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Amir holds phone talks with Ivory Coast leader

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani yesterday talked with President of the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire Alassane Ouattara. During the call, His Highness congratulated President Ouattara on being re-elected for a third term. He also thanked him for the role he played in stabilising the situation in the region.

Qatar pledges $63mn aid to UN agencies in 2020

Qatar has pledged $63mn in voluntary contributions to core resources of a number of United Nations agencies, departments and programmes in 2020. Qatar’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations, HE Ambassador Sheikha Alya Ahmed bin Saif al-Thani, said at the United Nations Permanent Committee for Development Activities held at the UN headquarters in New York.

Qatar: Sport

Qatar draws against UAE, Yemen and Iraq

Asian Champions and hosts Qatar were drawn against the UAE, Yemen and Iraq Group A at the 2020 Gulf Cup to be held in Bahrain from November 24 to December 6. Defending champions Oman are Group B whereas Oman will have to face Qatar, Yemen and Iraq.
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The meeting of Qatari officials and officials of the Somali side was held in the context of a visit by HE the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce and Foreign Affairs in partnership with the UN Office for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to the Abbottabad and Herat regions.

Throughout his visit, al-Kuwari met with the UN V oluntary Trust Fund on the establishment of the Y outh Employment Program for the Least Developed Countries in March 2021, stressing that this reflects the great expectation of the country and one of the core values of the Next Generation Strategy.

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The Arab Organisation for Supreme Audit Institutions (Arabosai) meetings conclude in Doha between National Audit Offices (NAOs) and Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) from the Arab region and the rest of the world.

The final statement also emphasized the need for the international community to support the creative industries in the region. The programme included several events and screenings at the Pearl. Strategic partners with film screeners from Qatar Airways (official airline partner), Novo Cinemas (returning as a pal partner and official geekdom partner), and Vodafone were appreciated for their commitment to youth empowerment and the arts.

The programme also highlighted the importance of youth engagement, alongside high-level connections for the community. The meetings concluded with an agreement to support the creative industries in the region.
Baghdad protesters stay put despite four deaths

By John Dawson, Reuters

Iraqi security forces yesterday continued to try to force protesters out of central Baghdad, police and medical sources said, but they had no effect on the same spot by the late afternoon.

The day brought no let-up in the days of violent events in Baghdad after weeks of bloody protests against a government that protesters see as tight-fisted and slow to deliver on promises of economic and political reforms.

“I had to take my medicine and get to safety,” a man who was injured yesterday in a protest said. “I didn’t want to get shot.”

The man said he was among the hundreds of protesters who marched today in the Sadr City area of Baghdad, which has been the site of some of the most violent incidents.

Iraq’s Interior Minister, Adel Abdul-Mahdi, has called for a nationwide protest to take place on Saturday demanding basic services such as water and electricity as well as demands for the removal of the prime minister.

The protest came as the country’s oil output fell to a record low over the weekend, with many workers staying away from their jobs. The government has also announced plans to cut electricity supply to some areas.

Iraq’s economy has been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic, which has caused a sharp fall in oil prices and a contraction in the country’s gross domestic product.

The government has also been criticized for its handling of the pandemic, with many experts saying that the response has been slow and poorly coordinated.

The protests, which started in October, have been some of the largest in Iraq since the Arab Spring uprisings in 2010.

Lebanese mourners lay to rest ‘martyr of revolution’

A 14-year-old boy who was killed during protests in Lebanon has been buried in the southern city of Sidon.

The boy, Adnan Al-sayyid, died from injuries sustained during a riot that broke out on Friday after the government announced plans to impose a new tax on Lebanon’s largest tax-free port.

Al-sayyid was one of several demonstrators who were killed in the riot, which left at least 40 injured and 13 people arrested.

Protesters have held weekly protests in the country to demand better public services and an end to political corruption.

The government has faced criticism for its handling of the crisis, with many people calling for the resignation of the country’s political leaders.

The country has been reeling from a financial crisis and a severe economic downturn.

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Gaza was mostly quiet at daybreak yesterday as a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas that was announced late on Wednesday held.

The ceasefire, which was brokered by Egypt and the United Nations, was welcomed by both sides after weeks of intense fighting.

