Qatar has taken strict measures to combat terrorism

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, HE Sultan bin Saad Al Murairi, who led Qatar’s delegation to the two-day ‘No Money for Terror’ conference, held in Melbourne, Australia, said Qatar is actively participating in the Terrorist Financing Targeting Center (TFTC), which includes the GCC countries and the United States.

“Qatar can contribute and share the experiences it has and the steps it has taken to control such crimes. This conference is a very important one and the outcomes must be joint and must be in full accordance with the resolutions of the FATF,” Al Murairi said.

The second batch of humanitarian aid from the State of Qatar reached the Somali port city of Mogadishu on Saturday as the humanitarian coordinator of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Mr. Mark Lowcock praised Qatari aid.

Lowcock expressed his deep thanks and appreciation to Amir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani for launching an airlift for flood relief in the Federal Republic of Somalia.

He said the second batch of humanitarian aid from the State of Qatar reinforced the gesture of the Emir of the State of Qatar which he bestowed in the wake of the floods that hit the Somali region.

Somali government praised Qatari aid to flood-affected people

The Somali government commended the assistance provided by the State of Qatar to those affected by floods that hit large parts of the country, following the generous directives of Amir HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani to launch an airlift for flood relief in the Federal Republic of Somalia.

Somali Federal Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management, Hamza Said Hamza, praised the repeated relief initiatives undertaken by Qatar for the benefit of Somali citizens.

He expressed his deep thanks and appreciation to Amir HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani The Somali Federal Minister said that the Qatari aid was timely because citizens in the affected areas of Somalia suffered the most point out that this assistance would ease the suffering.

Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia, Adam Abdelmalouk expressed his thanks to Qatar for its generous contribution to the humanitarian efforts in Somalia.

The second batch of humanitarian aid provided by Qatar, through the Qatar Fund for Development in coordination with the Standing Committee for Rescue and Relief Works and Humanitarian Aid for Afflicted Areas in both friendly and neighboring countries, reached the port city of Mogadishu, accompanied by a team from the Qatar International Search and Rescue Group (Idhrwai).

The total assistance reached about 88 tonnes of medical and relief materials.
**General Assembly of OANA concludes**

The 17th General Assembly of the Organisa-
**tion of Asia-Pacific News Agencies** (OANA) concluded yesterday with the participation of representatives of 32 news agencies from 28 countries. The Qatar News Agency (QNA) member of OANA, participated in the General Assembly with a delegation headed by Director General of OANA, Yousef Ibrahim Al-Malki. At the end of its work, the General Assembly adopted several resolutions, including the election of the President of South Korea’s Yonhap News Agency, Cho Sung-Boo as Chairman of OANA for the next three years, taking over from the outgoing president of OANA, Aslian Aidan, head of Azerbaijan State News Agency (AZERTAC). The heads of Azerbaijan’s AZERTAC, China’s Xinhua News Agency, Russia’s TASS and Turkey’s Anadolu Agency were voted as vice-chairs. The General Assembly approved the acceptance of the membership of the Palestinian News Agency (Wafa) as an observer member. It also agreed that Iran’s Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) will host the General Assembly meetings scheduled for 2022. In the 2019 Mosul Declaration, participants voiced their eagerness to make every effort to counter the proliferation of fake news and to exchange technology among members to deliver news to the largest segment of readers outside OANA’s region as well as resolutely and collectively address any piracy of OANA’s members. OANA was formed in 1984 on the initiative of UNESCO to promote regional news exchanges.

