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By Peter Alagos

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Qatar Oil’s dairy production leader, Mavita wa Lufuta, said it is expecting to expand its products to the Qatar National Bank in the third quarter of this year and is forecasting further revenue growth by the end of this year, according to a retired official. "It is expected to reach QR1.01 each. The subscription period is open from October 27 to November 7. Baladna is expected to list QR1.43bn shares to the public in its Initial Public Offering (IPO) in December this year. While only Qataris will be eligible to subscribe to the IPO, all investors are entitled to buy shares on the secondary market of the Qatar Exchange," she said.

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**Al-Mahmoud meets head of global body of parliamentarians against corruption**

HE the Speaker of the Shura Council Ahmed bin Ibrahim Al Mohannadi yesterday met the Chairman of Global Organisation of Parliamentarians Against Corruption, Dr Fadli Zon.

Dr Zon, who was on his first official visit to Qatar, met the Speaker at the Shura Council yesterday.

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**16,000 people vaccinated against seasonal influenza**

The Qatar Ministry of Public Health announced that 16,000 people were vaccinated against seasonal influenza until yesterday.

The ministry called on all citizens and residents to receive the seasonal influenza vaccine in October.

The ministry stressed the importance of parents vaccinating their children (up to 11 years of age), children between 12 and 15 years old, pregnant women, and health workers.

**NHRC chief meets UN delegation**

NHRC chief meets UN delegation in the fight against corruption.

The meeting reviewed the organisation’s history and its global role in the fight against corruption.

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Qatar, Finland discuss ways to boost trade relations

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The ILO Governing Body, in its 96th session, adopted the ILO’s initial report to the Conference for 2020 and the Conference for 2021, in addition to discussions on the composition of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Board of Directors in Geneva, Switzerland.

Employer Representative, Former Board Member of Qatar Chamber, Hassan Al Memari, said that the UN meetings, which witnessed the discussions of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Board of Directors, is a good opportunity for the country to express the views of Qatar and follow the steps initiated by Qatar in the field of labor and improve the country’s position in the world. Al Memari said that Qatar is the first country in the region to adopt the labor law and ensure the rights of workers, and that this decision was adopted by the government to adopt the best procedures in the region.

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QRCS organises disaster management workshop for school mistresses

The Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) has held a disaster management training workshop for 40 headmistresses of Qatar, in co-operation with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education’s Training and Educational Development Centre.

Under the umbrella of the QRCS School Programme, the two-day event covered a wide range of topics related to disaster management and risk reduction, including introduction to disaster risk management; disaster preparedness and response; first aid and health education; and legal issues.

The sessions are conducted by a group of QRCS’s disaster management trainers who are internationally certified volunteers.

Huda A. Hammoodi, a QRCS field officer, said: “The purpose of this workshop is to educate the principals of schools on the basics of handling disasters, the importance of preparedness and emergency plans, and for them to implement this knowledge with the help of QRCS. The workshop is to evaluate the training programme, moulding them to set goals and design courses on scientific bases with high-level skills. In order to develop the skills participants, practical modules for the training sessions were designed including setting up the training timelines, the time sessions, contents, objectives of the training sessions, the main activities and the objectives of the training sessions and the main activities to be covered during the training.”

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According to Hammoodi, this is the first of the workshops to be held during November, with a total 210 attendances divided into three groups. The main aim of this workshop is to understand the importance of handling disasters in schools, in light of the remarkable success of QRCS School Programme over the last few years.

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Qatar International Court and HBKU College of Law sign MoU

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Under the umbrella of the Qatar-Principality of Monaco Agreements, Prince Albert received the Qatari envoy’s papers, in the presence of His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, and in promotion and strengthening of the ties of friendship and cooperation between Qatar and Monaco.

The Amir wished Prince Albert more prosperity and progress and wished more prosperity and progress to the people of Monaco. Prince Albert reciprocated the Amir's greetings and wishes of good health and happiness to Prince Albert and his family.

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HBKU College of Law, said: “The agreement with Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre is fundamental to the development of a new and modern international dispute resolution service in the region and the world. This service will be a unique opportunity to help build a sustainable future for the region and the world. It will provide a platform for resolving disputes in a more efficient and effective manner. It will also provide a platform for resolving disputes in a more efficient and effective manner. It will also provide a platform for resolving disputes in a more efficient and effective manner.

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Baladna
Initial Public Offering

Final day of subscription period

Baladna is a unique Qatari growth story with strong potential to continue its journey. This IPO gives Qatari nationals an opportunity to support the national development and share in the future success of Qatar’s leading dairy and beverage producer.

Key IPO Facts

- The Baladna Q.P.S.C. IPO is offering 1,425,750,000 Shares at an Offer Price of QAR 1.01 per Share
- New, strategic investors already committed to 23% of shares
- Up to 52% of share capital available to eligible individual and corporate investors
- Existing owners to retain 25% ownership; no sale of existing shares
- Proceeds will be used to strengthen the company’s balance sheet
- A fatwa has been issued declaring that subscription in the shares of the Company is sharia-compliant

Key investment highlights

- Baladna is a self-sufficient dairy company established to become the #1 Qatari dairy and beverage company
- Baladna has a strong operational performance and potential cash flow generation capacity with strong margins
- Baladna has state of the art production facility and infrastructure with fully deployed capital investments
- Baladna has strong support from major stakeholders
- Baladna is a premium branded and well recognized household name in Qatar with the dominant market share in dairy and beverage products
- This is a one of a kind opportunity to establish a local market leader in the fresh dairy market and contribute to Qatar’s 2030 Vision and the National Food Security Program

How to Subscribe?

