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Qatar Airways Cargo in huge South America expansion

Qatar Airways Cargo, one of the leading air cargo carriers, yesterday announced major expansion of services in South America. The scheduled services to Campinas, Brazil; Santiago, Chile; Lima, Peru, and Bogotá, Colombia will join the airline’s global freighter network on January 16, 2020 and will be serviced by a Boeing 777 freighter.

The twin-weekly flights to Bogotá from Doha will operate via Luxembourg and Miami while the service from Bogotá to Doha will operate via Liege, offering 200 tonnes on each leg. The twin-weekly flights to Campinas from Doha will operate via Luxembourg with the service from Campinas to Doha operating via Santiago, Lima, Dallas and Luxembourg, also offering 200 tonnes on each leg. These new destinations will commence close on the heels of the recent arrival of the airline’s twenty-first brand new Boeing 777 freighter on November 25, 2019.

The new freighter increased the airline’s freighter fleet to 28 aircraft. Qatar Airways Cargo also has an order for five additional Boeing 777 freighters, placed at the Paris Air Show 2019, with deliveries starting from April 2020 onwards.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, H E Akbar Al Baker, said: “Air cargo is a crucial element in the global transport system that supports international trade and the free flow of goods around the world. The addition of these four new routes in South America further reinforces our position as one of the world’s leading air cargo providers, operating one of the largest networks in the world with the youngest and most environmentally efficient fleet in the industry.”

Qatar Airways Chief Officer Cargo, Guillaume Halleux, said: “We are very excited about our growth in South America along with some movements of live animals and high-value items like telecommunications equipment, electronics and other valuable cargo. The award-winning cargo carrier has an extensive network in The Americas serving 18 freighter and 13 belly-hold cargo destinations in the region. The carrier recently completed a year of successful trans-pacific operations, now operating four-times weekly freighters direct from Asia. With the introduction of our twice-weekly Boeing 777 freighter services, we offer exporters in South America a direct route for their cargo and a global network. Importers also stand to gain from the huge capacity to bring in their cargo to South America.”

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Amir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani issued yesterday Amiri Decision No 56 of 2019, appointing H E Lolwah Rashid Al Khater as Assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, in addition to her duties as Official Spokesperson for the Foreign Ministry.

The decision is effective starting from its date of issue and is to be published in the official gazette. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs H E Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani welcomed the appointment in a tweet:

“I congratulate sister Lolwah Al Khater, one of the Qatar women who we are proud of and who proved her excellence as an official spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and for obtaining the confidence of His Highness the Amir in her appointment as Assistant Foreign Minister, wishing her success in the service of our dear country.” The Deputy Prime Minister tweeted.

**EXCLUSIVE**

The fraternal relations between Qatar and Georgia have grown exponentially in the past and there is huge potential for growth in bilateral relations between the two countries, said Natalia Turmova, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia. An EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW with The Peninsula...
Qatar, Azerbaijan hold first round of political consultations

The first round of political consultations between the State of Qatar and the Republic of Azerbaijan was held yesterday in Doha. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, HE Sultan bin Saad Al Murairi, headed the Qatari side, while Deputy Foreign Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Ramiz Hasanov, headed the Azeri side. The political consultations round focused on bilateral relations and means to develop them in addition to a host of issues of common concern.

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs meets UN Official

The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, HE Sultan bin Saad Al Murairi, yesterday, met with the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, Mr. E. Tendai Achiume, who is currently visiting the country. They discussed bilateral relations, in addition to topics of mutual interest.

Qatar Hot Air Balloon Festival to kick off on Saturday

Qatar’s first ever Hot Air Balloon Festival, which begins on Saturday, will be a not-to-be-missed spectacular event as 33 hot air balloons from 13 countries take off over Aspire Park, organizers have said.

Slated to be held from December 7 to 8, the event coincides with three important events namely the 24th Edition of Arabian Gulf Cup Tournament, the 2019 FIFA Club World Cup and Qatar National Day.

Teams from the UK, Germany, Lithuania, USA, Italy, Croatia, Portugal, Ireland, France, Spain, Belgium, the Netherlands and Qatar will be taking part in the 12-day event of majestic sights combined with live music, kids entertainment and culinary offerings.

Speaking at a press conference at The Torch Doha yesterday, Abdulla Aman Al Khater, Director of Events and Facilities at Aspire Zone Foundation, organizers have said.

“The event will start with Tethered Flights from 2pm until sunset in which the balloons are inflated and tied to anchor points in the arena and flown up to 20 meters high, to be followed by the official launch of the Free Flights. This will be followed by the Night Glow in which balloons are inflated and the flames in the balloons are in sync with music. No matter how someone describes this event, we don’t even care. People need to see this event live in Aspire Park to appreciate it. I would suggest not to miss this event,” said Al Khater.

“On December 8, we will have the first Free Flight, which means the balloons are not tied to the ground or an anchor point and people will see the balloon actually flying in the air. Every day at 6.15am all the balloons will be flying to the direction of the prevailing wind for about 30 to 45 minutes. The free flights will be a spectacular scene to watch over Doha skies,” explained Al Murairi.

He thanked the event’s strategic partner Qatar National Tourism Council (QNTC), the official airline partner Qatar Airways, venue partner Aspire Zone Foundation, ground transport partner Hertz and hospitality partner Aura hospitality.

“With the continued support of our partners, we envisage to turn this into an annual global event with more countries participating,” said Al Murairi.

As we work to diversify Qatar’s calendar of festivals, it is a pleasure to see our private sector partners taking the lead in building novel and attractive offers. We are excited to be a part of this event, which introduces a brand new tourism product to Qatar's visitors and residents,” Jawaher Al Khateri of QNTC said in a statement.

Abdulla Aman Al Khater, Director of Events and Facilities at Aspire Zone Foundation, said:

“We at Aspire Zone Foundation are delighted to present this exciting event as a new addition to our outstanding events calendar organized at Aspire Park that appeal to the whole family. Also, this festival will be a once a new addition to Qatar’s tourism agenda. I would like to invite everyone to join us in celebrating this unique event.”

Being in the air is something we’ve quite used to. However, this is different, and we’re delighted to be a part of this historical first for our nation said Qatar Airways Senior Vice President Marketing and Corporate Communications, Salam Al Shawa.

“The event is free to the public,” he added.

Qatar pays special attention to cybersecurity

Qatar pays special attention to cybersecurity, the Qatar National Cyber Drill which has held this year for the seventh time,” he said.

He stressed that the State of Qatar is constantly working to empower the workforce and raise the level of readiness of all sectors in the field of cybersecurity, as evidenced by its knowledge and interest in hosting distinguished events in this field.

The workshop and the 7th National Cyber Drill will focus on topics related to identifying and detecting cybersecurity threats in proactive ways and how to deal with them. The workshop coincides with STAR 7, Qatar’s National Cyber Security Drill exercises, hosted annually in Doha.
Bright prospects of Qatar–Georgia ties

It is not known much as an attractive investment destination for foreign investments, despite the great facilities offered by Georgia to investors and the considerable potential and fast speed of obtaining and registering businesses compared to other countries in addition to buying and selling real estate.

We arrived in Tbilisi where we were received by members of the Georgian Foreign Ministry in addition to a delegation from the Qatar Embassy, for whom we have all the appreciation and respect for the hospitality and facilities they provided. Our special thanks go to His Excellency Mr. Qazi Al-Shafi, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Georgia.