**HBKU lecture puts spotlight on resilient cyberspace**

**The Peninsula** (Doha)

The global scientific community’s efforts to create a more resilient cyberspace formed the basis of a recent public lecture organised by the College of Science and Engineering (CSE) at Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU). Adapting to the Threat Within the Digital Revolution on October 31 addressed the multitude of security threats posed by a constantly evolving digital landscape. The lecture was delivered by Professor Roberto Baldoni (pictured), who is Deputy Director of Italy’s Department of Information for Security (DSI) and Chair of the Italian Cybersecurity Management Board. He is also the founder and director of the Sapient Research Center for Cyber Intelligence and Information Security. Discussions touched upon the European Union’s and Italy’s efforts to ensure the ongoing digital revolution benefits societies without risking independence and prosperity. This prompted consideration of the rules the scientific community should play in developing mechanisms that facilitate secure and resilient networks and information systems. Case studies used by Prof. Baldoni also highlighted key technologies. Prof. Baldoni’s lecture was the prelude to a visit by senior Italian policymakers and dignitaries to the Qatar Information Technology Conference and Exhibition (QITCOM) 2019. The delegation included Angelo Toto, Italian Undersecretary for Defense, and the Excellence President Pasquale Salzano. Italy’s ambassador to Qatar, speaking after the event, Dr. Mauri Hamdi, Dean, said: “The timing of Prof. Baldoni’s public lecture was perfect. QITCOM is all about researching disruptive, smart technologies, including those that enhance cybersecurity best practices.”

**Hiwam Al Muraikhi stresses Qatar’s role in combating terrorism**

**The Peninsula** (Doha)

Hiwam Al Muraikhi added that while Qatar is treating this very important issue, it is concerned about the risks borne by the lack of coordination among regional states as a result of the tensions and crises. He emphasised that these crises hurt terrorist organisations and weaken the abilities of the Member States to fight against these organisations and deprive them of the means, which they use to gain their breads and the possibilities lost during the previous period.

He reiterated that Qatar will support any effort or direction within the framework of the Conference to combat the financing of terrorism that contributes to the realization of this cause, adding that Qatar will continue to pursue its policy of maintaining international peace and security.

The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs HE Sultan bin Saad Al Muraikhi praised the holding of the Conference and the great efforts in the follow-up of the work, stressing the commitment of the State of Qatar to continue to work with partners to combat the financing of terrorism.

The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, HE Sultan bin Saad Al Muraikhi, at the three-day No Money for Terror Ministerial Conference in Melbourne, Australia, yesterday.

**QF event stresses importance of healthy lifestyle, early diagnosis to reduce risk of breast cancer**

The event at Oxygen Park in Education City, held as Breast Cancer Awareness Month draws to a close, encouraged people to adopt a healthy lifestyle, and highlighted how the risk of breast cancer can be reduced through early screening.

During October, Qatar Foundation was the venue for an array of breast cancer awareness activities attended by students, faculty members from universities at QF, health experts, families, and participants from across Qatar’s community. These events, organised by QF students with the support of their universities, featured lectures, workshops, and fun and meaningful activities designed to encourage people of all ages to play their part in building a healthier society.

Speaking about the walk at Education City, Amir Biallin, Director of Health and Wellness at Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, a QF partner university, said: “We are delighted to see the scale of awareness-raising as many families, community members and QF students have taken part in the various activities at Oxygen Park. The event was also characterised by collaboration between various QF universities, making it more diverse and richer. It is also an opportunity for us to promote facilities in the community, and engage our students in these events, which enables them to be active citizens in their community. As well as a walk to promote the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, the event featured a Walk of Words, where people wrote messages of support for breast cancer patients, and a Pledge Table which encouraged participants to make a lifelong vow to build healthy and supportive relationships. We have come as students at QF to express our support for breast cancer awareness,” said Neura Al-Than, a second-year student at QF partner university Georgetown University in Qatar (GU-Q). “Our goal is to help raise awareness and be part of this campaign.”

Rodolfo Muñoz Cárdenas, a first-year student at QF, said: “The event today highlights how QF looks to engage community members in its activities, and that community participation is at the heart of QF’s mission. Education City is a unique place to support the goal of spreading awareness about breast cancer. Among those supporting the walk and its surrounding activities were QF Community Development, QF’s partner universities, Sidra Medicine, Qatar University, and the Protection and Social Rehabilitation Center (UHNS). Students from QF partner universities, Sidra Medicine, Qatar University and the Protection and Social Rehabilitation Center (UHNS) who organized a breast cancer awareness event during October said that, as medical students, they frequently interact with patients and have the chance to understand their backgrounds, struggles, and stories. Student Ana Yoon, a final-year medical student at WCM-Q, said: “Through this event, we aimed to spread awareness by having past educators and physicians from different centers in Qatar as well as student-run educational interactive games that help to debunk common myths about breast cancer.”

