Al Sadd to kick off campaign against Hienghene today

By Sahan Bidappa

Since 2013, three host nations have gone on to reach the final of the FIFA Club World Cup Qatar 2019. Al Sadd will be aiming to become the fourth one. The Qatar league champions will kick off their campaign today against Oceania winners Hienghene Sport in a play-off match at the Jassim Bin Hamad Stadium.

A victory will give Sadd a place in the quarter-finals, where they will take on Monterrey of Mexico. With a potential semi-final or final encounter against European champions Liverpool – the tournament’s crowd-pullers – looming, the Qatar giants have much to look forward to.

This will be Sadd’s second participation in the competition having played previously in the 2011 edition, where they finished third. The passionate Sadd fans will hope their team can repeat what Raja Casablanca (2013), Kashima Antlers (2016) and Al Ain (2018) did when the tournament was held in their home country. Sadd’s head coach Xavi Hernandez said it would be a difficult feat to achieve but not impossible.

“We are aware that it is difficult, but we are here to perform and play and we have one of the best players of this generation in the club’s history. They were part of the Qatar team which won the Asian Cup this year. We have a very good football philosophy and we are capable of achieving the task. I think the task will be very difficult,” Xavi said.

While Sadd should be able to breeze past New Caledonia’s Hienghene, their recent form does not inspire too much confidence. Sadd have not won in their last six league games, with Xavi finding it hard to produce consistent results. Sadd’s dip in form coincided with their AFC Champions League semi-final exit, where they lost to eventual champions Al Hilal of Saudi Arabia.

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PM takes part in GCC Summit

Kuwait’s efforts to bridge GCC rift praised

The 40th session of the GCC Supreme Council praised the endeavours and sincere efforts exerted by the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah to bridge the rift that has marred the relations between the member states, and expressed its support for these efforts and the importance of continuing them within the framework of unified GCC cooperation. The council also praised the success of the 24th Arabian Gulf Cup which was hosted by Qatar and the “destabilising organisation and efforts” launched by Qatar to make this championship inaccessible.

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Naseem Healthcare wins ESQR International Diamond Award 2019 for exemplary Quality

The award is in recognition of the company’s exemplary commitments to the quality health care delivery in the country. It marks Naseem Healthcare group as the only healthcare group being awarded from the entire region.

Naseem Healthcare Group (ESQR) International Diamond Award 2019 for Excellence in Quality in recognition of the Company’s continued efforts for Qatar’s thriving healthcare sector. The award was commissioned by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa al-Thani, held by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, for the delegation.

The Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah met at Diriyah Palace with HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior.

Naseem Healthcare Group located at Mervasa and Al Rahba Central Centres located at Montaza and Africa. The seventh clinic of the group being opened up in Al Wakra with all major specialties being offered.

Naseem Medical Centre located at K Ring has recently received the prestigious Joint Commission International (JCI) accreditation for its world-class services in patient safety and quality. The World Health Organisation (WHO), a UN agency which assesses the quality of healthcare services, is holding the annual meeting in the country. Naseem Medical Centre in K Ring and the outreach branches coming up in Al Wakra would be the first examples of advanced technologies.

Speaking on the occasion, Mohamed Mohamed, MD, Managing Director, said: “Naseem Healthcare continues to set new benchmarks for patients. The group has been a leader in the region and also for patients from all over the world. We have always focused on advanced technology and international standards of clinical care combined with the highest quality of services delivered in Qatar only by Naseem. To set ourselves apart from the rest, we focus on our patients’ overall satisfaction and we are committed to providing world-class healthcare services to all our patients.”

About ESQR Quality Award 2019

Naseem Healthcare Group continues to make strides in the quality management and promises Quality Culture and continuous improvement in Quality through the annual Competitions, which serve as a global forum to protect quality management techniques and provides an excellent networking opportunity for all participants. The award is being presented to organisations, from a wide range of sectors, public and private, which strive for excellence and have proven their capabilities through their accomplishments, will review their commitment to excellence and get new ideas on quality management.

The selection process undergoes intense assessment by an expert panel of judges drawn from industry leaders. The winners are representatives of various companies in the healthcare sector.

