Somali Minister thanked Qatar for hosting this meeting in cooperation with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and its role in the success of its work. He stressed that the time of implementation of the resolutions that came out and the support of member states of the Organization for the stability and development of Somalia, especially as the meeting was to be held on the framework of regional and international efforts of brotherly countries of Somalia.

Ahmed Isse Awad said that the relationship between the two countries is distinguished and strong, and values these relations especially as Qatar provides continuous support to Somalia, particularly for its stability and security.

He added that Qatar’s support for Somalia is well known and very positive and includes both the government and the people. The Somali Minister stressed the importance of development and political stability as a basis for attracting investments to Somalia, stressing that the problem of violent extremism and terrorism is the most prominent problem facing Somalia, but the country is recovering from this.

He said that the meeting reflected the consensus of the OIC member states on the importance of securing the future of Somalia. He also stressed the importance of working to create jobs and employment for young people, who are the largest demographic sector in Somalia. The Minister added that his country has given priority to restructuring the security sector, not only by stimulating economic growth, but also by contributing to countering violent extremism.

He also praised Kuwait’s hosting of the donors’ conference to support the education sector next year, and commended the Republic of Turkey’s proposal of sending a fact-finding mission to drought-affected countries, including the Republic of Somalia, to assess needs.

In his speech, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs also talked about Qatar’s support for Somalia’s Holstoy port development. “Based on the principle of integration between security and development and the importance of protecting achievements, joint investment between the Qatar and Somali governments has been announced for the port of Holstoy, as well as support for the modernization of the military and security sector of Somalia in coordination with the United Nations, especially UNAMISIL, considering the importance of relying on the efforts led by the African Union through the African peacekeeping mission in Somalia.”

For his part, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Federal Republic of Somalia, Ahmed Isse Awad hailed Qatar’s hosting of this meeting and its efforts to support the Somali people. He expressed his commitment to the process of building the Somali state is witnessing a recovery and development in the political stability, security improvement and economic achievements that have been realized. On the security situation in Somalia, the Minister said that the security sector is a priority for his Somali government, represented in HRS and Al-Shabab in the front of the challenges facing the Republic of Somalia, as to face this and achieve stability on all the territory of Somalia, the government gave priority to restructuring and modernizing the security sector which enabled the ranking of large areas and important cities of stability.

The Minister added that his country cooperated with the Development Fund as an important opportunity and a practical translation of the values and principles of the OIC. He also called on OIC to follow the example of the World Bank and the African Bank to move the economy of Somalia forward.

Ahmed Isse Awad also praised Kuwait’s efforts in support of Somalia, particularly in the field of education and its efforts to support the success of the upcoming general conference in Kuwait to support education in Somalia.

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**FM meets Azerbaijan counterpart**

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, H E Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Elmar Mammadyarov, on Saturday, on the sidelines of the ministerial meeting of the OIC Contact Group on Somalia currently being held in Doha. During the meeting, they discussed bilateral relations and issues of common concern. H E the Deputy Prime Minister also met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Somalia, Ahmed Isse Awad, on the sidelines of the meeting.

**Municipality Minister meets IFAD President**

The Minister of Municipality and Environment, H E Eng. Abdullah bin Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Sabia, met yesterday with the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Gilbert Houngbo, during the meeting, the two sides discussed aspects of cooperation between Qatar and IFAD, exchanging views and perspectives on issues of mutual interest and ways to enhance the scope of future bilateral cooperation in various fields of development and training provided by the Fund.
Prime Minister and Interior Minister, H E Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani, met yesterday morning with the US Secretary of the Treasury, Steven Mnuchin, and his accompanying delegation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During the meeting, they reviewed bilateral relations in addition to regional and international developments.

Prime Minister and Interior Minister, H E Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani, met with the Minister of Public Works of Kuwait, Dr. Jenan Bushnoht, who is currently visiting Doha, yesterday morning. During the meeting, there were discussions about the ways of enhancing the relations between the two countries and ways of of matters of common interest.

Qatar is playing a key role in the development and achievement of sustainable development through Qatar National Vision 2030 of which the second national strategy 2018-2022 was launched according to sectoral strategies as a strategic plan supported by the sectoral strategies, which were led by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and supported by participating from the Ministry of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs.

Al Ansari gave a lengthy presentation on Qatar’s achievement of sustainable development through Qatar National Vision 2030 of which the second national strategy 2018-2022 was launched according to sectoral strategies including the sectoral strategy for regional cooperation led by the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Al Ansari introduced the national goals of sustainable development in line with the global agenda 2030 launched by the United Nations.

The State of Qatar participated in the fifth round of the Qatari-Turkish Higher Strategic Committee in Doha, yesterday. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, H E Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, and the Foreign Minister of Turkey, Mevlut Cavusoglu, during the Meeting of the fifth round of the Qatar-Turkish Higher Strategic Committee in Doha, yesterday.

Qatar attends Arab Sustainable Development Week

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Ooredoo wins 14 honours FROM PAGE 1

Ooredoo Myanmar won silver award for its ’The more you speak, the more Ooredoo will donate’ project and Ooredoo Malaysia for its Smart City Project and NIBI Accelerator Programme.

Four nominations also received bronze awards: the Ooredoo Oman App won in the Business Government category, Ooredoo Algeria, Haya Money won in the ‘Other’ category, Ooredoo Myanmar was recognized as Most Innovative Company of the Year – Up to 3,500 Employees and Assad won the award for Corporate Social Responsibility Programme of the Year – Middle East and Africa.

Speaking of these wins, Sheikh Saoud bin Nasser Al Thani, Group Chief Executive Officer, Ooredoo, said: “We are immensely proud to receive this prestigious international recognition of our efforts, and particularly proud that this year, we received a second number of gold awards including perhaps one of the most significant awards of the programme – Company of the Year. The diversity of the awards received acknowledges the scope of our business within the telecommunications industry and the progress reflects industry respect for our phenomenal progress in enhancing the digital lives of our customers across the globe. We remain committed to being at the forefront of technological advancements, including our pioneering 5G network, and to pressing forward with our corporate strategy of complete digitalization to shape the future of telecommunications.”

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Silk Road Exhibition to boost investment

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“QFHA is a regulator, zones developer, holding at the same time a SIF fund to promote investment and economic growth. We have nearly 40 square kilometers of well-planned Zones,” Hui said, highlighting the importance of Qatar’s investments in One Belt, One Road Initiative.

He added: “Our direct role is to attract investments and long-term partners to Qatar, especially in these major sectors, logistics, chemicals and emerging industries.”

Hui further said that these sectors are crucial for the capitalization on Qatar’s vast natural gas reserves, world-class infrastructure, and unique location and IT penetration to make Qatar an excellent hub for such operations, access automotive, marine, aviation, pharmaceuticals, and chemical industries.

“Our vision is to create a diversified and flourishing Qatari economy, through developing the right business partnerships for Qatar which intend to do this by helping and facilitating you, potential investors, to be on board for this purpose,” noted the CEO. Initiated in 2013, BRI is an umbrella concept by China for harnessing international collaboration through the development of economic cooperation by pooling investments, sharing resources, technology and skills, creating a win-win situation for all.