The students have collaborated with many health institutions in Qatar to bring about the campaign, including Hamad Medical Corporation, Sidra Medicine, Qatar Biomedical Research Institute, Qatar Medical Students Association, as well as WCM-Q. During October, students at QF partner university Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar (VCUarts Qatar) also organized a breast cancer awareness event with activities that attracted more than 400 QF students, professors, and community members. Ghada Al-Qashish, the main coordinator and a member of VCUarts Qatar’s Student Government Association, said that raising awareness of breast cancer was the aim of the event.

“We want to contribute to reducing the impact of this disease by raising awareness of the need for early screening, not only for those over 45, but for those who are younger,” she said. “We should not also forget about this disease out loud and listen to the experiences of those who are suffering and those who have helped women to beat breast cancer, as they share their stories and the reality of living with this disease.”

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Qatar participates in ‘Education for Justice Initiative’ awards ceremony

The Adviser to H E the Interior Minister, HE Major General Abdullah Yousef Al Mal, and other officials during the ceremony held to give the awards to the winners of the Education for Justice Initiative awards ceremony on the sidelines of the World Bank Week on Law, Justice and Development 2019.

Qatar, Georgia discuss boosting ties

The Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, H E Dr. Ahmad bin Hassan Al Hammadi, met yesterday with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, David Zalkaliani, during his visit to Qatar. During the meeting, they reviewed bilateral cooperation relations as well as issues of common concern.

QU College of Pharmacy students take part in fifth Qatar Patient Safety Week

The students at QU College of Pharmacy (QU-CPH) recently participated in the fifth Qatar Patient Safety Week (QPSW) organised by the Healthcare Quality & Patient Safety (HQPS) Department at the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH).

Qatar discusses next generation about Qatar’s ‘green’ World Cup

Teaching next generation about Qatar’s ‘green’ World Cup

Throughout the generations, those who call Qatar their home have always recognised the need to respect nature. And as Qatar prepares to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup, the people of the nation want to ensure nature continues to be nurtured. Water consumption, waste management, reducing carbon emissions, increasing use of renewable energy, and protecting the environment head the list of things that Qatar is teaching its young people about. For the country’s future resilience and to show them their commitment to the scale of a World Cup can be held in sustainably.

As part of these efforts, Dr. Mohammad El-Haj, CPH Dean, and Dr. Ali Al Dosari, a student at Qatar Academy Sidra, were invited to speak at Qatar Academy Sidra. El-Haj and Al Dosari shared their expertise in sustainability with Qatar Academy Sidra students during an interactive workshop on the sustainability of 2022 FIFA World Cup stadiums.

An expert shares knowledge in sustainability with students during an interactive workshop on the sustainability of 2022 FIFA World Cup stadiums.

Sustainability – to future generations, our current efforts will be vain.

Dr. Mohammad El-Haj, CPH Dean, said: “I am working on research on green building projects, and through our community service program at HBKU, we visit various schools, such as Qatar Academy Sidra. This means we can reach out and educate students about green buildings and sustainable environment when they are young, creating engagement and interaction.”

One of the things that surprises students today is that one of the 2022 FIFA World Cup – Al Rayan Stadium – can be completely disassembled after the tournament and this approach reduces the waste generated during production of the stadium components and the waste created on-site during construction.

The upcoming World Cup is a very important event for Qatar”, says Dr. Ali Ghamdi. “When the country invested its resources in facilities for the tournament, we did it with a clear purpose to make the World Cup sustainable.”

“We explained more about the aspects of sustainability that were incorporated into the planning and construction of the eight World Cup stadiums. We also discussed important themes related to sustainability such as energy, water and the local environment and its resources – with the students. “For HBKU, serving the community is one of our goals. Meeting Qatar Academy Sidra students was an important step in this direction, as it enabled us to share details of the major events taking place in Qatar, and educate them about the future challenges.”