Mr. Mohamed Mohamed, MD, Managing Director, Naseem Healthcare Group, successfully received the award along with the other winners at the 24th Arabian Gulf Cup which was hosted by Qatar and the “destabilising organisation and effects” launched by Qatar to make this championship inaccessible.
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Al-Mahmoud meets GOPAC conference delegates

**By Shafeeq Alingal**

February 28, 2020

HE the Speaker of the Shura Council Ahmed bin Abdullah bin Zaid al-Mahmoud meets GOPAC conference delegates.

The Speaker, while delivering the valedictory address, said the relations of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Inter-Parliamentary Union's Network Against Corruption (IPU/NAC) have strengthened and become stronger during the seventh Global Organisation of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) conference recently being held in Doha.

Al-Mahmoud, who reiterated his firm commitment to the principles and objectives of GOPAC, said a number of initiatives and programmes will be carried out to improve the functions of the organization.

He thanked the delegates for their presence and said more than 200 parliamentarians from 22 countries attended the eighth conference to combat corruption.

He said the conference has been organized as a follow-up to the seventh GOPAC conference held in 2019, and the outcome of this conference has come as an internal and international confirmation for the efforts being taken by Qatar and HE the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani to fight corruption.

Al-Mahmoud, who also noted that the parliamentarians will jointly work with all parliamentarians to achieve the goals and objectives of GOPAC, said a number of initiatives and programmes will be carried out to improve the functions of the organization.

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GOPAC conference concludes with calls to strengthen fight against graft

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HE the Speaker of Shura Council Ahmed bin Abdullah bin Zaid al-Mahmoud, yesterday met the delegates at the concluding session.

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New ‘law on strategic storage of food to encourage PPPs’

By Peter Alapan
Business Reporter

The new law on strategic storage of food and consumption goods would play a significant role in strengthening the country’s public-private partnerships (PPP) strategy, according to Qatar Chamber board member Mohamed bin Ahmed al-Obaidli.

He added that such a law would help the country face two challenges: short-term stockouts of perishable goods and the long-term stock of non-perishable goods. He said that the national strategy for food security is based on diversifying sources of import, establishing a strategic storage of food and beverages, and consumption goods during unexpected fluctuations, such as the sudden drop in domestic production or sales as a result of natural and commercial market fluctuations.

He also said strategic storage projects, such as the food security storage facility at Hamad Port, have promoted the country’s economic sectors, reducing the strain on the private sector and enhancing the government’s ability to handle fluctuations in different economic sectors.

He also said the project and communicates with international companies to cooperate in the implementation process.

He added that Qatar is witnessing in all economic sectors requires increasing the storage capacities, whether short-term or long-term storage, to secure its infrastructures and competitiveness.

He said the issuance of the Law No 24 of 2019 aims to create a legal framework for the fulfillment and management of strategic storage and firmed the way of implementing the new law on strategic storage of food and consumption goods.

On the day of the competition, AZF will also organise a series of physical challenges that will help the winners and become future stars in the sport.

QOF strongly believes that corporate social responsibility is a key pillar of human development, framing structures and legislation. He added that the steps are adopted to meet the dual challenges of climate changes, non-perishable goods or changes at the national and international level.

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QU College of Engineering signs MoU with QPD

An agreement was signed between Qatar University College of Engineering and Qatar Petrochemical Development (QPD) with the aim to encourage students to take part in outreach activities for kids, in addition to the main competition.

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Eco Dome to open on Jan 27

By Joey Aguilar

Qatar Foundation for Social Work (QFSW) and Unicef signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) during the Doha International Conference on Disability and Development held recently. The MoU aims to strengthen the bonds of co-operation between the two organisations in order to achieve their common objectives.

The MoU also provides a framework of co-operation between the parties to facilitate work in areas of common concern, including their common commitment to development and the advancement of the rights of children and their families, all in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and taking into account national priorities and development plans. Abdallah Al-Suwaidi, chairman of QFSW, said, “QFSW and Unicef have for many years worked together to promote positive change on development issues. Today’s agreement further strengthens this partnership and furthers our joint commitment to the SDGs and improving the rights of vulnerable people.”

Guided by the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the convention on the rights of the child, the MoU aims to ensure participation of children and young people in society and development and to activate their role in society, and develop policies, strategies, programmes and partnerships that contribute to their advancement in order to achieve the goals for which they were established.

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FMM, Talabat, Al Waaad Packaging, Assa Abloy and Aamal (gold sponsors); and Ooredoo (platinum/sponsorship). Other partners include the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Public Health, Environment (strategic Partner); and Qatar Cancer Society (hospitality partner).