During the visit, we got an opportunity to interview Salome Zurabichvili, President of Georgia, who welcomed us as the first female President of the country in 2018.

Zurabichvili stressed on the strength of the Georgian-Qatari relations and the efforts exerted by the leadership of the two countries to strengthen those relations, and to expand cooperation in economic and tourism sector and increase the volume of trade between the two countries.

The President pointed out that the bilateral relations between the two countries have witnessed a remarkable development in various aspects of cooperation. She added that Qatar was the first Gulf country to establish diplomatic relations with Georgia in 2004, and its embassy was the first Gulf embassy to open in the capital of Georgia.

She added that the two countries have signed more than 10 agreements and memoranda of understanding covering many fields of trade, economic tourism, youth, culture education and other vital fields, she said.

Zurabichvili added that there are many agreements that are being prepared for signing, including an agreement for the protection of investments and another on technical and economic cooperation between the two countries. The signing of the agreement will deepen economic cooperation and trade exchanges between the two countries, she said.

She praised the role played by Qatar Airways, which has facilitated communication between the people of both countries and facilitated the movement of tourists from Qatar to Georgia.

She added that during the past years, both countries have expanded trade and economic cooperation taking benefit of the tremendous potential in the bilateral relations between the two countries.

She said that the two countries look forward to future cooperation in the fields of tourism and investment. She expressed her happiness at the significant increase in the number of visitors traveling and experiencing the beauty of Georgia from people of Qatar.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs meets Minister of German Province of Lower Saxony

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UN top officials hail Qatar’s reforms to improve workers’ conditions

The Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance at the UN, Prof. Tendayi Achiume, said that Qatar’s action to improve the conditions of low-income migrant workers, noted the additional reforms taken by the State in early 2020.

She was speaking at a press conference at the end of her visit to Qatar from November 23 to December 1 during which she met with government officials, academic and civil society representatives of ethnic and religious minorities and international organisations working in the country.

Achiume stressed that positive reforms in nature and magnitude were “extremely important” and appreciated the State of Qatar’s pledge to combat racism and appreciated Qatar’s open invitation to the special procedures mechanisms of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

She said that she was impressed by the tremendous reforms implemented by the Qatar government in the laws of citizenship and xenophobia against foreigners, although it did not address all the problems.

She added that she was pleased with Qatar’s commitment to many of these reforms to improve the conditions of low-income workers, which deserved credit.

She also expressed her gratitude to the State of Qatar for inviting her to visit the country and to meet low-income workers and the government’s cooperation with her to visit all the places she wished to visit freely.

During the press conference, the international official noted that Qatar’s invitation to visit the country was a testament to the level of commitment of the State to all issues related to this visit. In that context, she cautioned that other countries were preventing her from visiting.

The Rapporteur noted that many United Nations Special Rapporteurs had visited Qatar and some of them would subsequently visit it, confirming the tremendous commitment of the State of Qatar to human rights issues, adding that there was a balance between the reforms that had been implemented and the challenges and additional reforms that were expected to be implemented.

She pointed out that Qatar, through hosting the 2022 World Cup, is investing heavily in a national vision with a global ambition, adding that national vision had responsibilities and obligations for equality and non-discrimination, and more had been done in that regard.

The State of Qatar has part of the event that marked the completion of the Trans-Atlantic Natural Gas Pipeline (TANAP), which connects to the Trans-Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) in Edirne, Turkey, in the presence of Turkey’s President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Qatar’s Prime Minister Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, met yesterday with Minister President of Lower Saxony in Federal Republic of Germany, H.E. Stephan Weil, who is currently visiting the country. Bilateral relations were reviewed, in addition to topics of common interest. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs also met with a delegation of the US Congress, who are currently visiting Doha. The two sides reviewed bilateral cooperation relations as well as topics of mutual interest.

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Qatar takes part in TANAP-TAP gas pipeline completion event

MME launches new hand push cleaning carts with shades

The General Cleanliness Department at the Ministry of Municipality and Environment (MME) has launched latest hand push cleaning carts with shades to protect the workers from rain and sun.

The new carts are recently provided with appropriate designs and high technical specifications, within the framework of the development plans and programs of the Public Services Affairs Sector at the Ministry of Municipality and Environment in line with the Ministry’s Sustainable Strategy Plan 2021-23.

Assistant Undersecretary for General Services Affairs at the Ministry of Municipality and Environment, Salar Al Shafi, said that the project is an advanced position among the countries of the Islamic world, in terms of general cleaning services, and that the new project of such hand carts is a qualitative leap in public services and unique.

He said that the carts are designed to ensure the safety of workers and protect them from the sun and weather conditions such as rain and others, and was taken into account to be lightweight to move easily from one place to other. In addition to the yellow color which is the logo of general cleanliness.

Al Shafi pointed out that the ministry’s priorities are to maintain the safety of workers and to provide tools and means of work in harmony with the nature of their work and to maintain their safety, hence the idea of designing and implementing lightweight hand push cleaning carts.

Director of the General Cleaning Department MME Al Shammari, during the launch of new hand push cleaning carts, said that many United Nations organizations, international organisations, and embassies for equality and related intolerance of the Islamic world, will hold a workshop to reinforce green cities in the Islamic world.

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They include livestock, valuable, perishables, oversized and general cargo that require air freight carriage. Its portfolio of distinctive products currently includes QR Pharma for pharmaceuticals, QR Fresh for perishables, QR Live for live animals, QR Express for time-sensitive cargo, QR Mail for postal consignments globally and QR Charter offering cost-effective global charter solutions.

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The伊斯兰科学与教育组织在卡塔尔国家委员会在教育、文化与科学委员会的合作下，将举办一场研讨会以促进伊斯兰世界的绿色城市。研讨会将于两天内在40名专家、有关各自的代表参与下举行，涵盖上述五项工作。研讨会将重点考察50%的人口生活于城市地区，据联合国数据显示，未来50年城市人口将增长至70%。

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Qatar’s Ambassador to Georgia Matar bin Shaker Alshamari said that Qatari investments in Georgia have increased significantly in all areas in recent years. This can be seen in the number of high-level exchanges between Qatar and Georgia, as well as in trade, projects, and cultural exchanges. The ambassador said that there are many projects in the pipeline, and that Qatar and Georgia have a strong economic relationship and a promising future.

About incentives for Qatari investors in Georgia, Alshamari said that there are many benefits that can be provided to investors, including tax benefits, investment incentives, and a favorable business environment. He added that Qatar has invested in various sectors, including energy, infrastructure, and real estate, and that there are many opportunities for future investment.

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Barzan Holdings a Strategic Partner of DIMDEX 2020

Opening new avenues to mutual support and collaborative achievements in the global defence and security industry, the organising committee of the 10th International Maritime Defence Exhibition and Conference (DIMDEX) has announced Barzan Holdings as a Strategic Partner and Gold Sponsor for its seventh edition DIMDEX 2020, which will be held between March 16 and 18, 2020.

The event will be held under the patronage of His H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, and will be hosted and organised by Qatar Armed Forces under the theme “Connecting the World’s Marine Defence and Security Community.”