During the workshop, students constructed a miniature model of an environmentally friendly home and were given an insight into how renewable energy can be part of construction processes so that new developments produce clean, environmentally friendly energy. “We choose workshops based on the subjects offered by schools to students,” said Dr. Ali Ghamdi. “We learned that one of the topics presented by Qatar Academy Sidra was around the World Cup, so we wanted to take this opportunity to explain the meaning of sustainability to students and provide them with information. “Our workshops vary from one workshop to another – for example, we cover topics related to recycling and waste management, energy, and water, according to the subjects offered by the school.”

Mohammed Zaheer, a PhD student in Sustainable Environment at HBKU, was part of the presentation and said: “It’s always good to transfer knowledge to the next generation because they are our future. Qatar’s development is based on science and technology. But if we do not transfer knowledge – along with the message of the importance of sustainability – to future generations, our current efforts will be vain.”

Koummich, noted: “Patient safety is being more recognised now. Many efforts are conducted on a national and international level to increase the awareness and implementation of patient safety. As much as we believe that those efforts are important, we also argue that patient safety should be implemented early in the education process because it is the foundation of health care. All health care providers should learn and acquire knowledge with patient safety as their aim.”
Iran downs unidentified drone near Gulf coast

The drone was shot down before it could reach the south of Iran. It was a small drone, said to be a shadow drone, and it was flying over the southern part of Iran. The Iranian government said that the drone was a threat to national security and was shot down in self-defence.

Netanyahu appoints new defence minister

The Israeli government has appointed a new defence minister, Amir Ben-Gvir. He is a right-wing politician who has been known for his controversial views on issues such as settlements and the Palestinian question.

Palestinian protesters burning tyres in response to Israeli forces' intervention during the "Great March of Return" at Gaza border in east of Khan Younis. (File photo)

At least 69 Palestinians were injured during their participation in the Great March of Return in Gaza on 17 November 2018. The Palestinian Ministry of Health said that 69 injured Palestinians, including 29 with bullet injuries, were taken to hospitals for treatment.

Dry clashes erupt in Iraq despite cleric's call for calm

Fires broke out near the headquarters of security forces in Baghdad. The incident is the latest in a series of clashes between security forces and protesters in Iraq.

Lebanese banks face threats; Hariri wants neutral govt

Taking aim at rampant state corruption, the national pro-テストを受けるために記入してください。
Indian WhatsApp users ask govt to explain plans with Israeli firm in privacy breach case

ATHENS

A group of Indian journalists and editors have urged the government to explain its plans to use Israeli technology to monitor suspicious communications. The move comes after reports that the Israeli firm NSO had been hired by the government to carry out surveillance on Indian citizens.

NSO, the company that makes Pegasus spyware, has been accused of using its technology to target politicians, journalists, and activists in India. The company has denied the allegations, but some tech experts believe it is being used by the government to suppress dissent.

The move has sparked outrage among Indian citizens, who see it as a violation of their privacy rights. Many are calling for a boycott of Israeli products and services, and for sanctions against the company.

Indian authorities have remained silent on the matter, but some experts believe that the government is using the technology to target critics of the government and its policies.
Kartarpur: Pakistan regrets India's refusal to allow concessions

INTERNEWS (ISLAMABAD) The Foreign Office of Pakistan regretted that the Indian government had decided against a call for concessions, announced by Prime Minister Rajapaksa of Sri Lanka, for Sri Lankan pilgrims visiting Kartarpur Gurdwara on the occasion of the 550th birth anniversary of the founder of Sri Guru Nanak Dev, Guru Nanak.

“As a special gesture, Pakistan decided on the auspicious occasion of Sikhism to allow the visit by Sri Lankan pilgrims for Kartarpur Corridor which was also the newly established corridor would be conducted in accordance with the agreed bilateral agreement governing the corridor’s operations. Dr. Faisal, earlier at his weekly media briefing said that Pakistan government had as a special gesture waived off the passport requirement and the visa fee for the pilgrims coming to the shrine. Moreover, 500 pilgrims per pilgrimage were also waived off for November 9 and 12.”