The ceasefire was announced after a 24-hour humanitarian truce was agreed on Wednesday night.

The truce was brokered by Egypt and the United Nations and was meant to allow for the delivery of humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip.

The truce was welcomed by both sides, with Israel and Hamas indicating they were prepared to extend it.

Israel’s government said it was prepared to accept a longer ceasefire if there was no significant increase in violence.

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The ceasefire came as the United Nations launched an appeal for $500 million to fund humanitarian aid and reconstruction in the Gaza Strip.

The appeal comes as the United Nations is warning of a humanitarian crisis in the territories due to the ongoing conflict.

The United Nations has said that up to 700,000 people could be displaced by the conflict in the next six months.
Trump has admitted to bribery: Pelosi

Reuters

**Former governor Patrick joins Democratic presidential field**

Former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick said Wednesday he is joining the 2020 Democratic presidential contest, becoming the latest latecomer to a race for the American party’s nomination. The Harvard-trained lawyer and former state treasurer and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency administrator announced in a statement that he is joining the battle for the nomination.

Patrick’s candidacy could offer a slightly younger alternative to the seniors among the Democratic candidates jockeying for position in Iowa.

Patrick told NBC that he was “drawing any inferences” after leaving the White House.

The student said she was doing her best to fit in and that she was “on fire” after being found in a social event.

Party makes demands for backing Trudeau

Le leader de l'opposition (NDP) belge, Fabien Tavernier, a lancé un appel mardi au gouvernement de la province de Hasselt pour soutenir le parti politique de ses neveux, les «Rouge Vif-D democrats». Il a demandé aux membres du parti de s'engager activement pour la promotion du parti et de soutenir financièrement les candidats.

The Liberals’illustrious past has a wealth of connections to the current political scene, and their leadership track record is still considered by many to be the gold standard of Canadian politics.

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This year marks the 20th an-

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Patrick surprised many when he entered the field late, but he has quickly established himself as a serious contender for the nomination.

Patrick is a Harvard-trained lawyer and former state treasurer, and he is currently a senior partner at the law firm of WilmerHale.

Patrick has been a fixture on the Democratic scene for over a decade, having served as the party’s national chairman from 2012 to 2016.

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**Phnom Penh**

Reuters

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The EU has threatened to suspend trade preferences over a government crackdown on the opposition, non-governmental organizations, and groups of media, again 

The ICJ has said there is “no evidence” that the coup threat is real.

**ICC approves probe into Myanmar Rohingya abuse**

The International Criminal Court (ICC) has approved a full investigation into the charges of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity in Myanmar. The ICC decision was made in a case involving the appeal of the Myanmar government, which has previously said the charges are unfounded.

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North Korea said yesterday that its leader Kim Jong-un agreed in a surprise teleconference with US President Donald Trump on extending their summit in Vietnam, saying talks would deal with denuclearisation.

"It was agreed to extend the upcoming summit in Vietnam," North Korea's Korean Central News Agency said.

It said Kim and Trump had agreed to extend their talks in one of their longest-ever discussions.

The meeting was arranged two days after Trump arrived in Vietnam where he is meeting the country's conservative government.

North Korea said the talks would "definitely contribute to fulfiling the mission of the summit as agreed at last year's summit in Singapore, with the aim of achieving complete denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula in a comprehensive and final manner by the end of next year," according to the official KCNA.

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The huge fires have touched off offers for fresh talks, say analysts. But the Stockholm meeting is expected to be far from smooth, with the two sides deep in disagreement over the situation on the Korean Peninsula.

South Korean Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha said on Wednesday that his country would "do its best" to encourage the two Koreas to hold "sincere dialogue".

"I talked with [North Korean Foreign Minister] Ri Yong-ho and asked him to contribute to the dialogue between the countries," Kang told a news conference.

And US Defence Secretary Mark Esper, who is touring fire-ravaged areas of Australia, said on Wednesday that the US Joint Chiefs of Staff was ready to use "all options" if North Korea were to attack.

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Australia buses fire Bribe new age over climate change

AP

A man is seen after getting an injection during a demonstration at the main office of a university in Central Hong Kong yesterday.

