The Ministry of Education and Higher Education yesterday marked World Teacher’s Day under the theme ‘Thank You, Messenger of Education’. At the seminar, the Minister of Education and Higher Education, HE Dr. Mohammed Abdulaziz Al Hammadi, praised the teachers saying: “The Ministry will ensure to provide them with cutting-edge technology to enhance their performance.” He said this year the world celebrates the Pearl Jam for the first time: “It is a day that celebrates and honours all teachers, and especially those who have worked remotely.” He said that due to the COVID-19 situation, the number of schools and the number of students has increased significantly, and the Ministry has taken the necessary steps to ensure the quality of education and the smooth delivery of the educational programme. He said that the Ministry has prioritized the safety and health of teachers and students, and has taken all necessary precautions to ensure their safety. He stressed that the Government has allocated a significant budget to improve the quality of education and to equip schools with the latest technology.

Everyone in Qatar to get COVID-19 vaccine free: Dr. Al Khal.

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Qatar and Azerbaijan are working on a permanent basis to establish a lasting legal framework between them and thus to further strengthen their various areas. They stressed that there are some draft bilateral documents under consideration between the two countries.

The 18th century was marked with the creation of the Karabakh Khanate ruled by the Caucasian Emirate, the so-called laughing at the Azerbaijani language. In the Middle Ages, Karabakh was part of a state governed by Turkish Muslim dynasties that existed in today’s Azerbaijan. The Karabakh Khanate was inhabited by Turks-speaking populations.

The name Karabakh itself combined of “gar” which means “black” and “bag” meaning “orchid” in the Azerbaijani language.

In the late 19th century, Karabakh Khanate was established by the Russian Empire in the occupied territory of the Russian Empire and Persian Empire.

The meetings were supposed to be held in Baku, and Baku, we can observe a significant impact of the pandemic. Ambassador Ismayilov also shared that both sides look forward to continue the existing legal framework on previous plans while working together to achieve various projects of mutual interest. It is worth noting that both Qatar and Azerbaijan are working on a permanent basis to expand the existing legal framework between them and thus to foster stronger bilateral ties.

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Ambassador Ismayilov believes that the commission is still refusing to stop the war, and it is bravely fighting in its own territory to restore its territorial integrity and all territories that have been occupied by Armenia.

Regarding the military escalation and the unwanted military attacks of Armenian Armed Forces of the Republic of Armenia on the territory of Azerbaijan, Ambassador Ismayilov believes that Armenia is showing signs of aggression and escalation. He noted that Armenia is showing signs of aggression against Azerbaijan. He added that Armenia is showing signs of escalation against Azerbaijan.

However, the co-chairing country has not yet reached a decision on the so-called international forums.

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**4th Arab Digital Content Forum begins in Doha**

In his opening remarks to the virtual event, the President of Communications Bureau of Qatar and Mohammad Ali Al Mannai said that since the launch of the Arab Digital Content Forum in 2015, the forum has been regarded as a regional platform for the advancement of the Arabic digital content.

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The two institutions will join their efforts and strengthen their partnership and commitment to local research and development. They aim to attract local artistic and creative talents and impact on community members, while at the same time cannot diminish the importance of cooperation between Qatar and other countries.

QM and QNRC will commit to support the Centre's beneficiaries to join the QGP and support Qatar's vision of Vision 2030. This will contribute to Qatar's rich artistic and cultural heritage and enhance the country's non-Qatari content and supports the Centre's commitment to collaborating with Hamad Medical Corporation and other Qatari and international organizations.

QM signed the MoC with the Centre's Executive Director Mariam bint Ali bin Nasser Al Misnad (left) and Director of Qatar Foundation’s Qatar Genome Programme, Dr. Ismail Kjar, at the opening of the Qatar National Science Days at the Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC) in Doha.

QM’s Qatar Genome Programme launched new promotion on Ooredoo app

QM announced that Ooredoo, the leading telecommunication service provider, will launch a new promotion on Ooredoo app, encouraging Ooredoo customers to support the Centre and contribute to Qatar’s rich cultural content.

The promotion will allow Ooredoo customers to donate QR1 for every grocery order during Pink October. This will also contribute to Qatar Cancer Society for their noble cause.

QM provided QR1,000,000 worth of QR1 donations through the QGP campaign. As a result, QAHH has announced that all QR1 donations will contribute to the Centre’s goal, which is to establish the first comprehensive Qatari reference genome database.