The Eco Dome, which will also host a number of educational activities, will be open to the public from January 21 with a series of workshops, activities and games. EPR plans to extend the Dome’s operational hours after launching the Dome, which will be open for at least five months.

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The MoU aims to enhance the relationships between the two organisations and contribute to the achievement of a common vision for children’s development and well-being, taking into account national priorities and development plans.

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Starlink Qatar enters into partnership with CAF Café

Starlink Qatar has entered into a partnership with CAF Café. Under this, CAF’s coffee will be provided at Starlink’s Aspire branch, according to a statement. The Aspire outlet is the first of many branches where customers can choose from a selection of coffee and grab-and-go breakfasts.

“Together, working as a team, we look to create a unique customer experience for our customers, allowing them to enjoy the best of both worlds while simplifying their choices,” said Shahry raikhi, director, PR and Corporate Communications at Starlink Qatar.

The workshops came as part of the ongoing four-phase edition of the ‘Future’s Writers’ programme.

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Customers in Qatar can now shop for their favourite products from the comfort of their homes, as Carrefour Qatar has announced the launch of its webstore. Formerly Qatar Post, residents living in Doha, Al Rayyan, Al Daayen or Umm salal can place their orders online and receive them the next day, with more than 150 neighbourhoods covered by the delivery service, said the statement.

Faleh Mohamed al-Naemi, head of Carrefour in Qatar, added: “We’re constantly striving to deliver seamless shopping experiences and today, we’re extending that commitment to include the online world as well, allowing customers to adapt to changing consumer preferences by offering the same choice, quality and value that they’ve come to expect from our physical stores, right at their fingertips.”

Omar al-Hassan, executive director of Qatari Investors Group Technology, said: “We’re constantly striving to enhance our internal management and operational processes, but also improve our competitive standing in future commercial efforts.

ISO 9001:2015, which addresses to continuous improvement and aims to exceed ISO standards, helps Carrefour’s “ongoing commitment to include their hard work and dedication towards our valued customers and the company”.

“The ISO 9001:2015 and 45001:2018 certificates have become key requirements for tender submissions, and they will help us secure new contracts and orders. The ISO 9001:2015 accreditation showcases the improvements we made to our internal management and operational processes, which has led to enhanced customer service. On the other hand, the ISO 45001:2018 accreditation shows QSSC’s commitment to international industry-specific environmental standards, while the ISO 9001:2018 certification will ensure a safer work environment with enhanced production performance.”

The webstore is the latest addition to Carrefour’s omni-channel services, such as the popular Carl Trolley home delivery service, which allows customers to order groceries from stores located in Villaggio or City Center East and have their groceries delivered to their homes the same day, the statement adds. Further, customers who wish to receive basic supplies within one hour of placing their orders can opt for the Carl Trolley app.

The online store can be accessed at www.Carrefourqatar.com, where customers will find more than 12,000 products, including fresh produce, perishable items, household goods in addition to electronics and appliances. Choices are similar to those found in stores, with exclusive promotions offered during special occasions, the statement notes. Delivery is also free of charge on orders above QR250. All items are delivered in reusable bags, with Carrefour’s “single-use-plastics” initiative.

Qatar Security Systems Company awarded ISO certification

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Aljaber Medical Care offers this medical shoes, because our customers who visit our store to choose medical products or to come in the stores/stores of them are sent by medical doctors. There they can try the shoes and see it’s very important that we have 100% happy customers gaining positive, hopefully for life. That is why Aljaber offers its customers the opportunity to try the shoes for one or two days or even one week, to make sure that they had that real medical shoes.

Answer of medical shoes world ever

Unfortunately, such awareness is still low everywhere. If people think of shoes, they don’t think of medical solutions—they think of fashion or style rather and we have a huge potential for the awareness of the solution, but it’s still a very slow growth of awareness.

Creating awareness of medical shoes

We can use the internet to post advertisements. We are using attractive web in awareness advertisements, to make the people aware and have these shoes can help this problem, and bring them to the local shops.

Advice to Qatar customers

I recommand to all people in Qatar not to forget that when they get alone, they get older. This is the same everywhere in the world. Don’t forget or go what can happen with you, when you reach an ago of 40, 50 or 60. Do you want to walk painfree? How? Don’t you want to be #FABULOUS all your Life and stay painfree? Then please go to Aljaber and try kybun.

