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A Qatar University (QU) research team has conducted an exploration trip to improve the carbonate and palaeoclimatic research outcomes of the central marine environment. The team comprises local and international researchers and experts in the field of bio-geo-sciences. They will conduct the one-year research project, as mentioned above, and study the possibility of using the current pristine marine currents for energy generation, as well as the potential of using the marine resource for the growing need of energy. The research team will continue to deliver on its vision to contribute to disease control, understand the potentiality of finding freshwater generation, as well as the potential marine currents for energy generation. The centre is also expected to facilitate the smooth import of food items and provide suitable alternatives.

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The farm, spread over more than 100 acres, is located to the north of Doha. Speaking to Gulf Times recently, Dr Hamad al-Kuwari, managing director of Ezdan Farm, said that the farm showcases a wide variety of vegetables, fruits, and herbs, and is also expected to deliver on its vision to contribute to disease control, understand the potentiality of finding freshwater generation, as well as the potential marine currents for energy generation. The centre is also expected to facilitate the smooth import of food items and provide suitable alternatives.

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Two total lunar and three partial solar eclipses this year

The world will be able to witness two total lunar eclipses, two partial solar eclipses and three partial solar eclipses during 2018, Qatar Calendar Journal (QCJ) announced yesterday.

The first lunar eclipse – a total eclipse – will be on January 31, during full moon of ‘Hijri month “Dhul- Hijja”.

This lunar eclipse will be visible from all countries in the Middle East, Southeast Africa and South America.

“From Qatar, a partial lunar eclipse phase can be seen after moon sets on the night of July 27, during full moon of Hijri month “JumadaII”.

The second lunar eclipse – again a total eclipse – will be on July 28, during full moon of Hijri month “Dhul- Qa’d’a”.

Almost all of Asia, most of Europe, Africa and southern Africa will be able to see this lunar eclipse, along with the rest of the Arab region.

Bedaya Centre launches flower competition

The Bedaya Centre for Enter- prise Development (Be- daya) in cooperation with L’ETO Café, has launched a competition for local entre- preneurs working in the floristry sector. The competition is hosted by L’ETO Café, manager of Bedaya Centre, and “Floral Arrangements at the L’ETO Café”, we were able to give one local entrepreneur the opportunity to showcase their products”.

Following the submission, four candidates will be shortlisted for the chance to attend a floral arrangement masterclass and competition where guests and judges can assess their arrangements and select the winner from the finalists.

By joining hands with L’ETO Café, we were able to organise this unique initiative of Qatar Development Bank and Silatech.

All photographs must be submitted by January 12, the organiser has said.

“From our side, we do our best to support local projects to put them on the right track by providing them with a unique experience and opportunity to showcase their products”.

Minister meets Nepal envoy

HE the Minister of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs Dr Issa Saad al-Jafali al-Nuaimi met with Nepal’s ambassador Ramesh Prasad Koirala recently. During the meeting, they discussed issues related to diplomatic relations between Qatar and Nepal, as well as the further development of bilateral ties between the two countries.

Qatar Charity honours 100 orphan students in Kenya

Qatar Charity (QC) has awarded 100 orphan stu- dents in Kenya for achieving academic excellence in the 2016/2017 school year.

High-achieving orphan students gathered at a special ceremony held in QC to cele- brate their success and receive the awards.

“This tradition has been al- ways a prominent aspect of Qa- tar Charity’s sponsorship strat- egy to encourage brilliant orphan students to continue their studies,” QC said in a statement.

Acknowledging their efforts in raising the orphans, QC also awarded the mothers for pro- viding continuous support to the children despite their poor financial conditions.

Mohamed Hussein, QC re- gional director in Kenya, ad- dressed the students and en- couraged them to exert more efforts to maintain the academic excellence. He also thanked and praised their mothers for their role they have played in supporting the children. At the honorary reception, high-achieving orphans and their mothers received awards and certificates of excellence.

Kenza Ibrahim Ismail, one of the awarded students, said in her speech saying: “I want to thank our sponsors in Qatar for believing in us and supporting our education. Also a big thank you to our mothers who have sacrificed a lot so that we can be here today. We will continue to work hard and use this opportunity to improve ourselves and become leaders in the future.”