In the presence of Lieutenant General (Pilot) Shaker bin Shleen Al Ghanim, Chief of Qatar Armed Forces, and Mr. Nasser Hassan Al Naimi, President & Executive Board Member of Barzan Holdings, the agreement was signed by the latter and DIMDEX Chairman, Staff Brigadier (Sea) Abdullah Saheb Al Amiri, at an official signing ceremony that took place at the Ministry of Defence.

Lieutenant General (Pilot) Al Ghanim said: “A nation’s defensive strength rests on strong national ties and support from both government and industry. Highlighting key sponsorship agreements allows for a symbiotic association between Qatar’s institutions whose respective expertise and skills complement joint aspirations for the national development framework. Contracting on the sponsorship, DIMDEX Chairman said: ‘Forging partnerships with key players from the national defence and security sector are central to the continuous success of DIMDEX. We are proud that our Strategic Partner Barzan Holdings will also join the ranks of our sponsors as a distinguished Gold Sponsor and truly holds two important capacities that support Qatar’s defence industry and reinforce our position as a global leader in the field.”

For its part, Al Naimi said: “We are delighted to be partnering for the second consecutive edition with DIMDEX, one of the largest and most attractive global defence shows in the world. We believe Barzan Holdings’ participation in DIMDEX 2020, and we are proud to be partnering for the upcoming edition with a stronger and more inclusive presence, demonstrating our commitment and commitment to empowering stability.”

A commercial gateway for the defence industry in Qatar, Barzan Holdings was publicly launched at DIMDEX 2018 as the first dedicated company responsible for empowering the military capabilities of the Qatar Armed Forces. Since then, Barzan Holdings has forged successful partnerships with leading international companies and organisations in the industry to strengthen the national defence system in line with Qatar’s overarching strategy for self-sufficiency.

Similarly, DIMDEX serves as an international exchange platform between the national defence forces and private companies, and between leading defence and security companies and organizations. The conference discusses the region’s documentary heritage preservation opportunities.

70 nations to participate in International Junior Science Olympiad in Doha

The Ministry of Education and Higher Education has announced its readiness to host the 6th International Junior Science Olympiad 2019 which will begin tomorrow at the Qatar National Convention Center (QNCC) with the participation of 70 countries.

“Qatar represented by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education will host this international event as the first Arab country in which countries from 70 countries will participate,” said Undersecretary for Education and Higher Education, Dr. Abdum Al Nuaimi.

Al Nuaimi was speaking at a press conference held yesterday on the preparation of the 4th International Junior Science Olympiad 2019 scheduled to be held in Doha from December 3 to 11.

He stressed that the success of the Olympiad will be the fruit of joint forces and concerted efforts of all participants, not only to the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Qatar University and Qatar Foundation, but also from everyone in society calling on everyone to embrace the Olympiad and work to make it a success.

Al Nuaimi said that the Olympiad is an opportunity for the students of Qatar to test their resumes, skills and knowledge in the field of science with students from 70 countries from around the world, which opens new horizons for them and enhances their friendships and relations with their peers internationally.

He added that the Olympiad is an opportunity to compete the scientific performance of our students in the field of science with their international peers, and this will enable us to know more about our strengths and weaknesses and how to advance our methods and methodologies in teaching science.

For his part, Assistant Under-secretary for Educational Affairs and Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Committee for the Olympiad Fawzia Abdul Aziz Al Khater, confirmed that Qatar’s hosting of the International Junior Science Olympiad will benefit our students and boost their skills and experience and benefit educational leaders and teachers in the education sector, which contributes to the achievement of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education’s mission.

She said that 200 students were selected from Qatar after training and tests, 24 students representing 4 teams will be selected to participate in the International Olympiad. Al Nuaimi said that the competition is being organized by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education and the organiser of the Science Olympiad will be announced on Sunday. He also stressed that the Olympiad is an opportunity for the students of Qatar to compete with students from 70 countries from around the world, which opens new horizons for them and enhances their friendships and relations with their peers internationally.

The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Dr. Ibrahim bin Saleh Al Nuaimi (centre), addressing a press conference about the upcoming 16th International Junior Science Olympiad 2019, in Doha, yesterday. (PICS: WALID AL NASIRI)

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Qatar, Germany launch UNDP Accelerator Lab in Azerbaijan

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The State of Qatar, in partnership with the Federal Republic of Germany and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), has launched the UNDP Accelerator Lab in Azerbaijan to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Baku, Azerbaijan.

This Accelerator Lab will be joined by 20 laboratories in many countries around the world.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony in Baku, H E Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Azerbaijan Fahed bin Abdul Hassen Al Rabaa said that the SDGs are human rights and requirements for achieving sustainable human development, and that reaching this vision is of great importance in the promotion of sustainable leadership, good governance and strength in the global efforts to achieve the sustainable development goals.

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Over 1,700 women cared for by Postnatal Community Midwifery Home Care Service

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Since June 2018, the Postnatal Community Midwifery Home Care Service, which is operated by a team of seven midwives and seven patient care assistants from the WWRC, has provided care to more than 1,700 women and more than 2,200 home visits.

The service provides postnatal specialised care to women who have experienced a high-risk pregnancy or given birth in the Caesarean section, as part of its annual Year of Culture program.

As part of Qatar-India Year of Culture 2019, two Qatar photo- graphers are piloting a project titled “Where Cultures Meet: A Photographic Encounter Between Qatar and India,” as part of its annual Year of Culture program.

The exhibition presents common themes like architecture, landscape portraits and street life both in Lalakhan – a remote land nestled in the valleys among barren mountains and where life has remained unchanged for their tolerant and generous manner live in peace with nature. The exhibition presents a bustling metropolis made up of century-old markets and futuristic buildings that line its waterfront.

Commenting on the exhibition, and as a representative of Qatar-India Year of Culture at QM, Dr. Al Rifai expressed her delight at the “significant cross-cultural and mutual understanding and cultural relationships that exist between two countries.”

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Ooredoo announced yesterday an exclusive promotion for mobile broadband customers just in time for the upcoming season.

The promotion will see customers who choose to be connected via the leading telecom operator’s popular Mobile Broadband service get 10 percent off the regular price of QR500. This means they will get a QR50 discount off the regular price of QR500 per month. They will also get a five-year bond connected subscription and a free subscription to STAR Play and if they are an Ooredoo Unlimited Max customer, they get a free subscription to the Ooredoo TV app. To ensure all new Mobile Broadband customers are getting a good deal, Ooredoo is also offering a 10 percent discount on monthly subscription costs for all Unlimited Mobile Broadband packages for six months, even without purchase of the router. MB Unlimited Max customers will get QR50 off the regular price of QR500, MB Unlimited Standard Max customers will get QR50 off the regular price of QR500.

Embassy marks 30th anniversary of Qatar–Peru diplomatic ties

Ambassador of Peru to Qatar Jose Bonitatuple said that the State of Qatar and the Republic of Peru fully agree on common goals, such as the prosperity and happiness of their people, promoting a close link between external action and development priorities.

In speech at a reception to celebrate the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Qatar and Peru held on November 23 at the residence of the Ambassador, he said that since the establishment of diplomatic ties on November 23, 1989, the bilateral and multifaceted relations have been developing positively.

The reception was attended by Director of Protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, H E Ambassador Ibrahim Yousef Falahbo, Director of American Affairs, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, H E Ambassador Essa Mohamed Al Mannai, and a large number of notables from the diplomatic corps.

