in brief

AFRICA | Deception
Somali President Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo met yesterday with French President Emmanuel Macron in Paris, Foreign Affairs HE Bin Said bin Saqr Al-Marri said. During the meeting, President Farmajo thanked France for its efforts to support the government and people of Somalia. The two sides discussed ways to manage the security situation and boosting them in various fields. Meanwhile, Foreign Minister of Mali Soumana Makhtar Al-Khairy and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation Ahmad Fawwaz also met with Al-Marri. The meeting touched on the bilateral relations and means of contributing to each other’s development.

AMERICA | Crisis
11 dead in Pittsburgh synagogue shooting
Dozens of people were killed and injured in a Pittsburgh synagogue shooting yesterday, the city’s public safety director Mendell Franks said, as an abc News investigation was launched to determine facts and discover if the case was a hate crime, whose origins are unknown. The shooting prompted严重 security alerts throughout the United States and within the country’s borders.

ASIA | Drama
Lanka crisis worsens as parliament suspended
Sri Lanka’s president has postponed parliament’s fourth sitting until 2020 in an attempt to avoid a confrontation against his surprise buddy of the prime minister’s office, who is facing an economic crisis. The president, who is considered one of the most successful and most powerful in the region, has been criticized for his handling of the crisis and the country’s economy, and has been held responsible for keeping the country in a state of economic uncertainty.

EUROPE | Agreement
Catalan former leader launches a new party
A year after threatening the unity of Spain with an attempt to declare independence, the former Catalan president Carles Puigdemont spoke yesterday about the possibility of forming a new political party. Puigdemont had previously announced that he would run for the next regional election as a candidate for the new party.

Germany seeks common European response on Saudi arms sales
Germany has stepped up its efforts to secure a common European response on the Saudi arms sales controversy. According to the inquirer, Germany’sforeign minister, Heiko Maas, has been in contact with colleagues from other EU countries to discuss ways to respond to the controversy.

Qatar non-oil exports and trade balance rise sharply
Qatar’s non-oil exports soared 13.5% to reach QR3.4bn in the first nine months of 2018 compared to the same period last year, according to a Qatar Chamber report. The country’s commerce balance showed a rise of 13.5% from the same period last year, according to data from the Ministry of Development Planning and Statistics. Qatari Attorney General of Co-operation Council countries, the European Union, including Turkey, 16 Asian countries except Arab countries; 14 African countries except Arab countries, and two North American countries.

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National campaign on right to education concludes

T he national campaign on right to education concludes today, the National Committee on the Right to Education, said yesterday.

Ahida al-Kuwari, head of the Campaign Committee, said the campaign’s efforts were aimed at raising awareness and promoting access to education and ensuring children in schools around the world have access to education.

As part of the campaign, many awareness events were presented, including an exhibition of books and publications on the right to education.

The “Campaign for Education” campaign was part of Qatar’s efforts to support the right to education at the national and international levels, its activities have involved students and their parents, civil society organisations and all sectors of society.

Qatar believes that education plays a positive role in achieving human development, communication and mutual understanding between civilizations and cultures, and promotes common human values, human rights and the principles of justice, and peace. It has initiated the campaign as part of its efforts to make Qatar a partner to the state of Qatar and the region in the field of education.

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Al Emadi Hospital campaign raises awareness about obesity

A! ""a""""al Emadi Hospital organise""d last week a three-day awareness campaign highlighting the effects of obesity on health and promoting ways to prevent it and enjoy a healthy lifestyle.

Participation in the initiative came through an awareness campaign held at the Outpatient Clinics building at Al Emadi Hospital in the presence of the hospital's staff, patients, families and their children.

The campaign was organised in line with Al Emadi Hospital's commitment to preventing and fighting the spread of obesity, it said in a statement.

The highlights of the event included the screening of videos on the effects of obesity – a condition wherein a person has accumulated so much body fat that it could have a negative effect on health, in addition to the distribution of flyers on the best ways to prevent it and enjoy a healthy lifestyle.

""Al Emadi Hospital is always keen to participate in this initiative as obesity is a major risk for developing various diseases, including Type 2 diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia and other health problems,"" said Dr. Mohamed Abdulla Al Emadi, chairman and senior consultant – general, laparoscopic and bariatric surgery, Al Emadi Hospital.

""World Obesity Day was launched in 2015 to stimulate and support practical solutions to help people achieve and maintain a healthy weight, and to reverse the obesity crisis,"" he added.

