In a statement published on its website, the GAC revealed a set of regulatory and preventive controls and procedures related to commercial shipments at the Abu Samra border port.

The statement includes that truck drivers coming from Saudi Arabia border post in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia must obtain a certificate authenticated by the Saudi Ministry of Health proving that they have been tested for COVID-19 within 72 hours of their entry into Abu Samra port. Drivers and trucks transporting goods to Qatar via Abu Samra are not permitted to enter the country. Without prior coordination with the port administration, the goods will be unloaded and re-loaded onto local trucks by the importers or his representative in the port. Trucks and drivers will return to Saudi Arabia immediately after completing the unloading process at Abu Samra port.

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Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, HE Sheikh Khalid bin Al Abdulaziz Al Thani, received yesterday at his office in the Amiri Diwan, during his meeting with the Amir of the state of Kuwait, H H the Amir of the State of Kuwait H E Marzouq Ali Al Ghanim, in the Amiri Diwan last morning.

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PM and FIFA President review cooperation

The Primary Health Care Corporation (PHCC) has received 8,977 Qataris and non-Qataris across 18 health centers on National Sport Day.

Among them, 1,291 patients were received at general medicine and family medicine clinics, while dental clinics received 212 patients. In addition to all urgent cases units that were received in the centers including Baker Al Madi, Al Buwain, Al Sheba, and Al Khuwain, Gharzal Al Raway, Rawdat Al Khal, Maafirat and Al Talat, where each case was dealt with according to its necessity.

PHCC has stated that it also provided a number of specialized clinic services, including ENT and dermatology clinics, in addition to pharmaceutical, radiology and laboratory services during National Sports Day to meet the needs of all patients. PHCC through its health centers received and evaluated suspected COVID-19 cases round the clock at Rawdat Al Khal and Um Al Salal Health Centers. Also, a number of specialized units that provide services for health centers.

PHCC noted that the community center provided 118 virtual for medical consultations to the clients that contacted prior to appointment with the service line 19300. It said that virtual counseling achieves the speed of patients, whose cases are classified as urgent, to obtain the necessary health care and any prescriptions for drugs they need through a specialized doctor while ensuring social distancing.

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Qatar-Saudi border trade to resume from Sunday

It will be released after the importer undertakes that the commodity hasn’t been disposed of after approval of proposal, except for goods of a dangerous nature which will be kept at the port until the examination by the laboratory authority is released.

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Eight arrested for violating home quarantine rules

Dejaou Jewellery & Watches Exhibition 2021 to be held in May
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Ferns N Petals offers exclusive gifts for Valentine's Day

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This is in addition to the variety of flowers, cakes, and gifts that the brand offers for the most romantic time of the year. The Valentine’s Day gifts are available at stores across Qatar.

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QU, Al Salam Petroleum sign oil research MoU

Gearing up for the season of love, Kalyan Jewellers has announced that its launch of its new Valentine's Day collection of fine and fashion jewellery, Kalyan’s Valentine’s collection, has been a big success. Speaking on the MoU, Ali Al Ansari, Vice-President of Qatar Affairs, and Abdul Salam Abu Issa, CEO of Al-Salam Company, said: “Today marks an important step in our commitment to further strengthen our partnership with the State of Qatar to the Netherlands and beyond. This MoU will enable us to bring our world-renowned jewellery expertise to the Dutch market and beyond, offering the very best to its loyalists.

Kalvan's launches special jewellery edition

MoWasałat marks National Sport Day

Mowasalat (Karwa) was named as one of the official transport companies for the Qatar National Day celebrations. The company offered free transport for the public to allow them to enjoy the festivities. The activities included a virtual parade, a football match, and a dam festival. The virtual parade was broadcasted on Mowasalat's social media channels, while the football match was played between the Qatari national team and a team from the Netherlands.

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Iran’s President Hassan Rouhani urged the West yesterday to restore the 2015 nuclear deal as the nation marked the anniversary of the Islamic Revolution. Rouhani, whose second term ends next month, said the deal was the only path to force Iran’s foes to respect its nuclear programme.

Rouhani also said “God was the one who imposed sanctions” and that the agreement is the only way forward. He noted that there is no other way for the world and the region. He also said that there is a need for a new understanding of the COVID-19 backlash.

Rouhani said, “God also said that God who one who rules.” Former President Donald Trump, who pulled out of the deal in 2018, raised the possibility of lifting sanctions on Iran. Trump pressures were also effective in Trump’s 2020 re-election bid.