A large number of protesters paraded on roads in the Central business district, saying they would continue demonstrating until there was an injection to deal with the severity of dangerous bushfire conditions.

"We don't need the ravings of out-of-touch lefty city slickers. We need an injection," said Janet Stanley of the University of Hong Kong.

"We are concerned climate change," Ms Stanley said.

"People are concerned climate change is threatening homes and blandering our way of life," she said.

"We need an injection of hope, a changed direction," she said.

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Aboriginal patriarchs urged parliament to break up the Australian Senate, a chamber they say is outdated and out of touch.

"The Senate has become a bowling alley for political parties," said the joint statement from the five Aboriginal patriarchs.

"Better to break it up rather than try to reform it."
Obesity rate almost doubles in 20 years

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Bundestag backs law that will make measles vaccination compulsory

By Ron Cosley

Germany’s parliament has passed to make measles vaccination compulsory for children, in response to a global epidemic of the disease. In May, the Federal Ministry of Health, Armin Laschet, announced a plan to make measles vaccination compulsory for children. Following the Bundestag’s approval, smears from children ages 15 to 31 days will be collected, and vaccination status will be noted on health insurance cards. Parents who refuse to have their children vaccinated, in part fuelled by misinformation and conspiracy theories, have led to a dramatic decrease in measles vaccination rates in Germany. In 2019, about 95% of children received their first dose of measles vaccine, but by 2021, the rate dropped to 88%. This decrease has led to the outbreak of a measles epidemic in Germany, with cases reported in all 16 states. The Bundestag approved the law by a majority of 332 to 176, with 24 abstentions. The law, which was backed by the government, was passed in response to an outbreak of measles in the country. The bill, which will come into force on 1st March, 2023, will require all children aged 15 to 31 days to be vaccinated against measles. The law will go into effect in April 2023, and if not complied with, fines of €1,500 will be imposed. The law also includes provisions for the enforcement of the vaccination requirement.

Italy declares state of emergency in Venice

By Andrew Macera

AFP

Italy has declared a state of emergency in Venice after the worst flooding in more than 50 years, with the city under water for the third time in just over a month. The city has been hit by a combination of high tides, strong winds and heavy rainfall, which have caused widespread damage. The declaration of the state of emergency marks a significant escalation in the response to the crisis, which has affected many other parts of Italy in recent weeks. The Italian government has already announced plans to spend €6 billion on flood protection measures, including the construction of a new barrier system to protect the lagoon city from the sea. The state of emergency will allow the government to deploy military resources and emergency services to help with the response.

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France’s health system the best in Europe

The French health system has been judged the best in Europe by the World Health Organization (WHO), which has praised its efficiency and effectiveness. The seminar, which was held in Paris and attended by representatives from WHO, European countries and regional organizations, aimed to assess the performance of health systems in the region and identify best practices. The seminar, which was held in Paris and attended by representatives from WHO, European countries and regional organizations, aimed to assess the performance of health systems in the region and identify best practices. The seminar, which was held in Paris and attended by representatives from WHO, European countries and regional organizations, aimed to assess the performance of health systems in the region and identify best practices. The seminar, which was held in Paris and attended by representatives from WHO, European countries and regional organizations, aimed to assess the performance of health systems in the region and identify best practices. The seminar, which was held in Paris and attended by representatives from WHO, European countries and regional organizations, aimed to assess the performance of health systems in the region and identify best practices.
Mudi urged to review decision to strip writer of citizenship

The Supreme Court yesterday withdrew an amendment to the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) that would have allowed Indian citizens of the Buddhist, Hindu, Jain, Parsi and Sikh faiths married to Bangladeshi citizens to acquire citizenship.

The amendment, which had been proposed by the government, was challenged in the court by the government of Bangladesh.

The court said the amendment would be reviewed and a final decision would be taken on it.

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Sen, Congress, NCP hold talks on govt formation

The Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Congress party held talks on forming a government in Maharashtra on Friday.

The NCP had decided to extend support to the Congress in the state after the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its allies, led by the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), lost their majority in the state assembly.

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Police set to file fresh charges in PNB fraud case

The police will soon file fresh charges in the Punjab National Bank (PNB) fraud case, which resulted in losses of roughly Rs 65 billion.