The agenda of the conference included several important items which have been included based on the proposals that were submitted by the administration, the results of WRC-19, the report of the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) and what needs to be taken into consideration for the existing and future services.

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The CRA’s contributions were welcomed by a large hospital which launched its own Community Primary Health Care Service.

The service is an extension of the Maturity Homecare Service initially piloted and implemented by the pediatric Emergency Centers in Qatar as part of ongoing care efforts to provide specialised postnatal care to mothers and their babies within the comfort of their own homes. Dr. Fatima Yousef, Executive Director of Nursing at WRC, welcomed the service and expressed her happiness at the success of the program, noting that it has helped reduce the number of women presenting at Emergency Departments due to traffic accidents and injuries.

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ike many others sectors of the state, Qatar’s healthcare system is witnessing a constant rise due to far-sighted investment in health infrastructure, and arrested them by the forces who doused them with tear gas

But even here, plastic pollution is not the only reason for concern. According to a report by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, more than 90% of plastic waste that ends up in the ocean is from single-use plastic items such as bottles, straws, packaging, and nets. This plastic waste affects marine life, including many species of fish, sea turtles, and seabirds. The plastic found in the ocean is not just a threat to marine life, but also to humans who consume fish and seafood, as plastic can accumulate in the food chain and be ingested by humans.

On the other hand, the plastic crisis is not the only environmental crisis facing the world today. Climate change, deforestation, and loss of biodiversity are also major concerns. The Paris Agreement, signed in 2015, aims to limit global warming to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels. However, the Paris Agreement is not enough to solve the climate crisis. The world needs to take immediate action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to promote the transition to a low-carbon economy.

The United Nations has set a goal of net zero emissions by 2050, but most countries are not on track to meet this goal. The Paris Agreement is not enough to solve the climate crisis. The world needs to take immediate action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to promote the transition to a low-carbon economy.

The situation is also worsened by the fact that the wealthiest countries are not doing their part. The United States, China, and the European Union are responsible for a significant part of the world’s emissions. These countries need to take the lead in reducing their emissions and to provide financial support to help the poorest countries adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Ultimately, the solution to the climate crisis requires a global effort. It requires political leaders to act in the public interest, not in the interest of corporate profits. It requires citizens to demand action from their elected officials and to support policies that promote a sustainable and just future. It requires us all to take responsibility for our actions and to work together to create a better world for ourselves and for future generations.
Europe, knowing and not knowing about Bosnia

clothes hanging on the clothesline over the balcony; at one moment I thought the nearest neighbors were barely linen. It was not a hag; the old, organic bosnian building was not the same. I must know that the genocide unfolded in Bosnia and Herzegovina against Bosniaks.

Genocide, to the likes of David Livingstone and Thaddeus Stevens, at one time UN mediators, was no more a talking point to be used in an effort to coerce the humanitarian Bosnian president Alija Izetbegovic to capitulate and accept the division of his country and the long-term genocide of the Bosnian International media. To transmit the Union’s image of resonance in the Bosnian and the European Community at the time continued to engage in rationalizations, justifications and enter sympathy with the professional military sniping of civilians, for example, in besieged Sarajevo.

A good part of the media and academic establishment was careful to toe the line of the heavy journalists, such as Peter Maex, Ed Vulliamy, David Fidler and others went against the grain in reporting what they saw and writing about it.

Over the years, however, in the process that Stanley Cohen in his book, “Divide of the Dead”: “The role of the United Nations and the United States in the 1990s and the Role of Pressure on ‘Genocide’ national parks, tourism and little more.”

We have been told to many times over the past almost thirty years that our experience is overemphasized, that it is not the same thing, and to deny, in one form or another, the genocide occurring at the expense of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Bosnian genocide — to borrow from the Holocaust” — professional military sniping, “at the periphery… of human experience.

I do not intend to prove to anyone that I am, that we are, that we were, all that. I am not a professional historian. I am not a professional historian. I am not a professional historian. I am not a professional historian.

That decision was always in the hands of the people who held the gun. Or the pen, as the case may be with this year’s laureate of the Nobel Peace Prize in Literature.
The PENNSYLVANIA

This page contains various articles and sections about Qatar English Language School, QRCS activities, Qatar University, and more. Here is a breakdown of the content:

1. **Gulf English Language School organises 14th Annual College Fair**
   - The Gulf English Language School has held its 14th Annual College Fair in the presence of Sheikh Faisal bin Qassim Al Thani, Chairman of QRCS. The event aims to provide the students with an informative platform on which to assist them in choosing a career path as well as improving their future university applications.

2. **QRCS extends multiple social services for 53,465 beneficiaries in Qatar**
   - QRCS extends multiple social services for 53,465 beneficiaries in Qatar in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education. The College Fair is being held for the 13th consecutive year with 26 participating parties, including a wide range of businesses and universities.

3. **Sheikha Fatima bint Qasim Al Thani inaugurates the 14th Annual College Fair of Gulf English School**
   - The 14th Annual College Fair was inaugurated by Sheikha Fatima bint Qasim Al Thani, Chairwoman of QRCS. The event is sponsored by Muna Fadel Al Sulaiti, Director of the Gulf English Language School.

4. **QU College of Engineering faculty member named as Highly Cited Researcher 2019**
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Israel planning new settlement in Hebron

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Israel’s new hard-line defence minister ordered yesterday a call for a new round of a peace process that ended in the late 1990s. The agreement went into effect in February 2020. The current Israeli government, led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, has made clear its intention to expand settlements in the West Bank, which it seized in 1967.

The latest move came as the administration announced plans to build a new settlement in the E1 area, where a Palestinian-owned farm has been blocked by Israeli forces. The government said it would build a new settlement on land it seized in 1996.

In a statement yesterday, Netanyahu said: “We will continue to build and expand settlements in the West Bank.”

The announcement comes as part of a larger regional strategy by Israel to strengthen its hold on the West Bank. The government has also announced plans to expand settlements in the Jordan Valley, a area of strategic importance to Israel.

The announcement was met with international condemnation, with many countries expressing concern about the expansion of settlements.

The United Nations has called for an immediate end to settlement construction and for a freeze on new settlement activity.

The European Union has also expressed concern, saying it would “seriously undermine the prospects for a two-state solution.”

The United States, however, has expressed support for Israel’s plans, saying it is an “important strategic partner.”

The move is likely to further exacerbate tensions between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, which has rejected the settlement expansion as a violation of international law.

Protests, apathy mar Algeria’s presidential campaign

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Algeria’s presidential campaign has been marked by a lack of enthusiasm among voters. The official results showed that incumbent President Abdelaziz Bouteflika had won re-election with 58% of the vote, while his main rival, current Prime Minister Ahmed Ouyahia, received 42%.

The campaign was marred by protests and violence. In recent days, talks between the government and opposition leaders have failed to produce a solution.

The current political landscape in Algeria is characterized by a lack of political pluralism and a concentration of power in the hands of the military elite. The country has experienced four years of political instability, with a series of constitutional crises and political crises.

The government has implemented a number of economic reforms, including cuts to subsidies and the deregulation of the energy sector. However, these measures have been met with resistance from the population, leading to protests and unrest.