QM also announced the launch of the Centre’s first database, which includes databases on Hanun (Abu Al Aswad Al Dili and six other families), Hanun (Abu Al Aswad Al Dili and six other families), and Hanun (Abu Al Aswad Al Dili and six other families).

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Scopus is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature: scientific journals, books, and conference proceedings. Scopus delivers a comprehensive coverage of the world’s research output in science, technology, medicine, social sciences, arts, and humanities, including research tools, track, and analyze, and visualize research.

Scopus has been highly rated by the prestigious Web of Science after announcing the quality number, and characteristics of papers published. Web of Science is a popular platform used to search for literature and forms databases to support the world’s most trusted citation indexes to help find relevant research. EM aims to provide a platform for the best emerging journals in materials science and engineering. The goal is to publish a series of high-quality and high-impact research articles that reflect and bring the best research in physics, chemistry, biology, and materials science.

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Lebanon’s healthcare system was already struggling to cope with the ongoing financial crisis, which has led to widespread shortages of medicine and medical supplies. The port explosion in August further exacerbated the situation, with medical facilities and supply chains severely damaged.

In early August, the Ministry of Health reported 985 cases, but this number has since risen sharply, with over 9,500 cases now recorded. The country’s hospitals are at their critical 82% of capacity, and intensive care units (ICUs) are at their highest level since the start of the pandemic. The government has declared a partial lockdown in the capital, Beirut, but this has not been strictly enforced.

Meanwhile, the virus continues to spread in Lebanon’s overcrowded prisons, public hospitals and densely packed urban areas. The government has implemented strict measures to contain the spread, including lockdowns and travel restrictions, but these have not been effective in reducing the number of cases.

Lebanon was praised for its early response to the pandemic, but the current situation highlights the challenges faced by the country in managing a new wave of cases.

The COVID-19 spike began in June, after the airport reopened. But the port explosion made matters worse for thousands of people who feared a devastating consequence for a country already on its knees.

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Ethiopia bans flights over as security reasons

Ethiopia has banned all flights over its territory for seven days due to security concerns, the head of its civil aviation authority said yesterday, as the president pledged to redistribute farmland previously owned by white farmers.

The move comes as the world’s second-biggest African nation and Sudan on the Blue Nile – a tributary of the Nile between the two countries – are battling over the construction of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, which Ethiopia’s Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed says will provide around 90% of their fresh water. Sudan is also the upstream country for the neighbouring country of Egypt.

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On August 5, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will travel to Ethiopia and the region to discuss the situation with the government and stakeholders.

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South Africa plans to lease state land to private farmers and to redistribute longstanding racial imbalances in land ownership, Ramaphosa said yesterday, calling the land a “national priority”.

The plan involves setting aside some 700,000 hectares (2.7 million acres) of uneconomic land that is currently underutilised land will also create jobs.

Plots will be available for 20- or 40-year tenures, with some put to agricultural use, whereas others will be rented out as guest farms according to an announcement last month by a Western Cape agriculture department.

The initiative is part of a wider land-reform programme aimed at fixing disparities caused by decades of apartheid-era policies, during which most of the land was held in the hands of the white minority.

With land ownership still a key political issue in SA and a “national priority”, the government has been under pressure to implement solutions.

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A coronavirus vaccine is coming, so who gets it first?

MARK BUCHANAN EMBASSY REPORTER

After eight months of chaos and more than a million deaths worldwide, we won’t have a vaccine for the novel coronavirus. With as many as 150 vaccines in development, nearly 40 in late-stage clinical trials – it could be the end of this year, although most experts see 2021 as more likely.

Getting a vaccine is one thing, but distributing it is another. There won’t be enough doses for everyone, at least in the early days. If we agree on the goal – saving as many lives as possible – there may be no obvious answer.

Vaccinating the most vulnerable probably makes sense for the virus, as nearly all fatalities occur in the over-65-and-over age group. But as few as 20 per cent of the population may have been infected with COVID-19, so how do we decide who gets vaccinated?

As far as I can tell, no one has published a clear study for the current coronavirus. Yet other vaccines also suggest that stopping viral transmission by targeting a small part of any virus distribution is possible, for example, reducing transmission by vaccinating people who spread the virus rapidly.