Trump’S US November election bid to decided the deal but insists that Iran must first be designated as a stable player in the region. That’s created much if controversies over whether the US would be willing to lift sanctions.

Rouhani said Iran would be willing to lift sanctions if Iran is willing to reduce its nuclear programme to a level where it would be difficult for Iran to reach the bomb.

Iranian regime on nuclear work in the West and said the deal would be restored. He added that the deal was an example of how the West and Iran can work together on issues that are in the interests of both.

The deal, forged in 2015 by Iran, the US, China, Russia, the UK, France and Germany, was aimed at restricting Iran’s nuclear programme in exchange for sanctions relief.

The deal, which came into force in January 2016, has been repeatedly questioned by US President Donald Trump and others.

The death toll from COVID-19 in Iran in January 2021 exceeded 50,000. Since the pandemic started, nearly 2,000,000 people have died worldwide due to the pandemic, including Europe, the US, and Asia.

US officials are trying to revive peace talks to end the war. The new administration in Washington is expected to announce an end to its own economic sanctions on Iran. The US has already frozen all of its operations in Yemen.

The US envoy for Yemen and the UN Special Envoy for Yemen, Hans Corenblit, met with President Rohani in Tehran yesterday. They discussed how to make progress toward a nationwide ceasefire and reviving the political process in Yemen. A US spokesman said.

Rouhani and Yemeni President Abdrabbuh Mansour Hadi discussed the situation in Yemen and the need for a political solution. The Yemeni president praised the Iranian government’s efforts to promote peace and stability in the region.

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Estonia's UN ambassador, Estonian President Kersti Kaljulaid and Foreign Minister Sven Mikser address the media at the United Nations in New York, U.S., March 2, 2021. REUTERS/Mike Segar

Ghana’s parliament has been called into session to consider emergency measures to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

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Qatar stands by Lebanon

The State of Qatar has been actively engaged in the reconstruction of Lebanon following a massive blast at Beirut port in August last year. Qatar’s Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs H E Sheikh Mohammed bin Abd alrahman Al Thani visited Lebanon on Tuesday and held consultations with the Lebanese authorities in Beirut. H E Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Amir of Qatar, also e-mailed President of Lebanon, H E Sheikh Mohammed bin Abd alrahman Al Thani to convey a message of support and solidarity at a time when Lebanon is going through a difficult phase.

The Foreign Minister reiterated Qatar’s support to Lebanon, saying Doha will always be proactive to support the Lebanese people and help them to overcome the crisis. After the port blast, Qatar also dispatched two field hospitals to Lebanon to add the recovery efforts. Doha is also reconstructing a hospital destroyed in the blast. In addition, the State of Qatar has already provided 25 million US dollars to support 55 public schools, 20 technical institutes, and 80 university buildings in Lebanon. In addition, the State of Qatar has also provided scholarships to 400 university students in Beirut.

The Amir of Qatar also handed over a written message by Amir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani to the Lebanese president, in which H H the Amir expressed Qatar’s support for Lebanon and encouraged the Lebanese sides to work together to bring stability to the country. He wished the various Lebanese political groups success so that they prioritise the interest of the Lebanese people and work to form a government. We in Qatar wish them all success in their consultations, he remarked.

During his visit, Qatar’s top diplomat also called on all Lebanese political groups to make the efforts to find a solution to the political impasse, saying Doha will always support any path leading to the formation of a government. The Foreign Minister hoped that a government supported by all Lebanese political groups would bring stability to the country. He wished the various Lebanese political groups success so that they prioritise the interest of the Lebanese people and work to form a government as soon as possible. “We look at the future of Lebanon as a promising and positive future, but this matter requires stability and a government,” he added. Qatar wishes all Lebanese political groups success so that they prioritise the interest over political interests in order to achieve political stability.

The G-7 should take on a role like that played by the US government in Operation Warp Speed - working directly with pharmaceutical companies to tap unused vaccine-making capacity around the world, and helping set up supply and distribution networks.

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A scramble for COVID-19 vaccines has broken out among some of the world’s least-affected nations. This is understandable - but not because new ovens need to be stoked as well. Much more worrying is a patchwork cage on in poorer parts of the world, one that provides few options to end the emergency. Self-interest aligns with what should be a moral imperative: increasing the supply of vaccines for everybody needs to be given a much higher priority. The European Union recently took a controversial step to secure doses for its citizens, restricting the export of vaccines until its own orders have been met. But the rich world goes further. It has done what it can to source scarce supplies. Mexico has bought enough of the 12.5 billion doses planned for delivery this year are being allocated for use mostly by developed countries. Canada has enough to vaccinate its population five times over. Poor nations can hope to inoculate only a fraction of their populations this year. If current trends hold, many won’t complete their vaccination programs until 2024.