He said that this initiative is “a bid to enhance regional connectivity and embrace a brighter future.” It advocates international economic cooperation leveraging the comparative strengths of all countries to serve the development needs of the participating countries and building a more balanced and inclusive global industrial chain. It aims to create new trade corridors.

These new trade corridors create multiple opportunities for businesses, industries and consumers, to expand their access to more global trade market. For Qatar and its investors, it brings more of the advantages of international collaboration through pooling investments, sharing resources, technology and skills, creating a win-win situation for all.

Middle East to the world and more of the world to the Middle East,” Hui noted. On Qatar-China bilateral relations, he said that the year 2018 marked the 30th year of bilateral ties between the two countries, which enjoy strong trade and investment linkages. Chinese and Qatari companies have collaborated in many deals, particularly those in infrastructure stands. Qatar and China’s economic relationship which is already on a very strong footing is slated to grow. QFHA has positioned itself as one of Qatar’s catalysts in this growth under BRI. It opens up the doors for the potential investors in both Qatar and China.

Addressing the conference, Assistant to the CEO of Dar Al Shura, Jassim Fakhro, has said Qatar is playing a key role in several sectors including politics, economic, sports, culture and tourism.

He said that Qatar today is one of the most important catalysts for investment in the region, thanks to its excellent management and strategic location which make it a commercial platform and a meeting point for the countries of the world, which in turn provides an opportunity for foreign companies looking to expand their business in Qatar and regional countries.

The Silk Road has historically been known as a group of land and sea routes that have linked Asia, the Middle East and Europe for hundreds of years with trade, cultural and religious ties, through which trades of goods and products were used to be exchanged between continents and knowledge and different cultures passed among the nations,” said Fakhro.

He said that the Silk Road evolved over time and with changing geopolitical contexts throughout history and cities full of life and built along the road and around commercial ports.

Today, maritime trade has become very important in this global trading network and the Middle East played a pivotal role in the Silk Road trade given the geographical location of Asia and Europe.” said Fakhro. The exhibition aims at presenting the state of the art technologies of all types which are part of shipping services, transport and port management in the participating countries.

It also provides an opportunity for direct meetings between exhibitors and many decision-makers from public and private sectors participating in the event.

WOFAPS 2019 Congress wraps up

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Sidra Medicine yesterday concluded the 6th World Congress of the Organization of Associations of Pediatric Surgeons (WOFAPS 2019) congress at Sidra Medicine Convention Center (SMCC). Considered the first WOFAPS to take place in the Middle East, and one of the largest international medical events, the Congress was attended by more than 800 delegates from 80 countries.

WOFAPS 2019 was held under the theme of Education and Training: Moving Beyond Borders; hosting a series of sessions and presentations on three main categories related to pediatric surgery: state-of-the-art treatments and setting optimal treatment in a resource-constrained setting, and complications, and how they should be handled.

Dr. Mansoor Ali, Executive Chair of Surgery at Sidra Medicine and Co-Chair of the WOFAPS 2019 Organizing Committee, said: “Sidra Medicine hosted such a global event with the immense amount of knowledge and expertise in both local and international physicians and doctors that participated in this congress. This grand event’s theme encapsulates our commitment to Sidra Medicine in progressing regional healthcare in general, and, surgery in children in specific. Training education and access to end technologies are all key to ensure every child receives the treatment they need. This is the ethical stance that WOFAPS takes and it resonates our vision.”

The WOFAPS is an endeavor to bring surgeons from around the world together towards the promotion of high standard paediatric surgery, encouragement of ethical practices, improvement of education and training of junior paediatric surgeons, and development of paediatric surgical research.

With an objective to create a platform for technical training and to leverage the minds who have gathered in Doha, the conference saw a series of six pre and post-congress workshops, a series of expert panels, a series of expert panels, a dedicated urological scientific meeting, and full-day urology sessions.

The workshops learning outcomes focused on describing, the etiology of the disease or surgical need, the state of evidence and practice standards, at least one common challenge, and one difference in surgical management related to occurrence in a high or low resource country.
Hundreds of experts attend Qatar Critical Care Conference

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The first Qatar Critical Care Conference held in Doha recently gathered hundreds of local and international experts in the field of specialised care for people who have experienced critical care illness such as cardiac arrest, severe multi-organ dysfunction, or who required artificial organs support.

The conference was attended by doctors for Public Health, H E Dr Hanan Mohamed Al Kuwari, and hundreds of other professionals from around the world, including North and South America, Europe, Asia and Africa.

“Thanks to our talented and committed clinical teams and first rate facilities, the care we deliver in Qatar is world class,” said Dr Al Kuwari. “Hosting this event in Qatar, with a lineup of international experts, and also being able to showcase our own expertise and experiences, will further strengthen our delivery of care in this ever changing field.”

The conference is endorsed by major international societies such as World Federation of Societies of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine. Neuro-Critical Care Society, Canadian Critical Care Society among others.

The Qatar Critical Care Society was also launched at the event – a forum that will bring all critical care practitioners in Qatar together and aims to provide the latest cutting-edge scientific knowledge to the diagnosis and management ranging from simple organ support all the way to artificial organ support such as critical heart and lung support.

Chairman of the conference, Dr. Ibrahim Fawzy, Director of Critical Care at HMC, said, “This conference on platform where knowledge and experience on vital critical care issues was shared through comprehensive live-up of lectures and workshops.

The level of Critical Care in Qatar has raised the bar in the region and our dedication to maintain operational excellence and critical care in Qatar is only apt that we acknowledge their vital role at this, the first critical care conference to be held in this country,” said Dr Mohammed Faisal Muftia, Senior Consultant and Director of the Taric Critical Care Unit at Hamad General Hospital.

“Hosting this international event is further recognition of the level of care we are making here and the direct impact these have on our patients.”

Minister of Public Health, H E Dr Hanan Mohamed Al Kuwari, visiting the conference exhibition area.

HIA demonstrates innovative Smart Airport program at QITCOM 2019

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Qatar Airways has announced a new partnership with the Ministry of Transport and Communications (MoTC) that aims to widen access to information technology to its junior members of staff in Qatar.

To formalise the partnership, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed today at an Information Technology Conference Exhibition (ITCOM) by Akbar Al Baker, Group Chief Executive, Qatar Airways, and Reem Al Manoori, Assistant Under-secretary of Digital Society Development at MoTC in the presence of the Minister of Transport and Communications H E Jassim bin Saif Al Sulaiti.

The partnership, which falls under MoTC’s Better Connections Program, will see hundreds of computers installed at Qatar Airways company accommodation, the delivery of IT training for Qatar Airways staff through workshops and e-learning courses, and the development of digital resources for the airline’s employees to help them understand their employment.

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Qatar, Sudan discuss enhancing relations

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Nearly 1,800 benefit from QRCS School Program, Afif Charity

The participants listening to a lecture on Sustainable Development Goals.

**QFFD lecture introduces youth to 2030 SDGs**

Qatar Fund for Development presented a lecture on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) during the course of Doha Muslim Youth Capital 2019 presented by the Ministry of Culture and Sports. The lecture was part of the activities of Doha Youth Camp for Voluntary and Humanitarian Work, which will be held from 27 October to 6 November 2019. The aim of this workshop was to introduce young people to the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals in general, their importance and history as well. The workshop also discussed the role of the State of Qatar in the sustainable development internationally through the Fund’s activities. The importance of this workshop is to introduce participations to the Fund’s activities and aim to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals to eliminate poverty and hunger, promote education, reduce health risks, and promote awareness of the importance of peace. The workshop was delivered by Katherine Gillespie, National Programme Coordinator at MOPH.