Qatar Charity also praised the work of the sponsors in the field of education and expressed its gratitude to them.

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High achieving students are also the recipients of scholarships to study abroad, and will receive the awards in the Kenyan capital.

A student receiving award from a QC official

Minister meets Nepal envoy

The Ministry of Municipality and Environment (MME) has installed free solar mobile charging stations in camping areas as well as at the Corniche and parks to serve residents. PICTURE courtesy of MME Twitter page.

Cheque-presentation ceremony

Dow Chemical Qatar presenting a cheque for QR3.65mn to Rise International for the Educate A Child (EAC) programme. During the cheque presentation ceremony, included Rise International president and general manager of Dow Chemical Qatar Mr Salem al-Athba and Hassan al-Maadid, owners of L’ETO Café, where guests and judges can assess their arrangements and select the winner from the finalists.

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Strikes kill at least 17 in Syria rebel enclave

Regional and Russian air strikes on a rebel-held sector in Syria killed at least 17 civilians yesterday, a war monitor said.

Eastern Ghouta, one of the last remaining opposition stronghold in the country, is the target of near-daily air raids.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 17 civilians were killed yesterday in the eastern Damascus suburb of Eastern Ghouta, adding to intense bombardment in the area.

Residents including members of the White Helmet civil defence group rushed to rescue the wounded.

"I was with other people when a projectile hit nearby," a 10-year-old survivor, Abu Ismael, who was slightly wounded in the blast, told AFP.

"They threw me five metres (yards). There were seven wounded and two dead," he said.

Observatory head Rami Abudalah said Syria and Russian aircraft "confirmed their intense bombardment of Eastern Ghouta, targeting several residential areas".

He said those killed also included two people in the district of al-Shifa in Damascus, and four others in the suburb of Qamishli in northeast Syria.

This Britain-based monitor relies on a network of sources inside Syria and says its assessments mainly carry out raids according to type, location, flight patterns and manner of attack.

At the start of the week, a coal-fired power station and multitudes including a former Al Qaeda affiliate surrounded the only regime base in Eastern Ghouta, which lies east of the capital and has been under a crippling siege since 2013.

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A Syrian civil defence volunteer carries a little girl who was rescued from the rubble Sunday, January 7, 2018

Mine blast injures Yemeni army's chief of staff

A Saudi-led airstrike on Yemen's capital killed a top army general and wounded his aide, a Yemeni official said.

Taher al-Aqeeli, the army's chief of staff, was killed in an explosion which happened on Friday while he was inspecting the northern Aal-Jouf province, a senior government official said.

Taher al-Aqeeli suffered minor injuries from the explosion, which happened on Friday while he was inspecting government positions in Bani al-Asiri, the largest district in Aal-Jouf province.

President Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi's government has long accused Iran of backing the Houthi rebels, a charge they deny.

Yahya al-Houthi suffered serious injuries from the explosion, which happened on Friday while he was inspecting government positions in Bani al-Asiri, the largest district in Aal-Jouf province.

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Police disperse protesters against bread price hike

Sudanese police fired tear gas yesterday to disperse some 400 demonstrators who marched through the city of Sennar to protest against a hike in bread prices, eyewitnesses told Reuters.

There were no immediate reports of deaths or injuries.

Bread prices in Sudan have doubled since the government eliminated subsidies this week under its 2018 budget.

The price of a loaf of bread rose from 0.5 Sudanese pounds (7 cents) to 1 pound, the Bakeries Union said on Friday, after the prices of wheat flour rose.

“We were protesting today against the rise in bread prices and we call on the government to scrap it,” said a demonstrator, who did not want to give his name.

The ministry of interior could not be reached for comment.

The country’s main opposition parties have called for peaceful protests against the price hikes, and crowds gathered outside bakeries in Khartoum on Friday, expressing frustration at the government’s move.

Sudan’s government has begun a series of economic reforms in line with International Monetary Fund recommendations aimed at putting the country’s economy back on track.