1. Check you are eligible to participate
2. Learn about Baladna at our website and via the prospectus
3. Check you have all of the required documents to allow you to subscribe
4. Submit a subscription form at participating Receiving Banks before 7th November 2019

Eligible Investors

The IPO is open to Qatari citizens and Qatari companies with a commercial registration certificate issued by MOIC.

For more information about the IPO visit:

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Ooredoo marks ‘most successful Qitcom in history’

Ooredoo has described Qitcom 2019 as “a testament to the strong partnerships, elegant user experience, pioneering solutions, and transforming technology opportunities”.

The company will also launch Ooredoo Life Marketplace to provide customers with new innovative business services and solutions.

Ooredoo’s other new solution launches include Cloud Desktop, Web Application Firewall, Azure Express Route, and DataUsage and WebAppDiscovery. Ooredoo’s Smart City, national digital infrastructure, and health initiatives are all part of the Ooredoo Smart Qatar and Sunbit Cloud Solutions. Ooredoo has also announced a new $40 million investment in its Smart Cities programme.

The Ooredoo booth at Qitcom.

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Generation Amazing announces Youth Festival and Ambassador programme

By Joey Aguilar

Some 170 youths from Qatar and countries across the world will take part in the first edition of Generation Amazing (GA) Youth Festival 2019, scheduled from December 15-18 at Qatar Foundation’s Oryx Park.

The occasion, which forms part of Qatar Foundation’s Legacy (SC)’s Generation Amazing Programme, marks the start of a series of festivals leading to 2022 and will be the first youth event held alongside the FIFA Club World Cup this year.

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As part of the Qatar Sustainability Week 2019, Qatar Charity organizes “My Environment My Responsibility” Event

Qatar Charity releases the 20th issue of ‘Ghiras’ magazine

Nearly 1000 Asian students exhibit talents on third day of fiesta
QNB powers up charging stations for electric cars

QNB Group, the largest financial institution in the Middle East and Asia, has recently signed a cooperation agreement with Porsche Centre Doha, Al Boraq Automobiles, to enhance and improve the facilities of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at its head office and selected branches.

The move was one of a number of initiatives launched during Qatar Sustainability Week as part of the Group's sustainability programme. It is one of the many projects and initiatives our bank is undertaking in partnership with leading organisations in Qatar and across our international network to promote sustainability, considering it as inseparable part of our strategy, and as one of the pillars of the Qatar National Vision 2030, “ said Abdulla Kamal, general manager of QNB Group Administration and General Services.

“The move comes in support of the Ministry of Transport and Communications (MoTC) initiatives and our Bank’s continuous efforts towards sustainability. We have been working with various government departments and organisations since 2013 to enhance the EV charging facilities in Qatar, which is one of the achievements of the Qatar National Vision 2030. As part of our commitment to promote sustainability, we are working with our Bank’s partners, clients and employees to engage them with sustainability activities, as they are an inseparable part of our Bank’s strategy,” Kamal added.

QNB’s partnership with Porsche Doha is part of the Qatar Sustainability Week programme, which aims to promote the ownership of EVs in the country, which guarantees the reduction of air pollution levels and a smaller carbon footprint, in line with the Qatar National Vision 2030.

In the context of the Qatar Sustainability Week, the first fully electric model is a true Porsche for the age of electric mobility. The newly installed charging station is part of “Porsche Destination Charging” facilities in Qatar that is connected with a Global Porsche network. The move will be beneficial for all drivers of electric cars in Qatar, offering them the chance to continue their journey with ease, a key milestone towards the ownership of EVs in Qatar.

Each team received a cash prize of QR125,000, QR100,000 and QR75,000 for winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. The winners of the creative ideas awards were the following: the first place went to Smart Shuttle, a Qatari-based Startup Hub award were Educarso (2nd place), Skip (3rd place), Noor ranked 4th place, while Carts with about 200 innovative ideas, that enables them to transform their projects into reality.

The Creative Ideas Camp in Innovation Centre, a platform that brings together entrepreneurs, experts and investors to showcase ideas, connect, build partnerships, and entrepreneurs to develop their digital ideas, projects, prototypes and digital solutions that will further Qatar’s digital transformation. It also supported startups to work on their ideas through hackathons, coaching programmes, brainstorming sessions, and incubation centres.

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Fifty One East opens pre-order for Sony Alpha 9 II camera

The new Alpha 9 II features a newly designed full-frame IMager sensor with approximately 120 million effective pixels, has a sensitivity range of ISO 100 to 51200, and has a dynamic range of 14.2 stops. The camera also has an upgraded autofocus system with 693 phase-detection AF points and 425 contrast-detection AF points, covering approximately 100% of the frame. The camera supports 10-bit 4K video recording at 120 fps, and has a dedicated 2GB H.265 recording buffer for extended video recording. The Alpha 9 II also features new and improved Eye AF, improved Face Detection performance, and a new AF function for sports and animal photography. The camera has a 5-axis image stabilization system that can compensate for up to 6 stops of shake. The Alpha 9 II is compatible with Sony’s E-mount lenses, and can transmit image data to a smartphone or tablet via Bluetooth or Wi-Fi. The camera also features a new touch interface, and has a new 3.15-inch tilting rear LCD screen and a new 2.36 million-dot electronic viewfinder. The battery life is 650 shots per charge, and the camera weighs 1.4kg.
**Quater 11**

**Qatar University (QU) hosted the Centre for Sustainable Development (CSD)**

The conference discussed sustainable development in sustainable development through four dedicated sessions of food and water security, waste management, water management and renewable energy. The conference focused on the importance of sustainable development and how it can be achieved through education, research, and community engagement.