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The event was opened by the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) deputy chairman Dr. Maryam bint Abdullah al-Attiyah said that the effort that Katara – the Cultural Village, and the Department of Municipal Affairs and Public Utilities marked the Human Rights Day, as it is considered an international landmark in the way for this exhibition, which attracted the attention of a large number of visitors in recent days and which was supported by the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Qatar Airways, Qatar TV and various other entities.

NBK Heavy Equipment sees rise in sale of Case products

H eadquartered in Doha, the Licensee of Case IH Heavy Construction Equipment in Qatar, NBK Heavy Equipment, has announced that its Qatar dealer network has increased over the past year.

The company said in a press statement that NBK Heavy Equipment has expanded its dealer network and has been implemented at the division, which had been focused on meeting the needs of Case IH and its customers, is now in place. NBK Heavy Equipment said the company had introduced Case IH’s newest model to its dealers in Qatar, and that it continues to enhance its range of products.

The company added that Case IH has been known for its commitment to quality and reliability.

The company also said that with the introduction of Case IH, NBK Heavy Equipment is now in a position to offer the best choice for Case IH products.

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Ties between Philippines and Qatar stand on solid foundation

PHILIPPINE ambassador to Qatar Babeker Humaidah has congratulated His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani and the people of Qatar on the occasion of their National Day, on Thursday, 12 December.

In a statement to Qatar News Agency (QNA), the envoy praised Qatar for its leadership, development, and stability, and noted that both nations are ‘historic’. He also expressed his wishes and best regards to the Amir, the people of Qatar, and the Filipino community stationed in the country.

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The Filipino community congratulates Qatar’s progress and development in the field of education, training, and in services, pointing out that country looks forward to the next major agreements with Qatar, particularly in the field of education.

He also pointed out that the Philippines continue to exchange high-level visits, adding that several meetings have been held this year, which helped to further the relationship between both countries.

Furthermore, the envoy said that Qatar and the Philippines are exceptional and truly unique countries, and that both countries share a number of bilateral agreements.

He also added that Qatar has achieved great milestones, which have been accomplished thanks to the initiatives taken by the Amir, His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, the government, and the people of Qatar of the State of Qatar on the occasion of its National Day.

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Qatar Post making strides in digital technologies

Qatar Post has embarked on a digital transformation journey, with the aim of increasing efficiency, improving customer engagement, and reducing costs. The company has launched several initiatives to support this journey, including the implementation of a new digital platform for mail delivery, the launch of a mobile app for customer service, and the development of an e-commerce portal.

The new platform, which is based on cutting-edge technologies, allows for real-time tracking of mail deliveries, enabling customers to know the status of their mail at any time. The mobile app provides customers with easy access to important services, such as address verification, mail tracking, and customer feedback.

The e-commerce portal, on the other hand, offers a wide range of products, including greeting cards, stamps, and postal services, making it easier for customers to purchase these items online. The portal also provides an enhanced customer experience, with features such as search functionality, product recommendations, and easy checkout.

These initiatives, among others, are part of Qatar Post's efforts to remain competitive in the digital age and provide a seamless and personalized experience to its customers. The company is committed to continuing its digital transformation journey, with the aim of becoming a leading digital postal service provider in the region.
Two Ethiopian ex-PMs get heavy jail terms for corruption

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In the holy city of Karbala, protesters raced to set fire to the oil ministry building in downtown Baghdad. Officials in Iraq's oil ministry, which is in charge of the country's oil production and exports, said that protesters have set fire to the main entrance of the building, which is believed to be the largest oil ministry building in the country.

The protest in Karbala was one of several throughout Iraq, as people take to the streets to express their anger and frustration with the government's failure to address their economic and social issues.

On the other hand, the Al-Sadr-led movement has called for a general strike on Tuesday, demanding the government steps to address the economic crisis and improve the living conditions of the Iraqi people.

In a statement, the movement urged the government to take urgent measures to alleviate the suffering of the Iraqi people, who are facing a severe economic crisis characterized by high unemployment, inflation, and a lack of basic needs.

The movement also called for the government to carry out a comprehensive reform to address the root causes of the crisis and ensure the provision of basic services and social rights.

Meanwhile, the Al-Sadr-led movement announced that it will continue its protests until the government meets the demands of the people.

However, some political and security sources said that the government is taking all necessary measures to prevent any further violence and unrest in the country.