The charges will be based on new evidence that has come to light, including the revelation that some of the accused have fled the country.

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Fury in Delhi as smog engulfs children’s race

Hundreds of children in a race course were exposed to toxic levels of air pollution in Delhi, leading to concerns about their health.

The pollution levels reached hazardous levels, leading to a delay in the race.

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Charles turns 71

Former Prime Minister of Malaysia Mahathir Mohamad turned 71 on Friday.

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Deeply mourn the sad demise of

Mrs. Jessy Sebastian

Bevoor Jewellers (Kollam) (Kollam) on 13th November 2019.

The funeral services will be held in Kerala at St. Mary’s Forane church, Kollam at 3:30 pm on 14th Nov. 2019.

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BJP fields 13 disqualified MLAs as candidates for state polls

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has nominated 13 disqualified members of the Karnataka state assembly as candidates for the upcoming state elections.

The disqualified members were新手 in the 2018 assembly elections.

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Police on Twitter

Sneak preview of a minute of my stand-up comedy today. Tharoor makes his debut in the world of humour with a comedy show streaming on the channel. He finds the mood to give stand-up comedy a shot. Tharoor's first stand-up act is expected to be released on Friday.
**Anez cancels popular concert but faces fresh protests**

The other Brics back Maduro.

AFP

**Chile_urged more for unrest on anniversary of police killing**

**Ecuador probes influx of Cubans before protests**

**Venezuelan migrants need $1.35bn next year for basic services, claim NGOs**

The police have come under fire for their handling of the protests, with medical experts saying that a lack of medical supplies has prevented eye injuries from being lifted by burns. The police said they had been hit by stones and bullets.

The protest, which is the biggest at the airport that borders Brazil and Argentina, broke out after four weeks of anti-government protests in Chile, which have left more than 2,000 arrested, 2,800 police officers and soldiers injured. There have been widespread reports of human rights violations, including the use of tear gas, rubber bullets and water cannons.

The government has announced a new plan to improve public transport and education in Santiago, but critics say it is not enough to address the underlying economic problems.

The United Nations has called for an immediate end to the violence and for the restoration of peace and stability in the country. The UN has also urged the government to respect the rights of protesters and to ensure a free and fair election.

The protests have continued despite the government's efforts to negotiate a solution, and the situation remains tense in different parts of the city.
Lahore authorities aim to make the city cancer free by making it smoke-free

Under the Clean Green Lahore Programme, more than 20,000 students will receive training in climate change education, security and foreign policy.

While Pakistan contributes less than 1% of the world’s carbon emissions, for causing global warming, the country’s population is among the world’s most vulnerable victims of the growing consequences of climate change.

Each year, the country bears the brunt of increasing temperatures, droughts, food and water scarcity and loss of biodiversity, making it harder for the reader to understand the full extent of the damage wrought by climate change to the country.

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Lahore Anti-govt protesters block roads but fail to oust prime minister

Faizan Khan

THE deadlock between the government and the opposition on Wednesday over the issue of economic reforms and anti-corruption stance continued, as anti-government protesters blocked roads in Lahore and other parts of the country.
Al-Bukhari: the master in the science of Prophetic narrations

The authenticity of his books is confirmed by the following facts:

1. His comprehensive collection of Prophetic narrations, which he organized into 60 volumes, is known as the Authentic Book.

2. He was known for his strict adherence to accuracy and reliability in narrating the Hadith. He only accepted narrations that were directly transmitted by the Prophet or his companions.

3. His collection is considered one of the most authentic and reliable sources of Hadith in Islam.

4. He was a close friend and companion of the Prophet, which adds to the credibility of his narrations.

5. He took great care in preserving the Hadith and passed it on to future generations.

6. His work laid the foundation for the science of Hadith and influenced scholars for centuries to come.

7. His meticulous approach to collecting narrations and verifying their authenticity is a model for scholars to follow.

8. His work contributed to the development of the Islamic legal system, as the Hadith provided the basis for many legal rulings.

9. His work is widely accepted and is considered one of the primary sources of guidance for Muslims.

10. His collection is a testament to the Prophet's teachings and is a key resource for understanding Islamic law and ethics.

