Qatar wins legal battle over air blockade

The Chairman of Qatar Civil Aviation Authority (QCAA), Abdullah bin Nasser Turki Al Subaie, yesterday said that the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has resolved an appeal by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia against Qatar’s decision to bring claims before the ICAO, in accordance with the ICAO’s rules

The decision resolves the appeals of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt against a decision by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to allow Qatar Airways to operate flights in favor of Qatar.

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Qatar National Library reopens today

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Qatar National Library will reopen for visitors from today with a number of special places to reduce the risk of COVID-19. Details of the procedures, with the recommendations from Qatar’s Ministry of Public Health and the World Health Organization.

Safety of our visitors and staff is our top priority. Visitors will be by appointment only during one of two slots: 9am–12pm or 1pm–4pm on Thursday. You can book your visit on the website in the form you can limit on the homepage of our website, Loa K A Naemi. Manager of Facilities and Catering Services of Qatar National Library told the Peninsula yesterday: “There are people who have a confirmation of their slot booking through the online form; are between ages 13 and 165 and people with Ehteraz app: have a temperature of no more than 37.8 degrees Celsius when tested, and are not wearing any accessories that may shield in place, will be permitted to the Library,” she added.

The Library will be closed on weekends. Only 100 people will be allowed to be in the Library during each time slot, with formal and informal gatherings restricted to five people. There are dedicated members of staff who will monitor this throughout the allotted times.

“Seating areas will be limited, as well workstations. Safety rules: will be in place at all times,” said Al Naemi. Only members of the household from the Library for the time being. Not reviewing CDs, iPDAs, headsets, or any other equipment is permitted for safety reasons.

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Amir attaches great attention to health sector: Health Minister

Minister of Public Health H E Dr Hamad bin Jassim Al Kuwari affirmed that Amir H E Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani attached great importance to the health sector as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic’s noteworthy results achieved in this sector.

He said that the State of Qatar has achieved the second lowest death rate from the COVID-19 pandemic in the world despite the high infection rate.

H E Al Kuwari said that all components of the health care system in the State of Qatar have united to enable the patients to receive the best services and to be able to access the health care facilities. He added that the healthcare system provides the necessary treatment for every patient and work around the clock to keep patients waiting.

He added that the healthcare system in Qatar attains efficiency, and the healthcare facilities are the highest level-ensured the expansion and upgrading of the healthcare facilities quickly, so 3200 hospital beds and 700 beds in intensive care units were prepared for COVID-19 patients. H E the Minister of Public Health praised all the medical care units at HMC hospitals, especially to Hamad General Hospital for their proactive manner, and to the entire healthcare services for COVID-19 patients.

She highlighted that the death rate among COVID-19 patients in Qatar was 0.4 per cent, while the death rate at intensive care units in most developed countries reached 20 per cent.

H E the Minister appreciated the intensive care unit team’s work and great efforts to ensure the best service and treatment for patients.

Qatari artists featured at Al Markhiya Gallery exhibition

A group exhibition featuring a diverse collection of artworks created by Qatari artists was recently opened yesterday at Al Markhiya Gallery at Al Doha Al Hilal.


The state-of-the-art exhibition of Qatar Executive.

Qatar Executive introduces Diamond Agreement

Qatar Executive announced the introduction of two exclusive Diamond Agreements aimed at providing customers with pre-purchase flight time at attractive rates. Both agreements are customized for the ultra-long-range private jet travel experience.

The Diamond Agreement promises guaranteed flight time onboard Qatar Executive’s state-of-the-art fleet of private jets. To join this programme, customers purchase a minimum of 50 hours flight time, without any associated membership fee. The programme also covers two hours of flight time and is designed to simplify private jet travel, pre-purchased Diamond Agreements have no minimum annual usage and its membership runs over making the Diamond Agreement programme unrivalled in terms of its flexibility. Qatar Executive’s customers are also offered guaranteed availability for reservations booked from just 72 hours in advance.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive H E Akbar Al Baker, said: “As part of Qatar Airways Group, Qatar Executive offers an unrivalled travel experience for private jet customers. With the Diamond Agreement, we can offer even more flexible and bespoke travel options for Qatar Executive customers, who can continue to expect our high levels of service and safety onboard our State of the art aircraft.”

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QCS, HMC organise webinar on lung cancer guidelines

Qatar Cancer Society (QCS) jointly with Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) organised the first online continuous professional development workshop about the Suspected Lung Cancer Guidelines on a Qatar Digital Platform. The event attracted 200 primary healthcare providers, nurses, and the allied health professionals.

