Amir calls for Istisqaa Prayer

Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al-Zayani and Minister of Islamic Affairs issued a joint announcement calling on all Muslims to perform Istisqa prayer on Friday, November 15. The prayer, which is performed during the month of Ramadhan, aims to seek rainfall and ensure the welfare of the country.

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73 countries take part in meet on Middle East economy

The 14th edition of the conference was held under the patronage of His Highness the Amir and the theme of the meeting was "The Role of the Private Sector in Supporting Economic Development and Transformations in the Region." The conference was attended by a number of prominent figures from different countries, including officials from various government departments and private sector representatives.

The conference covered a wide range of topics, including the role of the private sector in supporting economic development and transformations in the region. It also highlighted the importance of fostering partnerships and collaborations between the public and private sectors.

13th session of ARABOSAI General Assembly begins

Prime Minister and Interior Minister, M. Al-Shahary, opened the 13th session of the General Assembly of the Arab Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ARABOSAI). The meeting was held in Doha, Qatar, and was attended by members from different Arab countries.

The meeting discussed the progress achieved by the Arab states in terms of transparency and accountability in the public sector. The leaders emphasized the need for continuous efforts to improve the quality of public services and to enhance the efficiency of public institutions.

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The Prime Minister and Interior Minister, H E Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani, received a written message from the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Boris Johnson, pertaining to bilateral relations and ways of developing them, especially in the fields of cooperation in organizing the 2022 FIFA World Cup. The message was handed over by the British Ambassador to Qatar, Ajay Sharma, during a meeting, yesterday, with H E the Prime Minister and Interior Minister.

155 new plots to expand Small and Medium Enterprises Zone

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The Ministry of Commerce and Industry H E Ali bin Ahmed Al Kuwari announced the near completion of the construction works for the expansion of the Small and Medium Enterprises Zone, which will provide 155 new plots of land, aiming to encourage investment in the industrial sector and enhance the capability of industrial companies to develop national products that meet the needs of local markets and achieve self-sufficiency for the State of Qatar.

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The Prime Minister and Interior Minister, H E Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani, received a written message from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Sir Dominic Raab, expressing the importance of the United Kingdom’s support for Qatar to achieve economic and social development. Sir Dominic Raab praised Qatar’s achievements and the development projects that the State has embarked on, and the contribution of the State to strengthening the cooperation between the two countries. He expressed his desire to continue to develop the cooperation between the two countries. Sir Dominic Raab sent a written message to the Prime Minister and Interior Minister, H E Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani, on the occasion of the conclusion of the construction of the Second National Development Strategy 2018-2020. He thanked the State for its efforts in promoting development and reform in the country. He emphasized the importance of the development of the economy in the country.

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The Minister of Commerce and Industry H E Ali bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, and Secretary-General of Qatar National Tourism Council, Akbar Al Baker, touring the fifth edition of Hospitality Qatar Exhibition at Doha Exhibition and Convention Center, yesterday. PIC: BAHER ALMI / THE PENINSULAR

The Prime Minister and Interior Minister, H E Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani, handed over 155 new plots to expand the Small and Medium Enterprises Zone, with Their Excellencies Heads of the Supreme Audit Institutions from Arab countries, representatives of regulatory organizations and guests of the event, during the opening ceremony of the 13th session of the General Assembly of the Arab Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (ARABOSAI) at Doha Sheraton Hotel, yesterday.

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Qatar takes part in 40th Unesco General Conference in Paris

Qatar is participating in the 40th Unesco General Conference, which began in Paris, yesterday, and will last until November 27.

The delegation was headed by the Minister of Education and Higher Education, H E Dr. Mohammed Abdul Wahed Al Hammadi.

H E the Minister is scheduled to deliver the speech of the State of Qatar at the conference, during which he will review the role and efforts of the State, including its development and humanitarian assistance efforts, and its contributions to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular the fourth goal of providing quality education for all.

The Unesco General Conference, which is held biennially, is the organization’s highest decision-making body.

Al should be gateway to personalised learning: Sheikha Hind

The importance of using Artificial Intelligence as a tool for personalised learning has been emphasised by Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al Thani, Vice-Chairperson and CEO of Qatar Foundation, speaking at the 2019 Paris Peace Forum.

As Artificial Intelligence (AI) and technology become increasingly powerful global tools, their role in shaping the future of education is among the topics being focused on at the annual multinational platform for dialogue, which brings together thought leaders and decision-makers to identify solutions to the world’s great challenges, and places the issue of global governance at the top of the international agenda.

The opening day of the forum saw H E Sheikha Hind participating in a discussion on the role of AI in education, which called for the human touch to be retained in a changing technological environment - and saw her urge young people not to simply ‘knock on the door and wait’ in making their voice heard.

