Emir holds phone talk with Hamas chief

The Emir of Qatar bin Hamad al-Thani held yesterday a phone conversation with President Mahmoud Abulacel Hamas, while the Qatar government and Hamas are in disagreement over the crisis between the two parties. The phone conversation came after the Qatari government issued a statement yesterday in which it reiterated Qatar’s firm support for the Palestinian people, expressing its welcome for the reconciliation agreement between Fatah and Hamas for the good of the Palestinian division, reconciliation and joint efforts to achieve the goal of reconstruction. The Emir reiterated Qatar’s firm support for the Palestinian people until they achieve their legitimate rights and establish their independent state on East Jerusalem as its capital.

Most Emiratis in favour of lifting Qatar blockade

A senior Qatar World Cup official said on social media today that an 82% majority of Emiratis support lifting the blockade of Qatar, which has been imposed by Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the UAE and Bahrain since June 2017.

The official, who was not named, noted in his Facebook posting that a clear majority of Emiratis (72%) support lifting the blockade while 28% are against it. He added that most of the support comes from the young generation in Qatar, with 90% of them supporting the lifting of the blockade.

The official further mentioned that Qatar has been working hard to resolve the dispute and resolve the crisis in the region, and has invited the leaders of the blockading states to Doha to discuss the issue. He added that Qatar is ready to discuss any issue with the leaders of the blockading states to resolve the crisis and lift the blockade.

The official concluded his post by saying that Qatar is committed to resolving the crisis and lifting the blockade, and that Qatar is working hard to achieve this goal.
Pink Walk breast cancer awareness opened online registration for the press preview will take place on October 21, at 4pm.

Growth in number of recycling firms: QGBC official

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California -

Firefighters faced high winds, dry, windy weather. Some wildfires continued to burn up wildfires and eat other others in the Northern California.

The most lethal wildfires in California's history have killed people while they slept in their beds, and prompted authorities to order thousands of residents from their homes. Over the past two days, the fires have burned an estimated 10,000 acres, including more than 13,000 acres in the nearly-invincible California, about 1,700 acres were set on fire, people slept in buses in the parking lot and walked around the streets trying to find shelter. Twenty-eight-year-old Yannick Frankel, found dead his home, an Associated Press photographer, was killed in the fire.

Uber backs off threat to leave Quebec

Uber yesterday backed off its threat to leave Quebec after the Canadian government agreed to tweak its regulation on ride-hailing services, allowing Uber to continue operating in the province.

Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi had threatened to leave Quebec if the rules were not changed.

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A year after King’s death, Thailand prepares to bid final goodbye

BANGKOK — The complex, which is home to the royal family, has been adorned with hundreds of thousands of flower petals in preparation for the King’s final years to give alms to Buddhist monks as part of a merit-making ceremony to take place, I just wanted to have a few words for the nation, said a 65-year-old woman in her 60s as she bowed her head in front of the glittering palace.

The nation’s royal court has held a prayer service to mark the first year since the death of King Bhumibol Adulyadej, as the grieving nation prepares to bid final goodbye to the monarch. Vajiralongkorn, the King’s son, lit candles at the Grand Palace.

Visitors look at the skeletons of fish that are on display as part of an exhibition showcasing 100 artefacts, from a collection of around 5,000, that are on display at the Australian Museum in Sydney, Australia.

Three dead in mid-air skydiving crash in tourist town of Cairns

Three people died yesterday when a mid-air collision between two tandem skydivers sent them plunging to their deaths in a tourist town in Australia.

Jailed Hong Kong activist Wong found guilty of contempt of court

Joshua Wong, a former student leader, was sentenced to 14 months in prison for his role in a demonstration last year.

Vietnam flood, landslide toll hits 54

Vietnam has already been hit by severe rain and storms this year, with nearly 170 people dead or missing before the end of the year. Typhoon Ockhi killed 11 people and caused widespread destruction last month when it slammed into central Vietnam.
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The Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, has floated the idea of stopping walk-in patients from attending hospital emergency departments, a move that could have a significant impact on the crisis in the health service.

NHS England has detailed its plans to limit walk-in practice, requiring patients to consult their GP or local walk-in centre, a move that could see a 30% fall in A&E attendances. However, Sir Eleanor Taylor, chair of the NHS Improvement Commissioning Board, said the health service was considering the idea.

“Guy’s has mentioned to some of our colleagues, maybe we should have a ‘walk in – bite the bullet’ line,” Taylor told the doctors’ magazine *GPs*.

Labour, the BMA and the Foundation Association said Hunt’s idea revealed the depth of the financial crisis facing the NHS.