The upcoming presidential election is scheduled for April 11. The ruling FLN party has nominated Bouteflika as its candidate, despite his poor health and growing criticism of his government.

The opposition has called for a boycott of the election, calling it a “farcical” process and demanding free and fair elections. The opposition has also called for the release of political prisoners and the respect for human rights.

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Congress slams government over mobile tariff hike

The Congress has slammed the government for the increase in mobile tariffs and the announcement of new measures to check the rise of mobile prices.

The party has alleged that it is in line with the convenant that the government has to reduce the cost of mobile calls.

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Volunteers light candles forming the shape of a red ribbon and a message reading ‘Stop AIDS’ during an awareness event on the occasion of the ‘World AIDS Day’ in Kolkata, yesterday.

Congress’ Patole elected as Speaker of Maharashtra

Senior Congress leader Nana F Patole has been declared elected unopposed as the 15th Speaker of the Maharashtra Assembly, here yesterday. Pro-Tem Speaker Dilip Wake-Patil made the announcement that was greeted by thunderous applause from both the sides of the house and the Opposition MLA alliance.

The development came soon after the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) lost the support of the cross-cutting unity among the backbenchers, according to state party chief Chandrakant Patil.

Onion spikes to Rs100; Delhi Blames Centre for shortage

In a scathing attack on Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said: “If you see the press conference, she is handling the man, to civil servants to answer.”

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Subramanian Swamy doesn’t know economics

In a recent interview, Subramanian Swamy said that he doesn’t know economics. Swamy also said that he doesn’t want any minister to talk back to him, let alone in public, but in private cabinet meetings too.

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Vet’s murder case in fast track court, says KCR

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao yesterday directed officials to ensure that the woman veterinarian’s husband and murder are treated as a fast track court and the culprits get stringent punishment.

In his first reaction since the ghastly crime on the outskirts of Hyderabad on November 27, the Chief Minister expressed his deep anguish.

KCR, as Rao is popularly known, decided to set up a fast track court to deal with the case.

He asked the officials concerned to take measures in this regard.

He noted that in the case relating to custodial murder of a minor girl in Watangal, setting up of the fast track court ensured the verdict in 36 days, and in the young veterinarian’s case, the verdict should come quickly.

The Chief Minister announced that the government would extend all the necessary help and support to members of the victim’s family.

According to Chief Minister’s Office, he was upset that the perpetrators of such heinous crimes are living unmindful. He termed the incident gruesome and shocking.

Police on November 29 arrested four truck drivers and cleaners for the gruesome crime, which sent shock waves across the country and evoked huge public outrage.

Protests were held in several parts of the country to demand death penalty to the accused.
The Ministry of Human Rights of Pakistan submitted to Islamabad High Court (IHC) the notification regarding constitution of a commission tasked with examining civil liberties for prisoners across the country.

The notification submitted to IHC Chief Justice Athar Minallah stated that Minister for Human Rights Dr Shireen Mazari was given the provision of chairmanship of the commission. Secretaries of human rights issues, health, interior ministries, former Human Rights Commission of Pakistan chairman Zehra Yesaul, journalist Ghazi Salahuddin, advocate Zia Awan, former Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) director general Tariq Khosa and all provincial chief secretaries would be its members.

The terms of reference of the commission included “to investigate human rights violations in the prisons of Pakistan and lack of medical assistance and obstacles in access to a court of law of prisoners who do not have means or assistance in this regard.”

The commission will investigate “failure on part of the executive authorities and respective government to fulfill obligations and enforce the Prison Rules and the Code of Criminal Procedure (ICCPR) regarding the prisoners who suffer from illness and diseases.”

It will “carry out a review of the prison rules and other relevant laws with the object of Oiling the fillings of the commissions of the State of Pakistan under the international and domestic situations, international treaties and conventions and would propose solutions to deal with human rights violations in the prisons and amendments in any law, rules or regulation, appropriate governance and management system.”

According to the notification, the commission will suggest “how to ensure individual and institutional accountability” as well. “During the course of hearing, the IHC chief justice expressed serious concerns over the miseries of the inmates detained in various jails across the country, especially Adiala Jail which according to the jail authorities were overcrowded.”

The deputy superintendent of Adiala Jail on Friday informed IHC that the IHC was against the space and conditions of the jail and the total number of prisoners in the jail had exceeded the limit of 4,000.

Justice Minallah remarked that he would make a report to examine the situation. On November 22, the IHC had observed that executive authorities were vested with power and jurisdiction under the prison rules and the code of criminal procedure regarding the grievances of the prisoners suffering from serious illnesses.

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The court noted that the objective of the interim government was to end the new and notorious practice of sentencing somebody to a jail term was to realize what the former had done.

Govt, open start efforts to stave off ECP crisis

The opposition and the government of Pakistan have stepped into action to ward off the crisis of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) being rendered ineffective with the general election campaign under way.

The ECP has been unable to declare a winner in the general election in a number of constituencies, and the chief election commissioner (CEC) has written to the National Assembly and the Senate chairman, requesting them to appoint a concerned candidate.

The ECP has been unable to complete the process of the appointment of ECP members for Balochistan and Sindh, and no such consensus-oriented consultation took place in the case of the appointment of the two members, resulting in a deadlock in the parliamentary committee.

Shahbaz Sharif, who also leads the Opposition in the National Assembly, has written to Prime Minister Imran Khan.

He wrote another letter to the National Assembly speaker and the Senate chairman, recommending names for the posts of the ECP members from Sindh and Baluchistan.

Similarly, General (retd) Qaiser Sattar, who also leads the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) in the Senate, has written to the National Assembly speaker and Senate chairman on Saturday, suggesting names for the positions of the election commission members from the two provinces.

In a letter to PM Imran Khan dated November 25, Shahbaz, who has said he would take the lead in the treatment of his brother and former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, proposed the names of former hussaini Murtaza Zaidi, former ambassador to the US Ali Jaffar Ashraf, Asad Qaiser, member of the Assembly, and Abid Hussain Rizvi, former president of the Pakistan Bar Council, for the posts in Sindh and Baluchistan.

“Article 233-D of the Constitution empowers the prime minister shall in consultation with the leader of the opposition in the National Assembly forward three names for appointment of a commission to a parliamentary committee for hearing and confirmation of anyone...,” Shahbaz wrote explaining the process for the appointment of the commission.

“In my opinion, the consultative process required under the above provision should have been initiated by 20 PM Imran Khan much earlier,” he complained.

However, in an attempt to avoid possible deadlock in the functioning of the ECP which is a constitutional body, I am taking the initiative after a long wait with a hope to get it from you: The PML-N president stressed the need for a “consensus-oriented consultation in accordance with the binding judgments of the Supreme Court”.

“Unfortunately, my express arguments were not accepted for my letters to you regarding the appointment of ECP members for Balochistan and Sindh and no such consensus-oriented consultation took place in the case of the appointment of the two members, resulting in (a) deadlock in the parliamentary committee,” Shahbaz told PM Imran in the letter.

He added that the government and the opposition must endeavor to avoid any such impasse by making “serious, sincere and genuine effort to evolve a consensus by (a) mutual discussion of the merits and demerits of the concerned candidate”.

In a separate letter written to National Assembly Speaker Asad Qaiser and Senate Chairman Saleem Sartaj, Shahbaz recommended the names of Muhammad Rauf Aatiq and Rahila Durrani for the posts of the ECP member from Baluchistan.