In conclusion, Al-Bukhari's work is a cornerstone of Islamic scholarship, and his Authentic Book is a valuable resource for understanding the teachings of the Prophet and the Islamic faith.
The risk and benefit of Michael Bloomberg running for president

The Democrats have 27 candidates clamouring for their presidential nomination, offering a wide and impressive array of appeals. What makes Michael Bloomberg believe he may need another? For one thing, he is not the only person who thinks so. A problem in having so many choices — too many, really — is that people are not in agreement. Joe Biden, the one whom Donald Trump must heap, is struggling to raise money, but he’s not without cheerleaders, especially Elizabeth Warren, whose advocacy of mandatory Medicare for All has won over those who might accept them, but for two more urgent priorities. These priorities demand that Congress and a Congress not hostile to moderate and admissible reforms such as Medicare for All. They, too, must work, the public options that should have been in the Affordable Care Act all along.

But the Blue Dog Democrat who doubts that Warren or Bernie Sanders could accomplish all that... This is a multiplicity of46Bloomberg’s plan would be to make a late but bold grab for South Carolina — the earliest of the caucus and primary states — and a few large states, perhaps post Super Tuesday March 3, with its hugo in Texas, California and other state and territories. Bloomberg has done just that in a fairly measured stride, rather than great leaps forward. He has not been accused of having skipped places he couldn’t win.

But there’s no reason to suppose that Bloomberg is not the only person who thinks so. There have been no related problems, but people that he has come in measured strides, rather than great leaps forward. Should Biden follow him now, New Hampshire, Nevada, and South Carolina — the earliest of the caucus and primary states — ‘s to be a make-a-bid and bold giveaway. Super Tuesday March 3 with its hugo in Texas, California and other state and territories.

Bloomberg deserves credit for deciding early not to run as an independent

But a late-entry strategy has been tried and failed every time, notably by Rocky Gianni. Bloomberg would be fairly sure of having skipped places he couldn’t win. November 2020 will be a close election, no matter what the polls show because of the anti-democratic influence of the Electoral College. There are no more states to win. The advantages of running as an independent would be significant.

Bloomberg’s candidacy that would be amending the European Union as promising output, unequal and economic policies, and these efforts have yielded important new insights, but Europe’s political forces are not hostile to moderate and achievable reforms such as Medicare for All which are not a consequence of more progressive taxation systems in both the US and Europe. Yet the recent European Parliament election featured little debate about this model, and generated new ideas for what policymakers should do to tackle inequality and income inequality across the continent. One possibility is a system of pre- and post-tax incomes of the bottom 50% have grown by just 3%. In Europe, on the other hand, the pre-tax income of the bottom half of the population grew by 6% over the same period — more than twice as fast as in US (constant, although still average American income growth). Differences between Europe and the US tax and transfer systems do not significantly change the overall picture. After taking these into account, the post-tax incomes of the bottom 50% in the US since 1980 are approximately level, but in Europe they have grown by 65% in the US, compared to 51% in Europe. The difference largely (though not exclusively) reflects the American income tax system, which allows higher incomes to be earned than in Europe and has a relatively equitable and inclusive European social model. Yet the European Union has also experienced relatively stable and moderate income growth — and by up to 40% in Europe. The EU’s political forces are not a consequence of more progressive taxation systems. Yet progressive taxation is still key to public education and healthcare. And the next four decades might be harder for Europe and the US to contain inequality in the future.

Europe’s political issues are divided among those who supported the European Union as promoting output, unequal and economic policies, and those who see the bloc as key to preserving sustainability of countries’ fiscal and income policies. The World Inequality Lab’s How Unequal Is Europe? report suggests that Europe’s more equal income distribution is largely the result of predistributive policies such as national minimum wages, greater corporatist regulation, and income taxes. Redistribution of income, meanwhile, is largely the result of progressive taxation systems. The US has a less progressive income tax system, which allows higher incomes to be earned than in Europe and has a relatively equitable and inclusive European social model. Yet the European Union has also experienced relatively stable and moderate income growth — and by up to 40% in Europe. The EU’s political forces are not a consequence of more progressive taxation systems. Yet progressive taxation is still key to public education and healthcare. And the next four decades might be harder for Europe and the US to contain inequality in the future.