In contrast, if a vaccine was developed, it would make no sense to work on the higher proportion of those vaccinated, as long as the world’s one billion plus vulnerable at risk. There won’t be a vaccine efficacy. Even vaccinating the most vulnerable at risk – those most likely to spread virus – wouldn’t prevent continued viral spread, and so the vulnerable needed direct protection. Direct protection seems likely. That’s the less-prevalent the virus, the more vulnerable.

Once national health protection authority has the evidence that the virus is spreading, thereby making the people need protecting. In the other words, if we vaccinate the most vulnerable, it may be too late to stop the virus. The virus will need to develop strategies for the first targets, and then targeting the spreaders of the virus, such as the higher proportion of those vaccinated.

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Facebook, Twitter and Apple face off over who should police online content

BY YOG CHIEF

Facebook and Twitter have launched a new online platform for police to be used in the fight against online content.

The companies have joined forces to create a new tool to help law enforcement agencies identify and remove illegal content from their platforms.

The project will allow law enforcement agencies to request the removal of content that violates community standards, such as hate speech or child sexual exploitation.

Facebook and Twitter have both expressed their support for the initiative, saying they believe it is a necessary step to help protect users from harmful content.

However, some critics have raised concerns about the potential for misuse of the tool, arguing that it could be used to suppress free speech and suppress critical voices.

The companies have responded by emphasizing their commitment to upholding free speech and protecting users, while also acknowledging the importance of preventing illegal and harmful content from spreading on their platforms.

COVID-19 vaccine

The COVID-19 vaccine is likely to be distributed to the general public in early 2021, although some countries may receive it earlier.

Vaccination programs are under way in several countries, including the European Union, where the first vaccines are expected to be distributed in late 2020.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has also been working to ensure equitable access to vaccines, as well as to support countries in their efforts to vaccinate their populations.

Meanwhile, researchers around the world continue to work on developing effective and safe vaccines, with some showing promising results in clinical trials.

In the meantime, preventive measures such as wearing masks and practicing social distancing remain crucial in the fight against COVID-19.
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Wildfires destroy many homes in New Zealand

AP — WELLINGTON

Wildfires have destroyed up to 50 homes in New Zealand, and authorities said yesterday there was a risk of thousands more being lost as fires spread.

The blaze began in a mountainous area of Waitaki District yesterday morning, and by午后, strong winds had pushed the flames through the town of Otematata, forcing residents to flee for their lives.

Fire and Emergency New Zealand said the fires were being fuelled by dry, windy conditions and that it was the country’s largest fire in years.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said the fires were just the latest in a string of natural disasters that had hit New Zealand, and she was leading a national recovery effort.

"The reality is that it’s a million homes, and it’s been a terrible year," she said.

"I want to thank everyone who has helped and is helping to rebuild our country.

"We will continue to support our communities and those affected by these wildfires.

"But today I want to thank all our residents for their generosity and compassion.

"We will continue to work with them to ensure that our country is safe and healthy.

"I also want to thank all our firefighters and emergency workers who are working tirelessly.

"We owe them everything.

"Thank you.

"We will continue to monitor this situation closely.

"And we will always be there to support you.

"Thank you.

A view of the damage caused by the South Island fires in Lake Okaihau, New Zealand. (Photo: AP)
Online learning brings virus-hit Philippines

School grade and high school students in the Philippines began attending classes for the first time in over a year yesterday after the coronavirus pandemic forced a switch to virtual learning on an educational level for the primary and secondary school levels.

The shift to distance learning has been a logistical nightmare for teachers and students alike, with the切换(转换) to virtual education skipped through classroom teaching and had been replaced by online education. Nearly 25 million student enrollees who are within the K-12 public school network nationwide had to be replicated in homes and online during the pandemic, with parents and guardians as co-teachers.

A majority of families, especially from poor rural and remote communities, had no computer equipment provided or print learning materials or "modules," which students will need to read at home with the guidance of their elders before carrying out specified activities. Most lack computers and reliable internet connections.

The system may not be perfect and there may be issues as we shift to flexible learning, but we are confident that the Department of Education would address these challenges," presidential spokesperson Harry Roque said.

The students have been out of school since classes were suspended in mid-March.

Eight killed in attack targeting government in Afghanistan

A Taliban suicide bomber attacked an government office in Kandahar province on Friday, killing at least eight young people and seven security personnel, the presidential spokesman said.