For the post of the ECP member from Sindh, he proposed the names of Noor Durrani, Justice (retd) Abdul Rauf Memon and Aurangzaib Haq.

On Friday, a day after the government’s new list headed by Aijaz Asif had been issued, the ECP issued a new list of names.

Rasul Memon and Aurangzeb Durrani, Justice (retd) Abdul Rauf Memon and Asif Umar Qaiser and Senator Dr Shafqat Latif Marri were removed from the list.

As such, the new list headed by Qaiser Sattar had nine names.

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Benazir case: Court seeks details of Musharraf properties for seizure

The Anti-Terrorist Court (ATC) of Pakistan’s Judge Shaukat Kamal Dar has ordered the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) to present full details of Musharraf’s property for confiscation in Benazir Bhutto murder case.

The court has given two days’ time to the FIA to present details of Musharraf’s property for confiscation till December 2, 2018.

The court has already confiscated Musharraf’s eight properties in Pakistan. These include a house in Karachi worth Rs5 billion, a plot at Khokharan-e-Faisal Phase 8 worth Rs1.5 billion, a plot in DHA Karachi worth Rs2.5 billion, a plot in DHA Phase II Islamabad worth Rs7 billion, a plot in Lahore worth Rs10 million, a farmhouse at Islamabad Chakkar Shakhawat along with Rs1.25m.

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The court ordered the FIA to present the full details of Bank accounts at Askari Bank, Rawalpindi, NBP, Rahwali Bank, Metro Islamic Bank, Bank Alfalah Blue Area Islamabad, Askari Bank GHQ Branch Rawalpindi, NBP Super Market Islamabad, Union National Bank Super Market and HBL London.

There is an estimated amount of $22m in foreign banks and Rs25m in national banks.

At Musharraf had been declared a proclaimed offender, the ATC then initiated a process for attachment of his movable and immovable properties.

The trial of the Benazir murder suspects had commenced in January 2009. However, the government in 2009 ordered a fresh probe into the case.

Subsequently, a JIT of the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) interrogated the ex-military ruler Musharraf, then city police officer Saad Ali Zafar and SPI Khurrum Shahtab as accused.

Hundred rallied to show support for Sufi Kyi

About 700 people rallied yesterday to show support for Myanmar’s leader Aung San Suu Kyi, as the protesters defied the court’s charges against charges of genocide in the UN’s highest court.

Members of Sufi Kyi’s National League for Democracy party swelled the ranks in front of the colonial-era City Hall in Yangon, Myanmar’s largest city, as the crowd waved national flags and listened to music and poetry. A popular local singer in Yangon, “Mother Suu is the bravest human being in the world and her weapon is love,” many carried banners saying.

The case before the International Court of Justice in The Hague relates to a harsh counterterrorism campaign waged by Myanmar’s military against members of the country’s Muslim Rohingya community in August 2017 in response to an insurgent attack. More than 700,000 Rohingyas fled from Rakhine state to escape what has been called an ethnically cleansing campaign involving mass rape, killing and the demolition of Rohingya villages.

“Of course, Myanmar is a signatory to the Rome Statute, which is the UN’s framework for international criminal law,” Bensouda wrote.

The court, which considers cases in The Hague, also known as the world court, and operates under the charter of the United Nations.

The court is expected to begin hearing arguments in the case before the end of February. It has given two years to hear the case.

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Aung San Suu Kyi, as she prepares to defend the country against charges of genocide, will attend the US government’s Thanksgiving holiday in November 2018, Trump administration sources have said.

Aung San Suu Kyi, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991, will spend the holiday season in Washington, D.C., with her family, according to the sources.

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Thousands take to streets in fresh Hong Kong protests

REUTERS

Police fired tear gas to disperse thousands of anti-government protesters in Hong Kong yesterday, ending a rare full-scale riot as violence, residents took to the streets marking “revolution of our time” and “liberate Hong Kong”.

The protest in the busy shopping district of Tsim Sha Tsui followed a march by hundreds of people to the US consulate in Hong Kong for support for the demonstrations that have convulsed the Chinese-ruled city for six months.

The protests erupted in the area closed early as police suspected tear gas at all protesters, as they marched past the city’s financial waterfront, home to luxury hotels and shopping malls.

Some were arrested as the tear gas sent hundreds fleeing towards the harbor. Hong Kong, a major financial hub, has cancelled events for at least the past week since local shoppers and tourists feared an overwhelming victory to provoke Hong Kong independence.

Activists pledged to continue the momentum of the anti-government movement. Protests in the British colony since June have at times turned violent.

The Philippines has been evacuating typhoon-prone coastal communities, officials said yesterday, as a powerful typhoon rumbled across the Philippines and Southeast Asian gamers organize to cancel matches, including virtual tournaments.

The storm, upstream Philippine concerns. The storm, which brought massive waves, caused wide-scale destruction and hit three countries.

Forecasters expect Typhoon Kammuri to make landfall today in the evening or tomorrow morning, packing gusts of 170 kilometers (105 miles) per hour and maximum sustained winds of 140 kph. This year’s Games in Clark, Mabalacat and Subic are already particularly complex, with a record 600 athletes and dozens of venues that are in some cases hours apart by car.

Outdoor events in the Philippines are affected by rain, and rain is expected on the west coast of the main island of Luzon today, said the first to be affected by Kammuri's strong winds.

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Police: No sign of terror motive in Hague attack

Dutch police said yesterday that they had no indication of a terrorist motive after arresting a woman for bringing three teenagers in the Netherlands yesterday on suspicion of planning a terrorist act.

The 35-year-old man was detained on Saturday after the arrest of the 15-year-old girl at a commercial street in the city of Rotterdam.

Dutch police said earlier that they were investigating “several scenarios” for the stabbing incident and were still investigating the motives.

Police said the stabbing incident is still being investigated. “Police said that the stabbing incident is still under investigation. They said that the stabbings were not terrorist-related.”

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Climate crisis has reached point of no return: UN chief

AP MADRID

The deteriorating impacts of global warming that threaten humanity are a fact and not a forecast, the UN chief said on Monday.

“…the world’s largest emitters are not pulling their weight. Current pledges – if carried out – would see global temperatures rise by at least 1°C, a recipe for human misery, according to scientists. The UN’s chief experts were clearly aimed at the handful of countries responsible for more than half of global gas emissions. Even though he did not call them out by name, President Donald Trump has set in motion the process that will see the United States withdraw from the Paris deal by year’s end. At the same time, a US Congressional delegation going to Madrid will be headed by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. We want to give every opportunity to the US to remain within the commitments in the light against the changing role of a spokesperson for the Spanish prime minister’s official residence.”

Italy’s Benetton family calls for 5-Star to stop ‘hate campaign’

REUTERS MILAN

Italy’s Benetton family, in a letter to media, said it had played no role in running a motorway bridge that collapsed last year killing 43 people, and asked politicians such as 5-Star leader Luigi Di Maio,” Luciano Benetton added in the letter.

“…we certainly acknowledge our share of responsibility in backing a management who turned out to be inadequate, a management that had full power and complete confidence from shareholders,” he said.

The Benetton family has come under heavy attack following the disaster in August 2020.