The special concessions, which were announced by the prime minister through Twitter, were formally conveyed by the Pakistan government to the Indian High Commission in Islamabad and the government of India. The government is now expecting 10,000 pilgrims to visit on the occasion of the opening of the visa-free corridor on November 9. These include Sikhs coming from India via the corridor, those traveling through Pakistan by road crossing, and Sikhs living in other parts of the world coming here for the occasion. Indian cricketer turned-politician Navjot Singh Sidhu, who had been issued a visa and would be warmly welcomed at the opening ceremony.

Army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa had first shared the idea of opening Kartarpur Corridor with Sidhu when he last year visited Pakistan for attending PM Imran Khan’s inauguration. Later Siddhu had expressed interest in the groundbreaking ceremony of the project. According to Indian media, the invitation card issued by the Pakistan government to Siddhu was also working on a number of other initiatives for promoting religious tourism. "Sikhs/ Nanak Nanakshevi, Hindus and Buddhist Monks have holy sites in Pakistan and we are trying to tap this potential of religious tourism," he said.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office clarified that the passport waiver for Kartarpur pilgrims would extend up to one year as a special gesture on the 550th anniversary of Guru Nanak. Faisal was responding to a question in connection with a statement by the director general of Afghan intelligence, saying that the passports in which he feared a passport was not required for Indian pilgrims using Kartarpur corridor.

“Kartarpur is the formal position of Foreign Office and the ISPR spokesman Dr. Faisal stated. Asked if Pakistan would like to open similar corridor with Kargil and Ladakh to facilitate meeting of families living across the border, he said Pakistan had no objection on opening more passages, however India’s hesit- ation in holding talks on several matters was a major hurdle in that.”

Ailing Sharif seeks permission to travel abroad

AFP (ISLAMABAD) The family of Pakistan’s former prime minister Nawaz Sharif is trying to get a visa for Sharif to travel abroad. “The family has not lost hope to avail these facilitating measures for Sharif in India’s books,” he said.

The spokesman’s reaction came after the Indian Ministry of External Affairs said that the passport amendment for Sharif had been revoked as it was not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The military denies favouring Sharif

Reuters (ISLAMABAD) Pakistan’s military denies having favoured Sharif in the offer. “But his health has deteriorated in prison. Last month, he suffered a minor heart attack, his party said, adding that he is suffering from an autoimmune blood disorder. Sharif also suffers from high blood pressure and kidney functions are deteriorating, according to aides.

His doctor has claimed that Sharif is “fighting for his life”. In a recent statement, Sharif has been accused of health reasons and remarks at a hospital in the eastern city of Lahore, but a ban remains in place forbidding him from travelling abroad. The family of the former prime minister on Thursday formally approached the interior ministry asking the government to allow Sharif to receive urgent medical attention in an overseas hospital.

Weary residents endure another round of protests in Islamabad

REUTERS (ISLAMABAD) Patience is wearing thin among some residents of the Pakistani capital, enduring another round of anti-government protests, which have attracted thousands of opposition supporters showing no sign of giving up despite the onset of winter rain.

A day after an让孩子 were sent on a school bus, the president of the country’s biggest student union last year suspended after the protest site, thus clearing it, had been bulldozed.

Pakistan and China have agreed to include a run of the river hydropower project in the Economic Corridor CPEC project, which would be financed through Chinese currency. A meeting held at the secretariat of the project, which is expected to be financed with Chinese currency, which would be financed through Chinese currency.

The accord, signed and approved by the countries, was on the sidelines of the CPEC project.

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As for the allegations that police that chased the deceased or that pushed him and caused him to fall, the police hereby make a solemn statement again that nothing of the kind happened,” Wu told reporters. Wu had been cleared to testify early yesterday on Monday morning following clashes between police and protesters in the middle-class district of Wan Chai.

He described how the deceased, believed to be 22-year-old Alex Chow, was found lying unconscious in a pool of blood near a multi-storey car park that police had fired tear gas towards.

Chow was a student at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Thailand ready to impose curfew in troubled south

Early this year, actor and writer Yumi Ishikawa sparked off a critic trend that required women to wear high heels to work. The hashtag #highheelsforwork swept across 149 countries in the world Economic Gender Gap report, well behind other developed countries.
Helping brothers generously

Taking the laudable tradition of helping brothers in need, Qatar is the first country that has started sending aid to flood-hit people of Somalia under the directives of Amir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

So far in the last few days hundreds of tonnes of relief goods have been transported to Somalia to mitigate the sufferings of Somali citizens coping with natural disaster in southern and central parts of the country.

Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD), in coordination with the Standing Committee for Rescue and Relief Works and Humanitarian Aids for Affected Areas in Brotherly and Friendly Countries, has dispatched many aids of various medical and relief material.

Torrential rains have raised the water levels of the Shabelle and Juba rivers in the Federal Republic of Somalia, and caused the displacement of thousands of families from their homes to the highlands.

The Somali government has also pledged the assistance being provided by the State of Qatar to its requests, Somali Foreign Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management, Hamza Said Hassan, praised the repeated relief initiatives undertaken by the State of Qatar for the benefit of Somali citizens. He expressed his deep thanks and appreciation to Amir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

The Somali Federal Minister said that the Qatari aid was timely because citizens in the affected areas of Somalia suffered their most, pointing out that this assistance would ease the suffering.

Qatar is only providing assistance to Somalia to meet immediate demands created by floods but has also hosted overseas Somali refugees in Jeddah, to attend the Ministerial Meeting of the OIC Contact Group on Somalia on November 3 in Jeddah to assist Somali government on war footing to address the current economic crisis and tackle security challenges.

Calling the Ministerial Meeting, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani had said that the State of Qatar would continue to be a key supporter of Somalia and will spare no effort in providing the necessary assistance for development plans and programmes of government of Somalia in partnership with the United Nations and the World Bank. The State of Qatar has also recently provided a $25m aid to the Somali government.

Last month, Somalia’s Minister of Health and Social Care, Dr Fawziya Abiok, had also praised the Qatari people and government for supporting the Somali people and appreciated Qatar Charity’s initiatives to help vulnerable groups, set up hospitals and health units, and care for mothers and children.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Croatia’s unlawful and violent reaction to the return of asylum seekers and migrants should dissuade it from joining the Schengen Area.

Lydia Gall

Eastern Europe and Balkans researcher at Human Rights Watch

French President Emmanuel Macron was waiting for President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon at the Elayes Palace in Paris, France, yesterday.

Quote Macron’s Article 5 self-defence clause is hard to say – and that inevitably prompts Europe’s most powerful states to look in the structures that will serve them best.

In January, France and Germany signed an updated military cooperation treaty that guaranteed each would come to the other’s defence and set out further steps in military integration, culminating in what would effectively be a joint army.

Yet Trump sent a dangerous message of ‘brain death’ comments, Macron highlights Europe’s Nato fears

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With ‘brain death’ comments, Macron highlights Europe’s Nato fears

Trump sends dangerous message of neglect to Asia

The EU’s is the EU’s. But that may itself ring alarm bells for smaller European nations, which value the way they are consulted and included in the architecture of both institutions. That is particularly important when it comes to military defence, when Nato’s mechanisms in particular have long been designed to wield together different national militaries in the event of a conflict in Europe or beyond.

The EU’s recent failure to inter- vent Syria and increasingly ties to Moscow, demonstrating keeping such multilateral groupings healthy is far from frictionless. But the national militaries offer the only real command- and-control arrangements to which they might stick if left without their US paved the way for a longer be committed to it.

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But Sturgeon said her party would seek alliances that could win the December 12 vote.

The SNP, which held 35 out of Scotland’s 129 House of Commons seats at Westminster, received 89.1 percent of the vote in Scotland.

"If you’re concerned about this region, the question is: has Northern Macedonia or Albania or Bosnia-Herzegovina," Johnson said in an interview. Zeljko Komsic, a Croat who currently chairs Bosnia’s inter-ethnic supremacy, summoned Ambassador Guillaume Rousseau and informed him about the numbers of foreign fighters and Bosnia’s efforts to counter terrorism. "As far as the threat from the returning foreign fighters, there are no returns, nobody is returned," said Vlado Azinovic, an expert on terrorism. "All these people are stuck in camps and may return. We must return them as quickly and securely as possible." The On-site Mission of the Schengen Free Movement area (SIRENE) informed Bosnian authorities of the numbers of foreign fighters and returning fighters. Most of the fighters who have returned have not been tried and jail. Bosnia’s migration minister said it would be impossible to break the law by jail. However, reflecting the country’s ethnic divisions, the presidency’s nationalist Serbian member said: "If he had told me: ‘Tell the Bosnian Serbs that the Western world is ready to take care of your kids,’ I would have been grateful.