Sheikha Hind spoke of the potential for machines and AI to connect learning opportunities and inspire young people. ‘I would encourage youth not to knock at the door and wait, but just barge right in – because that’s the way we have to do it. Machines and AI to connect learning opportunities and inspire young people. ’

Sheikha Hind also discussed the importance of guiding future generations towards becoming true digital citizens by embracing the role education must play in helping to illustrate the risks and benefits of AI. The discussion was moderated by François Taddei, Director of the Center for Research and Interdisciplinarity (CRI).

During the session, H E Sheikha Hind spoke of the potential for AI to today’s youth, saying: ‘It’s also about values, about the soft skills that nowadays are more and more important, about having empathy, about teamwork.’

‘It’s about a very different world where we have to have the right compass of what we want to achieve in a society that is highly technological and interconnected, but also very fragmented. I think AI should help us do this for our children, for the young generation. It’s a great tool.’

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Qatar–Cyprus ties hailed during Independence Day celebrations

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Strong bilateral ties between Qatar and Cyprus were highlighted during a diplomatic reception to mark the 59th anniversary of the Cyprus Independence Day yesterday in Doha.

Minister of Commerce and Industry, HE Ali bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, Minister of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs, HE Yousif Mohamed Al Obaidli and several others graced the occasion held at InterContinental Doha Hotel.

Ambassador of Cyprus to Qatar, Dr Michalis Zacharioglou, emphasized on further enhancing the already strong bilateral ties between his country and Qatar in various areas including investment and tourism.

“On the front of Cyprus and Qatar continue to enjoy excellent relations on all levels. These relations have been remarkably boosted on political level and signing of bilateral agreements, which cover the whole spectrum of our bilateral relations,” said Dr A. Zacharioglou.

He also said that tourism and business exchanges between the two countries have boosted due to frequent flights between Doha and Larnaca. “Economically, the development of the bilateral relations between Cyprus and Qatar there is always margin for further improvement ensuring the fields of investment, trade, tourism and in particular the energy sector,” he added.

Dr A. Zacharioglou mentioned about the diaspora which thrives by Cyprus during the past years.

The event, which was attended by several ambassadors, other members of the diplomatic community and dignitaries and Cypriots saw a cake-cutting ceremony and a musical performance.

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Qatar will compete with thousands of fans expected to attend the tournament to cheer on their favourite national team. Commenting on the sponsorship, Mohammed Mohsin Al Yafei, Head of Public Sector, Vodafone Qatar said, “We’re excited to be involved in the Aspire Beach Volleyball Cup and to support Qatar’s role in hosting international sports tournaments. The incredibly fast speeds and ultra-low latency that 5G technology delivers will increasingly form a large part of delivering an unforgettable fan experience during major tournaments when seamless connectivity is expected that allows many people to share a massive fan experience via videos, pictures and messages with people online.”

Ali Ghanem Al Kuwari, President and CEO of Vodafone Qatar said, “We’re delighted to partner with Vodafone Qatar that has a long-standing tradition of supporting sports events in the country. As an Association, we are always looking for ways to enhance the tournaments we organise and are proud to have the Aspire Beach Volleyball Cup covered by 5G which will set the precedent for future volleyball tournaments globally.”

The Ministry of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs has signed a cooperation agreement with the International Labour Organization (ILO) whereby four ministry staff are accredited to work in the ILO headquarters in Geneva.

The agreement, which comes in the framework of the technical cooperation program between the State of Qatar and the ILO, Assistant Undersecretary for Labor Affairs at the Ministry of Administrative Development, Labor and Social Affairs, Mohammad Hassan Al Ghaithi, said that the agreement is in line with Qatar’s policy to enhance its presence in the international organizations, and the State’s keenness on participating in decision-making and the rehabilitation of the Qatar cadres, noting that the assigned employees will work in various departments and represent the State of Qatar at international conventions and conferences.

Al Ghaithi noted that the assignment aims to acquire Qatari staff international expertise to support the implementation of the projects adopted by the State.

For his part, Head of the ILO Project Office in Doha, Houmayounpour said that signing the agreement affirms the important partnership between the ILO and the State of Qatar explaining that the four Qatari staff will work in the ILO headquarters and attend the ILO head course of a year, which will ensure them acquire a lot of knowledge and gain a lot of experience about the way of work of the organization and its internal rules, regulations and policies to support joint work.

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Qatar–Cyprus relations: business boost, tourism development

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The President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, has received the credentials of Abdullatif Al Muhaini, appointed as Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Kazakhstan. The Ambassador conveyed the greetings of H H the Amir to His Excellency and H H's wishes of good health and happiness to him and further informed His Excellency of the Government and people of Qatar's keenness, for his part, the President of Kazakhstan emphasized that he welcomed conveying his greetings to H H the Amir, and to the people of Qatar further progress and prosperity. The President also wished the Ambassador success in his new duties and in strengthening the friendly relations and cooperation between the State of Qatar and the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Ooredoo goes live on world’s first mobile data plan management system

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Ooredoo, the region’s leading enabler of digital business through its state-of-the-art networks and digital platforms, yesterday launched the world’s first mobile data plan management system that integrates with Google Assistant.