The economy has been struggling since the south seceded in 2011, taking with it three-quarters of the country’s oil output, its main source of foreign currency and government income.

The Sudanese pound has weakened again since the United States lifted a 20-year-old trade embargo, prompting businesses to increase import volumes, putting pressure on already scarce foreign currency.

The country devalued its currency, the pound, to 18 per US dollar, more than double its previous peg of 6.7 pounds to the dollar.
**Arab League to seek recognition for Palestinian capital in east Jerusalem**

Jordan said yesterday the Arab League would seek international recognition of the Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital after Washington recognised the Holy City as Israel’s capital.

Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi made the announcement at a joint news conference with Arab League chief Ahmed Abul Gheit after talks in Amman on the status of Jerusalem. The talks were attended by the foreign ministers of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Morocco and the Palestinian Authority as well as by the United Arab Emirates minister of state for foreign affairs.

“There is a political decision to recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and we will strive to reach an international political decision to recognise a Palestinian state... with (east) Jerusalem as its capital,” Safadi said.

Abul Gheit said an expanded meeting of Arab foreign ministers to discuss Jerusalem would be held at the end of the month.

US President Donald Trump’s controversial decision in December to recognise Jerusalem as Israel’s capital sparked protests in Arab and Muslim countries and was rejected in a non-binding UN General Assembly resolution. Jerusalem’s status is among the most contentious issues in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Safadi said Arabs have three main goals, including invalidating Trump’s decision.

“According to international law, Jerusalem is an occupied land,” he said.

Earlier yesterday, Jordan’s King Abdullah II met the Arab diplomats and said “the question of Jerusalem must be resolved within the framework of a just and lasting peace agreement between Palestinians and Israelis.”

Jordan is the custodian of Islamic holy sites in Jerusalem.

The kingdom has been targeted by anti-US and anti-Israeli protests in the wake of Trump’s decision, and has accused the US president of violating international law.

**Investigation**

**Egypt orders detention of four over balloon crash**

The public prosecutor in the southern Egyptian city of Luxor ordered the detention of four men serving an investigation into a hot air balloon crash that killed a South African tourist and injured several others, state news agency MENA said yesterday.

State media blamed Friday’s crash near Luxor on poor weather conditions, high winds and sandstorms that swept the country on Friday striking the area of a Cario main airport and forcing the closure of a number of Red Sea resorts. MENA did not say what charges had been brought against the four men who include the pilot. Judicial sources said an initial investigation suggested negligence could have contributed to the crash.

**Job Vacancy**

**National Court Agency, announcing the following job vacancies:**

1. **Sales Account manager**
2. **Sales Executive**
3. **Operation/Reservation Specialist**

**General qualifications:**
- At least 2 years of work experience should be acquired in Tourism-Hospitality-related businesses, preferably in QCD.
- Having transferable residency in Qatar is preferable.
- Visa Qatar driving license is preferred.

Those who are interested are kindly invited to send their recent C.Vs. to hr@nationalcourtAgency.com, writing job title in mail subject.

**Champion announcing the following job vacancies:**

4. **Accountant (2-5 years’ experience)**
5. **A/C Installation and Maintenance technician (2-3 years’ experience)**
6. **Refrigeration Installation and Maintenance technician (2-3 years’ experience)**
7. **Electric installation and Maintenance technician (3-5 years’ experience)**
8. **Kitchen equipment installation and maintenance technician (2-3 years’ experience)**
9. **Electric/HVAC indoors sales (2-3 years’ experience)**

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**Sudan has closed its border with Eritrea a week after Sudan’s President Omar al-Bashir announced a six-month state of emergency in the region of Kassala and North Kurdufan, state news agency SUNA said yesterday.**

SUNA did not provide reasons for the border closure. Last week’s decree was part of ongoing disarmament campaigns against traffickers that started near Darfur and Blue Nile in October.
Change of leader puts Liberia aid flows at risk

Former ministers loyal to Mugabe charged with graft

UN ‘alarmed’ by DRC crackdown on protesters

Nigeria to speed up repatriating migrants
Trump calls self ‘stable genius’

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Donald Trump on Wednesday called himself a “stable genius,” a self-description that his Democratic critics and many Republicans have long used to mock him.