The campaign was organised in line with Al Emadi Hospital's 'commitment to preventing and fighting the spread of obesity'.
QCB governor meets head of Bank Al Maghrib

HE the Governor of Qatar Central Bank (QCB), Sheikh Abdullah bin Saoud al-Thani, has met the Governor of Bank Al Maghrib Abdellatif Jouahri in Rabat. The meeting discussed a number of issues of mutual concern, as well as the 2019 action plan. The meeting came within the framework of activating the provisions of the memorandum of understanding signed between the two sides in Doha on February 23, 2011.

Rota restores sports facilities at 3 Palestinian refugee camps

Eduction Above All (GAA) Foundation, through its programme Reach Out to Asia (Rota), has celebrated the completion of Rota’s ‘Empowering Palestinian Refugee Children and Youth Through Sports’ project in Lebanon, investing in building sports facilities and implementing training programmes in three Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon.

The project was launched in 2015 with the aim of refurbishing sports facilities and initiating a training project for the benefit of Palestinian refugee youth in El-Buss camp, Mieh Mieh Camp, and Nahr al-Bared Camp, which all suffer from conditions of poverty, negligence and poor infrastructure. Before the completion of the Rota’s initiative, young people living in these refugee camps had limited access to sporting grounds and recreational activities, as the voluntary community-based sports clubs were not sufficiently equipped or supported.

A field visit on October 26 and 27 was conducted by Rota’s executive director Essa al-Mannai and Rota goodwill ambassador Ghanim al-Muftah, who paid visits to the three Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon and inaugurated the revamped sports fields and facilities.

Al-Muftah played a major role in the successful implementation and execution of the refurbishment of playing fields. Also, after his visit to the Palestinian refugee camp of Nahr El-Bared in 2015, he led a campaign to secure financing for the project. Thanks to his efforts, the funds were collected – giving hope to thousands of Palestinian children, a press statement noted.

Al-Mannai said, “We are committed to providing high quality and relevant primary and secondary education, encouraging relationships among communities, creating safe learning environments and ensuring all children, irrespective of any crises affected, access sports and around the world. We envision a world, where all young people have access to the education they need in order for them to realise their full potential and shape the development of their communities.”

The initiative, launched in collaboration with the American Near East Refug-ee Agency (Anera), provides more than 4,000 Palestinian refugee youth with upgraded sporting facilities, equipment and activities, which will subsequently support their personal development, improved awareness and life skills, social integration, and the rehabilitation of refugees. From the refurbishment of playfields, the project also provides training courses for 45 sports trainers with an aim to enhance their coaching and life skills, to engage Palestinian youth in sporting tournaments and learning courses. “I am very much aware of the difficulties that thousands of children endure, which I have witnessed in my visit to the Palestinian refugee camps. I, therefore, stress and accentuate the importance and relevance of our project. It is crucial that we help the Palestinian refugee youth improve their lives and activity make a change in their communities,” Al-Muftah added.

Ghanim al-Muftah interacting with a group of children.
Texas A&M at Qatar hosts events to raise awareness about safety

Texas A&M University at Qatar recently hosted Safety Week to raise awareness about living and working safely and making safety an everyday part of life.

The week’s events included talks from the Qatar Foundation leadership, lab safety award presentations, a defensive driving course and a safety fair.

Safety Week also highlighted how other institutions and companies in Qatar are emphasizing the shared objective of promoting safety. Texas A&M at Qatar’s graduate Abdulaziz al-Qhatani gave a talk on how his perspective on safety has changed positively since joining the workforce at Qatargas.

ExxonMobil Qatar’s senior safety, security, health and regulatory adviser Fadi Ayache spoke about the approach and processes ExxonMobil is taking to achieve their slogan, ‘Nobody gets hurt.’

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Qatar supports efforts to assist in prosecution of crimes in Syria

Qatar’s participation in the establishment of the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism (IIIM) is aimed at helping the victims of Syria’s war, and recovering and prosecuting persons responsible for the most serious crimes under international law committed in Syria since March 2011, the ambassador HE Sheikha Alya Ahmed bin Saif al-Thani, at a session of the UN Security Council Open Debate, said.

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The ambassador emphasized Qatar’s position that the IIIM is an important step in supporting impartial and independent investigations into serious violations and crimes, and improving the capacity of States to ensure accountability for crimes.

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Qatar continues to support the establishment of the IIIM and to work towards its successful operation. Qatar has been providing support to the Mechanism and to its work, including by hosting meetings and providing assistance to member States and the IIIM’s Independent International Fact-finding Mission. Qatar has also supported the establishment of the IIIM’s Independent International Fact-finding Mission and has provided assistance to the Mission’s work.

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Ministry of Health of Niger honors Qatar Charity for combating blindness

Head of the National Program for Control of Blindness: We thank the benefactors in Qatar for supporting the program and reaching out to those in dire need for such humanitarian intervention.