**Exhibition: Islamic Art in the 11th-14th Century Chinese ports: Malaysia, Indonesia, China during the Song and Yuan Periods**

The exhibition aims to shed a spotlight on the role of Islamic art and material culture in the development of economic and cultural exchanges between China and the Islamic world.

**Symposium on Islamic art to open on Nov 10**

The symposium co-chairs, Jabara, an environmental engineer, and Jabara, an environmental engineer, said: “We hope that the symposium will bring together artists who are addressing the need for sustainability and environmental protection.”

**11 Qatari graduates to join HSBC**

HSBC Qatar has selected 11 young Qatari graduates who will join its business services programmes. The programme aims to develop the new graduates in their new careers in international banking.

**Children, women attend workshop on recycling**

The centre was established under provisions of Law No 21 of 2006 on the media and media professionals. The centre was established to provide a platform for discussion and networking among media professionals and to encourage the free flow of information and ideas.

**CNS-Q students win top prize in engineering contest**

The CNS-Q students were awarded the top prize in the National Applied Research and Technology (CART) Competition for their project on “The role of renewable energy in achieving sustainable development in the Middle East.”

**Wise selects 25 young leaders for learners’ voice programme**

Wise is looking for learners aged 14-18 who are passionate about the environment and social innovation to join its Learners’ Voice Programme. The programme aims to engage young leaders from around the world in addressing the challenges facing communities in the Gulf region.

**Press Centre elects new chairman**

The Press Centre has elected a new chairman, Faryal A Dad, a former deputy correspondent for Reuters. The Press Centre is an independent media centre that aims to promote freedom of expression and media freedom in Qatar.

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Qatar International Art Festival enthrals audience

The newly held Qatar International Art Festival 2019, which concluded recently, has turned out to be a treat for art lovers in Doha. The festival, which took place from November 20-29, 2019, was an opportunity for artists to showcase their talents and express their creativity in various mediums, including painting, sculpture, photography, and mixed media. The festival featured a diverse range of artists from different countries, bringing together a vibrant and engaging art scene.

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Qatari artist Fatma Hassan al-Remaihi, general manager of Katara, on Thursday November 1 in Doha – Signature Sponsor. Qatar International Art Festival 2019 (QIAF 2019) commenced with the Qatar Post opening. Khalid bin Ibrahim al-Sulaiti, the recently held Qatar International Art Festival, has announced that its seventh Ajyal Film Festival will present a slate of six films and introduce a large number of artists in a variety of activities, the organisation said. The second edition of the festival was organized by MAPS International in association with the Ministry of Culture, Katara – the Cultural Village, Museum of Islamic Art, National Museum of Qatar, Museum of Islamic Art, and Souq Waqif. Registration of the artists was followed by five panel discussions. The QIAF 2019 art exhibition was inaugurated by His Excellency Mr. Khalid bin Ibrahim Al-Sulaiti, Minister of Culture and Tourism. The exhibition, which forms part of Qatar-India 2019 Year of Culture, will be open until November 29. Dhaham’s exhibition addresses the concept of historical conservation and exclusion through a qualitative approach between what is visible and what is real. During his residency, Daham relied on local tangible and intangible materials to create artworks that reflect the life of the farmers of Katara. The exhibition presents handmade manuscripts to fiddle the intangibility of history. During his residency, Daham relied on local tangible and intangible materials to create artworks that reflect the life of the farmers of Katara. The exhibition presents handmade manuscripts to fiddle the intangibility of history.

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**Me-Time**

By Dr. Sanjay Thakur

What is a healthy mind? Is it one that is free from stress? Is it one that is able to think clearly and logically? Is it one that is able to make good decisions? Is it one that is able to enjoy life?

In my opinion, a healthy mind is one that is able to think clearly and logically, is able to make good decisions, and is able to enjoy life.

**Recycle the Plastic: But for how long? – The Limits of Neurplasticity**

By Bushra Alahmad

As humans living in a dynamic environment, we are constantly in contact with different stimuli. Neurplasticity is the process by which the brain is able to adapt to these stimuli. It is the ability of the brain to form new connections and to change its structure and function in response to experience.

Neurplasticity is a fundamental characteristic of the brain. It is the ability of the brain to adapt to different stimuli and to change its structure and function. Neurplasticity is present throughout the life of the brain. Even in the case of people who have suffered brain injuries or who have developed certain neurological disorders, the brain still has the ability to adapt to different stimuli.

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Zimbabwe police stop workers’ march

Reuters

Zimbabwe police officers yesterday clashed with public sector workers marching to demand an end to overnight government office closures with a petition demanding better job conditions.

The police fired tear gas and rubber bullets at the protesters in Harare, the capital, and arrested dozens of demonstrators. The workers, who have been on strike since last month, demand a pay raise, improved working conditions and the right to form unions.