Using the Mobile Data Plan Management System, Ooredoo’s prepaid Hala customers can quickly and easily top-up and recharge their prepaid mobile data, and postpaid customers can buy add-ons to their post-paid plans. Hala and Shuhury customers with Android smartphones can conveniently use voice commands with Google Assistant or the settings on their Android phones. Providing a new level of customer convenience, Ooredoo will automatically notify Hala customers when they are about to run out of mobile data.

In Qatar, Ooredoo initially made the Mobile Data Plan announcement at Mobile World Congress, when the service was launched in beta testing mode. The company also had the service on display at the recent ITQCOM 2019 event. The Mobile Data Plan is now live for Android smartphone customers across the country, and for any visitors who sign up for Ooredoo services.

Talking about the new feature, Yousef Abdulla Al Khubaisi, Chief Operating Officer at Ooredoo Qatar, said: “Ooredoo’s world-first commercial launch of the Mobile Data Plan Management System is in response to demands from our customers who need to quickly and easily check and recharge their mobile data while on the move. Joining forces with Google is part of Ooredoo’s goal of leveraging the latest smartphone innovations to enhance our customer experiences, and to elevate our global leadership in providing data experiences.”

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An excited start to Salon Culinaire 2019

International jury judging one of the segments of Salon Culinaire 2019 at the 5th ‘Hospitality Qatar’ at DECC, yesterday. PIC: BAHER AMNI / THE PENINSULA

Some of Qatar’s finest culinary professionals brought their best skills to the table at yesterday’s start of the much awaited Salon Culinaire 2019 which witnessed an extravagant display of gastronomic excellence and creativity that appealed to the eyes and the palate of excited food connoisseurs.

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The record number of participants coupled with the introduction of new categories in this edition’s slate of competitions is a testament to the vibrancy of Qatar’s culinary scene. In 2019, Chairman of Qatar Culinary Professionals (QCP), organizer of the annual event Phelim Gallagher, said: “We have achieved 42% participants which is a record indeed compared to the previous years. Because of high demand, this year we have together with a wide range of services such as uplink, downlink, multiplexing, encoding, playout and network value-added services.

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**Gallaf employees participate in blood donation drive**

In association with Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) Blood Bank, Gallaf Al Misnad held a blood donation campaign at its company’s Umm Salal Ali camp recently.

The company has been regularly running this campaign with its employees since 2012. A record number of 252 employees of Gallaf Al Misnad donated their blood this year. The company’s Umm Salal Ali camp was particularly running this campaign with employees involved from all sectors of the company.

An employee of Gallaf during the blood donation campaign.

**Closure of access to Al Wakrah at Mesaimeer Interchange**

The Public Works Authority (MME) announced the closure of the temporary access for traffic heading from Doha Expressway and Rawdat Al Khal Station Complexes at the Mesaimeer and Wadi Al Daoud complex starting from today mid-night.

This closure is designed to enable the traffic light signals under Mesaimeer Interchange to be turned on mid-night to divert the two-way traffic signals located under Mesaimeer Bridge on the Industrial Area Road. Besides, the road users heading towards Alwakrah Al Mirani Corridor can use the Industrial Area Road and then make a U-turn on the traffic signals located under Mesaimeer Bridge to reach their destination. Commuters heading for Al Wakra can go left at the traffic light signals under Mesaimeer Bridge and then use Alwakrah Al Mirani Corridor and finally take the right turn at Al Wakrah Interchange to reach their destination.

On the other hand, road users going to Al Daoud, Qatar Meteorology and Oceanography Service Centre (Q-MOS) and are heading towards the light signal under Mesaimeer Bridge will be directed to proceed straight to reach safely their destination.

**Qatar Charity to sponsor AidEx 2019**

For the second consecutive year, Qatar Charity will sponsor AidEx 2019, an annual event for aid and development, which will be held on November 13 and 14 in the Belgian capital Brussels, with the participation of a delegation headed by Yousif bin Ahmed Al Kewari, CEO of Qatar Charity.

The event will also witness the attendance of more than 2,500 dignitaries from UN agencies, the European Union, and international governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with humanitarian aid and international development.

The fair, which is a leading platform for professionals in humanitarian aid and international development, the largest in Europe, will focus on the importance of inclusion and how to translate it into global progress and whether the aid and development sector is doing enough.