Allowing the pandemic to continue uncurtailed across much of the globe would be permissible - and, it must be emphasized, dangerous for everyone. It greatly increases the risk of deadly new strains, and if those variants are found to be better at evading the vaccines, even fully inoculated nations might need to order more. In addition, persistent global economic disruption will weigh on the rich countries recovering enough to keep the world on course. The smart thing to do, as well as the right thing, is to do more.

The success of additional vaccine candidates will help to expand potential supply, but manufacturing capacity still continues to pose a problem. How best to ramp up production? A group of countries led by India and South Africa is pushing for intellectual property rights for COVID-19 vaccines to be wafterd until its own orders have been met. It would be better to allow the vaccine makers as willing allies - both in scaling up what their own manufacturing as quickly as possible and in forming partnerships with other producers. Drugmakers lacking viable COVID-19 vaccines of their own should come forward to share what they have. It will be easier for them to do more if the WHO’s COVAX program were to provide the money companies will need to scale up production, including to upgrade facilities, train staff, and procure antivirals, vaccines, and rights. The cost could be substantial - but only a fraction of what rich countries will lose if the pandemic goes on.

Such efforts are not at the front of governments’ minds. They should be. If ever there was a moment for ambitious internationalism, this is it. We need an Operation Warp Speed for the world.

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A viral locomotive is heading straight at us, and how we deal with this crisis will determine whether we are a people of the future or a people of the past. The world hasn’t seen anything like what is coming our way since the Spanish influenza epidemic at the end of the First World War. The latest variant of COVID-19 is far more transmissible than the older ones, creates a far greater window into the pandemic genomic surveillance. That requires the formation of a government. We in Qatar wish them all success in their consultations,” he remarked.

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During his visit, Qatar’s top diplomat also called on all Lebanese political groups to make the efforts to find a solution to the political impasse, saying Doha will always support any path leading to the formation of a government. The Foreign Minister hoped that a government supported by all Lebanese political groups would bring stability to the country. He wished the various Lebanese political groups success so that they prioritise the interest over political interests in order to achieve political stability.

The G-7 should take on a role like that played by the US government in Operation Warp Speed - working directly with pharmaceutical companies to tap unused vaccine-making capacity around the world, and helping set up supply and distribution networks.

We need an Operation Warp Speed for the world
Biden's next economic challenge: Getting manufacturing jobs back

**Joe Biden**

Biden began his presidency much as his predecessor did, promising to restore hope to a blue-collar middle class devastated by the ravages of trade deals and technological change. But the realities of trying to stoke US manufacturing employment in the wake of an economic crisis are quickly becoming apparent. After a period of recovery last year, US factories portray a shutdown in employment amid a sustained expansion in output. The truth is that the jobs lost to China's comparative advantage are not likely to return; even the most ardent supporters have conceded as much. The question is not whether we can bring jobs back to the US but how we can help those who have lost them. Biden's plan is to invest in human capital and infrastructure -- and they are related. There is a clear message. Even as the Biden administration is working to address the worst public health crisis in a century, the US is also attempting to grapple with another pandemic -- a grueling diplomatic challenge that could be even more intractable.

**1. Global recovery cannot take hold without US manufacturing**

The world's largest economy is home to about one-fifth of global manufacturing jobs. While US manufacturing employment peaked in June 1979 and has been in decline ever since, it remains a core part of American life. And it is also a central part of the Biden administration's agenda: getting manufacturing jobs back.

Joe Biden promised to create jobs in his inaguration speech, and he is well-versed in the basics of trade policy. He has a long history of support for labor and environmental standards in trade agreements and has called for a strong US manufacturing sector. He has also emphasized the importance of investing in infrastructure and education, both of which he sees as crucial to the revival of manufacturing jobs. His administration has promised to invest in American workers and industries, and he has pledged to rejoin the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), a trade agreement that was dismantled by the previous administration.

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The US manufacturing sector has been hit hard by the pandemic, with factories forced to close and millions of workers losing their jobs. The Biden administration has promised to help bring US manufacturing jobs back, and it has already taken some steps to do so. The US has announced a major economic revival package that includes investments in infrastructure and support for American workers and businesses. The administration has also pledged to rejoin the Trans-Pacific Partnership and to negotiate new trade deals that prioritize US workers and industries.