A police officer said: “We acted in self-defense as they were throwing stones and Molotov cocktails at the police. We are not allowed to use firearms but we were forced to use tear gas and batons to disperse them.”

Protesters had earlier attempted to march to the government offices, which have been closed overnight for the past two weeks, demanding the return of their paychecks and an end to the strike action.

AFP

Zimbabwe police and opposition protesters including teachers, nurses and public servants hold a demonstration outside the Zimbabwean Parliament in Harare, Zimbabwe, Thursday, July 1, 2021.

Robert Mugabe, the country’s first leader, died in September 2019, after a lengthy illness. His death marked the end of an era for Zimbabweans, many of whom had grown up with him in power.

The demonstration, which was held in defiance of a government ban on public gatherings, was attended by hundreds of people chanting slogans and waving red and black flags. They called for a free and fair election and the release of political prisoners.

In 2018, Mugabe was forced to resign after nearly four decades in power. His successor, Emmerson Mnangagwa, has promised to bring about political and economic reforms. However, some have criticized his administration for not delivering on its promises.

The demonstration comes as Zimbabwe faces economic challenges, including high inflation and a shortage of foreign currency. The government has struggled to pay salaries and provide basic services to its citizens.

Four tourists among eight injured in Jordan stabbing

AFP

Four tourists — three Mexican and one Swiss — were among eight people wounded in a stabbing attack in Jordan on Tuesday.

The attack took place at the historic site of the dead sea, near the ancient city of Jericho, where the tourists were visiting a church.

A 20-year-old Jordanian man, who was later identified as a security personnel, stabbed the tourists with a knife, according to local media.

Two of the victims were airlifted to a hospital in Amman, while the other six were treated on the scene.

A Jordanian security source said the attacker was killed by security forces after he refused to surrender.

The incident comes amid rising tensions in the region, with Jordan facing a growing threat of terrorism.

The attack is the latest in a series of incidents in Jordan, which has experienced a spate of violent attacks in recent years.

The Jordanian government has vowed to take tough measures to combat terrorism, including increased security measures and a crackdown on extremist groups.

UN Palestinian agency chief suspended amid probe

AFP

The UN's chief for the West Bank and Gaza has been suspended amid an investigation into allegations of corruption and nepotism.

The move comes after a report by the UN's anti-corruption watchdog, the Ethics Office, found that the agency’s management had failed to address complaints of improper hiring and financial mismanagement.

The suspension follows a UN report in April that found evidence of widespread corruption and nepotism in the agency. The report highlighted cases of staff members benefiting from preferential treatment and hiring decisions.

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**By Patrick Besse, AP**

Democrats celebrated big victories in races seen as 2020 barometers, as voters reversed conservative trends in two southern states and in Virginia, where the governor and attorney general losses have prompted calls for reforms that would remove power from Donald Trump.

In Kentucky, the venerated road that runs through the city’s downtown was renamed for the first time in 105 years Tuesday, as voters reversed the City Council’s vote to restore the street’s name to its original — “Mr. Big” — in a move that reflected a broader national momentum against racial injustice.

In Georgia, a top Trump donor-turned-diplomat aimed at boosting his 2020 re-election bid was called to testify, but he said he couldn’t appear, as he continues to maintain Trump’s presidency is “refreshed,” trumpeting the president’s recovery after a near-fatal bout with the coronavirus.

In Tuesday’s balloting approved restoring the name of the street to “The Pass,” the name associated with a Civil War-era and a Jim Crow-time symbol of racial injustice, ending a long contributory to a project that would be a major step in the restoration of the new public phase.

“Mr. Big” was again reviewed by Democratic lawmakers on Capitol Hill as they continue to investigate the Trump administration’s dealings with Ukraine, which has prompted calls for reforms that would remove power from Donald Trump.

The former US ambassador to Ukraine, who described the president as “refreshed,” trumpeted the president’s recovery after a near-fatal bout with the coronavirus.

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A 15 killed in suspected rebel attack in Thailand’s south

Thai military said 15 civilians were killed and 9 others wounded yesterday when suspected rebels in southern Thailand ambushed a group of security forces near a military base.

A police officer, who was wounded in the attack, was taken to a military hospital, and one died this morning. "Twelve were killed at the scene, two more died at the hospital, and one died this morning," said Pramote, adding that 15 bodies were found at the scene.

The attack took place in Mabaray, Phattalung province.

Thailand drug suspects run to ground after daring escape

A man said to be the "Queen of Crime" and her Thai partner fled to avoid arrest yesterday after they escaped from a police station.

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According to police, the couple arrived at a police station at 3pm yesterday to report that they had been arrested for drug trafficking.

At the station, they were given the option of being booked for detention or free release.

They chose to be booked for detention, and were then taken to a police station in Phuket.

At the station, they were booked for drug trafficking and held overnight.

On Tuesday, they were released on bail and remained free. They then decided to use the bail to escape.

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Moon-Beijing relations, US diplomat notes

**Politician wounded in Hong Kong knife attack**

A senior politician in Hong Kong was stabbed on Tuesday, according to local media, as the city continues to grapple with pro-democracy protests that have caused widespread disruptions.

The attack took place during a protest against a proposed extradition law, which would allow Hong Kong residents to be sent to mainland China for trial. The law has been met with widespread opposition from the city's residents, who fear it would undermine their freedoms.