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A judge yesterday denied a last-ditch appeal by the brother of six children killed in a road crash, after a high court judge said the family’s case would not be heard by the Supreme Court.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Justice said: “The application for leave to appeal against the determination of the Supreme Court was refused by a majority of 44 to 15.”

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Catalan leader faces heat from friends and foes

Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy met with his two main right-wing opponents, Ciudadanos and Vox, at the weekend to try to thrash out a plan to halt the region’s drive to independence. Rajoy’s talks with the Ciudadanos’ leader, Albert Rivera, and the Vox’s head, Santiago Abascal, were both described as “very good”.

The center-right Ciudadanos is opposed to the Catalan movement, but is concerned about the possibility that the pro-independence party, Podemos, could benefit from a new election and make a pact with the Basque Nationalists. The Basques have been pushing for greater autonomy.

However, the talks did not lead to any agreement and the three parties are expected to continue their discussions next week.

Prime Minister Rajoy is under pressure from his own party as well as other right-wing groups to take action against the Catalan movement.

Rajoy has been criticized for not doing enough to stop the independence movement, and has faced growing opposition from within his own party.

The Catalan referendum on independence was held on October 1st, and has been widely condemned by the Spanish government.

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Mexico City home prices stayed solid after the jolt that shook the city last month, according to a report.

The report, which is conducted by a real estate consulting firm, found that home prices in Mexico City's most expensive neighborhoods continued to rise, with an average increase of 2% in the second quarter of the year.

"A great quantity of people, who will not have been hit, may say that they had not and will only rise due to what's left in the construction process," said Eduardo Trujillo, head of the consulting firm. "But we see that the housing market in Mexico City is very resilient and that prices will continue to rise.""...

Creditors of Brazil’s Federal Bank shun debt plan

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The Pakistan military said Friday it had captured a US-Ca nadaian couple who had been held hostage by the Haqqani network for nearly a year, describing the Haqqani network as a terrorist group.

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Anti-narcotics chief warns of drugs war slowdown

**Manila**

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has already based his thrust to eradicate drugs and crime on 14 hours of news reports, and there is no evidence that the order is to end in the near future, he said Friday.

Duterte threatened a few weeks on Thursday to quickly accuse European states homes as he accused his government, without citing evidence, of being “the most corrupt in the world”.

"The thing we see on a bunch of news reports are you are not seeing. The news are about the biggest crimes happening now, tell me, are you seeing those news reports?

"They areiche report about the dirty mechanics cut now tomorrow. You turn on CNN, you turn on all of the new, you turn on all of the big news reports, they are all news reports, they are all news reports, there is no report that these news reports have to spoil our home.

"There is no directive to do that. "Duterte told reporters when asked if European ambas-
sadors should have.

"This government is a production of the public sentiment that was triggered by media reports about a small group of European lawmakers who, based on their sources, had also been called to a press conference on the issue last week.

"I have received this news, I have read the news, the news were aimed at combating the activities of the so-called drug syndicates. And that news, and all of the news reports were also for the need for centri-
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"All ambassadors did not explain that news made that assumption that they wanted the Philippine
eight of Manila "Duterte Running Man Challenge" was not available for con-
tact, adding that it featured "super-
mental digital content against the use of illegal drugs.

"The word of the human rights groups and so we are very much open to make changes in the game in order to remove the stigma that the game is promoting violence," he said.

"It is not a game, it is not a game, it is not a game," Duterte said in an advisory.

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The airport project was approved in 2012, with a 99-year lease and was planned to expand its footprint in the near future. The Indian government is said to be interested in acquiring a stake in the airport, which is currently being operated by the Sri Lankan government.

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By Dominique Legras

This year, images of listless, glassy-eyed cholera victims became emblematic of the disease worldwide. The disease has spread at an unprecedented rate in Yemen, where more than 2,000 people have died since April.

“When is your trial?” This is often the first question asked when I visit the site of a cholera outbreak, in the midst of an emergency of global proportions. When I visit the site of a cholera outbreak, in the midst of an emergency of global proportions.

To many, the disease seems distant, an exotic malady that has no impact on their daily lives. But for those who work in cholera control, the situation is anything but.

A recent study by the World Health Organization (WHO) estimated that in 2016, there were 1.9 million cases of cholera worldwide, resulting in 14,200 deaths. The majority of these cases were reported in Yemen, where the disease has spread rapidly due to the ongoing conflict.

Cholera is a bacterial disease that is transmitted through contaminated water or food, and is characterized by severe diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration. The symptoms can develop within hours of exposure to the bacteria, and can be fatal if not treated promptly.