“…I’m not looking for legal proceedings. This takes much too long. We want to debate this question. We are coming from the perspective of the victims. We are coming from the perspective of the shareholders,” he added. Benetton added in the letter.

Irish Premier suffers by-election defeats ahead of national vote

REUTERS DUBLIN

Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar’s Fine Gael party failed to win any of the four by-elections held to fill parliament vacancies a day ahead of a general election he plans to hold in the next six months.

The upcoming centre-right party had held one of the seats lost last summer on the heels of Varadkar’s failed attempt to form a coalition government after an election in May.

Fine Gael-led minority government has ruled through a cooperation deal with Fianna Fail that they extended last year as the uncertainty created by Britain’s procrastinated exit from the European Union kept either side from calling an election.

Both have identified the second quarter of 2020 as their preferred date to go to the polls again, and with the two dominant parties of Irish politics closely matched in most opinion polls, whoever else it will lead another minority government.

“A great gain was good news for centre-right Fianna Fail, Stata Fint’s win in one of two Dublin contests was also a welcome boost for Ireland’s third largest party whose political ascent suffered a major setback at local elections in May.”

“We are confronted with a global climate crisis and the point of no return is no longer over the horizon, it is in sight and hurting towards us.”

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres

“The future of Germany’s ruling coalition looked shaky after the election of new leaders of the Social Democrats (SPD) who are demanding a shift in policies, while several senior conserva-
tives refused to rule out renegotiating a governing agreement.

Two strong leftist critics of the coalition with Chancellor Angela Merkel’s conservatives – Norbert Walter-Borjans and Saskia Esken – won a vote in the leadership of the Social Democrats on Saturday, possibly putting the country’s largest economy, at a political crossroads.

Their ascendency raises the chances of an early election or minority government if the SPD leaves the coalition, which could trigger political instability at a time when the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) has become the country’s third-largest party.

Walter-Borjans and Esken, who ran on a joint ticket, want to renegotiate the coalition deal, which was hit on two points: the government’s investment and climate policies, setting them on collision with Chancellor Angela Merkel’s Christian Democrats (CDU).

“Of course nothing will be renegotiated now. That’s quite clear,” Armin Laschet, the Christian Democrat premier of North Rhine-Westphalia, told broadcaster Deutschlandfunk.

Asked whether there was movement on the issues that the next SPD leadership wants to change in a new agreement, Hartz said: “There is no such thing.” Walter-Borjans and Esken beat Finance Minister Olaf Scholz and Claudia Priebe, who said they would support their rivals. SPD delegates are set to approve the leadership, elected via a party ballot that ended, at a party conference starting on December 6. They will also vote on the coalition’s latest list that established party ties-up as being too strong. The SPD coali-
tion consisting of CDU, SPD and the Greens, agreed on a government deal in Saxony, where the AfD came in second in a September election.

SPD leaders expect the new leadership deal will not rede-
command the coalition but rather will seek more con-
formities from the CDU.

Turin centre evacuated due to WWII bomb

AFP PARIS

More than 10,000 residents of central Turin had to be evac-
uated early yesterday while authorities investigated a British bomb from World War II. Local authorities said.

Residents living closest to the site were told to leave a “red zone” around Nizza Street in the city’s historic district while the experts worked to defuse it, dropped more than 70 years ago.

Another 50,000 in an outer perimeter were advised to either leave or stay indoors during the operation which was undertaken at around 4:00 pm.

But civil officials were able to lift the alert at around 2:00 pm after the bomb disposal team announced they had com-
plected their work. The device contained 65 kilos (140 pounds) of dynamite, they said.

Turin Mayor Chiara Appendino was present at the site and planned to visit those who had been evacuated to buildings at a large round on the edge of the city.

A bridge above Turin was closed during the operation as a precaution. The Porta Nuova train station which is located along Nizza Street.

Anti-war activists have moved the deactivated bomb to Citté, another small town about 10 miles) northwest of Turin. The bridge will be permanently destroyed in a disassembled quay.

Burglers hit Stasi Museum in Berlin

AFP BERLIN

Berlin’s Stasi Museum, which showcases items of East Germany’s hard-nosed secret police, was burgled overnight, author-
ties said yesterday. No other details were available.

Three burglars were spotted in the museum building at around 5 am. The damage was not yet assessed.

10 dead as bus plunges into frozen river in Russia

AP MOSCOW

A passenger bus has plunged off a bridge onto a frozen river in Siberia yesterday, killing 19 of the more than 40 people on board, authorities said.

A boy on the bus burst as it was crossing the bridge over the Kuenga river in eastern Siberia’s Zabaikalsky region.

The vehicle, which was travelling from Stepanovka to Khabarovsk, hit the side of the road and went into the ice. “Nine men died and 11 received various injuries,” the office of the governor of the Zabaikalsky region said in a statement.

Two helicopters with medics were dispatched to the scene.

Siberia’s Investigative Committee, which probes serious incidents, said it had opened a criminal inquiry into a possible violation of traffic safety rules.

Road accidents are common in Russia, often due to alcohol, the poor state of roads and failure to observe traffic rules.

However, the number of road deaths has gone down in recent years, to around 20,000 per year.

Rescuers gather at the site of a bus crash at Kuenga River, some 60km from Svetikhot, in Siberia’s Russia’s Siberian region.

Protest outside Ukrainian President’s office

Activists of far-right Ukrainian party ‘Right Sector’ rally near Ukrainian President’s office in Kiev, yesterday, before a key December 9 summit in Paris aimed at ending the hostilities between Ukraine and Russia. Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelensky and Russia’s President Vladimir Putin will take part in a December 9 summit in Paris, moderated by the leaders of France and Germany, aimed at ending more than five years of fighting between the two countries.
**US Congress ramps up impeachment focus**

Biden launches Iowa trip with focus on Trump, rural America

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President Donald Trump faced two deadlines in Congress this week that are prepared to shift the focus of their investigations away from last fall’s consideration of the impeachment inquiry over his dealings with Ukraine.

The Democratic-led House of Representatives, which has convened its impeachment Committee, is prepared to vote on whether to recommend articles of impeachment against the president. Meanwhile, the Senate, which has already confirmed its majority, is preparing to vote on a proposition that will bar Trump from being impeached in the future.

In an industry already suffering from a downturn, the question of how to deal with the disease is a major step forward in the development of a solution. The bacterium is transmitted by infected trees, but there is no cure for it.

Biden recently received a call from a research lab to report that his team has made a significant breakthrough in the development of a new strain of the bacterium. Biden then traveled to Iowa to announce the news to the state’s citrus farmers and to meet with Democratic presidential candidates, such as former Vice-President Joe Biden, who is currently leading in Iowa polls.

In rural Denton, Iowa, Vicki Stuart told Biden that the best option for the Democrats is to focus on traditional American values. She emphasized that the country needs leaders who can inspire hope and create a better future for all Americans.

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After Biden’s speech, he met with a group of Democratic presidential candidates, including Senator Elizabeth Warren, who called for universal healthcare and an end to the use of private prisons. Biden also met with the Iowa Democratic Party and discussed the importance of a strong economy and education.

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A powerful winter storm that’s been tormenting travelers across the US since Thanksgiving moved to the Northeast yesterday, packing one last punch of snow and ice as people make their way to Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

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HBKU holds symposium on Genomics in Clinical Practice

As part of its commitment to providing essential education and training to healthcare professionals, the College of Health and Life Sciences (CHLS) at Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) held a Genomics in Clinical Practice symposium.