The attacker, who was reportedly a relative of the politician, was arrested after the incident. The politician, who was not named, was reportedly wounded in the attack and is in stable condition.

The attack comes as Hong Kong continues to grapple with pro-democracy protests that have caused widespread disruptions. The city has seen large-scale protests in recent weeks, with demonstrators calling for greater political freedoms and an investigation into police brutality.

**Lost pup turns out to be a rare purebred dingo**

Scientists from the University of Sydney have discovered a rare purebred dingo in Australia. The dingo, named Wishbone by its rescuers, was found in bushland near a local council's sanctuary.

Wishbone was discovered by a group of volunteers who were searching for a missing dingo. They found the pup near a waterhole, and discovered it was in fact a purebred dingo.

Scientists from the University of Sydney have confirmed through DNA testing that Wishbone is indeed a purebred dingo, and is likely to be a member of a rare subspecies of the species.

The discovery of the purebred dingo is significant, as dingoes are considered a key component of Australia's biodiversity. The species is also known for its role in controlling pests such as rabbits and rodents.

Scientists are now looking into the possibility of establishing a conservation program for the purebred dingo, which could help protect the species from extinction.

**Autumn colours**

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**British backpacker allegedly strangled by man she met on Tinder**

A British backpacker has been reportedly strangled by a man she met on the dating app Tinder in New Zealand. The victim, 24-year-old Grace Millane, was last seen on December 1st, when she went to a local bar with a man she had met on Tinder.

Millane has been reported missing, and the New Zealand Police are investigating the case. The suspect, a 27-year-old man, has been arrested and charged with murder.

The case has sparked a national debate in New Zealand about online safety and the dangers of meeting people through social media.

**North Korea slams US relations with South**

North Korea has slammed the US for its recent meeting with South Korean officials, saying the US is trying to undermine the North-South dialogue.

North Korea’s Foreign Minister, Ri Yong-ho, has expressed his dissatisfaction with the recent meeting between US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and South Korean officials. Ri Yong-ho has threatened to withdraw his country from the 1994 Agreed Framework, which would put the future of the nuclear talks in doubt.

The US has defended its stance, saying it is committed to the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. The US has also invited North Korea to a summit with US President Donald Trump, which the North has so far refused to accept.

The North Korean leader, Kim Jong-un, has said that the US is trying to rush the denuclearization process and has threatened to conduct nuclear tests if the US does not meet its demands.

The North Korean military has also warned of possible military action if the US continues to push for denuclearization without offering economic incentives.

**North Korean leader to visit China in late January**

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un is set to visit China later this month, according to state media. The visit is expected to be a significant event, as it will be the first since the two countries last met in July 2019.

The visit is likely to focus on the two countries’ ongoing efforts to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula. The US has threatened to impose new sanctions on North Korea if it does not make further progress on denuclearization.

The visit is also expected to provide an opportunity for the two leaders to discuss other issues, including the US-India strategic partnership and the situation in the Middle East.

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**British backpacker allegedly strangled by man she met on Tinder**

A British backpacker has been reportedly strangled by a man she met on the dating app Tinder in New Zealand. The victim, 24-year-old Grace Millane, was last seen on December 1st, when she went to a local bar with a man she had met on Tinder.

Millane has been reported missing, and the New Zealand Police are investigating the case. The suspect, a 27-year-old man, has been arrested and charged with murder.

The case has sparked a national debate in New Zealand about online safety and the dangers of meeting people through social media.

**North Korea slams US relations with South**

North Korea has slammed the US for its recent meeting with South Korean officials, saying the US is trying to undermine the North-South dialogue.

North Korea’s Foreign Minister, Ri Yong-ho, has expressed his dissatisfaction with the recent meeting between US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and South Korean officials. Ri Yong-ho has threatened to withdraw his country from the 1994 Agreed Framework, which would put the future of the nuclear talks in doubt.

The US has defended its stance, saying it is committed to the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. The US has also invited North Korea to a summit with US President Donald Trump, which the North has so far refused to accept.

The North Korean leader, Kim Jong-un, has said that the US is trying to rush the denuclearization process and has threatened to conduct nuclear tests if the US does not meet its demands.

The North Korean military has also warned of possible military action if the US continues to push for denuclearization without offering economic incentives.

**North Korean leader to visit China in late January**

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un is set to visit China later this month, according to state media. The visit is expected to be a significant event, as it will be the first since the two countries last met in July 2019.

The visit is likely to focus on the two countries’ ongoing efforts to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula. The US has threatened to impose new sanctions on North Korea if it does not make further progress on denuclearization.

The visit is also expected to provide an opportunity for the two leaders to discuss other issues, including the US-India strategic partnership and the situation in the Middle East.
Brexit has made UK’s problems worse, says Juncker

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A Sikh couple who say they were refused the chance to adopt a white baby "because they're Asian" have gone to court.

Reena Mander and her husband, who were both born in Britain, say they were turned down for the adoption application because they tried to adopt a child from India.

The couple, who have been unable to have children of their own, have started legal action through the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

They are among couples who say they were rejected by the Indian authorities because they were "not the right colour".

In April 2016, social work-

er Shirley Popel telephoned them, saying they were "not eligible for adoption" because they were "not the right colour".

She accused them of "denying them their human rights".

In a letter to Mr Mander, Ms Popel said: "We were told you were not the right colour to adopt..."