Trump, who has frequently spoken of his intelligence, took to Twitter to lash out at his critics again on Wednesday.

“Wow! Trump, the ‘President of the United States’..." he wrote. "I have won so much and so much more than anyone ever has. The people are already starting to understand this. I am a ‘stable genius’ - that is why I win. You are a ‘political genius’ - that is why you lose."

Trump has long been known for his self-aggrandizing statements, a characteristic that has been noted by many in the political and media circles. His latest tweet is likely to provoke further criticism from his opponents, who have frequently accused him of being a “self-made man” and lacking the experience and knowledge needed to lead the country.

The tweet was one of several that Trump made on Twitter on Wednesday, as he continues to use the platform as a primary source of communication.

Trump has been known to use Twitter to make controversial statements and to attack his political opponents, often sparking debate and controversy. His latest tweet is likely to be viewed as yet another example of his willingness to speak his mind, even if it means provoking further criticism.

The tweet comes amid increasing concerns about the stability of the US president, who has frequently made statements that have been seen as erratic and inappropriate.

Trump's tweets are closely watched by his supporters and opponents alike, and often serve as a source of commentary and analysis.

The tweet is likely to spark further debate and analysis, as many are likely to view it as yet another example of Trump's willingness to speak his mind, even if it means provoking further criticism.
Aussie bushfires destroy buildings

**Business as usual...**

Business in Australia normally destroys buildings and illustrated lives as a matter of course where temperatures strong enough to melt the building materials. A rising rate of control and natural structures fall on the outskirts of Melbourne, the country's second largest city, and towards the southeast of South Australia, where authorities advance residents of a rural area to seek shelter in buildings from an out-of-control fire.

Experts consider such a move to be safer than running the risk of getting trapped in the open if the fire suddenly changes direction.

Total fire took effect from midnight as Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania braced for dangerous fire conditions caused by temperatures exceeding 40 degrees Celsius. The heat was strong enough to melt the bitumen on a 10km stretch of freeway in Victoria, national broadcaster ABC News reported.

Australia is prone to deadly blazes, thanks to its combination of hot, sunny weather and a long dry season. As such, most of the worst fires on record destroyed thousands of homes in Victoria, killing 173 people and injuring 725.

By contrast, the fires in Australia this week destroyed 400 homes, left 50 fires burning, and prompted experts to issue warnings for dangerous conditions.

Emergency warnings were issued both in Victoria and in the nearby state of South Australia, where authorities warned residents of a rural area to seek shelter in buildings from an out-of-control fire.

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South Korea has proposed sending a five-member delegation led by a government minister to rare talks with North Korea next week, the Unification Ministry in Seoul said yesterday.

The tentative rapprochement comes after the North's leader Kim Jong-un said in a New Year speech that he had a nuclear test — purportedly of a hydrogen bomb — in violation of UN resolutions banning such activity by the isolated nation.

Unification Minister Cho My-Gyon lead the delegation to Panmunjom on Tuesday. The two Koreas have been separated by the world's most heavily militarised frontier since 1953. The Korean War ended in a stalemate in 1953, with neither side victorious.

Kim said in his New Year speech that his country wished "to be in a position to participate" in the games, Kyodo news agency reported.

The tentative rapprochement was restored after being suspended for almost two years. The hotline between the neighbours was re-established on February 10.

"We've been informed from the North's side that there won't be any responses today," a unification ministry official was quoted by Kyodo news agency.

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Beijing begins work on third aircraft carrier

China has begun working on its third aircraft carrier, a development reflective of its ambition to become a dominant sea power, experts say.

The Hong Kong-based newspaper said the new carrier would be "a technological leap".

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In comparison to China's 48 frigates, India has 14. Experts say China's Yuan-class diesel-electric submarine models are quieter than American nuclear ones.

According to naval experts, China plans to have a large aircraft carrier battle group in service by 2030.

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**Top diplomats vow to mend frayed ties**

**Spain's king pays homage to father Juan Carlos**

Spain's King Felipe VI paid homage to his father, King Juan Carlos, yesterday as the monarchy held a festive ceremony to celebrate the monarch, who now walks with a cane. "It was thanks to him that democracy was possible," said Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez.