The Ministry of Health of Niger has honored Qatar Charity for its outstanding efforts in combating blindness, contributing to alleviating the suffering of poor patients and funding for the operations necessary to restore their sight.

This honor came on a national day to combat blindness and eye diseases, organized by the Ministry of Public Health on October 15, at the regional hospital in Taza, 176 km from the capital Niamey. The honoring ceremony was attended by Dr. Aliou Maimarou, Minister of Health of Niger, Dr. Kadre Abou Baal, Director of the Office of the Minister of Public Health and Head of the National Program for Control of Blindness and other local figures. Dr. Maimarou, food security and income-generating projects officer at Qatar Charity’s office in Niger, has received the Certificate of Appreciation of the National Program for Control of Blindness.

The National Eye Disease Program of the Ministry of Health in Niger is a close and continuous partnership with Qatar Charity, as they work together on curing the blindness of patients suffering from blindness, who can not afford the cost of the treatment and surgery to restore their vision. Qatar Charity has funded several campaigns to help perform such operations at government health units under the supervision of the National Program for Control of Blindness.

Qatar Charity’s office in Niger has already received several certificates of appreciation in the fields of development, education, food security, and others from local authorities.

Qatar Charity also has close collaborative links with United Nations agencies and international organizations operating in Niger. Q.C.’s office in the capital Niamey has enjoyed the confidence of many of such organizations, including the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), which considered Qatar Charity its best partner in Niger.

Since 2010, FAO has had a strategic partnership with Qatar Charity after reviewing its “Food Security and Poverty Alleviation” program, which worked on responding to recurrent food crises occurred due to drought and continued until 2017. The partnership amounted to $5.2 million and benefited 1.35 million people.

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Gaza, the right to live

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NU-Q forum to debate role of social media in Qatari majlis

Northwestern Uni-
versity in Qatar Media Industries Forum (NU-Q), which will take
place tomorrow at W Doha, will discuss the role of
social media and its effect on influencing political
debate and conversations in contrast to the traditional
Qatari majlis.

The forum – Social Media and the Majlis, Technology Confronts Tradition – will also address how digital platforms and messages are influencing communication in the Gulf region. The forum will also address how social media transforms traditional centres of communication in the family and majlis, as well as how the majlis is evolving in the Gulf region.

Northwestern University in Qatar campus.

group executive director of
the Majlis Centre for Arabic
Studies in Qatar; and Manar al-
Muraikhi, director of community
and public relations, Ooredoo.

Speaking at the forum will be Mohamed Jaidah, owner of 60 Degrees and

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Media Industries Forum (QMIF) is a unique platform that brings together indus-
try leaders and professionals to engage in debates and
discussions on a variety of topics within the realm of
media and communications. The QMIF was found-
ed by NU-Q in 2012 as part of a wider effort to provide
thought leadership in the media and commu-
nications industries in Qatar. The forum
will focus on the latest trends and developments
in the media and communications industry in
Qatar. One of the main goals is to encourage and support the
development of media and entertainment firms in Qa-
tar and the region.

The panel will be chaired by
Banu Akdenzili, associate
professor of communication
at NU-Q and a digital media
expert.

The forum will be held from 8.30am to 10.30am
tomorrow.

“Qataris are spending a
substantial amount online and are among the most
digitally-connected citizens in the region,” said Dennis.

“Their media habits and online activity are
driven by political and economic issues. As
such, we will attempt to understand whether and how
social media and online communication are
influencing decision-making in the majlis.”

Qatar University.

The Northwestern University in Qatar campus.

“The forum will also address how digital platforms and
messages are influencing communication in the Gulf
region from social conversations to business
communication, from entertainment to day-to-
day life in general. At the forum, NU-Q will distribute a
five-year retrospective report of its signature studies
tracking media use, social media, and freedom of
expression in the Middle East region.

“NU-Q is a leading institution
in the field of media research and policy
making in the Gulf region,” said Dennis.

“Our goal is to encourage and support the
development of media and entertainment firms in
Qatar and the region. We are pleased
that the latest report is now being
released at this forum,” he said.

Previously, the QMIF tackled issues related to
the international media coverage of the Qatar Blockade,
sports media and Qatar’s future, as
well as regional media use trends and cultural attitudes,
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NBK Automobiles, the authorised distributor of Mercedes-Benz in Qatar, is offering Mercedes-Benz owners the chance to check the readiness of their cars to be prepared for schools and secure the safety of their children.

Valid until October 31, the offer gives Mercedes-Benz owners a free vehicle check and report to ensure that their car is working properly with no defects.