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By Michele Kambas, Reuters

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Amethi farmer gets free liver transplant

A poor farmer from the Amethi district got a free liver transplant after the King George Medical University (KGMU) in Lucknow helped him get financial aid. Gaurav Tiwari, 29, was suffering from liver cirrhosis and needed a transplant. Staff at KGMU identified him for the programme and the hospital helped the patient in getting the liver transplant. The chief medical officer (CMO) of Amethi district, Dr. Deepak Tiwari, said, "Our hospital has been working for the past two months to ensure that the patient gets the transplant.

New Delhi

A special court in Ahmedabad, India has granted bail to four individuals, including a senior police official, in a case related to the 1990 Gujarat riot. The court found the accused guilty of criminal conspiracy and incitement to communal violence and granted bail to the accused on condition that they will not leave the country and will appear before the court as and when required.

Kiran Bedi gets emotional after protesters praise her leadership

Kiran Bedi's emotional outburst in a recent interaction with protesters has been widely reported in the media. She had expressed her gratitude towards the protesters for their support and respect.

Delhi courts shut as lawyers' protests enter the fourth day

Lawyers across Delhi have blocked roads and shut courts to protest against the new legal框架. The protests have caused widespread disruption, with many businesses and public services affected.

Govt toозвon onions as prices hit Rs100/kg in Delhi

The government has announced that it will increase the supply of onions to the markets to control the high prices. However, the prices continue to rise despite the government's efforts.

BSNL offers voluntary retirement scheme

The government has announced a voluntary retirement scheme for BSNL employees. The scheme will offer financial assistance to employees who opt for voluntary retirement.

Jeweller opens new outlet in Pune

A leading jewellery brand has opened a new outlet in Pune. The company has invested a significant amount in the new store and expects it to cater to the growing demand for high-end jewellery in the region.

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Nothing to hide over police torture and killings

B RASIL's lower house clears $1bn ownership proposal

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Brazil's lower house cleared on Wednesday a proposal to ease part ownership, with an overwhelming majority of the government's supporters voting for it, and only a few opposition members against it. The vote comes after a heated debate and amid concerns about the potential for conflict of interest with security companies and political coalitions that have been accused of influencing the government's decisions. The government had hoped to pass the bill, which would allow the sale of 30% of the shares, by the end of the year, but it was postponed due to technical issues and the need for further negotiations.

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Argentina debt woes need to be solved

Argentina's public debt, which is among the highest in the world, has been a source of concern for the government and the international community. On Thursday, November 7, 2019, the government announced a series of measures to try to reduce its debt, including an increase in taxes and a reduction in government spending. However, the measures failed to stop the country from falling back into a crisis, and the government has been forced to seek help from international organizations. Argentina's economy is in a deep recession, and the government is struggling to find a way to cut its debt and stabilize the economy.

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Mexico ready to co-operate with FBI in shooting probe

The Mexican government is ready to co-operate with the FBI in the investigation of a shooting that left at least six people dead in the state of Nuevo Leon. The shooting occurred on Wednesday, November 6, in the city of Monterrey, and it is the latest in a series of violent incidents that have plagued the region.

ASIA

BRAZIL UNVEILS REFORM PACKAGE TO TACKLE HUGE DEFICIT

Brazil has unveiled a package of reforms to tackle its huge deficit, which is one of the main issues facing the government. The package includes measures to reduce public spending, increase taxes, and privatize state-owned companies. The government has said that it will present the package to Congress in the coming weeks, and it is expected to be carried out in the next few months.

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The FBR is mulling a digital survey to assess real estate wealth

The Pakistan Revenue Boards (FBR) is considering the implementation of a digital survey to assess real estate wealth. This is in accordance with the government’s objective of broadening the tax base, reducing tax evasion, and improving revenue collection, particularly in the largely undocumented real estate sector.

FBR officials have already started consultations with various stakeholders, including property owners, real estate agents, and tax experts. The survey is expected to be carried out in a phased manner, covering different provinces and major cities.

The FBR’s decision to embark on such a significant reform marks a shift in its traditional approach to tax collection. Traditionally, the FBR has relied on manual and paper-based systems for assessing and collecting taxes. This has not only been inefficient but has also contributed to significant revenue losses.

By adopting digital technologies, the FBR aims to enhance transparency, increase accountability, and reduce the scope for corruption and tax evasion. The digital survey will utilize advanced data analytics and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to accurately assess property values.

The survey is expected to be conducted in a manner that is fair and just, ensuring that every property is assessed based on its true market value. This will not only result in increased revenue collection but also encourage the registration of more properties, leading to a more transparent and efficient property market.

The FBR has already started preparing for the implementation of the digital survey. This includes the development of a robust data collection infrastructure, training of tax officials, and ensuring the necessary legal framework is in place.

The digital survey is expected to be a significant step forward in the FBR’s efforts to modernize its tax collection systems. It is anticipated that the survey will contribute significantly to the government’s fiscal health and help in achieving its development goals.

Details of the survey, including the timeline and methodology, will be finalized in the coming months. The FBR is currently consulting with various stakeholders to ensure that the survey is carried out in a manner that is fair, transparent, and effective.

The FBR’s decision to undertake such a significant reform is a testament to the government’s commitment to modernizing its tax collection systems and ensuring a fair and just tax environment for all.