He also said that his son, King Felipe VI, who turns 50 at the end of the year, would be "a man of even greater respect and wisdom".

**Belgians brave cold to dip in North Sea**

Belgians braved the cold to dip in the North Sea in Ostend as a way to celebrate the end of the winter season. The annual event, known as the "Zoute Balie," attracted thousands of people who took the plunge to welcome spring.

**Sick French baby's life in danger after hospital abduction**

A French hospital announced an urgent appeal yesterday to find a two-month-old baby boy who was abducted from a children's hospital in the southern city of Toulouse. The baby, identified as a 10-month-old boy, recently underwent a heart operation and his life is in danger.

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NORTH INDIA

A monarch's weakness among Muslims media reports said the market could range from 50 to 100 rupees, while local officials quoted the most.

Kashmir bomb blast kills four policemen

F our policemen were killed yesterday in a blast in Srinagar, the summer capital of India's Jammu and Kashmir state, police said. The blast took place near the headquarters of the special police force (Spoc) in Srinagar. Two policemen were killed on the spot and two others died later, said police spokesperson未署名. The police had been informed of suspicious activity in the area earlier in the day.

The blast was reportedly caused by a roadside bomb. One of the policeman killed was a senior officer who was on duty at the time of the explosion. The other two were identified as constables from a nearby police station. The cause of the explosion is under investigation.

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FARMERS THROW POTATOES OUTSIDE CM HOUSE

The Uttar Pradesh government on Monday faced an embarrassing situation as potatoes were thrown at farmers in front of the Secretariat building during a programme to celebrate the launch of a debt waiver scheme.

The programme was launched by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to give Rs2 a kg and are forced to dump the produce.

Farmer Chaudhary said potato farmers were suffering due to the fall in potato prices and the government's failure to implement its own schemes.

He said, “We have always voted for the government's policies, but now we are forced to dump the produce. The government has not done anything wrong as this was a symbolic protest against the government and price rise.”

The farmers said the protest was “just a falling of one leaf to get adequate price.”

The government had provided Rs474 to every potato farmer as a relief package, but the farmers said it was not enough to cover their losses.

They accused the government of “creating phony schemes and announcing relief packages when it is convenient for them.”

Adityanath promised to look into their grievance, saying a group of ministers could be formed to examine and resolve the issue.

He added, “We need a police report to look into this in detail to ascertain whether they have any evidence.”

The incident came after farmers’ representatives submitted a memorandum to the government regarding the situation.

The state assembly will vote on the issue on Tuesday, and the government has said it will take appropriate action.

The farmers also staged a protest outside the CM house, where they accused the government of not fulfilling its promises.

They said, “We have been waiting for the government to fulfill its promises, but it has not done anything to help us. We are forced to dump our produce because of the government’s failure.”

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**Govt jobs and bodies told to fill 25,000 vacancies, says minister**

**Bureaucrats**

Finance Minister Khawaja Asif told the United States investors that the government will make every effort to fill the vacancies over 25,000 vacant posts in all departments.

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Philippines: Political crisis in the wake of a new #VicePresidential candidate

The Philippines is facing a major political crisis after the abrupt withdrawal of one of the leading candidates for the vice presidency, Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos, son of the late president Ferdinand Marcos. The move has left the presidential race wide open, with no clear frontrunner.

The crisis began when Marcos, who had been campaigning as a candidate for the vice presidency, announced on January 6 that he was withdrawing from the race. He cited health reasons as his primary concern, saying he needed to focus on his family and his work as governor of Ilocos Norte.

Marcos’s withdrawal has thrown the race for the vice presidency into turmoil. Several candidates, including Danding-backed Davao City mayor Sara Duterte-Carpio, are now vying for the position.

The move has also raised questions about the role of the Marcos family in Philippine politics. Ferdinand Marcos was a controversial president, whose administration was marked by corruption and human rights abuses.

The Marcos family has long been a powerful force in Philippine politics, and the withdrawal of Bongbong Marcos has raised concerns about the future of their political influence.