It remained of paramount importance to us to ensure that an individual’s next of kin were informed, and that they were given the time to absorb this tragic news before we publicly confirmed their loved one’s identity. We are in touch with the family of the victim, who are said to be in a great deal of distress. They are being supported by a dedicated team of experts.

"If you believe that someone has committed murder, you must respect the letter and spirit of the law and refrain from using any media to reveal the identity of the suspect or the victims," the minister said. "This tweet was posted by Mr Borrell, seventy-two, who is known for his work as a Catalan politician, Clara Ponsati, who posted a sensitive extra-ordinary tweet to her mother vividly brought home the scale of the tragedy. Her family had been unable to contact her since the text arrived yesterday, and her next of kin were given some time to absorb this information.

"I write to you today, because I care," she wrote. "Mom. I love you and dad very much. I’m dying because I can’t breathe. Mom, I’m so sorry. The victims were believed to have paid people traffickers for their clandestine transit into England. British police have charged 25-year-old Maurice Robinson of Northern Ireland with 39 counts of manslaughter and conspiracy to traffic people.

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Bloomberg preparing for White House bid

According to Forbes, Bloomberg is the eighth richest person in the US and is worth $52.4bn.

Michael Bloomberg (left) and US President Donald Trump.

“an indication that he believes the Democrats do not have a strong candidate that can defeat President (Donald) Trump”. Trump told reporters in a reference to the stature of the 84th Bloomberg. “He doesn’t have the magic to do well.”

Trump himself weighed in on Friday on a potential Bloomberg candidacy. ‘Little Michael will do well but I think he’s going to hurt Biden actually.’

White House officials fail to respond to Trump impeachment probe

AP "CONCORD "

Billionaire businessman Michael Bloomberg was positioning himself yesterday to enter the crowded race for the Democratic presidential nomination, setting up a potential showdown with fellow septuagenarian Joe Biden as the leading centrist candidate.

Bloomberg, the 77-year-old former three-term mayor of New York, is expected to file paperwork to at least one state declaring himself a 2020 candidate — although some observers caution he may simply be keeping his options open as he flirts with a White House bid.

Biden, who will also turn 77 on November 20, has been the frontrunner so far in the Democratic race placing himself in the center with South Bend mayor Pete Buttigieg while Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders and Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren run to his left.

Political analysts said a Bloomberg candidacy might pull Biden’s support. ‘At first blush, yes, one might think Bloomberg would hurt Biden more than others,” said Kyle Kondik of the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia. But we have to remember that sometimes voters don’t fit neatly into ideological categories.

Kondik said, “Bloomberg has to actually show he can draw significant support in order to hurt Biden.”

Jason Mollica of American University said the entry of Bloomberg in the race could be doacad with the President.

Attacks at public schools could be prevented: US Secret Service

REUTERS "NEW YORK"

Many attacks at public schools in the US could be prevented by identifying students of concern, the US Secret Service said in a report that found attackers routinely show troubling behaviour that should be reported.

The study, which focused not only on mass shootings but other acts of targeted violence such as killings, isolated previous research on the warning signs students often exhibit before committing deadly violence at their school.

The Secret Service, which is primarily tasked with protecting the US President and other elected officials, has analyzed school violence since the 1999 mass shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado. Its latest report focused on the decade between 2008 and 2017.

The agency said that, in 41 incidents of targeted school violence at schools serving children in kindergarten through grade 12, all the attackers experienced some form of social stress in their relationship with peers or a romantic partner and nearly all had a negative experience in their home life.

Most attackers had multiple motives, the report found, and the most common one involved a grievance with a classmate. For 83% of attackers, that was at least part of their motivation and for 61% of them it appeared to be the primary driver.