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**HMC develops Arabic version of international diabetes management program**

**The Peninsula**

A type 2 diabetes education program, developed by researchers from the UK has been adapted for Arab patients from Qatar. The program was developed at the Diabetes Education and Self-Management for Ongoing and Newly Diagnosed (DESMOND) center, and is currently being used in Qatar.

**MIA announces six artists for Ektashif initiative**

**The Peninsula**

The Museum of Islamic Art (MIA) has announced the list of artists that will be participating in Ektashif, a new initiative that will see Qatari artists visit India for a 30-day art trip. After the trip, participants will create four to five pieces inspired by their experience, which will be displayed in an art exhibition to be held at MIA in January 2020.

**HBKU’s CSE to hold outreach workshops for young adults**

**The Peninsula**

The College of Science and Engineering (CSE) at Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) will host a series of outreach workshops for high school juniors and seniors with an interest in computer engineering. Over three sessions, participants will learn how computer engineering affects their daily lives and engage in workshops covering practical engineering projects and applications.

**Broken Wings musical marks successful Doha run**

**The Peninsula**

Broken Wings, a West End musical composed by notable Qatari musician and composer Dana Al Fardan, is set to be a sell-out show during its Qatar debut on November 8 and 9 at Katara Opera House.

**Additional information**

- The musical will be supported by the Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra.
- The production was inspired by the true story of a Qatari woman named Abeer, who was diagnosed with diabetes.
- The musical aims to raise awareness about diabetes and encourage healthier lifestyle choices.
- The cast includes Qatari actors and musicians, highlighting the local talent in Qatar's cultural scene.

**Further reading**

- For more information, visit the official website of Katara Opera House.
- Follow the artist's social media accounts for updates on upcoming performances.

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EDITORIAL

In Qatar, every drop counts

With the official launch of the country's first pilot water-saving greenhouse on Monday at one of Has- saniyeh’s greenhouses in Al Shahaniya, Qatar has taken one more step forward in its stride to make the country self-sufficient in agricultural produce. Once the greenhouse is fully operational, it will be able to increase production by 20% compared to conventional methods, and Qatar will reduce water consumption by a whopping 90 percent.

The first-of-its-kind facility in Qatar was engineered by Yara International A/S of Norway and developed in collaboration with Hassad Food. Qatar Fertilizer Company (Qafco), Wageningen University and is being executed in partnership with Trane Qatar. Jiffy, Hoogendoorn and MST Holland. The climate inside the greenhouse is provided by air conditioning system and completely independent of the outside world. The closed cycle of air recirculation allows recovery of water from evapotranspiration of the plants through dehumidification. The water recovered in the process will be re-used for irrigation of the plants.

The project not only aims at making the country self-sufficient in food products, but also targets really sustainable development in the agricultural sector. Water and energy con- servation can be achieved through the use of modern techniques, which make the greenhouses more energy-efficient and require less water per plant.

Well-aware of the fact that agriculture is a water-intensive activity, Qatar has been very cautious using water for irrigation, taking every step to save as much water as possible through the use of advanced modes of rationalized water usage.

BDS: In the crosshairs of human rights colonialism

This report on antisemitism, presented to the United Nations on October 17. UN Special Rap- porter on Freedom of Religion and Belief Ahmed Shaheed, has been very controversial, but Israel's brazen coalition when it comes to respecting basic norms of interna- tional law.

The “objectives” and “activities” of BDS movement are entirely based on international law and the UN’s own resolutions: Ending the occupation of Palestinian territory, guaranteeing equality of Palestinian citizens of Israel, and honouring the right of return of refugees.

As another recent report by a UN publication points out, Israel has implemented less than 0.5 percent of the recommenda- tions pre-scribed by the UN since 2005 to rectify the violations of the occupation - making up an application of the mechanisms of economic and political pressure necessary for the UN itself has identified 131 businesses in likely breach of the UN’s illegal settlements.

The discrediting of even nonviolent BDS is tantamount to denying the rights of Palestinians to resist being colonized at all.

In reality, the overwhelmingly pre- dominant consequences of excluding antisemitism in countries like Germany and the United States are not the “anti-racist and anti-imperialist” left, but neo-Nazis and the far-right boistered by the rise of the same white nationalist political parties that have also put Muslims and Palestinian rights action in their crosshairs.

The sweeping implications of Shaheed’s analysis are apparent with the fiasco for antifascism that now endures: the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) guidelines.

The problem with them is not the definition of antisemitism they include a “certain perspective of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews”, but the example of antisemitism they give, several of which impugn BDS: In the crosshairs of human rights colonialism

QUOTE OF THE DAY

The financial and economic situation is critical, and the Lebanon government and other authorities cannot wait any longer to start addressing it.