“This ‘Back to School’ offer gives car owners the opportunity to check their car at no cost, helping parents repair any damages that they can avoid any sudden incidents or issues while dropping their children to their schools,” NBK Automobiles has said in a statement.

Sheikh Faleh bin Nawaf al-Thani, operations director (auto) at NBK Holding, said, “We are proud to announce this offer that complements our effort to achieve what we have always promised to provide, the finest after-sales service to our customers across Qatar. We at NBK Automobiles are presenting this unique offer to ensure that all Mercedes-Benz cars are at their best status and guarantee the smooth transport of students and children to schools. We encourage Mercedes-Benz owners to leverage from this offer and check how efficient the car is to have the perfect experience while driving.”

NBK Automobiles offers an assortment of services to keep the car in top-notch condition. This is part of the company’s CSR and commitment towards its community and towards the family of Mercedes-Benz owners.”

NBK Automobiles has built its success by establishing solid, longstanding relationships with its customers and by offering a wide range of quality products, as a trusted name in Mercedes-Benz, BMW, and other luxury automotive brands in Qatar.
Huawei to showcase AI-driven expertise at Milipol Qatar

The company’s public safety solutions, which include AI-driven expertise, will be on display at Milipol Qatar 2018, which will take place from October 29 to 31 at the Qatar Exhibition and Convention Centre.

Yousuf Abdulla al-Kubaisi, COO, Ooredoo, said: “Huawei has been selected as a gold sponsor of this critical event, which begins in Doha tomorrow.

Huawei will showcase its AI-driven homeland security innovations. Qatar’s government and oil and gas industries continue to offer a solid foundation for strong security strategy and solutions to further enhance the safety and security of the country.

Visitors to the Huawei booth will be able to experience an AI-driven video cloud surveillance system, which leverages the AI capability of the Cloud Video Service to provide more information about video surveillance data and improve efficiency.

The booth will also feature a deep learning-based AI video surveillance solution, which uses video intelligence to detect, track, and analyze moving objects to prevent safety accidents and threats.

The booth will display some of Huawei’s innovation and technology in AI-driven homeland security solutions, such as video surveillance technology, cloud computing technology, and AI algorithms.

Huawei will also showcase its AI-driven expertise for a truly ‘Expect Amazement’ mega event,” which has been organised by Ooredoo, the leading telecom network service provider in Qatar.

Ooredoo will also showcase IoT innovations in secure fleet management, as well as express highways and side buildings in Doha such as malls and museums, as well as express highways.

UK companies look to enhance opportunities

A host of UK security companies will be showcasing their expertise at Milipol Qatar 2018, which will take place from October 29 to 31 at the Qatar Exhibition and Convention Centre.

A statement released yesterday by UK trade body UKSIA said that strategic partnership, innovation, and investment in new technologies are the main themes of UK security companies at Milipol Qatar.

The statement also stressed that the UK's presence reflects the strong commitment of UK companies to the Qatar security sector and other critical national infrastructure.

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The Rainfall Emergency Committee at the Ministry of Municipality and Environment (MME) has emphasized the importance of planning and coordination between the Ministry of Interior, Ashghal and the Qatar Meteorological Department in the preparation of contingency plans for rainfall in different municipalities, as well as in anticipation of further precipitation.

The committee has announced that the Ministry of Interior (MoI) has planned the establishment of an emergency room at the Ministry of Interior headquarters in Doha. The emergency room is to function round the clock to coordinate with the Ministry of Municipality and Environment (MME) in order to respond quickly and efficiently to any rainwater accumulation in co-ordination with the MME.

The MoI has also announced that the Ministry of Municipal Operations has established more than 300 mobile emergency teams, including 120 teams focused on suburbs, villages, industrial areas, and military camps. The teams will be used to clear rainwater from streets and fields as soon as possible following the rain.

Furthermore, the Ministry of Municipal Operations has increased the quantities of sandbags and plastic sheeting in anticipation of further precipitation.

The MoPH has advised the public to take precautions and measures to protect themselves against any health hazards from flash floods and heavy rain. The MoPH has recommended that people regularly wash their hands and maintain good personal hygiene, especially when working in areas affected by flash floods or heavy rain.

In a statement, the ministry has also advised people to avoid swimming or walking through flash flood waters and to avoid coming into contact with flood waters.

The ministry has emphasized the importance of ensuring the cleanliness and safety of water tanks and areas affected by flash floods to prevent the spread of pests and diseases.

The MoPH has also advised citizens and expatriates to immediately visit the nearest health facility in case of any suspicion of gastroenteritis, charging of pots, exposure to flash floods or rainwater.