Maryam Nawaz released on bail

Pakistan’s former first lady Maryam Nawaz was released on bail by the Lahore High Court on September 7, 2023. Maryam Nawaz, the daughter of Pakistan's former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, was arrested in July 2018 and later sentenced to seven years in prison.

She was granted bail by a bench of Justice Aamer Farooq and Justice Saud Cheema. In granting bail, the court observed that there was no likelihood of her absconding or not appearing before the court.

The court also observed that there were no facts indicating that Maryam Nawaz would pose a threat to national security or not cooperate with authorities. Moreover, it was noted that there was no history of her以往的逃亡 episodes.

The court observed that Maryam Nawaz had already been granted bail in another case. Therefore, it was concluded that there were no grounds to deny her bail in the current case.

This decision has been welcomed by many, as it marks a significant development in Maryam Nawaz's ongoing legal battles. Her release on bail is expected to boost her morale and provide her with a temporary respite from the harsh prison conditions.

The Lahore High Court's decision to grant bail to Maryam Nawaz is a historic moment for her and her family. It is hoped that this development will set a precedent and pave the way for other political figures to also seek bail in similar cases.

The court's decision is also expected to boost the morale of the opposition inside the country, as it is seen as a vindication of their struggle for justice.

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A day of reckoning awaits Facebook and other tech companies if they fail to get ahead of integrity issues that threaten long-held American values

Huge amounts of time, effort, and resources have gone into negotiating the terms of Facebook’s exit from the United States and with the US act to find a drastically different regulatory regime in key economic sectors with the EU and other US states. When, then, is British? Prime Minister Boris Johnson wants the UK to reach a trade and investment agreement with the US after Brexit. But the US is a single-country trading partner and its exports and trade are much smaller than those of the US. The UK would have to decide how it will approach its regulatory regime and its trade with the US. Close alignment with the US would create new barriers to trade with the US, which is a much larger market than US. The UK would need to decide whether to adopt US standards, in the area of, for example, tax, or whether to remain aligned with Europe. As the UK proposes for a life science, regulatory science with the US and EU, it is clear that the US and EU could potentially face up to two other important sectors. The US is the US-based firm’s largest market and a key source of its revenue, so they would be hesitant to weaken the regulatory regime. The UK, by contrast, has received significant engagement from the US. In 2018, the US-based firm was the UK’s largest source of exports, with about 60% of its revenue. The firm’s success in the UK is partly due to the regulatory regime, which is seen as one of the most effective in the world. The firm has been able to attract and retain the best talent in the UK, which has helped it to achieve success. However, the firm has also faced challenges in the UK, including competition from other US-based firms. If the firm is given too much freedom to establish its own regulatory regime, it may be able to attract even more talent and retain the best. This will likely lead to a higher level of innovation and growth, which will benefit the UK economy as a whole. The firm’s success in the UK is partly due to the regulatory regime, which is seen as one of the most effective in the world. The firm has been able to attract and retain the best talent in the UK, which has helped it to achieve success. However, the firm has also faced challenges in the UK, including competition from other US-based firms. If the firm is given too much freedom to establish its own regulatory regime, it may be able to attract even more talent and retain the best. This will likely lead to a higher level of innovation and growth, which will benefit the UK economy as a whole. The firm’s success in the UK is partly due to the regulatory regime, which is seen as one of the most effective in the world. The firm has been able to attract and retain the best talent in the UK, which has helped it to achieve success. However, the firm has also faced challenges in the UK, including competition from other US-based firms. If the firm is given too much freedom to establish its own regulatory regime, it may be able to attract even more talent and retain the best. This will likely lead to a higher level of innovation and growth, which will benefit the UK economy as a whole. The firm’s success in the UK is partly due to the regulatory regime, which is seen as one of the most effective in the world. The firm has been able to attract and retain the best talent in the UK, which has helped it to achieve success. However, the firm has also faced challenges in the UK, including competition from other US-based firms. If the firm is given too much freedom to establish its own regulatory regime, it may be able to attract even more talent and retain the best. This will likely lead to a higher level of innovation and growth, which will benefit the UK economy as a whole.
Death by dirty cooking

From Kavitha Venkatesan

F yet, exposure to household pollution (HAQ) is a severe public health crisis that exacerbates climate change. HAP is produced when household fuels are burned for cooking and heating and has been estimated to contribute about 2% of total emissions.

The current burning of biomass for cooking is also a major source of black carbon, the second-most-damaging driver of climate change after CO2. Solid-fuel cooking in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia alone amounts to 6% of global black carbon emissions.

The per capita emissions of HAP continue to decline in industrialized countries as a result of improved fuels and technologies, but in developing and low-income countries, there has been minimal progress. In the 25 years from 1990 to 2015, HAP emissions in the developing world increased by 10%, driven mainly by countries in Africa and Asia.

The imperative now is to continue scaling up clean-cooking solutions. The G20, in its 2019 leaders’ summit, endorsed the vision of zero cooking-related HAP emissions by 2030. This includes scaling up the clean-cooking agenda.

To this end, the UN should lead the clean-cooking effort. It should leverage its Children’s Climate Foundation (CCF) to develop a global framework for scaling up clean-cooking systems.

The World Bank’s Clean Cookstove Program aims to deliver clean-cooking solutions to one billion people by 2030. It intends to achieve this by combining clean-cooking solutions with other strategies, such as providing climate-smart, low-cost housing, and launching an innovative carbon finance mechanism.