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Fight against FETO inside and outside Turkey constitutes one of main priorities: Diplomat

QF keeps skills of Qatar's young debaters sharp amid COVID-19

QatarDebate team has won Helsinki Online Open Debating Championship as part of the team's preparations to compete in an international tournament. The Helsinki tournament showed that hard work pays off, as they went on to win the championship, with Alonad Al Thani being named the Best Novice Speaker as well as the 8th Best Speaker Overall prize.

Ombertz said that Amir H Shiekh Tamin bin Hamad Al Thani and the people of Qatar chose to respond firmly to democratically elected government efforts and to take action against the terrorist coup attempt on July 15, with phone calls, official visits, statements and social media messages.

The State of Qatar had organized a campaign of education and condemnation of the coup attempt, and the Turkish and the Palestinian leaders had always supported Qatar's just and valid and solid support. One year after the coup attempt on July 15, 2016, the Qatar delegation, led by Amir H Shiekh Tamin bin Hamad Al Thani, had reaffirmed its solidarity to the democratically elected government and to the Turkish people.
Israel: No footage of shooting of autistc Palestinian

Eyad Hallaq, who was 32, was fatally shot just inside Jerusalem’s Old City on May 30 as he was on his way to the special-needs institution that he attended. Israel’s Justice Ministry added a set of new images in the investigation and raised suspicions from the family’s lawyer about the integrity of the probe.

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Israel’s Justice Ministry yesterday confirmed that no footage of the shooting of Palestinian man who was killed by Israeli police saying that security cameras in the area were not working properly at the time. They also mentioned a setback in the investigation and raised new concerns about the family’s lawyer about the integrity of the probe.

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In a statement, the Justice Ministry said internal affairs investigators had checked all of the cameras in the area after the shooting.

At this stage of the investigation, the relevant time and didn’t document any shooting. According to various accounts at the time, Halla was shot multiple times in the garbage room where the deadly shooting took place, there were security cameras but those cameras were not working. The relevant time and didn’t document any shooting.

Eyad Hallaq’s mother with his picture.

Sudanese UAE demands apology over recruitment for Haftar

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The GNA, with stepped-up operations against Haftar’s forces and special forces near its coastal city of Sirte, repelled Haftar’s 14-month siege of the capital and launched a counteroffensive that is now stalled outside the coastal city of Sirte.

Meanwhile, the Libyan government of National Accord (GNA) has expressed its determination to achieve a political solution to the crisis and end the conflict in the country.

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Maldives former vice-president cleared of graft charges

A Maldives court yesterday cleared former vice-president Ahmed Saleem of embebling $128m to seize power in 2018, which ended with him losing 20 seats in parliament.

The main criminal court dismissed the charges including embellishment, money laundering and embezzlement, which put him at risk of his position as tourism minister after the 2018 and 2015 elections.

The court refused to accept a confession he made in August 2019 in which he admitted to being involved in nearly 60 seats in parliament, a court official said.

Transactions were carried out when he was about 38 years old, the former minister and before he became vice president under strongman ruler Abdulla Yameen.

Adeeb later fell out with Yameen over his plan of trying to assassinate him following a September 2015 explosion against the presednent.

Adeeb was jailed for 15 years and later released after the dramatic fall of the Yameen regime in 2018.

Yameen, meanwhile, is in jail on graft charges.

Malaysia’s oppen gearing up for snap polls, say political analyst

Malaysia is preparing its opposition for early elections after a stunning move to cancel a popular congress this week showed Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad is losing a key parliamentary majority, said a pro-Asia political analyst.

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's surprise cancellation of the 1MDB trial has been seen as a confirming factor that the opposition has already crossed the halfway mark in terms of seats the party needs to form the next Malaysian government.

Mohd Shafie Apdal, a lack a parliamentary majority, said the political pressure on the prime minister had increased and he was starting to have a political crisis.

Mohd Shafie said the government was neither ready for an early election after the 1MDB trial was postponed.

But he said there would be an early election if the Malaysian government took over the matter.

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He said the 1MDB trial was the main reason the government was loosing support.

The 1MDB case is a corruption scandal that involved billions of dollars, and has been the subject of intense international scrutiny.

The case involves the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) state development company, which was established by former prime minister Najib Razak.

The government has been embroiled in a series of corruption and money laundering allegations, with Najib and his associates facing numerous charges.

The cancellation of the 1MDB trial has raised questions about the government's intentions and the future of Malaysia's political landscape.

Malaysia's main opposition party, the People's Justice Party (PKR), has already announced plans to call for early elections if the 1MDB trial does not go ahead.

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Malaysia's prime minister, Mahathir Mohamad, has accused his successor Anwar Ibrahim of leaking details of his health condition and political plans.

Mahathir said he had been targeted over the leak and threatened with legal action.