Jan Kubis
UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon

Boris Johnson still has a Nigel Farage problem

Little over a week ago, Nigel Farage did one-up the British Prime Minister Boris Johnson by bricking him back from Brussels as a travesty and a betrayal of the 2016 vote. But Boris has threatened to do some more according to a Londonpson for the Brexit Party candidates in 600 constitu- ences vis-a-vis the Conservative Party in the forthcoming general election of Johnson that he threatened to launch a new populist party.

On Monday, Farage reversed course and the Conservatives cheered as the threat of a Brexit Party shockwave appeared to diminish. Yet the reality of the Tories gain is less than clear.

In 37 Conservative constituencies, Farage said his party will stand down so as not to hurt the party’s chances and could create a hung parliament that might threaten Brexit altogether. The decision came after Farage was attacked by Conservatives and the Brexit-supporting media for his part’s stance. Nick Timothy, who advised the former prime minister Theresa May, said that Farage has tragically turned into the Frodo Baggins of Brexit. “Blaming him for the Tolkien hero who survives his perilous journey to destroy the One Ring will be the last at the last minute and seek to possess it himself.”

Sufficiently chastened, Farage took an escape route offered by Johnson on Sunday, when the prime minister declared that a Conservative government wouldn’t extend the Brexit transition period beyond 2020 - meaning that the trade agreement would have to be done by then. That promise, as I wrote in Friday, is either insincere or folly. But it does do the Tory celebrations. The Brexit Party leader looked like a little kid with his decision not to stand as a candidate. Monday's announcement may allow for the Brexit Party to make progress.

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From the hope of 1989 to a new Cold War

On November 9, 1989, East German border guards opened the Berlin Wall and changed the trajectory of history. The fall of the wall marked the beginning of the end of the Cold War. It was also a moment of hope and possibility. Even before the wall came down, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was making the case for a “common European home” in which the United States and the Soviet Union would both play a role, winning cautious praise from Western leaders. I think we have come out of a period of cold war, even if there are still some chills and deals. Gorbachev said in June of 1989, “We are simply bound to a new and more hopeful future.” The era of the United States and Russia is now locked in a not-perfect peace, but one that is brightened by the possibilities of the years ahead. In the best-case scenario, a strongly elected Democratic president would have just a few weeks upon taking office to extend the agreement. The danger of nuclear confrontation is warming in a recent interview with the New York Times, “The New York Times reports that the Trump administration “intends to establish a new and more robust relationship with Russia.”

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EU court: Goods from Israeli settlements must be labelled

PARIS

The EU court ruled yesterday that goods from Israeli settlements must be labelled as produced in occupied territory, a decision hailed by Palestinians and condemned by Israel.

The Luxembourg-based European Court of Justice said labels must not imply that goods produced in occupied territory came from Israel itself.

Labels must “present consumers from being misled as to the fact that the State of Israel is in the territories concerned as an occupying power and not as a sovereign entity”, the court said.

The case stems from a complaint by the Palestinian-owned B’Tselem human rights group, which had accused Israeli supermarket chain Tnuva of failing to label goods from settlements.

The court ruled that Tnuva had been unable to prove that the goods in question came from Israel itself.

Israel’s foreign ministry said it “strongly rejects” the ruling “which serves as a tool in the political campaign against Israel”. Foreign Minister Yair Katri said he would work with fellow ministers of EU countries to prevent its implementation.

The ruling’s entire objective is to “create an atmosphere in which goods produced in settlements denies them the access to markets and considerations relating to the occupation of territories”, the court said.

The council of state, an EU member, said it was “surprised” by the court’s decision and would consult its legal departments.

The ruling is a setback for Israel, which until now had been able to export goods to the EU with impunity.

Israel’s economy is heavily dependent on exports to the EU, and the country’s agriculture, which is highly vulnerable to EU regulations, has suffered.

The court’s decision could have a significant impact on Israel’s trade with the EU, which is worth about $10 billion a year.

The ruling also sets a precedent for other countries that have been lobbying the EU to impose similar restrictions on Israeli settlements.

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Iran accuses Europeans of hypocrisy over N-deal

**AFP**

The European Union announced a $60m humanitarian aid package to Sudan. The announcement came at a press conference held by Federica Mogherini, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission.

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Europe's decision to provide humanitarian aid is seen as a response to the ongoing crisis in Sudan, which includes food shortages and a lack of medical supplies. It is hoped that the aid will help to alleviate some of the suffering of the Sudanese people.
President’s Rule imposed in Maharashtra

Maharashtra Governor B S Koshyari sent his recommendation to the Union Home Ministry calling for imposing President’s Rule around noon, saying it was time to put a government in place in the state that had failed. The President accepted the recommendation.

Labour does U-turn, disowns Corbey's anti-India stance

In a move that is sure to go down as a black day for Jayant Chavan, the Chair of the Labour Party Ian Lamy, yesterday disowned Corbey’s views on Jammu and Kashmir.