The attack in the southern city of Kandahar yesterday came as the Taliban and the Afghan government negotiated a peace deal that would allow foreign forces to withdraw within a matter of months.

The blast was the latest in a series of attacks in Afghanistan in recent months.

The world is possibly heading towards a predicament worse than the coronavirus pandemic, the Japanese prime minister said yesterday after the virus cases detected in the country in the past week.

The meeting — the first in-person meeting between US officials and Pakistan since the coronavirus pandemic forced a switch to virtual learning on an educational level for the primary and secondary school levels.

The talks follow a recent flare-up in tensions between the US and China over the virus, trade, elections and amid escalating China and India over their disputed territory.

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Paris cafes shut as Europe confronts second virus wave

AP - PARIS

Paris cafes will shut for two weeks as a preventive measure, after nearby Île-de-France area opened the highest tier of virus restrictions, the country's government said Saturday.

The shutting of cafes — seen by many as the essence of Parisian life — was being considered because the epidemic is surging in the French capital and its suburbs, and “unacceptable delays” in applying preventive measures have been noted.

The cafes will remain open in other regions of France.

The government took the decision after the Paris region — home to 12 million people and the country's economic heartland — moved into the highest tier of virus restrictions. The move hasEnuma

France has recorded 235,533 deaths, an increase of 1,073 people worldwide according to the latest tally based on official sources.

Spain became the fourth Western European nation to surpass 100,000 total coronavirus cases after registering 21,480 new infections over the weekend, health department data showed yesterday.

The cumulative total hit 103,412 on Friday, according to the health ministry.

While Madrid's regional authorities have committed two weeks of restrictions to contain spikes in healthcare experts, they have said they do not feel the need to go further.

Ireland's government is set to keep in place its broken thresholds to its health crisis to go to a second lockdown as a short-term measure, the cabinet has said.

While authorities are using a new testing program to target infections, it will continue to be applied to the country and care homes when the legal threshold is not met.

The leaders of the European Union have agreed to impose a second round of sanctions against China and Russia.

The move follows a series of discussions between the 27 leaders at a summit in December, which was broken off due to the pandemic. The EU leaders had agreed to impose sanctions against China for alleged human rights violations and against the Russian military after the poisoning of a former Russian spy.
Europe's pushback against migrants 'shameful'

The UN refugee chief yesterday lambasted countries which close their doors to desperate migrants and Europe's 'shameful' refusal to allow migrants stranded at sea to disembark quickly.

Filippo Grandi, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said the banking crisis around the world was causing 'tremendous pressure and opportunity' in the region.

The solution for their desti- nation countries was the opening of the United Nations Refugee Agency's office in Rome, he said, meeting 'can't be close to the door'.

'We cannot allow xenopho- bikes to dictate about how we treat those in our care, and allow the world's poorest, those who are being pro- tected,' Grandi told the BBC.

Kudarad, 84, a long-time advocate for the Nobel Liter- ary Prize, has been well- known with his "The End", which has since the 1960s when Albania was under the rule of a com- munist regime, been considered a state crime.

Kadare became interna- tional known with "The End" in 1995, when he won the Nobel Peace Prize. In 2003, he moved to France after the political crisis in his country.

Authorities in Belarus said that yesterday more than 300 people were detained during the previous day's protests against the country's President, who was the fifth in a row in a week, and 300 people were arrested.

The Interior Ministry said 317 people were detained during raids in several cities Sunday against Alexander Lukashenko, the capital Minsk, where according to a recent court decision people group of more than 300,000 people took part in a rally on Sunday. Some 200 were detained in the crowds, the min- istry said. Police estimated the crowd to be around 50,000 people.

In the capital of Vilnius, police used gas against protesters, the ministry said. The vast majority of those detained -- 258 -- remain in custody pending a court appearance.

The meeting was attended physically by 15 of the 19 members of the council. The New European and African Union, President Donald Trump, offering to take in a record low of 50,000 refugees next year -- down from more than 100,000 under Trump's predecessor Barack Obama.

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The US Supreme Court begins new term amid high drama

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The court is expected to hear arguments in several high-profile cases, including a challenge to the Affordable Care Act and a case on the constitutionality of the death penalty.

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“arrested and shipped the president out of the hospital while contagious,” Cuomo said.

Trump said he has a team of doctors at the White House monitoring, and has been given experimental drugs not really available to the public.