"The fact that breast cancer needs no longer be fatal through early detection is a key factor in survival rates. There is almost a 100% chance of survival if we catch breast cancer early enough. Women also should realise that having a mammogram once is not the end of the ‘screening’ process. Mammograms should be conducted every three years in multiple hospitals and centers to detect additional indicators,” said Dr. Sheikha Abu Shikha, Manager of Programme Activities at PCRQ.

"Breast Cancer Awareness is the responsibility of everyone and we are delighted to work closely with our community and healthcare partners. Breast cancer in Qatar remains the most common cancer diagnosis and we know that early detection improves outcomes and survival. Awareness is the key.”

The State of Qatar, through QFFD, has played a major role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, specifically Goal 3: “Ensuring fair and inclusive education for all and enhancing lifelong learning for all,” Goal 4: “Ensuring healthy lives and well-being for all,” Goal 8: “Promoting sustainable development, inclusive and sustainable economies, growth and keeping full and productive employment and decent work for all” These goals will create a decent life for all in need worldwide, and among us as women, men, and children of the Muslim World.

The campaign included widening the opportunities for women in Qatar aged 45 and above, to undergo complimentary ‘mammogram’ screening for breast cancer and it featured public lectures, training for physicians, a nationwide tour by a mobile screening unit, information booths in malls and health centers, social media contests and an advertising campaign to promote the early screening message.

The campaign aimed to highlight the importance of breast cancer prevention and early detection. Women in Qatar were encouraged to attend health education programs, lectures at QRCS headquarters, workshops were held on breast cancer awareness, courses on conflict and violence, and the ‘In Kidzania, schools, universities, Fitness festival at Al Shaqab, ‘Support’ on Doha Corniche, lectures at QRCS headquarters, workshops were held on breast cancer awareness, courses on conflict and violence, and the ‘In Kidzania, schools, universities, Fitness festival at Al Shaqab, ‘Support’ on Doha Corniche, lectures at QRCS headquarters, workshops were held on breast cancer awareness, courses on conflict and violence, and the ‘In Kidzania, schools, universities, Fitness festival at Al Shaqab, ‘Support’ on Doha Corniche, lectures at QRCS headquarters, workshops were held on breast cancer awareness, courses on conflict and violence, and the ‘In Kidzania, schools, universities, Fitness festival at Al Shaqab, ‘Support’ on Doha Corniche, lectures at QRCS headquarters, workshops were held on breast cancer awareness, courses on conflict and violence, and the ‘In Kidzania, schools, universities, Fitness festival at Al Shaqab, ‘Support’ on Doha Corniche, lectures at QRCS headquarters, workshops were held on breast cancer awareness, courses on conflict and violence, and the ‘In Kidzania, schools, universities, Fitness festival at Al Shaqab, ‘Support’ on Doha Corniche, lectures at QRCS headquarters, workshops were held on breast cancer awareness, courses on conflict and violence, and the ‘In Kidzania, schools, universities, Fitness festival at Al Shaqab, ‘Support’ on Doha Corniche, lectures at QRCS headquarters, workshops were held on breast cancer awareness, courses on conflict and violence, and the ‘In Kidzania, schools, universities, Fitness festival at Al Shaqab, ‘Support’ on Doha Corniche, lectures at QRCS headquarters, workshops were held on breast cancer awareness, courses on conflict and violence, and the ‘In Kidzania, schools, universities, Fitness festival at Al Shaqab, ‘Support’ on Doha Corniche, lectures at QRCS headquarters, workshops were held on breast cancer awareness, courses on conflict and violence, and the ‘In Kidzania, schools, universities, Fitness festival at Al Shaqab, ‘Support’ on Doha Corniche, lectures at QRCS headquarters, workshops were held on breast cancer awareness, courses on conflict and violence, and the ‘In Kidzania, schools, universities, Fitness festival at Al Shaqab, ‘Support’ on Doha Corniche, lectures at QRCS headquarters, workshops were held on breast cancer awareness, courses on conflict and violence, and the ‘In Kidzania, schools, universities, Fitness festival at Al Shaqab, ‘Support’ on Doha Corniche, lectures at QRCS headquarters, workshops were held on breast cancer awareness, courses on conflict and violence, and the ‘In Kidzania, schools, universities, Fitness festival at Al Shaqab, ‘Support’ on Doha Corniche, lectures at QRCS headquarters, workshops were held on breast cancer awareness, courses on conflict and violence, and the ‘In Kidzania, schools, universities, Fitness festival at Al Shaqab, ‘Support’ on Doha Corniche, lectures at QRCS headquarters, workshops were held on breast cancer awareness, courses on conflict and violence, and the ‘In Kidzania, schools, universities, Fitness festival at Al Shaqab, ‘Support’ on Doha Corniche, lectures at QRCS headquarters, workshops were held on breast cancer awareness, courses on conflict and violence, and the ‘In Kidzania, schools, universities, Fitness festival at Al Shaqab, ‘Support’ on Doha Corniche, lectures at QRCS headquarters, workshops were held on breast cancer awareness, courses on conflict and violence, and the ‘In Kidzania, schools, universities, Fitness festival at Al Shaqab, ‘Support’ on Doha Corniche, lectures at QRCS headquarters.

The QRCS School Program launched the Brinson campaign to raise awareness of breast cancer and have organised breast cancer conferences in par- tnership with Doha Youth Camp, which seeks to build rapport and promote public education on breast cancer. The QRCS School Program is the result of the alliance between WOQOD and Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCSC) and Afif Charity have initiated their cooperation in implementing the QRCS School Program. Over the month of October, it covered 13 public and private schools of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

In the field of health education, workshops were held on a number of important topics, such as first aid, cardiovascular-muscular resuscitation (CPR), first aid in school injuries, healthy diet, breast cancer prevention, self-exam and its control, avoidance of infections, risks of obesity, and home safety for children.

These workshops were attended by around 1,800 students, teachers, and adminis- trative staff of EI schools. QRCS parameters and health educators made field visits to the schools and delivered theoretical and practical lectures to raise awareness of how to take care of the injured patient, apply first aid and CPR skills, and follow everyday physical health precautions. Educators made field visits to the schools and delivered theoretical and practical lectures to raise awareness of how to take care of the injured patient, apply first aid and CPR skills, and follow everyday physical health precautions.
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Texas A&M University at Qatar has been named the top university in the Gulf and the third best university in the Gulf region for 2019, according to US News and World Report’s annual Gulf Universities survey.

The World University Rankings by Subject promotes universities that rank in the top 400 in all of Asia, Overall, the highest-ranked university in the region was Qatar University, followed by the American University in Dubai and the American University of Sharjah, respectively.

The full details of the 2019 Best Global Universities can be found here: https://www.usnews.com/education/best-global-universities.