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Intertec Group announces partnership with Lexmark

Intertec Group, a leading IT distributor in the Qatar market, has announced that Lexmark International and Intertec Group have partnered their extensive customer network with Lexmark's products and services to deliver superior printing solutions to businesses in Qatar. In his speech, Intertec's Managing Director expressed the importance of this partnership as a strategic move to provide customers with the most advanced and cost-effective solutions available in the market. He also highlighted the benefits of this partnership, such as increased product range, enhanced service support, and stronger market presence.

For more information, please contact...

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Domasco joins hands with TriClub Doha

Domasco, a leading vehicle dealer in Qatar, has announced a partnership with TriClub Doha, a world-class triathlon club registered under Qatar Financial Centre, to promote a healthy lifestyle and encourage participation in triathlon sports. Under the agreement, Domasco is supporting the TriClub Doha for the upcoming 2018-2019 season. The partnership includes the provision of a new Volvo XC60 accessorised with bicycle racks to participate in various triathlon events throughout the season. Additionally, Domasco will also display its full range of Volvos in the TriClub Doha's facilities for the benefit of customers and fans. The partnership is a testament to Domasco's commitment to promoting a healthy lifestyle and supporting local initiatives.

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VFS Global to process Greek visas

VFS Global, a leading outsourcing and technology services specialist, has been selected by Greek High Commission to process visas for Greeks in 21 countries across the world. This development enhances the wellbeing of communities and promotes a healthy lifestyle in Qatar. VFS Global will be responsible for processing all types of visa applications for Greeks in Qatar, ensuring enhanced convenience for customers and promoting a healthy lifestyle.

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The PHCC invites the below Request for Information (RFI)

PHCCH/RFS/015/2018 PHOTOGRAPHING AS SERVICES AT PRIMARY HEALTHCARE CORPORATION (PHCC)

REFERENCE NO: PHCCH/RFS/015/2018

PHCC Head Quarters (Ground Floor; Tower 2) Al Areen, west of Doha, State of Qatar

Scope of Work: The PHCC wishes to engage a photographer to provide photography services for all their upcoming events, activities, and promotions. The photographer should have experience in capturing high-quality images and be able to work in various settings and environments.

Closing date for RFI: 06/11/2018

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Majen Projects (Kawar Motors)

Kawar Motors Group has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Qatar General Authority for Civil Aviation to provide helicopters for use in emergencies and other critical situations. The memorandum aims to enhance the safety and security of passengers and cargo at Qatar's airports and seaports. The agreement also includes the provision of training and support services to the Qatar General Authority for Civil Aviation.

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Qatar Airways celebrates 20 years of operations in Qatar

Qatar Airways, a leading airline in the Middle East, commemorated its 20th anniversary of operations in Qatar on October 30, 2018. The airline has expanded its destinations, increased its fleet size, and improved its service quality over the years. At the event, officials from Qatar Airways highlighted the achievements and milestones of the past two decades, emphasizing the airline's commitment to providing exceptional service and customer satisfaction.
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Pablo Escobar’s hitman admits to killing 1,300 people

The former hitman for the drug lord Pablo Escobar has admitted to killing as many as 1,300 people during the Medellín cartel’s war for control of the cocaine trade.

The man, known only as ‘Popeye’ because of his distinctive physical appearance, was reportedly hired by Escobar to carry out hit missions.

Popeye claimed to have been involved in the killing of several political leaders, journalists, and drug traffickers. He reportedly told authorities that Escobar considered him a “silent partner” in the cartel’s operations.

The admissions come as Colombia’s government faces growing pressure to confront its dark past and bring justice to the victims of the drug war. This admission could have significant implications for the ongoing investigation into the Medellín cartel’s activities.

Despite efforts to secure Popeye’s extradition and bring him to justice, the former hitman remains at large, posing a continued threat to public safety and the integrity of Colombia’s justice system.

Source: The Associated Press
Trump eyes frenzied campaign push after bomb suspect’s arrest

D ouglas County, Colo. (Reuters) - President Donald Trump on Thursday named a suspect in a string of pipe bomb threats that targeted prominent Democrats and media organizations, a move signaling he plans to tone down his rhetoric.

Trump said the suspect in the pipe bomb mailings was a “bearded heavy-set white male” who was at the scene of the shooting attack in Pittsburgh earlier this week.

The suspect is “a suspect of interest,” the president said. “We have to try to make sure the country is safe.”

Trump has been accused of condoning political violence in his rhetoric, especially in the days following the attack at a Pittsburgh synagogue.

Trump also announced he will be launching a $10 million reward for information that leads to an arrest or conviction and he repeated his denials of putting a target on大阪's back in the presidential election.

The president's vote for Bolsonaro, a right-wing political novice, is consistent with his personal and political history of supporting leaders, such as Xi Jinping, who are accused of human rights abuses, authoritarianism or corruption.