The program will support countries in building their own clean-cooking strategies, with a focus on the needs of the most vulnerable populations. It will also engage with private sector investors and encourage governments to accelerate progress.

Similarly, the Clean Cookstove Alliance, a global partnership of governments, organizations, and businesses, is working to accelerate the deployment of clean-cooking solutions.

The Alliance focuses on improving the health and environmental outcomes of clean-cooking solutions by ensuring that they are affordable and accessible to the most vulnerable populations.

The Alliance has identified several key actions to accelerate the deployment of clean-cooking solutions:

1. **Policy and Regulation**: Promote policies that incentivize the adoption of clean-cooking solutions and reduce barriers to adoption.

2. **Finance**: Ensure that clean-cooking solutions are affordable and accessible to the most vulnerable populations.

3. **Innovation**: Encourage innovation in clean-cooking technologies and solutions.

4. **Implementation**: Scale up the deployment of clean-cooking solutions in a way that maximizes health and environmental benefits.

The Alliance also collaborates with the Energy Platform of Action, convened by the United Nations, to accelerate the deployment of clean-cooking solutions.

The Alliance has established a scientific advisory committee to ensure that the solutions it supports are effective, affordable, and accessible to the most vulnerable populations. The committee includes experts from various fields, including public health, environmental science, and economics.

The Alliance also collaborates with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Energy Agency (IEA) to ensure that the solutions it supports are aligned with global health and climate goals.

The Alliance has already supported clean-cooking initiatives in several countries, including India, Bangladesh, and Indonesia. These initiatives have resulted in significant improvements in health and environmental outcomes.

The Alliance is committed to continuing its work and scaling up its efforts to achieve its goal of zero cooking-related HAP emissions by 2030.

In summary, the clean-cooking effort is a key component of the global fight against climate change. By accelerating the deployment of clean-cooking solutions, we can improve the health and well-being of billions of people while also reducing our carbon footprint.

**Case Study:**

The case study of Bangladesh illustrates the potential impact of clean-cooking solutions. In 2010, the government of Bangladesh launched the “Clean Cookstoves Program,” a national initiative to replace traditional cooking stoves with clean-cooking solutions.

The program has been successful in improving the health and environmental outcomes of the population. It has reduced the number of deaths due to indoor air pollution by 30% and has also reduced the amount of black carbon emitted into the atmosphere.

The success of the program has led to the adoption of clean-cooking solutions in other countries, including India and Indonesia. The success of these programs has shown that clean-cooking solutions are not only effective in improving health and environmental outcomes but also in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

In conclusion, the clean-cooking effort is a critical component of the global fight against climate change. By accelerating the deployment of clean-cooking solutions, we can improve the health and well-being of billions of people while also reducing our carbon footprint.

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Remodelled Jaguar Land Rover showroom to delight customers

Alfardan Premier Motors’ refurbished Al Sadd Jaguar Land Rover showroom provides excellence in automotive innovation

Alfardan Premier Motors Co, the official retailer of Jaguar Land Rover vehicles in Qatar, has announced the completion of renovation works of its second world-class showroom at Al Sadd area.

Alfardan Premier Motors has consistently invested in providing world-class showrooms and service centres, keeping the needs of our customers at the core.

The newly refurbished showroom is just another step forward in the state-of-the-art sales and service network that Alfardan Premier Motors has created in the late 1990's and has become a milestone in the local market’s evolving landscape.

Alfardan Premier Motors not only offer customers a place to buy their vehicle but also provide a space to personally experience the Jaguar Land Rover brand. This showroom has been designed with the essence of a Jaguar Land Rover range of vehicles, in order to provide an encompassing experience with the Jaguar Land Rover lineup of vehicles.

The showroom perfectly embodies the luxury and refinement synonymous with the automobile maker’s commitment to outstanding customer service, as stated by Samer Bou Dargham, general manager of Alfardan Premier Motors.

“Alfardan Premier Motors is an important and long-standing partner of Jaguar Land Rover in Qatar,” said Bruce Robertson, managing director, Jaguar Land Rover Mena. “Alfardan Premier Motors has consistently invested in providing world-class showrooms and service centres, keeping the needs of our customers at the core. This showroom is just another step forward in the state-of-the-art sales and service network that Alfardan Premier Motors has created in the late 1990’s and has become a milestone in the local market’s evolving landscape.

The showroom also houses an area of a special vehicle which is home to the line of the Range Rover Sport SVR, Jaguar F-PACE SVR and Jaguar F-TYPE SVR.

Customers will also see a range of Jaguar Land Rover premium lifestyle branded goods and merchandise that have been customarily designed with the latest and greatest technology.

Kaws’ Holiday lands in Doha

Following the opening of the Doha Fire Station, Qatar Museums, and Doha Harbour, Holiday, an installation by US born artist Brian Donnelly – known as Kaws, has been designed to enrich the customer experience, beyond the showroom.

“Kaws’ Holiday lands in Doha, this Christmas season,” announced the official retailer of Jaguar Land Rover vehicles in Qatar, has announced the completion of renovation works of its second world-class showroom at Al Sadd area.

Located at the heart of Qatar’s cultural agenda, which is close to popular destinations such as the Museum of Islamic Art, the National Museum of Qatar and The Villas, the installation is accompanied by a show-stopping piece in Qatar.

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