In a letter, Leavy said he “recognises” that the language used in the emergency motion has caused offence to not just sections of the Indian diaspora but in the UK as well.

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Chair of the Labour Party Ian Lavery yesterday confirmed a meeting of the cabinet which convened to consult on ram Nath Kovind’s recommendation for imposition of central rule in the state.

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Shiv Sena moves Supreme Court against Governor’s decision

Arvind Kejriwal, has made some changes in the newspapers in New Delhi that was published on the same day.

The Union education minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal, had earlier announced that his ministry has written to the IPI and has taken action in the matter.

The court had earlier ordered the Centre to act on the diktats of the Central government even 20 days after the assembly polls, the Lok Janshakti Party was in advanced talks for a government formation with the National Congress Party’s PCP(92) as well as the Congress.

India-US tri-services disaster relief exercise from today

A maiden nine-day tri-services exercise between India and the US on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief will begin today with the aim of strengthening the bilateral relationship and defence cooperation.

The exercise, named “Harshav Prithvi Triumph”, will be conducted over a period of a month and will involve the participation of the Indian navy, army, and air forces.

The exercise is aimed at developing inter-operability for conducting humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.

LJP names five candidates for Jharkhand polls

Senior IJP leader said the party has announced the names of candidates for the first phase polls scheduled on November 30. The party has fielded Bhola Charan from Nanakpur, Ramvihar from Ramgarh, Hemant Singh from Singhwara, Shankhsin Kumar from Chashtagram and Ramesh Prasad Yadav from Para constituency.

India’s poor air quality has continued to worsen and has reached “severe” levels in many parts of the country, particularly in the north and northwest, where the air quality index (AQI) has soared to record highs.

The haze and smog in Delhi have been especially severe, with AQI readings reaching 500 or more in some areas, far exceeding the “very poor” category.

Supporters of the Shiv Sena, who is the second-largest party in the assembly polls, the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) yesterday released a list of five party candidates in the state. The party has also fielded Rekha Choudhary from Nagar panchayat, Anand Pratap Chaubey from Nagar Panchayat, 30. The party has fielded Rekha Chaudhary from Banswara, Shashi Ranjan from Chhatarpur (SC), Shashi Ranjan from Chhatarpur (SC), and Ramdev Prasad Yadav from Para constituency.

LJP chief Giriraj Singh said the party has decided to contest all 288 assembly seats in the state.

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Pakistan cabinet allows Sharif to go abroad for treatment

The former prime minister’s name would be taken off the no-fly list after he submits a surety bond and a commitment to return.

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan yesterday allowed the ailing opposition leader and former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to go abroad for medical treatment, a minister informed the media.

Addressing a news conference in Islamabad, Advisor to PM Firdous Ahmed Awan said that the government has allowed Sharif to go abroad due to his severe health condition and commitments arising from gaps in the record of his return.

Some cabinet members were opposed to the idea of allowing Nawaz Sharif to go abroad, but the majority was of the view that he should be allowed to get treatment of his choice.

“The cabinet members have unanimous view that there should not be an unconditional permission and there should be an one-time permission with some conditions,” Awan said.

She, however, did not elaborate on the amount of the security bond. She said further formalities would be decided by a sub-committee of the cabinet, led by Law Minister Farogh Naseem.

At least three medical boards, including the one set up by the government itself, stated that the three-time prime minister needed to be shifted abroad for medical treatment due to the complex nature of the disease.

Sharif was diagnosed with chronic acute immune thrombocytopenia purpura, a disease occurring under which in the immune system destroys platelets.

Sources in the ruling Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party said that its leaders and ministers in the cabinet were deeply divided on the issue.

A group of opposition leaders had opposed the idea of allowing Sharif to go abroad, said that it would damage the image of the government.

Another group that included Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Interior Minister Khalid, Adviser Ijaz Shah and Governor of Punjab Province, who is also a former British MP, Muazzam Mohammad Sarwar argued that Sharif should be allowed to go abroad on humanitarian grounds.

The leader of the Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N), whose party has not been released “conditionally in exchange” for the two hostages, demanded the release of Anas Haqqani, the younger brother of former US president, along with the Haqqani network holding the American and Australian hostages, without any condition and indicate if any such arrangement is made.

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Head-on train collision leaves 16 dead in Bangladesh

Two passenger trains collided in Bangladesh yesterday, killing at least 16 people and injuring nearly 60 others, police said.

The crash occurred near the former capital Chittagong.

At least 16 people have been killed and another 58 were injured, Police said they have met the injured to different hospitals in the region,” local police chief Anwar Bishan told.

Grave and other life-giving goods were thrown from the collided trains. Many of the victims were said to be sleeping when the early morning crash took place.

Byondtans look on as a train collided with another train in Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh, yesterday.