He also accused Anwar of attempting to undermine his political influence by leaking details of his ongoing medical treatment for cancer.

Anwar, who is a former prime minister himself, has been a key political figure in Malaysia.

He claimed he had been forced to abandon his clinical trials by officials who were trying to malign his image and reduce his influence in politics.

Anwar is currently serving a 15-year suspended sentence for corruption.

Philippines police to use house to house in COVID-19 searches for contacts

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The era of free news for Facebook and Google may soon be over.

Facebook and Google have for years operated like deep-pocketed news publishers, paying billions of dollars to get featured on their news platforms. In the United Kingdom, that is about to change.

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Pakistan achieves global climate change target

Pakistan has achieved the UN Sustainable Development Goal for climate change and disaster risk reduction, and holding off climate change a decade ahead of the target, the UN Development Program (UNDP) said recently.

UNDP Assistant Resident Coordinator Achraf Change said the achievement is a milestone for Pakistan and its long-standing participation in international cooperation.

In a separate statement, the UNDP said Pakistan has achieved a crucial milestone on the road to environmental protection by meeting the requirements of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13, under the "cleaner and greener" Pakistan vision of Prime Minister Imran Khan.

In line with Khan's "Tilaw Tree Tumai" and clean-green Pakistan programmes, it added, Pakistan has achieved this target, which provides a significant boost to world efforts to tackle the climate crisis.

Pakistan launched the "Tilaw Tree Tumai" programme in the northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province two years ago to encourage people to plant trees and help overcome the depleting effects of global warming.

The programme was launched in an effort to reverse the province’s depletion of land and help mitigate the effects of global warming.

According to a recent report, the country’s forest cover ranges between 2 percent and 3 percent, well below the 10 percent recommended by UN.

**Pakistan**

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Belgium reports zero coronavirus deaths for first time since March

Belgium's health authorities said on Tuesday it had registered zero coronavirus deaths for the first time since March. The last time that happened was on March 23 when the country went into lockdown to contain the spread of the virus. The number of deaths reported daily had been consistently above zero since then. The news was welcomed by the government, which has been under pressure to ease restrictions and allow the economy to reopen.

UK, France extend to move on face masks in public

The British and French governments have extended their use of face masks in public places to combat the spread of COVID-19. In the UK, face masks will now be required in shops, supermarkets and public transport. In France, face masks will be mandatory in all indoor public spaces, including cinemas, theatres and sports facilities.

France celebrates virus heroes on redesigned Bastille Day

France celebrated Bastille Day with a redesigned ceremony in Paris where medical workers were honored for their work in the fight against COVID-19. France's President Emmanuel Macron called on the French people to continue their efforts to contain the virus and to mark the day as a victory over the pandemic.

UK drops Serbia, Montenegro from coronavirus safe list

The UK government has removed Serbia and Montenegro from its list of coronavirus safe countries. The move comes as the UK continues to ease lockdown restrictions and allow people to travel abroad. Serbia and Montenegro were added to the UK's safe list in June, but have now been removed due to a surge in cases in the two countries.

Media in white coats replaced anti-vaxxers in the state of France’s Bastille Day ceremony this year. They worked in groups under the watchful eye of medical professionals to ensure the coronavirus pandemic did not disrupt the festivities. The French government has ordered citizens to wear face masks in public places and to follow social distancing rules in order to prevent a second wave of infections.

France, which has had 300,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and more than 24,000 deaths, has been gradually easing restrictions since May. The government has allowed some businesses to reopen and has encouraged people to go back to work. However, it has also warned that the virus is not yet under control and that new infections could emerge if people do not continue to follow the rules.

The Bastille Day parade, normally one of the largest in Europe, was scaled down this year due to the pandemic. However, a smaller ceremony was held in Paris as a mark of respect for those who have lost their lives to the virus. The parade featured medical workers who have been on the front lines of the pandemic, as well as other key workers such as police, firefighters and teachers.

The ceremony was attended by French President Emmanuel Macron and other officials. The President praised the country’s healthcare workers and thanked them for their efforts during the pandemic. He also called on the French people to remain vigilant and to continue to follow the health guidelines.

The parade included a flypast by the French Air Force, with Rafale fighter jets painted in the colors of the French flag. The ceremony was broadcast on television and online, allowing people around the world to watch it.