The situation in Iraq remains volatile, with ongoing protests and unrest demanding political and economic reforms.

Ethiopia PM collects Nobel Prize and urges unity against hatred

Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed receives 2019 Nobel Peace Prize

Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed received the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to end a long-running conflict with neighboring Eritrea. The prize, awarded in a ceremony in Oslo, Norway, is one of the highest honors in the world and is presented by the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

Abiy, a 42-year-old politician, won the prize for his efforts to end the 20-year war between Ethiopia and Eritrea, and for his role in bringing peace to the East African region. He is the first African to win the prize.

The Nobel Committee said Abiy had been chosen for his “efforts to end the long-standing conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea and his work to forge peace in East Africa.”

Ethiopia has made significant progress in recent years, with Abiy leading a government that has lifted the state of emergency, lifted the ban on social media, and released thousands of prisoners.

Abiy has been praised for his efforts to bring peace to the region, and he has been credited with bringing about a “new era” of cooperation and integration in the Horn of Africa.

However, some critics have said that Abiy’s government has not done enough to address the root causes of the conflict, including poverty, corruption, and inequality.

The Nobel Peace Prize is the highest honor awarded by the Norwegian Nobel Committee, which was established by Norway’s late Nobel Prize winner, Alfred Nobel. The prize is awarded annually to individuals or organizations that are judged to have done the most to promote peace.

The Nobel Peace Prize is one of the most coveted awards in the world, and it is considered a symbol of global recognition for positive contributions to peace and humanity.

The prize is presented to the laureate or laureates by the king of Norway at a ceremony in Oslo, Norway, on December 10, the anniversary of Alfred Nobel’s death.

Abiy Ahmed, who is in his early 40s, received the prize in a ceremony held in Oslo, Norway, where he will receive the diploma and a gold medal.

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Democrats unveil Trump impeachment charges

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Democrats in the US House of Representatives moved a step closer on Thursday to impeaching US President Donald Trump, by unveiling articles of impeachment against him.

The move follows a months-long probe by the House's Intelligence and Judiciary committees into Trump's actions in relation to Ukraine.

Democrats have accused Trump of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.

Abuse of power

Democrats have accused Trump of abusing his power by withholding military aid from Ukraine in order to pressure it to investigate alleged corruption by former US Vice President Joe Biden, who is now a leading Democratic presidential candidate.

The abuse of power charge is based on Trump's handling of the impeachment inquiry, which started in September when whistleblower举报ers alleged that Trump had tried to influence the US election by pressuring Ukraine's leader to investigate Biden.

Obstruction of Congress

The obstruction of Congress charge is based on Trump's refusal to testify in the impeachment inquiry and his attempts to block the House from obtaining evidence from government officials.

The House is set to vote on the articles of impeachment next week, and if passed, Trump would become the third US president to be impeached.

The trial would then be held in the US Senate, where up to 50 senators would have to vote to convict Trump.

Democrats have said they have gathered sufficient evidence to prove Trump's guilt, but Republicans have accused them of using the impeachment process to remove Trump from office.

The trial is expected to start in January and could last several weeks.

This is the second time in Trump's presidency that he has faced impeachment, after a probe into his conduct during the 2016 election.

Trump, who has denied any wrongdoing, has said he will fight the impeachment in court.

In a tweet on Thursday, Trump wrote: "We are in a USA Witch Hunt!"
T he Bangladesh military has started erecting barbed wire and guard towers around camps housing thousands of Rohingya refugees despite complaints from human rights and faith-based groups.

The army engineers began erecting fences around Barharska refugee camp in the southeastern border district of Cox’s Bazar after a village head announced the previous night that military officers had begun erecting pillars for a large camp at Balukhali in the southwest.

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New Zealand police have launched a probe into the helicopter crash that killed 15 people on White Island, an uninhabited volcanic island off the coast of New Zealand.

The crash occurred while the helicopter was carrying passengers to the volcanic island for a tour, according to government statements. The investigation will focus on the actions of the pilots and the helicopter company, as well as the conditions on the island.

The island is a popular tourist destination, attracting thousands of visitors each year, who are flown to the summit for a close-up view of the active volcano.

The crash is the deadliest incident on the island in recent memory, and the government has announced a review of safety protocols for helicopter tours to ensure the safety of future visitors.

In addition to the 15 fatalities, multiple people are injured and are being treated for burns and other injuries. The government has launched a support fund to assist those affected by the incident.