Texas A&M University has offered undergraduate and graduate engineering degrees in chemical engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering and petroleum engineering at Qatar Foundation’s Education City since 2004. The university offers bachelor’s and master’s degrees in chemical engineering since fall 2011. In addition to engineering courses, Texas A&M at Qatar offers instruction in science, mathematics, liberal arts and the humanities. The curricula offered at Texas A&M at Qatar are identical to those offered at the main campus in College Station, Texas. These courses are taught in English and in a classroom setting.

CIS organizes 2019’s Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum

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In line with its commitment to framing intellectual debates on Islam in a global context, the College of Islamic Studies (CIS) at Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) partnered with the Turkish Ministry of Sport and Tourism to co-organise this year’s Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF).

The conference, which took place in Antalya, Turkey, attracted 53 participants from 20 countries and 33 different nationalities, representing research and public administration actors involved in the delivery of humanitarian aid, international aid and humanitarian principles and values.

Participants of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum pose for a group photo.

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Experts engaged in discussion during the international conference and exhibition on Gulf architecture.

Gulf architecture conference and exhibition concludes at QNL

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Qatar National Library held an international conference and exhibition on Gulf architecture recently.

Qatar’s architectural heritage is a globally recognized asset, and the country is seen as a leader in the field of architecture.

Qatar has established itself as a regional hub for research and innovation, and its universities are at the forefront of this development.

Qatar’s commitment to higher education has helped to attract top universities from around the world to set up campuses in the country, including Texas A&M University at Qatar and the American University of Doha.

Texas A&M University at Qatar has seen a significant increase in the number of students enrolling in its programs, from just 29 students in the fall of 2003 to more than 7,000 today. This growth reflects the university’s commitment to providing high-quality education and research opportunities for students from around the world.

One of the key factors driving this growth is Qatar’s strong reputation for excellence in higher education and research. The country’s universities are ranked among the top in the world, and Qatar is home to several world-class research institutions.

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Texas A&M at Qatar ranked 40th in all of Asia, Overall, the branch campus ranked 325th at all universities worldwide, with the main campus ranking 136th.

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The project’s conference brought together some of the world’s leading experts on Gulf architecture to present their latest work, share their expertise and attend the project’s exhibition.

The year’s conference and exhibition were the second to be held at the Library, but the first since the project was launched.

Ibrahim Jaidah, ‘I am honored to be invited to actively participate in this long-awaited conference of the project’s Advisory Committee. I share the beliefs of the digital collection and Gulf architecture will provide readily accessible materials to the Qatar National Library’s digital national, regional and international audiences. It has always been my goal and personally to help create such a facility using the best of my ability to archive and store material on the architecture of the pre-petroleum period, but also the architecture of the early modern period of Qatar.’

The head of the Department of Architecture and Urban Planning (DAUP) at Qatar University, Ibrahim Jaidah, said, “We are pleased to collaborate with our research and scholarly activities and to support our faculty, student and staff in their work on this project, devoting their efforts to internationalization and to make it a success. It will allow Qatar to open up their recent projects, expertise and experience to digitizing Qatar’s architectural heritage.”

Among other topics, speakers at the conference addressed the importance and the role of digitization and public awareness about the preservation of architecture and culture in Qatar. For example, Qatar’s early modern architecture from 1850s to 1970s.
Challenges against secession are alarmed by recent violence

The only way out of the EU now, the only way to get Brexit done, is to go with the deal that we’ve got.

 Boris Johnson British Prime Minister

A tour guide in one of Europe’s top travel destinations, Madrid, has been killed and at least 10 other people were injured in a shooting at the city’s popular night market. The attack comes just days after another attack in Barcelona that killed 14 people.

Joseph Wilson

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For a tech-savvy workforce

Living in a new country is not always easy. However, when it comes to the expatriate workers in Qatar, they have had a fairer and better a different story to say. The expatriates here don’t find any struggles in work, finance, communication, raising family, making friends etc. thanks to the overwhelming support of the Qatar leadership in ensuring them a comfortable life.

Qatar is known for the quality care offered to its workers as the nation keeps on implementing measures and reforms for the welfare of its expatriate workers. The recent launch of the Sustainability and Development phase of the Better Connections Programme by the Prime Minister and Interior Minister HE Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani, highlights Qatar’s constant support to its expatriate community.

It provides IT facilities and tools to migrant workers to engage them in the digital era and help them improve their working and living conditions.

The programme has already established 1.67K ICT facilities equipped with more than 16,000 computers in migrant workers’ accommodations. The various departments and officials concerned with the project worked hard to make it a reality. It is noteworthy that the programme has exceeded its target of 1,500 ICT facilities by more than 10%.

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The programme aims to ensure that the expatriate workers in Qatar are provided with all the facilities and services available to their Qatari counterparts, and that they are treated with the same level of respect and dignity.

The Programme, which will provide training for up to 50,000 workers, will enable them to take digital knowledge to their countries of origin. Additionally, brands new phones will be offered to the participants at affordable prices to enable them to use technology and be part of the digital evolution in Qatar and the world.

Started as a pilot project in 2013 and officially launched in 2015, the Better Connections Programme is a ground-breaking national digital inclusion initiative for migrant workers in Qatar aimed at providing them with free access to the Internet, computers, online services and training at their accommodation.

With the active support of its partners, the Better Connections programme enables migrant workers to gain an understanding of the benefits online technologies have to offer, while providing them with advanced ICT training, and integrating them in social media platforms to help in keeping in touch with family and friends in their home countries.

The active cooperation of the expatriate workers’ unions has been of paramount importance. Certainly, the global nation will conquer new horizons through the billions of expatriate workers who experienced the novel care of the Qatari leadership in ensuring them a comfortable life.

Translated in the top five most spoken languages of migrant workers in Qatar

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The threat of intragroup strife in Ethiopia

W hen news broke of an alleged attempt to remove the security detail of Oromo activist and media mogul Jawar Mohammed, hundreds of his supporters flooded to his residence in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, and the capital of the Oromia region. Jawar, who was one of the organizers of the Oromo protests that started in 2015 which ultimately led to the change in government in 2018, faces serious security by the federal police after returning from exile last year.

The incident came on the heels of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who also leader of the Oromo Democratic Party (ODP), acceding to demands from millions of media owners with foreign passports from the government's decision to charge a duty on attack on Jawar, who holds American citizenship and is therefore not legally Ethiopian. Jawar is not allowed national dual nationality.

Following the rise of Abiy to power, the Oroma regional state has witnessed intense political contest among various parties vying to win popular support, which has resulted in increasing intragroup tensions.

A complex rift in the Oromia regional state between different Abamba political forces was the cause of the alleged attempted coup in June this year that killed the president of the region.

Considering Ethiopia's first past-the-post electoral system, which focuses electoral contest at the district and regional level, ethnic rivalry is likely to intensify as the 2020 national elections approach. The system incentivizes parties to take combative positions on dominant and embrace ethnomininalism in a bid to present themselves as more ethnically authentic.

These intragroup tensions threaten the stability of the country, calling them a fundamental precondition for moderate interethnic politics and preserving national stability.

Abiy is tasked to work on both levels to push for national unity. In Ethiopia, the official recognition of ethnicity as the principal instrument of political organization was, perhaps, inevitable considering that the armed groups that overthrew the communist Derg regime in 1991 were organized along ethnic lines.