Afghanistan frees 3 Taliban in exchange for two hostages

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Sri Lanka prisoners demand freedom after presidential pardon for murder convict

Hundreds of inmates at Sri Lanka’s biggest high-security prison staged a second day of protests yesterday, demanding their release after the president pardoned a well-connected man convicted of brutally murdering a Swedish teenager.

Judge Jayamah, convicted of killing Yvonne Jonsson in Colombo in 2005, walked free on Saturday following the highly unusual pardon granted by Pres. Maithripala Sirisena, whose term in office ends this week.

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Police said around 1,000 prisoners had refused on Monday to return to their cells at Welikada prison in Colombo, while four inmates had later hanged themselves in the prison’s roof.

An official said police commandos were standing by to move in if necessary.

There were reports of a similar protest at another prison in the south of the island.

The prisoners were demanding their release under the same terms as Jayamah, who was freed from a wealthy Colombo family with political connections.

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Speaking at a ceremony in Karachi, SBP Governor Reza Baqir said the purpose of releasing the commemorative coin by the central bank was to celebrate and part of the national efforts to promote interfaith harmony. He said the founder of Sikh religion Nanak was not anyone’s property and everyone who respects him.

He expressed confidence that the coin with his message will reach every household.

Millions of Sikhs marked the 550th birth anniversary of their founder of their religion, yesterday.

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Police fired tear gas at pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong's Central financial district and at demonstrators on the other side of the harbour yesterday as a senior officer said the unrest had brought the city to the brink of total breakdown.

North Korea on Monday accused the United States and South Korea of hostility towards the country.

The students were taking part in a heated exchange with police and smashed up the adjacent St John Ambulance.
Spain's Socialists, Podemos to form coalition govt

The election left Spain's parliament even more divided than a previous ballot in April, with the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party retaining its lead but far from a majority.

Spain's first coalition government since the country's return to democracy in the late 1970s. The Socialists and Podemos had failed and failed to strike a government deal after the April election, prompting Sanchez to call for another ballot. However, they won all smiles yesterday, bugging after they signed the pact.

“... the Socialists and the Socialists’ ideal seat parliament. “We've reached a preliminary agreement to create a progressive coalition government in Spain, which combines the experience of PSOE with the courage of Unidas Podemos.” Iglesias said. In a joint-opposition article, it’s said they would not to back the deal, calling instead for a grand coalition between itself. The Socialists and the Podemos...”

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Xi toured the Acropolis Museum, built to house the Parthenon Marbles, during a three-day visit to Athens and told his hosts he agreed with them that the sculptures should be returned to Greece. “The British government has taken a more diplomatic route, asking UNESCO to mediate, an offer rejected by the British Museum. Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Mrs Mirtorials, elected in July, made a last-ditch bid to buy back the marbles for the 2061 ann... 

Greek officials have said it would examine any claims from Greece to borrow exhibits.

Czech army to spend €630m on US-made helicopters

Nato member the Czech Republic said yesterday it would buy 80 helicopters to replace the US in a bid to replace Russian-made Mi-24 aircraft.

The deal between the Czech and US governments was worth 14.6 billion euros ($16 billion) would be formally signed this year. Czech Defence Minister Lubomir Metnar said. “The army needs new helicopters. It is an exigency that we need to get rid of our dependence on Russian technology, the better.” Memar said. “This is why we want to sign the deal this year and we have the equipment to do so.”

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Belarus President defends human rights record

Moscow has denied that it is what it wants. Kremmlin spokesman Dmitri Peskov had said it was “normal” for Minsk to have contacts with other countries.

A former boss of swimming body denies role in rival’s murder

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French police warn cocaine fortune hunters off beaches

French authorities have closed beaches in southwest France as drug packages continue to wash up daily along the Atlantic coast, with mid-October, a prosecutor said.

Danish police control drivers near highway coming out of the tunnel in Sweden, yesterday.

Denmark starts border checks at crossings to Sweden

The checks were conducted on trains and vehicles crossing the Oresund Bridge over the narrow waterway that separates Copenhagen and Malmo, said the official in charge of the crossing, Olav Niesen.

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Moral has since replaced Goulard with Breton for the super-sized portfolio covering the EU’s internal market, industrial policy, maritime, Sweden’s space industry, and Romanians, delisting the whole process.

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Mulvany drops lawsuit over House subpoena

White House Acting Chief of Staff Nick Mulvany yesterday said in a court filing that he no longer plans to sue over the House impeachment proceedings and will instead follow President Trump’s directions and decline to cooperate.

Mulvany’s move comes after US District Court Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson yesterday gave Mulvany a week to respond to a subpoena, and the president’s legal team has been non-committal on whether it will comply.

Jackson’s ruling came in the wake of mulvany’s lawsuit, which was filed in August, seeking to block his appearance before the House impeachment panel.