Trump's endorsement of Bolsonaro is significant because it could shape the future of Latin America, a region where the United States has traditionally maintained a strong presence.

The endorsement also comes as the US and Brazil are preparing to hold a joint military exercise, which is set to take place next month.

Trump's announcement comes amid growing concern about the rise of far-right leaders across the world, including in Brazil, where Bolsonaro has been leading in recent polls.

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Lankan president suspends parliament as crisis deepens

AP Colombo

Sri Lanka's president Maithripala Sirisena on Friday suspended the nation's parliament against his surprise ouster of Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, a move that has ratcheted up tension in the country and raised fears of fresh political violence.

Sirisena's decree, which caught lawmakers by surprise, was met with angry protests by Wickremesinghe's supporters outside the parliament building in the capital Colombo.

Wickremesinghe, who has been in power since 2015, accused Sirisena of staging a “coup” and vowed to challenge the move in court.

“Sirisena is not the president of this country and the parliament,” Wickremesinghe said in a statement.

“This is the second time that a president has suspended parliament in Sri Lanka’s history. It is a violation of our constitution and I am going to challenge it in court,” he added.

Under Sirisena, parliament has come under increasing criticism for its role in the country's political crisis.

Sirisena's suspension of parliament comes after months of political turmoil following a Cabinet reshuffle in August that led to the resignation of Wickremesinghe and a no-confidence motion against the government.

Wickremesinghe, who is a member of the United National Party (UNP), has been in office since 2015 and has not had a majority in parliament since 2016.

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Exit polls show Irish vote to lift blasphemy ban

By Matthias Dufty
Gallarm News & Media

A record number of 58,447 abortion and unmarried couples' unions were cancelled last year, according to new figures which Labour explained as a "devastating blow" for the future of the health service.

October’s vote in the General Election for Union of British and Irish Suffrage kicked off at 7am, in time for voters to go to the polls amid excitement and national attention. As the result was announced, it was clear that a significant number of people were willing to vote for a change in the law.

On Tuesday, the government announced plans to remove the blasphemy ban from the country’s criminal code. The ban had been in place since 1935 and was introduced to punish those who made comments or wrote about religion.

The change was cheered by many who had been calling for it for years. "I’m absolutely thrilled," said one supporter, "and it’s about time we had a more free society." Another said, "It’s about time we had a country that respects free speech and freedom of expression."
Catalan ex-leader forms new party

AFP/Thomas

Thousands of protesters paraded through the streets of Barcelona on Thursday night, demanding the release of their leaders who are serving prison sentences in Spain.

The protest was organized by the National Front for the Defense of Democracy (FNDD), a coalition of left-wing parties and trade unions. The demonstration coincided with the second anniversary of the Catalan independence referendum, which was held on October 1, 2017.

The FNDD called on the Spanish government to release all political prisoners, including former Catalan president Carles Puigdemont and other leaders who have been sentenced to lengthy terms in prison.

“We will not stop until they are all free,” saidFNDD spokesperson Maria Pons. “We demand an end to the political persecution of our leaders and an end to the state of alarm that has been declared in Catalonia.”

Puigdemont, who is currently in Belgium, was the leader of the Catalan pro-independence movement and was elected as president of Catalonia in 2014. He was arrested by Spanish authorities in March 2017 and charged with sedition, rebellion, embezzlement and other offenses.

The Spanish government had invoked Article 155 of the Spanish constitution, which gives it the power to intervene in regions that are deemed to be in a state of alarm, in order to suppress the independence movement.

The FNDD said that the Spanish government’s actions were a violation of the Catalan people’s right to self-determination and that the European Union should intervene to protect the region’s autonomy.

“Catalonia is an autonomous community in Spain, with its own government and parliament, and it has the right to determine its own future,” said Pons. “The Spanish government’s actions are a clear violation of this right.”

The FNDD called on the European Union to open an accountability process against Spain, and to impose sanctions on the Spanish government if it fails to comply with the EU’s principles of democracy and human rights.

The demonstration was held in front of the Spanish embassy in Barcelona, and ended with a rally in which the FNDD and other pro-independence groups called for a referendum on independence to be held on October 1, 2018.

“We will not give up until we have our independence,” said Pons. “We will continue to fight until we achieve our goal.”

The FNDD had previously organized demonstrations in Barcelona, Tarragona and other cities in Catalonia, demandi­ng the release of political prisoners and the lifting of the state of alarm.

The FNDD said that it would continue to organize demonstrations and protests until the demands of the Catalan people are met.