The principal armed group, the Tigrean People's Liberation Front (TPLF), emerged as one of the two biggest ethnic groups, the OPDO and ANDM, started to assert their autonomy and ultimately formed to orchestrate an inter-state coup that brought Abiy to power in April 2018.

The manoeuvres that brought Abiy the premiership were a continuation, rather than reversal, of the ethnonational foundations of the political, social and constitutional framework, with a strategic Oromo and Abamba political emphasis on the federal sign-up elites.

A move to power positioned the Oromo at the centre of Ethiopian politics, but did not qualitatively increase the presence of the historically dominant Abamba elites. Oromo ethnomininalism, therefore, continue to make demands, including “ownership” of the national capital as well as territorial claims over parts of Amhara region.

The rise of ethnomininalist forces and their opposition to more moderate parties has caused the armed forces not only within the Oromia community, but also within other ethnic groups in the country. They threaten to erode, ethnomininalist intergroup strife.

Abiy understands the potential dangers of interethnic contention and the importance of weaving a new, inclusive, future-oriented narrative that recognizes the challenges it seeks to transcend past grievances. He has emphasized the role of all Ethiopians in Ethiopia's formation and recognition to colonialism, while acknowledging its failures and historical injustices. But he continues to face strong criticism from Oromo ethnomininalists who accuse him of betraying perceived past injustices, possessing and humiliating Oromos.

Non-Oromos, notably Abamba ethnomininalists, in turn, claim the prime minister is too soft on the Oromos, while reacting strongly to perceived threats from other groups, including the Somali. Amhara and Sidama.

Abiy's desire to pull the extremes to the centre through an amelioration for the Ethiopian context outcomes compromise resulted in a polar outcome – everyone is dissatisfied. To try to address ethnic tensions, he is currently pursuing the goal of transforming TPLF’s ruling party to EPRDF – the party formation has faced stiff resistance from the TPLF.

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A sia is the CEO of Qatar Al Sharq, Jassim Fakhro, said Qatar is playing a key role in several sectors including politics, economic, sport, culture and tourism.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of Silk Road Exhibition & One Belt, One Road Conference yesterday at Doha Exhibition and Convention Center (DECCO), Fakhro said that Qatar today is one of the most important catalysts for investment in the region, thanks to its excellent management and strategic location which make it a commercial platform and a meeting point for the countries of the world, which in turn provides an opportunity for foreign companies looking to expand their business in Qatar and regional countries.

The Silk Road has historically been known as a group of land and sea routes that have linked Asia, the Middle East and Europe for hundreds of years with trade, culture and religious ties, through which trades of goods and products used to be exchanged between continents and knowledge and different cultures passed among the nations," said Fakhro.

He said that the Silk Road evolved over time and with changing geopolitical contexts throughout history and cities half of life built and grew along the road and around commercial ports. "Today, maritime trade has become very important in this global trading network, and the Middle East played a pivotal role in the Silk Road trade given the geographical location of Asia and Europe," said Fakhro.

He said that in the early 1990s, efforts to build the new Silk Road began, including that is known as the Eurasian Land Bridge, sometimes called the New Silk Road, or Belt and Road Initiative is the land transport route for moving freight and passengers over land, and the Pacific seasports in the Bosphorus East and China and seasports in Europe. The first cargo train connecting China directly to the UK arrived London in early 2017, after 18-day journey of 12,000 kilometers," said Fakhro.

He said that in 2013, China launched the "One Belt and One Road" initiative, the largest economic project ever launched by China. It includes railway, highway, port, aviation and power network projects worth over $ 1.2 trillion covering the regions of China, West Asia and Europe. He said that so far about 65 countries, including 17 Arab countries and Qatar is one of them, joined the initiative.

In Qatar, we learned that the world is not waiting for anyone and that the train is on its way, whether you are on board or not. We must make our own silk road in the form of a cooperation that leads to the strengthening of economic activities and aspects in the country, and the development of economic cooperation and prosperity between the countries of the region and the world," said Fakhro.

He said that under the leadership of Amir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Qatar National Vision 2030 has been one of the most important roads. "Since its launch, Qatar has spent billions of dollars on developing sea ports, railroad, electricity and water networks," said Fakhro. He said that Qatar privatized laws and regulations that led to the strengthening of economic activities and aspects in the country, and the development of economic cooperation and prosperity between the countries of the region and the world.

Fakhro said that The Financial Times witnessed the development of Qatar in one of its editions published a week ago. "Qatar has completed its infrastructure development projects of 20 years in two years," he said. Today, we share with you the world another event of economic meetings and events at Silk Road Exhibition & One Belt, One Road Conference, which will focus on Maritime Logistics and Security in Supply Chain and Logistics," said Fakhro.

He said that the exhibition and conference will introduce the different sectors working in the field of transport, shipping and logistics under one roof. In order to meet investors, experts and decision makers to exchange experiences and open new horizons for investments between the parties and participating countries.

"These meetings will provide Qatar companies with access to all the new and useful developments and global experiences, as well as international companies to see the size of development and growth in the business sector and handling global trade with Qatar companies and ports," said Fakhro.
Italian port sector’s excellence on display at Silk Road Exhibition

Silk Road Exhibition is seeing the participation of about 60 companies from the global port sector. Some of the significant companies participating include APM Terminals, DP World, Cosco Shipping Ports Corporation, Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC), AAAA Group, Brumby Shipping, and many more.

The exhibition provides an opportunity for companies to showcase their latest technologies and services to potential clients. It also offers a platform for industry leaders to discuss the future directions of the port sector.

One of the highlights of the exhibition is the presence of APM Terminals, which has been expanding its global network with a focus on sustainability and digitalization. The company has announced plans to invest in new technologies and infrastructure to enhance its operational efficiency.

DP World, on the other hand, has been active in the development of new ports and terminals in various regions around the world. The company has been working on projects such as the expansion of the Port of Jebel Ali in Dubai, which is one of the largest container ports in the world.

Cosco Shipping Ports Corporation is another significant player in the port sector, with a presence in major ports in China and around the world. The company has been focusing on the development of new terminals and the optimization of existing ones to meet the growing demands of cargo transport.

Overall, the Silk Road Exhibition provides a valuable platform for the port sector to showcase its latest technologies and services, and to discuss the future directions of the industry.
General Authority of Customs to go paperless

**SAMUULLAH ATSAGALI**

The General Authority of Customs has announced that it is all set to go paperless to ease further customs clearance at its checkpoints.

"In the beginning of November, we will stop printing paper at all checkpoints whether they were related to customs clearance or to the entities which are connected to customs, including the health, economy, ecology and many others," said Chairman of General Authority of Customs, Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Jamal.

Al Jamal was speaking at the Peninsula at the pavilion of the General Authority of Customs at Silk Road Exhibition & One Belt, One Road Conference which is running at Duha Exhibition and Convention Centre (DECC) for four days.

"The new system will scrap use of paper replacing with the customs clearance single window electronic system; Al Nadeem Center which will ease the movement of goods in import and export," said Al Jamal adding that the required documents and certificates will be uploaded on Al Nadeem Center.

He said that the Authority is working to further the procedures of customs clearance at its checkpoints.

"Al Nadeem Center is connected with all government organizations and is being upgraded adding new features which is expected to be achieved by this year," said Al Jamal.