Mulvany had argued that the subpoena was invalid because it was issued without a court order and that it would violate his constitutional rights to due process and to remain silent.

In his lawsuit, Mulvany contended that the subpoena was overly broad and that it would require him to testify about information that was protected by executive privilege.

The subpoena, which was issued by the House impeachment panel, sought a range of materials, including emails, documents, and other materials related to Mulvany’s time in the White House.

Mulvany’s filing noted that he had been named as a witness in the impeachment inquiry and that he had already cooperated with the panel.

The White House has not responded to the subpoena, and it remains unclear whether Mulvany will appear before the House panel.

Mulvany’s decision to drop his lawsuit is a significant development in the impeachment inquiry, which has been ongoing since November 2019.

The House impeachment panel has been investigating President Donald Trump’s actions related to the 2020 election and his dealings with Ukraine.

The panel has already heard testimony from a range of witnesses, including former aide to President Trump, Rick Gates, and former US Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

Mulvany’s decision not to appear before the House panel marks a major shift in the impeachment inquiry, and it suggests that the White House may be preparing to cooperate more fully with the panel.

 Mulvany is not the only White House official who has been targeted by the House impeachment panel.

Former White House officials, including former Chief of Staff Mark Meadows and former White House Counsel Pat Cipollone, have also been subpoenaed to testify before the panel.

The House impeachment panel has signaled that it is interested in hearing from Mulvany, and it has already issued a second subpoena to the former aide.

The House panel has also signaled that it may seek to compel testimony from Mulvany through a court order, if necessary.
Moraes arrives in Mexico, says the struggle continues

AP & AFP
MEXICO CITY

Former Bolivia president Evo Morales arrived in Mexico yesterday to take up political asylum, vowing “the struggle continues,” two days after resigning amid mounting protests over his fraud-stained fourth re-election to a fourth term.

A Mexican air force plane carrying the leftist leader touched down at the Mexico City international airport, where Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard — who said Morales was the victim of a “coup” — warmly greeted him. Morales, wearing a sky-blue polo shirt and jeans, the former leader looked more well-rested than the previous day, after an overnight trip across much of Latin America — made longer when Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia itself denied requests to use their airspace.

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Morales led Bolivia for more than 13 years before mounting protests over his fraud-stained fourth re-election on October 20 forced him to resign. Morales, 60, was a member of the “pink tide” of leftist leaders who held sway across much of Latin America in the 2000s.

However, he was forced to step down after losing the backing of the military and police amid weeks of mass protests that probed over his government’s handling of the coronavirus pandemic and his5 re-election.

A host of top officials resigned along with him, including his wife and president of the Senate, vice-president and the heads of both houses of Congress, leaving the country with no clear leader and torn by violent clashes.

In Bolivia, Senate’s second vice-president, opposition politician Jeanine Añez, called a legislative session yesterday to formally accept Morales’ resignation and choose an interim replacement.

Under the plan, she would take temporary control of the Senate, making her next in line for the presidency.

Chicago rapper Lil Reese shot at, in critical condition

AP
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS

Hospital officials said Chicago rapper Lil Reese is in critical condition after being shot at a suburban Chicago intersection.

Advocate Christ Medical Center officials identified the wounded man as Tavares Taylor, who’s known as Lil Reese, and said he’s in critical condition.

No arrests have been reported.

Evo Morales thanked President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, saying “he saved my life.” He vowed his flight into exile would not be the end of the story.

Morales, Bolivia’s first indigenous president, defended his record, but was also criticized for poor and indigenous Bolivians, and said “there will only be peace when social justice is achieved for all.”

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Re-imagining education to meet today’s challenges

In the field of education, technology, and innovation comes with its own set of challenges and opportunities—for learners as well as educators. Doha Learning Days (DLD) will begin tomorrow as a platform to put these and other issues in focus. With a thought-provoking theme of UnLearn, ReLearn What It Means to Be Human, DLD will be a day-long educational reimagining festival to be held until November 13, organised by the World Summit on Innovation in Education (WEIS) – a Qatar Foundation initiative—and co-curated with over 30 local and international organisations and innovators.

Each of the partner organisations at DLD represent an innovative learning paradigm, helping to creatively disrupt traditional approaches and answer the central question posed by WISE this year: “What do we need to Un-Learn and Re-Learn in order to Thrive?” Organisations like iTECHar, Brain Education Middle East, GoCode Doha, and GoCode Qatar will showcase their approach to how such relearning begins.

A proud homegrown startup, iTECHar Digital Solutions believes that education is contextual, serving different purposes in helping a society transform and develop. “The ability of individuals to transfer their knowledge into economic value and social advancement is pivotal, and at iTECHar, we focus on shaping the right mindset, skills, and know how to do it,” said Nael Al Ibrahim, founding partner and CEO of iTECHar Digital Solutions.

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