The government has also announced that there will be a mandatory cooling-off period for all future tours to White Island, where the volcano has erupted in the past.

The investigation will also focus on the safety of the volcano and the procedures in place to monitor its activity. The government has announced that a team of experts will be deployed to the island to assess the situation and develop a plan to ensure the safety of future visitors.
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Ashworth apologises after Corbyn criticism leak

Prime minister mocked over campaign video

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Russia, Ukraine leaders agree on prisoner swap

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, in his first full day in office, took part in his first visit to France, his representative to France, U.S. and Russia yesterday. Zelenskiy had promised before the election to move closer to Western allies and to work to end Russia's annexation of Crimea.

The leaders of Russia and Ukraine agreed yesterday to exchange all remaining prisoners from the conflict in eastern Ukraine by the end of this month. The agreement was signed in Paris.

Russia's Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, in their first joint press conference, took part in a meeting in Paris, attended by President Emmanuel Macron and his French counterpart.

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Today, by 99 votes to 70 yesterday, the French parliament passed a bill to reduce the retirement age from 62 to 60. The bill was pushed through by President Emmanuel Macron's government, which has been criticized for being too focused on economic reforms rather than social issues.

The Sad Goodbye: Roxette singer dies

The lead singer of Swedish pop duo Roxette, Marie Fredriksson, has died at age 61 after a fight with cancer, her family said yesterday. The Swedish pop duo, known for their hits "The Look" and "Don't Stop Believing," had been touring in the United States when Fredriksson was diagnosed with cancer.

Fredriksson's death comes just a month after her bandmate and former love, Per Gessle, announced he would be taking a break from the band. The pair formed Roxette in 1986 and went on to become one of the most successful Swedish pop bands, selling over 30 million records worldwide.

French law requires that workers be given a chance to retire at age 60, but many French workers are now working longer than ever before. The government has been under pressure to reduce the retirement age, but has been met with resistance from unions and workers who are concerned about job security.

France suffers sixth day of pension protest

The government's proposed pension reform has sparked widespread protests across the country. The reform would eliminate the current system of 40 years of contributions and replace it with a points-based system.

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Minister for Home Affairs Amit Shah was set to announce the decision, the officials said. Officials had been working on a list of services that could be allowed, they said.

The move would allow for a limited number of text messages to travel in and out of the region, they said.

It was not immediately clear how many of these messages would be allowed, or which services would be included. Officials did not provide details on the text messaging service or the number of messages that would be allowed.

The officials said the decision would be made taking into account national security concerns.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced plans earlier last year to allow some text messaging services to operate in Kashmir, but the scheme was later dropped.

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Argentina's Peronist returns as Fernandez takes office

Reuters

Argentina's Peronist President Alberto Fernandez returns to Buenos Aires' Plaza de Mayo as he presents his 100-day plan for his government to Congress on Monday.

Fernandez, who last served in Congress until 2019, said in the speech in Congress that he would look to the future with hope, and with an economy in recovery.

"We are back," Fernandez said, adding that the economy was recovering after years of Macri's leadership and that the country had moved "forward" in the last 100 days.

Fernandez also promised to continue with the policies of his predecessor, Cristina Kirchner, who had led the country from 2007 to 2015. He said he would work to stabilize the economy and reduce poverty.

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The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), the main opposition party, has announced a three-day boycott of the National Assembly, a move that could stall a government bill on electoral reforms following a constitutional amendment in the lower house.

Last month, the opposition announced its intention to introduce legislation on the election/representation of a chief army staff, while raising the issue of turning its “political rivals” into a “political issue”.

Prime Minister Imran Khan has condemned the legislation as “unconstitutional and illegal”, which will grant citizenship to people from a country, but not Muslims.

“We strongly condemn the Indian Lok Sabha citizenship-legislation, which violates all norms of international human rights law and violates the spirit of human rights for all,” said a tweet from Prime Minister Khan.

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Duterte to lift martial law in southern Philippines

By Brian SJ Cruz Manila Times

PHILIPPINES

The President Rodrigo Duterte lifted martial law in the southern Philippines by his own volition and signed President Proclamation No. 47 on Thursday, May 23, 2019, according to the presidential spokesperson.

Duterte signed the presidential proclamation as a joint declaration of the Philippine government in the face of the international community on the state of emergency in the southern part of the Philippines.