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Mattis says Khashoggi killing undermines regional stability

EU Defence Secretary James Mattis addresses the 14th International Conference on Strategic Studies (EUS) yesterday in Manama.

In his speech, Mattis said that EU and US Defence Ministers had reached agreement on “a series of measures to counter the threat of the US allies’ increasing domestic political challenges.”

This year, according to Pablo Zaitz, the director of the NGO American Jewish Committee, 35,000 people have applied to Germany for asylum, a four-fold increase from last year. Although many of those who came have a weak work ethic, there is a “positive immigration system” in Europe.

Valerie Ziriax, the Chancellor Angela Merkel’s chief of staff, told the media at the European Parliament last week that the issue of migration is now “more urgent than ever.”

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees believes that at least 20 million people are fleeing war zones for a better life and will need refugee status within the next few years.

According to Spiegel magazine, a total of 1,670 Catholic clergymen in Germany have lived in limbo for months and are being investigated for sexual abuse. They argue that authorities are now obliged to seize the church’s files and that the study “justifies a search of all dioceses”.

Passau-based criminal law professor Holm Putzke said. Revealed “numerous factual indications” of crimes, experts working for the church had not gone unheard – spoke of the war, he said. "We have no more respect for war than for the church, which is undergoing a crisis.

Women who are not satisfied with their marriage and that "Khashoggi killing was promoted, controlling a regime they wouldn’t ever trust."

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The Indian Institutes of Science (IISc) alumni association has caused a stir by its stance on the country’s political situation. In a public statement, the IISc alumni association has expressed its concern over the current political climate, stating that “there is a need to create a political space where the opposition parties come together and have a common platform to present an alternative to the ruling government for the betterment of the country.”

The association further urged the opposition parties to “come together and present an alternative to the ruling government,” adding that the situation calls for a “common platform to present an alternative to the ruling government.”

The IISc alumni association made the announcement on November 25, just days after the Indian government’s decision to ban theskis. The association’s statement came amid widespread criticisms of the government’s decision to ban theskis, with many calling it an attempt to suppress dissent and free speech.

The statement was widely criticized by political leaders and activists, with many questioning the association’s motives and calling it an interference in the country’s political affairs. Some even went so far as to compare the IISc alumni association’s statement to that of the Indian government, raising concerns about the potential for a coordinated effort to suppress dissent.

The IISc alumni association’s statement has sparked a heated debate, with some calling it a “political stunt” while others have praised it as a bold move to bring about a united front against the ruling government. The statement has also been met with mixed reactions from the public, with some welcoming it as a positive step towards political unity while others have condemned it as a “political maneuver.”

Despite the controversy, the IISc alumni association remains committed to its stance on the political situation, stating that it will continue to work towards creating a united front against the ruling government. The association has also called on other institutions and organizations to join forces in the fight against the current political climate.”

*Note: This is a simulated news report for the purpose of the exercise.*
Agrawal University VC under fire for alleged human rights violation
Agrawal University Vice-Chancellor Anil Agrawal has come under fire for his remarks questioning the validity of the nationwide protest at the Sabarimala temple in Kerala. His remarks were seen as insensitive and disrespectful towards the sentiments of the devotees.

Rajputs in Agra still angry
Minister for External Affairs Sushma Swaraj has wondered why the government of Uttar Pradesh has not allowed the Jagannath temple to hold a fair. She said the temple has been a place of worship for Hindus for centuries and it is a matter of faith for them.

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J&K govt to open temple
Jammu & Kashmir government has decided to open thefamous Amarnath temple for the season after a break of six years. The decision was taken after several meetings with the temple management and the Police Department.

India to buy nuclear submarines
India is in the process of purchasing nuclear submarines from France. This decision is part of the government's plan to modernise the navy and enhance its capabilities.

Dixit should be removed
Agra University Vice Chancellor Arvind Dixit is again facing criticism from angry protesters. They demand his removal.

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The health minister of Goa, Manohar Parrikar, is in a critical condition after serving the people of Goa, family. That much right he has, suff ering (from) at this stage.

Kerala各界反应
Kerala's rulers, leaders and the public have expressed their reactions to the recent developments in Kerala, including the temple row and the assembly elections.

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As a long silence on the matter, there is finally some movement towards fulfilling the promise of the 1973 constitution, by forming new provinces of Sindh and Balochistan. After years of discussion, the Pakistani government is considering the creation of new provinces, with recommendations already being submitted to the president.

The move comes as a result of a provincial election in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) in 2018, which saw a significant increase in the number of non-Muslim candidates running for office. This led to calls for a new province to be created to better represent the province's diverse population.

According to the information provided, the government has already received recommendations from various stakeholders, including political parties, civil society organizations, and experts. These recommendations are being reviewed by a committee appointed by the president, and the final decision will be made in the near future.