He said that General Authorities of Customs participated in the Silk Road Exhibition & One Belt, One Road Conference as one of the commercial and some are medium.

"The Authority is serving the country in facilitating the trade and exchange of trade between Qatar and rest of the countries of the world." He added.

He said that the event will help enhance the understanding of trade and offering new routes of trades serving the countries through the Silk Routes."Qatar is among the countries which joined the Silk Road initiative and we are being provided through customs clearance single window Al Nadeem Center which is best in the system in this region in customs clearance. Other services of the Authority are also being showcased like those related to the customs clearance agents, traders and custom employee."

Milaha’s logistics city to extend closer to the world

**LOH MOHAMMED**

President and CEO of Abdulhamdan Essa AlMannai said that Milaha is one of the most important companies in the field of maritime transport, land and logistics in the State of Qatar.

"We have many advanced services in the field of shipping and land transport and our business is resulting from the cooperation of customs in cooperation with the General Authority of Customs," he said.

Giving more details about this, he said: “The logistics city of Milaha is located in the region of the Qatar Free Zones in the Middle East region. It offers synchronized solution to end customers for all your transport services."

Milaha Maritime and logistics delivers a comprehensive range of services to some of the region’s biggest players in the gas, petrochemical and chemical sectors and to major importers, exporters and shipping companies.

**Belt & Road Initiative to bring Qatar and Mideast closer to the world:**

**QFZA chief**

Mohammad Al Matrooshi, CEO of Qatar Free Zones Authority (QFZA) said that Qatar is the multi-sectoric state which has been providing the world with its products, with the help of the Belt and Road Initiative. "We have been a multi-sectoric state for many years of making the world known about our Qatar role, and this project is going to result in the best of our products to the world and offer the world with the best of our products," he added.

"We are located in the heart of the world, which is the heart of the East and the West, and we can be seen as a passage to the East to extend to the West, and to the West and extend to the East," he said.

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Protests shut streets, offices, schools in Iraq

Israel arrests Palestine’s Jerusalem Affairs Minister

Israel forces yesterday arrested Palestine’s Jerusalem Affairs Minister Fawzi Marwan, citing security and intelligence agents who searched his home in Jerusalem and took him into custody, the source said on condition of anonymity. They said the minister was arrested. Hidmi was detained by Israeli forces in September for a political leader from all sectors to sit-in at three schools, and the national teachers’ union extended a strike they began last March. Since resuming later last month, the protests have swelled again with the support of students and trade unions, who jointly announced a campaign of non-violent resistance yesterday.

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Protesters in Iraq’s capital and the country’s south shut down streets and government offices in a new wave of civil disobedience yesterday, escalating their month-long movement demanding wholesale change of the political system.

Demonstrations broke out on October 1 in outrage over rampant corruption and unemployability. They were met with a violent crackdown that left at least 20 people killed. Since resuming last month, protests have gathered again with the support of students and trade unions, who jointly announced a campaign of non-violent resistance yesterday.

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New Delhi was enveloped in heavy smog on Sunday — the worst levels in recent years — with flights diverted or delayed as pollutants blamed each other for failing to tackle the crisis.

Winter, every month, the megacity of 20 million people is blanketed by smog from car fumes, industrial emissions and smoke from garbage and burning farms in neighboring states. Concentrations of particles measuring less than 2.5 microns hit the highest level of this season, exacerbated by light rains late on Saturday. India’s state-run system of Air Quality Weather Forecasting and Research (AQIWR) said.

The reading for pollutants in the atmosphere were 800 micrograms per cubic metre last morning in the “hazardous” zone according to the US embassy in Delhi, which independently monitors pollution levels.

The recommended World Health Organization (WHO) safe daily maximum is 25.

Visibility was so poor that major carriers Air India and Vistara said yesterday flights were being delayed or diverted to and from its airports.

“Aircraft have to take an extra 45 minutes to clear the smog at the airport to reach the runway,” said an airport official.

Theorising on the criticality of illegal immigration in Assam, Justice Gogoi said the government needed to be “scrupulous”.

“Gogoi said the guesswork was that often associated with the influx of illegal migrants has over the years inflated political turmoil and instability in the state.

He said the high pollution levels had risen only in the past few years due to the collective efforts, such as burning diesel generators and making trucks use the peripheral roads instead of going through Delhi.

As air pollution touched the “unbearable” level of 1,000, with a thick blanket of smog enveloping the national capital, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said he had no right to dismiss any employee.

He said the recent NRC attempted to bring some degree of certainty on the number of illegal migrants in the state.

“Nineteen lakh or 40 lakh is not the point. But it is a base document for the future. A document on which we can refer to and from to determine future claims. The exorbitant value of the NRC, in my view, is mutal peaceful co-existence. Progressive societies are meant to be inclusive,” he said.

Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi yesterday said the NRC was not just a document for the present but a base document for the future, says CJI Rashid Reddy.

He said the high pollution levels in Delhi were fine, the air quality was good and the stars were visible in the night sky.

No blame game, let’s sit together to resolve pollution crisis: Kejriwal

In a tweet last week, Kejriwal said the pollution levels had risen only in the past 20 days due to stubble burning in the neighboring states.

Meanwhile, another TSRTC employee died of cardiac arrest.

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Meanwhile, a district judge stated: “A clash took place between the lawyers and the police, which marred the dignity of the court. Hundreds of undertrials and innocent people, who were present in the court premises, were quoted on the matter.

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Some cricket players and coaches have also been training in masks ahead of the Twenty 20 international between Bang- ladesh and India last Sunday.

“Obviously there’s at least a slight risk of you catching a cold or something like that, but it’s not as if Delhiis have bought a cover of cars, or that 10 lakh pollution is as high as the sort of smog that has made the air so pernicious,” Kejriwal said in the 8.30 minute video.

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The statement by the Foreign Office yesterday said that the maps issued by India on November 2 were “incorrect, legally untenable, void and in complete violation” of the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions.

It showed areas under AJK inside India, the Indian government said.

The statement said: “Pakistan would continue supporting the legitimate struggle of the people of occupied Jammu and Kashmir for force Kashmir.”

The statement added: “Pakistan continues to stand by the legitimate struggle of the people of occupied Jammu and Kashmir.”

Talks on to defuse Pakistan-India standoff

Rangers deployed in front of Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan’s office during an anti-government Azaadi (Freedom) demonstration in Islamabad, yesterday.

The 1965 war broke out on October 3, 1965, and ended on December 21, 1965.

The military operation followed an Indian air strike and a surprise attack on the Indian army post at Uri, in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Indian military said the operation was launched in response to a September 16, 1965, attack by Pakistani troops on an air force base near Pathankot.

India and Pakistan both denied starting the war, which resulted in the deaths of thousands of soldiers on both sides.

The war ended with a ceasefire agreement on December 21, 1965, and a United Nations resolution that called for a cease-fire and a withdrawal of all troops from the area.

Pakistan rejected the resolution, saying it was unfair to the people of Occupied Kashmir.

The resolution was never adopted by the United Nations Security Council.

In a meeting with the Pakistani delegation, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution on the Kashmir dispute on December 6, 1947.

The resolution called for a referendum in Kashmir to determine its future.