The disease is particularly challenging to control in Yemen, where access to clean water and sanitation facilities is limited. The conflict has disrupted the country’s infrastructure, making it difficult to deliver essential services to those in need.

In order to prevent the spread of cholera, it is crucial to improve access to clean water and sanitation, and to ensure that people have the means to safely dispose of their waste.

The international community has responded to the cholera outbreak in Yemen with a multi-sector approach that includes water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions, as well as the provision of oral rehydration solutions.

Despite these efforts, the situation remains dire. The ongoing conflict has made it difficult to deliver essential services, and cholera continues to spread.

As the situation in Yemen continues to evolve, it is crucial that the international community remain committed to supporting the efforts to control the disease. This includes providing funds for water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions, as well as for the provision of oral rehydration solutions.

By working together, we can help to prevent the spread of cholera in Yemen, and ensure that those in need receive the vital services they require.
Winners of Katara Arabic Novel Prizes feted at grand ceremony

The yearly prize is an effort at adding value to the Arab novel and to stimulate literary activities, culminating with awareness of winners of Katara Prize for the Arabic Novel. Over a short period of time, Katara Prize for Arabic Novel has become a recognized platform where Arab writers from within and outside Qatar have been able to present their works and get their words collected.

In this edition, there were 1,144 entries, which comprised submission in the category of unpublished novels, 43 in published research studies and 84 in the unpublished category for young writers. During the ceremony, the General Manager of the Cultural Village-Foundation-Katara Dr Khalid bin Ibrahim al-Sulaiti, said: “As we acknowledge and reach the 12th of October as the International Arab Novel Day, which strategically poses that the award is a new vital station in the Arab novel path, that identified Katara as the main place where Katara is undergoing today in a move into future novelists and literary critics while motivating and inspiring them towards creativity and literature.”

The Katara chief also praised the efforts of researchers and researchers and intellectuals who have contributed to the project to meet, share experiences and get their works collected.

Furthermore, in the Prize for Arabic Novel, published categories, the General Manager of Katara Dr Khalid bin Ibrahim al-Sulaiti, stated that the炕ara initiative targeted towards integrating the fiction novel with the first-two sector, as this year’s edition enthusiastically witnessed the participation of a group of Arab novelists and writers from all Arab countries who passionately, motivated and keenly participated in the novel and books which included to combine the beauty of art with high-end creativity. It is worth mentioning that the financial prizes allocated for the third edition equals $150,000, and that each participant who added a new category, named “Creative Young Adult” uplifted the novel to the highest level, where the top ten winners will be awarded $5,000 each and that each will be awarded $15,000, holding a total financial amount of $150,000 for this category.

The top five published works from the Research, Evaluation and Literary Criticism category, noting that the top ten winners will be awarded $5,000, and that each will be awarded $25,000, holding a total financial amount of $250,000.

Particularly for the Arab Novel, there were several categories: First: The Third edition of Katara Prize for Arabic Novel, was awarded a prize of $50,000, whereas at the end of the prize ceremony, the two speakers commented that the proper tools to develop their projects, exploring avenues to ensure the success, make them successful and famous trademarks.

T he Bedaya Centre for Entrepreneur Development (Bedaya) successfully organized the 15th Bedaya Entrepreneurship Conference with the theme “Entrepreneurship: Enabling Innovation for Growth” held at Katara Cultural Village on November 26 under the patronage of H.E. Al Sada, Minister of Energy and Industry. The conference was attended by around 240 guests, including government officials, entrepreneurs, business leaders, and academic experts.

Ms. Lalali, the Chairperson of Bedaya Centre, said: “We are proud to support the entrepreneurial drive of Qatar’s youth and are committed to providing them with the necessary tools and knowledge to succeed in the business world. The conference was an opportunity to discuss the challenges and opportunities that our youth face and to provide them with the guidance they need to succeed.”

Mr. Al-Khoie, the CEO of Qatar Development Bank, said: “Entrepreneurship is key to the country’s economic growth. We need to continue to support young entrepreneurs, providing them with the necessary tools, resources, and guidance to help them succeed.”

The conference also featured several workshops and panel discussions, including sessions on financing, marketing, and networking. Participants had the opportunity to connect with fellow entrepreneurs and industry experts.

The Bedaya Centre is a government-owned entity that aims to support and empower entrepreneurs in Qatar. It offers various programs and services to help entrepreneurs start and grow their businesses, including startup support, mentorship, and networking opportunities. The Centre is committed to creating a supportive environment for entrepreneurs to thrive and contribute to the country’s economic growth.