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Reuters —

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The Biden administration has called for a 2.2 trillion dollar aid package, including a $400 weekly pandemic unemployment benefit, to provide stimulus. Work together and pass this bill, he said.

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White House physician Sean Conley (centre) arrives to answer questions surrounding other doctors, during a press conference outside Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, yesterday.

People wait in line to be tested for COVID-19 at a city test site in the Brooklyn neighborhood of New York City on Wednesday.
Preparations are in full swing for the launch of the fourth edition of Katara International Hunting and Falconry Exhibition (S’Hail 2020), which will see the participation of around 140 companies from 15 countries, organizers have said.

Local and international companies which specialize in hunting and falconry equipment and supplies taking part this year come from Qatar, Kuwait, Pakistan, the United States, Great Britain, Spain, Turkey, Belgium, Lebanon, Portugal, Romania, France, and Hungary. While visitors are expected to arrive ahead of the opening of the event which runs from October 20 to 24, the vast exhibition area at Katara Holiday Village is expected to attract thousands of visitors this year, more than 80 percent according to organizers.

Last year, the five-day exhibition which was held at the same venue attracts around 128,000 visitors in more than 100 stalls representing local and international companies operating on QR84 million in sales.

To be the region’s largest and most prominent event dedicated to hunting and falconry, the exhibition is comprised of various sectors including hunting weapons and equipment, models of buildings and other acts such as falconry accessories, safaris and equipment and vehicles in addition to stand and food, among others.

Visitors to the exhibition are expected to witness an exceptional exhibition, which fully responds to the precautionary and safety measures against COVID-19.

The new edition is characterised by advanced activities developed by the exhibition management in line with the precautionary measures to prevent COVID-19 and in accordance with safe shopping standards, said Mohammad bin Abdul Latif Al Monjad, Vice Chairman of S’Hail 2020 Organising Committee.

Al Monjad said that work under way to design distinct sections with large exhibitions areas for some of the best international companies specialised in hunting weapons and falconry supplies as well as stands for traditional hunting and falconry handicrafts. He added that accompanying activities, cultural frontalities and harassment and hunting events also have been lined up this year.

In line with COVID-19 precautionary measures, hunting and falconry enthusiasts will be able to make their purchases online as well as participate in an online falcon contest followed by a special application that can be downloaded on the spot. The winner and the registration will be done online and the prizes will be delivered as soon as possible.

Abdul Aziz Al Sayed, Director of S’Hail 2020, said the event has benefited from its previous three editions which established a global reputation for Katara hunting and falconry exhibitions and a major platform for international companies to showcase their products.

For its latest edition, the event will organise an exhibition of which the best photography contest is due to take place with QR20,000 and highlights the partnership’s innovative design, new developments and ability to attract visitor attention.

A vendor walking in the rain on Patong walking street in Phuket, Thailand.

**Queen of Crime Christie’s first detective novel marks centenary**

Christie was 30 when in February 1920 The Mysterious Affair at Styles was published in Britain. The book was published in America in October that year and went on to sell three million copies in its first edition.

‘Gilded cage’: Private pools, fancy meals in Thailand’s luxury quarantine

A private infinity pool, gourmet meals — and two temperature-controlled rooms — are among the perks of “southern comfort” in three quarantine facilities in Phuket for Chinese tourists who have arrived in the country to avoid the costs and discomforts of overseas journeys for medical reasons.

The villas have been specially prepared by China’s Spring Airlines before the arrival of three groups of passengers, the airline said. The villas, which are up to 220 square metres in area, take on a “luxurious feel with decor designed around a theme of relaxation”.

Before entering the beaches, the 300 tourists from China and Indonesia will hark back to the pre-pandemic days of comfort and luxury by staying in these intimate villas, which are described as “luxury quarantine” facilities.

“IT will be comfortable but I am afraid it might be a little too comfortable because of this confinement,” said Sami Principe, a French tourist residing in Phuket in a villa designed by Spring Airlines which he is about to occupy.

However, Principe said he looked forward to being able to spend time with his wife and family in the island’s western province, where the villas are located.

The villas will not be private for at least 14 days, however, as they are to be used for the tourist quarantine programme, which is aimed at attracting Chinese tourists.

The programme, which was launched in January, offers tourists the chance to spend 14 days at a luxury hotel in Phuket before being able to explore the island.

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