However, India and Pakistan have never allowed the referendum to take place.

Pakistan has always maintained that the Kashmir question is a human rights issue and that the people of Kashmir have a right to self-determination.

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Resolving Rohingya crisis, UN chief urges Myanmar

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SEOUL

US Secretary-General Antonio Guterres expressed concern yesterday over the plight of the 730,000 Muslim Rohingya refugees for fear that violence in Myanmar’s Rakhine state, calling on Myanmar’s government to ensure peaceful negotiations by dealing with the “root causes” of their flight to Bangladesh. Guterres warned that “a failure to prevent their flight would mean more suffering for the refugees and the host communities.”

A man went on a knife rampage today in Tai Po in Hong Kong, Chiu, a local pro-democracy lawmaker who argued with him. — before attacking her brother-in-law who argued with him.

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China launches high-resolution satellite to provide stereoscopic imagery

REUTERS

South Korea rescued two helicopters believed to be among the several dozen missing, since the first quake struck on October 16 leaving seven people dead and hundreds injured. The South Korean coast guard resumed a search after better conditions were reported.

A man went on a knife rampage in Tai Koo Shing, a middle-class neighborhood on the mainland where protesters had gathered for much of the afternoon. Witnesses told local media that a Mandarin-spaking man attacked people shortly after shouting pro-Beijing slogans.

Six injured in Hong Kong knife attack; about 200 protesters held

AGENCIES

A man went on a knife rampage in Hong Kong late yesterday, leaving at least six people injured, including a local pro-democracy politician who had his ear bitten off, capping another day of political unrest in the city.

Death toll in Philippine quakes at 21

AP

The death toll in two powerful quakes that struck the southern Philippine island of Mindanao has risen to 21, authorities said yesterday, as survivors struggled to avoid being swept into fast-moving floods. 6.6-magnitude and 6.5-magnitude quakes struck the island of Mindanao two days ago, killing at least 12 people and displacing tens of thousands of residents.

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The helicopter had just picked up an injured fisherman from Takeshima, when it crashed into the sea shortly after taking off from an island located on Saturday, including a mountainous villages in Bangladesh has been enrolled to safety.

The government said aid relief and independent human rights groups dismiss the possibility that some members are considered to be biased in favor of the military. The Rohingya have been harshly discriminated against, even though many have been settled in Myanmar for generations. Many in Myanmar consider the refugees illegal immigrants from Bangladesh, and they have largely been denied citizenship and rights to work.

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Johnson apologises for failing to get Brexit deal

AP LONDON

Britain’s election campaign has been overshadowed ever before it officially started, with Prime Minister Boris Johnson saying he would apologise to Conservaties for failing to take the UK out of the European Union by October 31 and Brexit Party leader Nigel Farage telling the most popular run for a seat in Parliament.

Johnson’s promise to bring Britain leave the bloc by October 31 had been one of the campaign in the party leadership compe-

AP BLOOMBERG LONDON

Spain will be no easier to predict the drawing another hung parliament

The Socialists will once again win the most seats, but could fall short of a majority, according to the survey published by El País.

Their potential allies, Podemos, with which they failed to reach an agreement to form a coalition government during months of negotiations, won 11 fewer seats at 32, while the newly formed splinter party Más País would win four.

The biggest beneficiaries of Spain’s fourth election in four years look set to be the right-

AP EFE BORDEAUX

A storm pummels France with violent winds

Storm winds bashed southwest France yesterday, whipping up giant ocean waves, uprooting trees and leaving some 140,000 people without electricity, authorities said.

Fourteen of the country’s 100-old departments were placed on high alert as the Atlantic coast, with winds exceeding 160kmh in places.

Emergency services attended to hundreds of callouts as gale-torn roofs and roads were flooded and five local electrical cut off.

No deaths or injuries have been reported.

Weather service Météo France said winds as strong as 160kmh were recorded in two coastal departments of Gironde and Landes and 120kmh in Bordeaux.

The southeast of France was not spared, with heavy rainfall forcing the evacuation of a gypsy camp. More than two dozen motorhomes had to be rescued as their cars got stuck in the mud. Several shops and homes in the southeast had their basements flooded.

Celebrities back call for climate action on video

Singer Ellie Goulding, actress Imelda Staunton and model Daisy Lowe were among celebr-

itites demanding that the governments act on climate change in a video campaign launched by Extinction Rebellion yesterday ahead of Britain’s December 12 general election.

Extinction Rebellion launched in London a year ago, calling waves of colourful, dis-

ruptive acts around the world to call for rapid cuts in carbon emissions and the repair of col-

lappung ecosystems.

Thousands of people have been arrested during protests.

The group’s emphasis on the role of culture can play in shaping attitudes towards the twin climate and ecological crises was not lost on a range from leading names from the worlds of music, fashion, art and film.

The new video https://rebel.uk/ created in collaboration between film

maker Richard Curtis and Raindance, a creative agency headed by the British photog-
Greece shifts migrants from overcrowded islands

AP ATHENS

The transfer of migrants from overcrowded camps on the islands to the Greek mainland continued over the weekend, with authorities saying 415 arrived at the port of Elefsina west of Athens on Saturday afternoon and another 380 expected later. The migrants had been brought out of islands of Lesbos, at the Mora camp where almost 3,000 migrants are to be housed in hotels, as the peak tourist season is over.

A senior government official speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to talk about certain aspects of government policy said that the government plans to move 5,000 migrants to the mainland over the next 15 days, adding that the migrants will be housed in hotels, as the peak tourist season is over.

He added that some parts of the islands, including Lesbos, will be emptied, because they have many migrant camps, or hotspots, these already.

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Greece is divided into 34 prefectures, but about half of them would be emptied from the migrant resettlement scheme, including all islands.

Several of Greece’s eastern islands, all close to the Turkish border, are the landing points for Turks in the northeast, are frequented by asylum seekers.

Local authorities complain the islands are turning into dumping grounds for migrants while the processing of asylum requests is very slow and expulsions of those deemed ineligible for asylum very frequent.

The government promised to speed up both processes.

Early Saturday, inhabitants of the eastern island of Kos, led by their mayor, prevented 73 migrants from disembarking from a regularly scheduled passenger ship that had picked them up from the remote island of Kastelorizo.

The municipality had blocked the loading with tractor and other vehicles.

The mayor said that the government should transfer some of the 4,500 asylum seekers from the Greek islands to the mainland instead of sending new arrivals.

Greeks figure that more than 34,000 people now live in miserable conditions on five islands that in theory can host 6,100 while they register as asylum seekers.

On Friday, lawmakers approved a law that tightens asylum procedures and is aimed at easing “a state of prolonged paralysis,” according to conservative Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis, who said the country was trying to clear nearly 70,000 pending requests.

He accused Turkey and the previous centre-left Greek government of letting in migrants.

A file photo of Anrgerent Kramp-Karrenbauer (centre) with Jens Spahn and Friedrich Merz (right) after being elected as the party leader.

Friedrich Merz more popular than Merkel’s protege: Poll

REUTERS

More German voters would like to see Friedrich Merz as head of the ruling centre-right Christian Democrats (CDU) than current leader Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, a survey published yesterday.

The same story quoted the Emnid poll carried out for Sunday paper.