The event was a sign of the resilience of the French people during the pandemic and a tribute to the heroes who have been working on the front lines. It also served as a reminder of the sacrifices made by millions of French people in the fight against COVID-19.
Belarus bars main rivals of Lukashenko from polls

ANALYSTS say that none of the remaining candidates pose a threat to the 65-year-old Alexander Lukashanka, who has run the nation for more than three decades, with an iron fist, relentlessly cracking down on political opposition and independent media. However, Lukashenko's support but Orban wanted a vote on how the EU should deal with new resolutions. He said the new test will confirm (the virus), but if everything is fine, he will send a sample to the nearest laboratory. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in an online briefing that many questions, and we need a large amount of testing, unbiased, objective answers over what happened. Iran's Revolutionary Guards said that the US did not even consider the situation of the Ukraine International Airlines passenger plane near Tehran when it launched missiles that hit the plane. So far it only helps with issuing certificates to try to get people to follow big society guidelines. It has also been annually raising gold mining amounting to 281.5 tons. Russian gas sales have been marked that Gazprom gas sales to EU went up by 3.8% in 2020 to 535.1bn cubic metres, earning $2.4bn over the third among the top 10 gold exporting countries. The Russian Central Bank hadexporting countries, its share in the Russian market was not sizable at 8.2%.
Three US states report record rise in virus deaths

WASHINGTON

Alabama, Florida and North Carolina reported record daily increases in COVID-19 deaths yesterday, a trio of grim milestones that followed the nation’s largest one-day increases in fatalities since April as some states reacted to rising cases.

The three states each reported daily rises beginning in the southern and western states such as Florida and Texas, which have been struggling to contain outbreaks, and that caused morgue ships to arrive in places that have been hit harder. The increases followed a surge in positive tests and a rise in hospitalizations.

Florida yesterday reported 1,210 deaths due to COVID-19; raising the state’s death toll to more than 41,500. Florida’s daily increase was the largest ever recorded in the state. Nearly 60% of deaths and North Carolina in the same period, from each state’s total is over 1,100 COVID-19 deaths. Florida’s Governor Ron DeSantis said Wednesday that the state had recorded nearly 30,000 new infections in the previous two days.

In Florida, cases and deaths are closely tied to daily outbreaks in southern and western regions, including Miami and Jacksonville, which have been hit hard by the virus. The increases were also linked to the state’s decision to remove restrictions to reopen businesses.

In North Carolina, the state reported 40 additional deaths on Wednesday, bringing the state’s total to 6,892. The state also reported a new record-high of 1,100 new cases, bringing the total number of cases in the state to 185,089.

In Florida, the number of cases continues to rise, with a daily increase of 2,200 new cases reported yesterday. The state has recorded over 540,000 cases since the beginning of the pandemic.

Florida’s Florida Health Department said Wednesday that the state had recorded 1,100 new hospitalizations due to COVID-19, bringing the total number of hospitalizations in the state to 30,000. The state also reported 1,200 new deaths due to COVID-19, bringing the state’s total to 1,100.

In North Carolina, the state reported 600 new hospitalizations and 300 new deaths. The state’s total number of hospitalizations is now 40,000, and the total number of deaths is now 6,000.

In Alabama, the state reported 1,100 new cases and 80 new deaths, bringing the state’s total to 340,000 cases and 6,000 deaths.

In all three states, the United States ranks first in the world in deaths, with more than 3 million cases. The state recorded 9,000 new cases and 300 new deaths on Wednesday, bringing the state’s total to 1,100,000 cases and 6,000 deaths.

School boards passed a bill in San Francisco, yesterday, an schools remain closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The US has reported more than 3 million cases of the novel coronavirus so far.

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Biden unveils $2 trillion climate plan

WASHINGTON, DELAWARE

President Joe Biden yesterday released a comprehensive $2 trillion plan for combating climate change and pollution that he described as being “the most ambitious effort ever” by any country.

The plan is part of a broader $3 trillion economic stimulus package that Biden is expected to unveil in the coming days. It includes measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, invest in clean energy technologies, and create jobs in the renewable energy sector.

The plan aims to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, which is a key goal of the Paris Agreement. It also includes measures to support the transition to clean energy sources, such as wind and solar power, and to develop new technologies to capture carbon emissions.

In his speech, Biden said: “This is a moment of truth. We have the choice between two paths. We can either continue down the path of the past or we can take a new path that is better for our country and our planet.”

The plan includes a number of specific proposals, including:.

1. A $1 trillion investment in clean energy infrastructure, including solar, wind, and energy storage.
2. A $1 trillion investment in clean transportation, including electric vehicles and public transit.
3. A $1 trillion investment in energy efficiency, including weatherization and insulation.
4. A $1 trillion investment in clean manufacturing, including the production of clean energy technologies.
5. A $1 trillion investment in clean water and wastewater infrastructure, including stormwater management.

The plan also includes a number of proposals to support the transition to clean energy, including:.

2. A $1 trillion investment in public-private partnerships to accelerate the adoption of clean energy technologies.
3. A $1 trillion investment in workforce development, including training programs for workers transitioning from fossil fuel jobs.

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