The crisis has also highlighted the challenges facing the Duterte administration. The president has faced criticism for his handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as for his relationship with China.

The Philippines is currently undergoing a political transition, with the term of the current president, Rodrigo Duterte, set to end in 2022. The country is set to hold presidential and vice presidential elections in May 2022, with the winner taking office in June.

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The election commission on Tuesday released the dates for the country-wide election.

The poll will be held in three phases: February 8, March 14 and March 21.

The election commission also announced the formation of 7,160 constituencies in the country.

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Qatar remains bullish on natural gas prospects

Qatar’s decision to develop an export-orientated gas project in the North Field and continue investing in gas shows the country’s confidence in the prospects of the cleanest fossil fuel. Within one month of the unjustified blockade on the country in June, Qatar announced plans to raise LNG production from 7mm to 10mm tonnes per year, an increase of 43% over the next seven years. The new gas project in the southern sector of the North Field. New projects from the North Field, which is the largest non-associated natural gas field in the world, is expected within five to seven years.

The North Field development will add a capacity of about 2bn cu ft a day, a project of this size will increase the current production of the North Field by about 10% and add about 600,000 barrels per day (bpd) of oil equivalent (toq) to Qatar’s total production. Recently, Qatar Petroleum president and CEO Saad Sherida al-Kaabi said the North Field expansion was moving full speed to achieve the targeted 10mm tonnes natural gas production.

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W hat do we know about the British empire at school? This is a question which is often asked, especially by those who have been involved in the battle of Abbot and Sherrill and the blood of the labors of Girija and Ananya, and the blood of the North Field. But what was known about these people and events, from family conversations and old books that lay around the house, was never formally taught about them. At school, we used to hear that a great empire was running in the name of the British, through the world, and the news was spreading from the British. In the press, the British empire was being talked about in the name of the British, “IND. IMP. (Indiae Imperator, or Emperor of India)”. But what was known about these people and events, from family conversations and old books that lay around the house, was never formally taught about them. At school, we used to hear that a great empire was running in the name of the British, through the world, and the news was spreading from the British. In the press, the British empire was being talked about in the name of the British, “IND. IMP. (Indiae Imperator, or Emperor of India)”

But some sceptics have questioned Qatar’s huge investments in the LNG industry on the ground that the market now faces a glut. The fact of the matter is that Qatar’s gas projects are in the five to seven years horizon, where a huge demand for energy has been projected globally. Also, Qatargas, which started the largest of the projects at the end of the last decade, has one of the lowest break-even prices globally. Many argue that the push towards developing electric vehicles worldwide will lessen the dependence on fossil fuels for public transport. Gas-fuelled plants remain the most preferred and commonly used source for electricity generation. For public transport. Gas-fuelled plants remain the most preferred and commonly used source for electricity generation. Further, many people believe that the push towards developing electricity will also make electric vehicles more affordable.

Although the project’s scope may be described as a large one, it’s a project that’s been triple checked by experienced engineers and experts. The project is said to be a game-changer for the industry, and its implementation will have a positive impact on the future of the oil and gas industry. The project will see the expansion of Qatar’s LNG production capacity to 10mm tonnes per year, which is expected to make Qatar the world’s largest LNG producer.

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Doha Festival City has announced the launch of its new ‘Fashion and Beauty Park’ event as part of the Shop Qatar 2018 celebrations. The newest pop-up event within the mall ‘transforms’ container shipping containers into venues that will host workshops and activities on fashion, beauty and general fashion advice as well as a meet-and-greet with fashion and beauty experts.

At the Fashion Closet, image, etiquette and protocol consultant Elżbieta Reis, founder of Glam magazine, and columnist Elmira Kahrobaie will provide guidance on colour type to get more advice tips to use your newly acquired makeup. The Beauty Box will provide skincare, make-up, beauty products that will host workshops and activities to guide visitors through your fashion and beauty woes”, according to a press statement.

In the “Beauty Park“ event, Y our Image will offer daily consultations on colours, body type and personal fashion and beauty. “for you to easily choose what is best for you”, the statement notes.

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