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A year ago, Kramp-Karrenbauer, who beat Merz in a CDU leadership election last December, succeeded Merkel by 23 percent to 28 percent in the same survey.

But that was the economy slowing and Kramp-Karrenbauer not gaining the hoped-for traction. It is not all going well for the CDU: last month it lost heavily to the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) in an election in the eastern state of Thuringia.

In the Emnid poll, 13 percent said the CDU’s position as a national party was in danger, liking prospects to the demise of the once-formidable Christian Social Democratic Party (SPD), the junior partner in Merkel’s coalition.

The Conservatives recorded 27 percent national support in Bild’s weekly survey, with the SPD on 16 percent and the AfD on 5 percent.

Merz plans to lay out his plans in a speech at the CDU party congress at the end of this month in Leipzig, his spokesman told yesterday’s Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung. The same story quoted Kramp-Karrenbauer as saying: “All contributions to the debate on the future of the country and of the CDU are highly welcome.”

CDU youth members were pushing for the party as a whole to vote on its chancellor candidate rather than leave the party conference to undecided FDP. But write. It said major regional party branches were opposed.

Exit poll shows Bulgaria’s ruling party set to win Sofia mayoral election

REUTERS

Bulgaria’s ruling centre-right GERB party kept its control of the capital Sofia in yesterday’s mayoral election, exit polls showed after a run-off vote that tested the party’s support after a string of corruption scandals.

GERB’s Voryanka Fandakova secured 53.5 percent of votes cast in yesterday’s ballot, according to exit polls by the major opinion pollsters Alpha Research and Trend.

She was enough to give her a fourth term as mayor of the city, home to one in four Bulgarians.

Maria Manolova, an independent candidate backed by the opposition Socialists, had 46.5 percent yesterday’s exit poll shows.

A Prime Minister Boyko Borissov’s GERB party, which has been in power for most of the past 10 years, has seen its support decline recently over the weekend.

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Three towns protest migrant transfers

AFP

Protesters in two towns in northern Greece took to the streets yesterday to rally against the transfer of migrants from the Greek islands to sites on the mainland.

They should leave Wachae to have a good enough,” an inhabitant of Yantamia said as several dozen people tried to prevent the dawn arrival of 60 asylum seekers from the islands of Lesbos and Samos.

Around 60 other migrants have already been relocated to Yantamia and “we have had many problems,” the local resident said.

The migrants finally moved have been housed as police forced on, and occupied rooms at hotels on the town.

To the east in Serres, another protest was held against the arrival of around 20 migrants.

Over the weekend, roughly 900 people were transferred from Greek islands to sites on the mainland, and the government has said it wants to relocate 20,000 by the end of the year.

The country has again become a key point of entry for Europe which threatened in September to ease border controls if it did not receive more international aid.

In the past four months, 60,000 migrants and refugees have arrived, junior minister of the interior told yesterday.

“We have to show solidarity with border regions that have been hardest,” the minister said.

Johnson’s adviser faces issues raised by whistle-blower

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The local department says no dangerous levels of carbon monoxide were detected once they had arrived. In all, about 160 emergency workers were on site to provide a replacement bus.

Emergency services are at work on the site of a bus accident near Berny-en-Santerre, northern France, yesterday.

33 injured as bus overturns in France

AFP

Thirty-three people were injured yesterday, at least four seriously, on a bus trip from nine counties in northern France, police said.

The bus, which was carrying 20 people, was enabled to an accident on the A1 motorway, France’s busiest route, a police statement released yesterday said.

There were three people on board, of whom 29 sustained light injuries and four were severely wounded, said the police, though the fire brigade put the number at five.

Of the injured, 13 were French and 20 foreign nationals – eleven from Britain, three from the United States, two from Spain, and one each from Australia, the Netherlands, Romania and Russia.

They were taken to different hospitals in the region.

Rescue teams from the police, fire brigade, and ambulances were rushed to the site. The motorway still had not been closed, the statement said.

Thibaut said it was putting in place an emergency number and would provide a replacement bus.

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**WASHINGTON**

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South Dakota inmate seeks stay from US Supreme Court

AP

SIOUX FALLS

A South Dakota prison inmate is asking the US Supreme Court to halt his execution next week.

Charles Rhines is sentenced to death in 1992 for raping a 22-year-old doughnut shop employee. His execution is scheduled for 10am Thursday.

Rhines asked the high court on Saturday to stay the execution on the grounds he hasn’t been granted access to experts to evaluate his claims of cognitive and psychiatric impairments. The 8th US Circuit Court of Appeals rejected that appeal last week.

Rhines also asked the high court to consider his claim that he was sentenced to death by jurors who had an anti-gay bias, an argument the high court has declined to hear before. The state has argued that jurors opted for death due to the chilling nature of the crime.

Separately, Rhines asked a circuit court’s refusal to delay his execution on the grounds the inmate doesn’t meet the legal standard for lethal injection drugs in effect when he was convicted.

Rhines cited in his ruling Thursday that patriarchal world was far faster than the drugs Rhines cited when used in lethal doses.
Renowned Cuban artist displays equine paintings at Katara

RAYNALD C RIVERA

Stunning equine paintings by internationally renowned contemporary Cuban artist Ibrahim Al Saladi were on show in his second solo exhibition at Katara Cultural Village dubbed “Face to Face.”

The exhibition, which features 19 paintings mostly with horses as subjects, follows the success of his last show called “Strength and Convergence” held in Qatar in March last year.

Speaking at the launch of the show, Eumelio Caballero Rodriguez, Ambassador of Cuba to Qatar, highlighted how the exhibition “contributes to further strengthening the friendly relations and cultural cooperation between the peoples of Cuba and Qatar.”

Having featured in exhibitions across the world, especially in Qatar, the artist is becoming familiar to art lovers in Qatar with his distinctive Qatari character and taken part in several events in Qatar and the rest of the Gulf countries.

“This exhibition shows a type of art that moves from the social to the autobiographical. In ‘Face to Face’ one of the keys is the sensitivity to group and ungroup, to establish parallels, synchrony, and a system of relationships between objects. Thus, the animal figure, who is the protagonist, triggers inspiration,” said the ambassador.

“The work interacts with the observer, as it oscillates between discourses that readapt, manipulate and grant new functions, perceiving a variety of possible readings in each of the pieces. I hope that the viewer feels attracted by an artistic production where love for life and art thrives,” he said.

The exhibition is on view until November 6 at Katara Building 47.
"Terminator: Dark Fate" opened atop the North American box office this weekend with an estimated take of $29m, industry analysts said on Sunday, but analysts said that the film’s performance fell far below expectations.

The Paramount film has been promoted as a made-for-the-cinema blockbuster. 

"The last year’s very first edition of Fare Cinema - an initiative launched in 2018 by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to promote abroad the Made in Italy cinema - with a focus on the film-making crafts - the different professions of the trade that make up the complex mechanism of film production," the event’s official Twitter account said.

"The show’s star, Rachel Bronshman, remembered him as ‘hilarious and talented and kind’ in an Instagram post. ‘Our family of words won’t be the same without him’ she wrote."

The show’s official Twitter account also posted a tribute to Tarantina. In January, Tarantina was at the Screen Actors Guild Awards when the show won the comedy series ensemble category.