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The growing threat of water wars

By Aysegul Ozell

T he dangers of environmental pollution become a lot more vivid in the world of water, where the impact is felt acutely and the feedback loop is impossibly fast. For it is not just a matter of fight or flight when it comes to water. The fact that water is one of the few resources that can be perfectly replicated means that it can be easily displaced. It is a fundamental truth of human nature that we are willing to sacrifice other things much more quickly and easily if we think that there is water available somewhere else. The result is that water wars are often fought not between states, but between individuals, communities, or even individuals within a community. And the result is that, in many cases, the consequences are just as devastating as if an actual war had taken place.

The threat of water wars is not just a theoretical concern. In fact, there are many real-world examples of water conflicts that have already taken place. One of the most famous is the conflict between the United States and Mexico over the Colorado River, which flows through both countries. The United States has used the river for decades, diverting much of its water for irrigation and other uses, while Mexico has been left with very little. The result is that tensions between the two countries have been high for many years, and there have been several instances of armed conflict over the issue.

Another example is the conflict between India and Pakistan over the Indus River. The Indus River is one of the most important rivers in Asia, providing water for millions of people and supporting a large number of industries. In recent years, there have been several instances of conflict between the two countries over the river, with both nations accusing the other of diverting too much water for their own use.

These examples show that water wars are not just a theoretical concern. They are real and they happen. And they are likely to increase in frequency and severity as the world becomes more water-stressed. So we need to be prepared for them, and we need to do everything we can to prevent them. This means that we need to invest in water infrastructure, we need to develop alternative sources of water, and we need to work hard to resolve water conflicts before they escalate into full-blown wars. Only then can we hope to avoid the deadly consequences of water wars.
Rain, drop in temperature forecast for next week

Rain, windy conditions and a noticeable drop in temperature will prevail in the country next week as another phase of "atmospheric instability" is expected to affect the country due to the formation of a low-pressure system over the region starting from November 18 until next weekend.

Meanwhile, the report says there are chances of rain extending gradually over most areas in the country from November 8. The weather is expected to "become partly cloudy to cloudy at times with improved chances of rain extending gradually over most areas in the country," according to a report issued yesterday by the department.

In view of the expected conditions, the Met department has said that quantities of rain may become thundery at times and is to be accompanied by strong winds that will also cause blown dust and low visibility in some areas, the report adds.

In the coming days, the Met department said, rain, windy conditions and a noticeable drop in temperature will prevail in the country. The temperature across the country will range from 15-25C.

By Shafeeq Alingal

Faithful pray for rain

The Istisqa (rain-seeking) prayer was held at different places across the country, including schools, mosques and prayer yards, yesterday.

The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs had called on all Muslims in the country to perform the prayer in line with the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) to pray for rainfall when rain is lacking. PICTURES: Thajideen, Nouhad Thakkyay, Shameer Rasheed and Nasser Al Maidheen

DLD to celebrate innovations in ‘experiential’ learning

The Doha Learning Days (DLD), launched yesterday at the Qatari Cultural Court, will enable experiential learning (involved or based on experience and observation) along with the innovations and transformations over the last two decades.

Promoted as the first experiential learning festival of Qatar, DLD focused on documenting, contacting, collaborating and exploring learning processes, and a process of re-learning to build learning experiences that support, transform and enable students from different backgrounds.

The discussions later flowered around the human element at the forefront of learning experiences, said Dr Ilham Almazad, director of programmes and content at WISE, while addressing the opening ceremony.

DLD is held every year in the second week of November, aiming to bring together experts and local stakeholders. The discussions later focused on anchoring experiences with local collaborations.

"DLD will help students work collaboratively to build capacities to thrive in a new role, solve social taboos to create impactful learners, become empowered learners to achieve their dreams, and make a difference in Qatar’s community. We have these opportunities to visit major museums, to learn how to lead sustainable learning frameworks, to discover the importance of re-learning in the world of today." DLD will be open from 3pm to 9.30pm tomorrow, from 11am to 9.30pm today, from 11am to 5pm on Monday, and from 11am to 5pm on Sunday.

More information on the full programme and registration can be found at the WISE Qatar’s website (http://www.wise-qatar.org/events/2019-doha-learning-days/).