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ESG: Making sure your investments are responsible matters

Just as the climate change crisis - with powerful storms, unprecedented droughts and wildfires - is compellingly becoming a clear and present danger, more and more companies are starting to realize that the unsustainable patterns of consumption, production and waste are driving the climate crisis. Asset managers are also increasingly incorporating environmental, social, and governance (ESG) risks into their investment decisions.

Last September, the head of the world’s largest investors – including Allianz SE, Swiss Re AG, and Zurich Insurance Group – announced their commitment to making their investment portfolios carbon-neutral as part of the Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance announced by the UN.

The result: ESG assets were deployed using ESG analysis.

ESG investing accounts for concerns from gender equality to worker rights to new ways to provide funding to charities working in poor countries. What was once a fringe approach has now been embraced by policymakers, regulators and an ever-increasing number of investors.

The rise of “S” in ESG means that bad behaviour can be really expensive for companies.

A glimpse into Qatar’s first palliative care unit – and how it’s message of compassion cuts across cultural and religious notions

Across the globe, disease and death intersect with spirituality, and the Middle East is no exception. Dr Ibrahim Hassan, a physician, explains, “Besides, it is a religion that is at the heart of all major religions of the world. It goes without saying that conversations about palliative care or terminal illness – such as cancer – will be influenced by religious interpretations and faith.”

The first palliative care programme in the Western world is born at Amal Cancer Centre in Lebanon. While the number of cancer diagnoses will occur annually in the Eastern Mediterranean region - which includes the Middle East and Qatar - by 2030, the medical community is already concerned about the potential for a worldwide pandemic, but also points out that this is because that it is seen as a result of improved awareness and diagnostics.

A recent analysis by Moody’s Investors Service concludes, “There are significant opportunities for growth in the healthcare sector over the next decade.” With the rise of palliative care and its focus on reducing suffering of patients and families facing illness, “Our studies have shown that almost 10 percent of our patient records are being used in the area of palliative care.”

As Qatar’s palliative care programme, “The physician also points out that ‘The palliative care model can also offer a sense of dignity to patients at end-of-life stages when they are dying of diseases that are incurable and the quality of life needs the option to be among their last words.’”

The country still has a long way to go. Qatar’s palliative care programme, though relatively new compared to its Western counterparts, is the first programme in the region to receive the recognition of the Joint Commission International - an international accreditation body that specializes in healthcare – on three occasions. Additionally, the programme has also started a Fellowship programme for medical students.

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Doha Metro launches Green Line, introduces four new Red Line stations

By Joey Aguilar

Q ater Rail said metro customers would have the option to choose between the Green Line and Red Line with the launch of the Green Line service today.

“The launch of the Green Line preview service is a significant step in achieving a seamless “Plane to Train” experience,” Qatar Rail’s Green Line project manager, engineer James al-Assadi, said in a statement.

“The Green Line preview service is an East and West connection for Doha, with four new stations, including Hamad Medical Corporation, Qatar Foundation, Qatar National Library (QNL) and Mall of Qatar (MoQ), facilitating the movement of people to urban centres, cultural and entertainment hubs and locations of national significance across the city,” he added.

“The Green Line covers 11 stations from Al Marwan to Al Dafna, with at least 1 km between stations, covering all of Doha’s major districts of Doha, Al Sadd, Al Jumail and Al Rayyan.

Apart from the Doha Hub, Karak, Riffa, Al-Dafna, and Lusail stations, the Green Line preview service also includes the proposed Aal Baid, Abu Fakher, Lusail City, Al Ansari, Doha Science Center, and Al-Ghanim Kheir stations.

The Green Line preview service will operate between Aal Baid and Al Qadra station from 8 am to 10 pm on weekdays. The service will operate from 8 am to 10 pm on Friday. The Green Line preview service will operate from 8 am to 10 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Passengers are also advised to check Qatar Rail’s website or its official app for more information. Qatar Rail also advises passengers to check the Green Line preview service on its Twitter account, which shows the full route to take from the start of the Green Line to the end, with the Qatari Rail mobile app and its website, which allows passengers to make a seamless connection to the Green Line preview service.

The Green Line preview service is available at all stations along the line, with the exception of Msheireb station, which is closed for a year due to a major overhaul. The Green Line preview service will operate from 8 am to 10 pm on weekdays. The service will operate from 8 am to 10 pm on Friday. The Green Line preview service will operate from 8 am to 10 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

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