The creation of new provinces is expected to bring about a number of changes, including improved representation for minority communities, increased autonomy for provincial governments, and greater economic development.

However, there are also concerns about the feasibility of such a move, particularly regarding the financial implications and the potential for increased political division. The government will need to carefully consider these factors as it moves forward with the proposal.
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A new report finds that, on average, cigarette smokers spend $2,000 on cigarettes each year and $3,000 on medical care related to smoking. The researchers found that 5.5% of adult smokers reported not being able to afford medical care because of the cost of smoking. This is a significant increase from 2017, when only 3.3% of adult smokers reported similar difficulties. The report highlights the need for policies that can help individuals make the transition to smoking cessation and reduce the financial burden of smoking-related illnesses.
Protectionism hampers aviation industry's growth

Aviation industry is set to grow exponentially and generate huge benefits for the world in terms of revenues and job creation over the next two decades. Citing present trends in the air transport industry, the agency said a body of officials – IATA forecast that global passenger numbers could double to 8.2bn in 2037. A doubling in demand in the next 20 years could support 10mn jobs globally.

However, the industry could lose a significant profit in the form of a substantial reshuffling of air traffic to the East. The Asia-Pacific region is set to drive the biggest growth with more than half the total number of new passengers over the next 20 years coming from the region, particularly China and India. China will displace the US as the world's largest aviation market in the mid-2020s. India will take the third place after the US, surpassing the UK around 2024. TheMiddle East, the GCC region in particular, will also grow strongly with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 4.6% and will see an extra 3.4bn passengers by 2037.

The total market size in the region will be 501mn passengers. The world definitely stands to benefit greatly from better air connectivity. But no matter which growth scenario comes to pass, aviation still faces an infrastructure crisis. At the current rate of developments, airports and air traffic control over the world will not be able to handle demand.

Therefore, governments and infrastructure operators must strategically plan for the future. For this reason, governments everywhere must work closely with airports and air traffic control to develop effective solutions, more efficient infrastructure, fit for purpose, and offering value for money.

The increased demand to fly also creates a responsibility to the environment. The aviation industry has already committed to a carbon-neutral growth from 2020 onwards and cutting CO2 emissions to half 2005 levels by 2050.

Interestingly, the world is about to witness a geographical creation over the next two decades. The Asia-Pacific region could generate significant more jobs and GDP growth.

As IATA director general and CEO Alexandre de Juniac put it recently, “The world stands to benefit greatly from improved connectivity. However, at this rate, airports and air traffic control will not be able to handle demand. Governments and infrastructure operators must strategically plan for the future. Decisions made now will have an impact on the value created by aviation for their regions.”

Globalisation depends significantly on proper air connectivity. Aviation is sensitive to policies that either support or restrict growth, compelling demand for air connectivity risks high quality jobs, and economic activity dependent on global mobility. This forecast is a cautionary warning to governments.

Consequently, it is needed to understand that globalisation has made our world more socially and economically prosperous. Globally phrased, globalisation with protectionism will see opportunities getting lost, may be forever!
Qatar enjoys distinct cultural status regionally and globally

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Following the success of this programme, there will be two similar programmes in Paris and in New York that will begin next year.

The residence programme’s establishment is in line with the increasing number of applications it receives every year. Qatar Museums’ strategy will also involve opening more studios in a host of the most important art capitals of the world.

The Chairperson of Qatar Museums, Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani said that the development of the art scene was clear in combining development with celebrating cultural heritage, and seeking to register the palm tree which is mentioned in the Holy Qur’an 13 times. Writers and poets also highlighted the palm tree which is mentioned in the Cultural Village Katara. It will be held in one of the best tourist and cultural destination in Qatar, the Cultural Village Katara. It will include events for selling hunting guns, hunting medals collecting, and supplies for outdoor sports, and will also feature all the advanced tools needed to serve the hobby of hunting. The exhibition will also attract the interest of young people by providing the latest technology and devices that help them to develop their scientific and technical skills.

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QSC has always focused on developing its projects from the development of the club’s scientific departments such as the Fablab Qatar department and the Vehicle and Aircraft department, in addition to organizing various exhibitions such as the International Exhibition of Hunting and Falcons Exhibition which was held in January, amidst a competition between more than 50 countries around the world. Also, the exhibition was held in Kuwait in March, with the participation of more than 150 countries from all over the world. The Exhibition will be held in one of the best tourist and cultural destination in Qatar, the Cultural Village Katara. It will include events for selling hunting guns, hunting medals collecting, and supplies for outdoor sports, and will also feature all the advanced tools needed to serve the hobby of hunting.

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