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The protests were met with a heavy police response, with reports of tear gas being fired and protesters being arrested. The protesters, however, continued to demonstrate and there were clashes with security forces. The situation remains tense, with uncertainty about the situation's resolution.

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The ban on viral vaccines has been lifted in Sri Lanka, allowing for the import and use of COVID-19 vaccines. This move comes after months of uncertainty and controversy over the ban, which had been in place since May 2021. The lifting of the ban is seen as a significant step in the country's vaccination campaign.

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Twitter has suspended more accounts in India amid ongoing debates over free speech and content moderation. The move follows a series of legal challenges and regulatory actions by the Indian government, which has been increasingly cracking down on social media platforms.

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New Zealand has announced that it will prioritize the vaccination of high-risk groups, such as households with children under 12 and pregnant women. This move comes as the country prepares to further ease its lockdown measures and return to normalcy.

Hong Kong to ease coronavirus restrictions as daily cases fall

Hong Kong has announced plans to ease coronavirus restrictions, with plans to remove restrictions on public gatherings and reduce the required quarantine period for overseas arrivals. This move comes as the city continues to see a decline in daily cases.
Chinese unmanned spacecraft successfully enters Mars orbit

BLOOMBERG — An unmanned Chinese spacecraft successfully entered the orbit of Mars on Thursday, marking the country’s first independent mission to the red planet.

The robotic probe carried out its six-month journey after a 424-minute journey from Earth. China’s space agency said in a statement that the spacecraft reached Mars after a seven-month journey.

The probe is equipped with a range of scientific instruments, including a camera, spectrometer and radar, to study the planet’s surface and atmosphere.

The successful entry, descent and landing (EDL) of the probe, known as Tianwen-1, is a significant milestone in China’s space exploration program.

“The successful entry, descent and landing of Tianwen-1 marks the beginning of China’s exploration of Mars,” said Huang Zhibin, director of the National Space Administration’s Mars Exploration Program.

According to Huang, the successful landing of Tianwen-1 is a crucial step in China’s plan to establish a permanent human base on Mars in the next 30 years.

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**EU chief admits to failures in vaccine rollout**

AP — BRUSSELS

As the European Union surpassed 500,000 people lost to the virus, its commission chief said yesterday that the bloc’s vaccine rollout could have been better and that barriers prevent the bloc from delivering on time.

"We are still where we want to be," von der Leyen told the EU parliament. "But we have identified the causes of the block. They have been in the wrong processes and of course in the wrong authorisation."

The EU’s coronavirus response has been slowed by delays, mistakes and legal disputes. Von der Leyen noted that the bloc’s vaccine rollout could have been better and that barriers prevent the bloc from delivering on time.

"Some people were in a hurry to get on the stage, von der Leyen told the EU parliament. "But we have to be patient and we have to be careful."

The bloc has faced a number of delays in its vaccine rollout, including problems with the AstraZeneca jab and concerns about the production capacity of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. Von der Leyen admitted that the EU’s vaccine strategy had been impacted by delays and that more needed to be done to improve the bloc’s vaccine rollout.

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**UK promises £4.6bn on more unsafe cladding towers**

**BRUSSELS — LONDON**

British government yesterday announced a £4.6 billion scheme to replace unsafe cladding on high-rise buildings. The announcement comes after a fire safety expert said cladding on some of the country’s tallest buildings was “not fit for purpose”.

Brussels is backing London’s announcement, with the two cities agreeing to work together on the issue. The government has also said it will provide £500 million in support for the scheme.

"We have been working with the UK government and I am pleased to announce this package," said von der Leyen.

The scheme has been welcomed by the UK government, which has been under pressure to replace cladding on high-rise buildings.

"This is a welcome step forward," said Prime Minister Boris Johnson. "We will work closely with the UK to ensure that all high-rise buildings are safe and secure."
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El Salvador opps President’s removal

AP — SAN SALVADOR
Opposition lawmakers in El Salvador on Tuesday proposed starting an impeachment case against President Nayib Bukele, which could hasten his exit if it touches off a broad popular backlash. Of the 82-seat legislature, 44 seats are controlled by the FMLN and 38 by the President’s party. 