This symposium, accredited by Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners, was the first Continuing Professional Development (CPD) event of its kind hosted by the College. Specifically designed for healthcare practitioners such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and medical residents, this one-day event traced the basic science behind genomics, genome sequencing technologies and their implications for patient care. In addition, the symposium highlighted available facilities and resources in Qatar and offered advice regarding the practical application of relevant technologies.

High-profile international speaker, Dr. Andre Uitterlinden, professor of complex diseases at Erasmus University in the Netherlands, delivered a keynote address on how genomic studies are used for understanding the pathophysiology of complex diseases.

Participants benefited from insights provided by Qatar’s leaders in the field of genomics. The symposium’s speakers included: Dr. Bab Younis, Carnegie Mellon University; Dr. Chidambaram Manstark, Sidra Medicine; Dr. Tassig Bart-Omar, Hamad Medical Corporation; Professor Donald Love, Sidra Medicine; and Professor Said Ismail, Qatar Genome Programme.

Speaking ahead of the symposium, Dr. Araman Al Haj Zen, assistant professor, CHLS, said: “This event undoubtedly reflects the College’s multidisciplinary approach to research and discovery in the fields of biomedical sciences, genomics, and precision medicine. The subject matter also demonstrates that Qatar is increasingly influential in the study and application of genomics in clinical practice. It’s only right that this influence is backed up by initiatives to ensure the country’s healthcare providers are well versed in current thinking and established practices. We’re looking forward to making this happen with our partners at Hamad Medical Corporation, Qatar Genome Programme, and Sidra Medicine.”

HEC Paris in Qatar to run ‘General Management – The Navigator Program’

HEC Paris, ranked number 3 worldwide in Executive Education by the Financial Times in 2019, will offer the ‘General Management – The Navigator Program’ Executive Short Program on December 10 – 11. This two-day program will give aspiring, current and future managers a solid, hands-on introduction to the key tasks of general management.

Delivered by Professor Wolfgang Amann, Affiliate Professor at HEC Paris, Dr. Wolfgang Amann is a professor of strategy and leadership and currently serves as academic director of degree, custom, and certificate programs at HEC Paris in Qatar. Moreover, Dr. Amann has been designing, directing and teaching in executive education seminars for more than 20 years.

Highlighting the key aspects of the program, Dr. Wolfgang Amann said: “Today’s complex business environments, being a general manager has never been more challenging. Yet, sound preparation and solid executive education can help prepare for these challenges. A state-of-the-art framework from one of the leading business schools in the world will allow participants to clarify deliverables, prioritize, anticipate issues, and drive home success.”

Dr. Amann added: “Together, we will build a solid foundation for your future success in general management. Participants will work with the analogy of general management resembling navigation. Following the motto that you can’t change the wind, but you can adjust the sails, we will clarify six key steps for being more effective in general management.”

At the end of this session, participants will have gained a profound understanding of the roles and tasks, the opportunities and challenges, and the necessity to combine insights from leadership, governance and strategy.**
MStudio brings amazing architectural designs to Qatar

MStudio — an Azerbaijani architecture and design company — is a new name in Qatar but its passion, experience, commitment and distinctive skills are 15 years old which flourished since it was born in Baku in 2005.

Since the company began its journey it has gathered a great team of designers, architects and developers with bright and creative ideas, and during these 15 years MStudio has signed over 100 different types of projects. These include public buildings, museums, hotels, spas, hospitals, business centres, private villas, apartment buildings along with landscape, solar energy stations and other government projects. More information on the projects can be seen on the official website of the company www.mstudio.az.

After delivering dozens of incredibly attractive architectural designs in Azerbaijan and Georgia through a highly-professional, dedicated team, company’s Founder and General Director, Mehriban A. Muradova-Ismayilova, launched MStudio’s Qatar chapter around six months ago.

An interview with the conception of the idea of establishing company’s chapter in Qatar. Mehriban said that being an architect it would have been like missing a super-opportunity for her to not participate in ongoing projects in Qatar while Qatar was going through mega developmental phase.

"Many interesting projects of world-class nature and standard are being carried out in Qatar but sometimes it seems that I am little bit late as most of the interesting projects have already been done (in terms of architecture and design).” Mehriban observed. “But in our field you always remain active; new generations come, they want to do something new like building new structures and renovating the older ones.”

She said that establishing a new company in Qatar was a smooth-sailing experience for her. “It is a nice system for company registration which I can term as very smooth.”

With a vast experience in the field of architecture and design and having successfully designed numerous award-winning projects in Azerbaijan and Georgia, Mehriban established MStudio in Qatar. Regarding similarities and differences vis-a-vis market and working standard, she said that there were many differences but she could not say that one country was better than the other.

“Yet it is always easy to work in your native country on many reasons but thanks to God, Azerbaijan and Qatar are the countries which are close to each other. There exist many similarities and commonalities between the two countries. The people from both the countries like luxury lifestyle.”

She said that an Azerbaijani architect and design company could be very successful in Qatar because it could bring the idea of structure together with luxury style requirement keeping in mind the tradition also.

Mehriban’s company, supported by very professional teams in Qatar, Azerbaijan and Georgia, offers full-scale architecture and design services and sometimes hires services of some local companies for execution supervision of fit-out works.

Having professional degrees from Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction, Azerbaijan State University for Economics, Baku State University, and other prestigious institutes, Mehriban claims her company offers more convenient price tags to its clients in Qatar without compromising on the quality of design at the same time. MStudio’s service charges are much lower than the market price as we are not here to look after only our bottom.”

But she said, despite lower rates, MStudio was providing world-class architecture and design services to its clients following company’s do-the-best policy.

She says that MStudio delivers a project with passion and never engaged in the practice of finishing just recently. MStudio designed few villas for Qatar clients that are a living proof of company’s commitment, dedication and professional skills.

"We discuss a lot with the clients and also suggest a lot so that we can reach a perfect design in the end.”

MStudio offers services including exterior and interior design, landscape design, construction and repair works, indoor and outdoor art sculptures, red and bas-reliefs, maquettes, signboards, stands etc. Mehriban also wants to participate in some landscape design projects in Qatar. “We also design art sculptures of various materials – multichrome steel wood or composite material. We work in each sector of design.”

She says that she wants to design public sector projects in Qatar to make her company’s name engraved in the development history of Qatar for which she would be remembered in decades to come. “I will be happy with my little touch to something: private sector no problem, but I want to do something great in the public sector.”

Talking about Qatar’s landmark buildings, Mehriban highly praised Hamad International Airport. “It is a nicely designed structure where everything seems in harmony with one another. Materials used are also of high quality. When I compare this building with other airports of the world, I find a big difference.” In her opinion, the Educational City that Qatar Foundation has created differs with its unique and smart infrastructure. And the National Museum of Qatar is astounding with its beautiful exterior and interior design.

Mehriban enjoys Qatar’s life by attending different exhibitions held around the year and thinks that Qatar’s social, cultural life is very rich and vibrant. MStudio projects took the first places in the famous international competitions and received prestigious awards. The staff of MStudio consists of qualified professionals with extensive experience; designers and engineers carry out design objectives at a very high quality.

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