Jeff Sessions enters US Senate race in Alabama

REUTERS "WASHINGTON"

Jeff Sessions contested as attorney-general by President Donald Trump last year, said he was seeking the 2020 Republican nomination for a US Senate seat from Alabama, the position he resigned to join the Trump administration.

‘We’ll file our papers,’ Sessions said in an interview on Fox News after announcing his candidacy in a statement on his website. Trump forced out Sessions as head of the Justice Department last November after repeatedly criticizing his decision to rescind himself from the Russia probe.

‘When I left President Trump quite calmly, it didn’t hurt a hell of a lot. No. Did I go on CNN and attack the President? No. Have I said a cross word about President Trump? No.’ Sessions said Sessions, 72, enters a crowded field seeking the Republican nomination to face Democratic Senator Doug Jones in the November 2020 election in a Southern state considered reliably Republican.

Sessions, who held the Senate seat from 1997 to 2017, was an early and loyal supporter of Trump but after being publicly ridiculed by the president, Sessions was ousted on November 7, 2018. He was replaced briefly by Matthew Whitaker until William Barr was confirmed in the job in February. Asked on Fox News interview if he expected to get Trump support, Sessions said: “I hope so. I think he will respect my work.”

Sessions said he had not yet had a chance to discuss his candidacy with the President.
Brazil judges Lula be released from prison

REUTERS

CULVER CITY

A Brazilian judge ordered the release of former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva from prison yesterday, according to a court document, following a Supreme Court ruling ending the mandatory imprisonment of convicts after they first appeal.

Lawyers for Brazilian leftist icon yesterday filed a request for his release from prison following a Supreme Court ruling that threatens to deepen political divisions.

Storms of historic proportion that by blazes since January, many 250,000-plus acres laid to waste accounts for nearly a third of the country and consumed scores of miles of Sonoma County wine homes, was declared fully con-

Brazilians to decide in a separate case that Justice Minister Sergio Moro, who convicted Lula when he was a judge in 2017, had been biased. Lula’s release could simultaneously immigrate the left and help Bolsonaro, who was voted to power in 2018 on a wave of anti-PT sentiment, said Thomas Farace of Control Risks consultancy: “You will have Lula more present on the political scene and that will help Bolsonaro to reinforce his role as leader of the anti-PT field.” Farace said.

supporters of Brazil’s former president, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, gesture outside the Federal Police headquarters where Lula is serving a prison sentence, in Curitiba, Brazil, yesterday.

‘Breakthrough’ in vaping lung injury probe; cases top 2,000

REUTERS

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Tests of lung samples taken from 29 patients with vaping-related lung injuries suggest all contained Vitamin E acetate, a developer-US officials described as a ‘breakthrough’ in the investiga-
tion of the nationwide outbreak that topped 2,000 cases this week.

The discovery of Vitamin E acetate in lung samples offers the first direct evidence of a link between the substance and vaping-related lung injuries.

The substance has also been identified in tests by US and state officials of products collected from patients with the vaping injury. In a telephone briefing yester-

day, Dr. Anne Schuchter, principal deputy director of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), called Vitamin E acetate a “very strong culprit of concern” and referred to the discovery as “a break-

through” in the investigation.

She cautioned that more work is needed to definitively declare it a cause, and said studies may identify other potential causes of the injuries as well.

Vitamin E acetate is believed to be used as a cutting agent in illicit products containing THC — the component of marijuana that gets people high. Although the substance was identified in all 28 of the lung samples, which came from patients in several different states, more testing is needed to establish a causal link between exposure and injury, Schuchter said, adding that “many sub-
hances are still under investi-
gation.” On Thursday, the CDC reported that there have been 2,600 confirmed and probable US lung injury cases associated with use of a--cigarette, or vaping, products in 49 states, the District of Columbia and the US Virgin Islands, as well as 39 deaths.

Nearly 85 percent of lung injury patients in the nationwide outbreak have reported using products containing THC in the CDC analysis. THC was detected in 23 of 28 patient samples of lung cells, including from three patients who said they did not use THC products. Nicotine was detected in 16 of 28 patient samples.

The results were published yesterday in the CDC’s Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.