El Salvador’s historical parties from the left and right appeared poised to unite against Bukele who ran an outsider’s campaign that carried him to the presidency less than two years ago. He maintains broad popular support, but has failed to deliver on his promise to control the legislature at every turn. “We’re either facing a crisis or we’re facing a disaffected person who is looking for a leader,” said Deputy Ricardo Velazquez, an FMLN lawmaker from the conservative National Republican Alliance party. Alvarado proposed a referendum that would allow for Bukele’s removal if he falters on his promise to be physically or mentally unfit.

He accused Bukele of violating the January 31 killing of two people located nearby the National Liberation Front, or FMLN, headquarters, where an armed group was working for the Health Ministry and for which he was tipped off with the killings. 

The move would support the left’s FMLN and the right’s National Republican Alliance. It goes to the Legislative Assembly which is controlled by those parties.

El Salvador’s political leaders have taken a lax economic stance. “It’s incredible, but revealing, to see the self-proclaimed ‘fathers of democracy’ maintain total silence before the gigantic millionaire’s use of the CITMA,” an organization that monitors the public. “It was the first time they went silent,” Bukele wrote.

The FMLN’s congress has broken a three-decade-long tradition of holding self-appointed elections in FMLN. Both have suffered high-profile assassinations. The triple was stranded on the water and they were able to focus on their own needs. They were the first chance for organized activities for children, the report said.

The FARC ended five decades of conflict with the government reached a peace process and returned to civilian life. 

Carnival Corp, the largest cruise operator, said in an email, “We are currently exploring several initiatives that may allow such cruises to continue, including a waiver of the current1.5% environmental fee.”

Mexico has the most deadly virus outbreak in Latin America

BLOOMBERG — MEXICO
Mexico has surpassed Panama and Peru to become the dead- last country for COVID-19 Latin America. 

Recent surge in deaths has brought the virus’s toll to 19,270 people, just above Panama’s, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. Mexico’s fatalities are now the fifth highest per capita in the world. 

Mexico has taken a tough approach to the virus, calling on citizens to regulate their acitiv- ities rather than forcing them to lock down. The nation has also been plagued by a suicide rate for the virus, and despite a recent increase, still has one of the lowest positivity rates in the world. President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, who has just recovered from the virus, still refuses to wear a mask. Mexico has reported 493,565 COVID-19 cases and 106,735 deaths as of Thursday evening.

In Mexico City, the rate of excess deaths per million people is the highest in the world, according to data from the Office of the Director of Epidemiology. 

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Democrats: Trump ‘inciter in chief’ of Capitol attack

AP — WASHINGTON

The first full day of arguments are beginning in Donald Trump’s Senate impeachment trial in Washington.

House Democrats, who are leading the prosecution, must prove Trump “incited an insurrection” that left five people dead and to show the case is complete.

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Opening the first full day of arguments, a senior Democratic prosecutor said they will try to outline evidence that shows how Trump’s mindset, behavior, and ideology encouraged a rally crowd to break into the Capitol in the belief that nothing to stem the violence and stop “illegal plotters” as a mob stormed the iconic building.

“Let’s talk if it may have killed chaos and colors throughout the day,” said Senate impeachment managerin chief Jamie Raskin.

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COVID-19 maths: All the virus in the world would fit in a coke can

By LUKE STONER

The COVID-19 virus is smaller than a grain of sand, yet it has the power to paralyse entire countries. The latest wave of infections, driven by the Delta variant, has caused a surge in cases that has not been seen since the pandemic’s first peak in winter 2020.

The virus is so small that it can’t be seen with the naked eye, and it is invisible to the human immune system. Yet it has managed to undermine the global economy, cost millions of lives, and disrupt the lives of billions of people.

In his latest solo exhibition, which opened on Tuesday at Al Markhiya Gallery at the Fire Station, Daham encapsulates in about 50 mixed media pieces and works how the unprecedented emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic has shaken the world and transformed the society.

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The group was led by ATL’s Clive Dix, who said the vaccine was an important step forward in the global vaccine rollout. The group recommended the vaccine for use in adults and adolescents aged 18 years and older.

The recommendation follows a series of meetings held by the WHO’s independent expert group, which reviewed the available data on the safety and efficacy of the AstraZeneca vaccine.

Experts noted that the vaccine is effective and safe, with a good safety profile and a low rate of side effects.

The group also recommended the vaccine for use in high-risk populations, such as those with underlying health conditions, and in countries where access to other vaccines is limited.

WHO experts noted that the vaccine is an important tool in the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and that it can help to protect vulnerable populations and reduce the burden of the disease.

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The social media app Clubhouse is now on a mobile phone in this illustration picture taken February 8, 2021.

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