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During the meeting, the ministers expressed their support for the agreement signed between the two countries in 2018 and reaffirmed their readiness to cooperate in the fields of security, crime, and enhancing security at the regional and international levels. They praised the relations between Qatar and Morocco and stressed the importance of enhancing cooperation in the fields of security, crime, and law enforcement.

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Foreign Ministry panel discussion focuses on rights of children

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, represented by the Under-secretary of Human Rights, held the panel discussion on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The panel discussion, entitled "Convention on the Rights of the Child: the reality, achievements and priorities for the promotion and protection of children’s rights in Qatar," was held in cooperation with the United Nations Children’s Fund (Unicef), the Ministry of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs, the International Family Institute (DIFI), and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The event, which was held at the Diplomatic Club, was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs, the International Family Institute (DIFI), and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In his opening speech, the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Legal Affairs, HE al-Hammadi, pointed out that the protection and promotion of children’s rights is a strategic choice for Qatar, as it is the backbone of society, its protection of human rights, in particular the family, motherhood and childhood, including what is stipulated of Article 21 that the family is the foundation of society, and the law shall regulate the means to protect it, strengthen its existence, its line and preserve its stability, childrind and children.

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QatarDebate hosts workshop for Police College students

The QatarDebate Center (QDC), a member of the Qatar Foundation, has organized a theoretical and practical session and ideas among Police College students with the participation of the officers and professors of the college.

The three-day workshop, which was concluded yesterday at the Police College in Doha, aimed at applying the debates in the classrooms and integrate them with other subjects as well as reinforcing the ability to build ideas and justify actions from a sound logical perspective, especially that the debate subjects have been taught at the college as an optional course for three years.

In this regard, the workshop presenter had al-Atsad stressed that the participation of police college students in such a theoretical and practical tournament has given a greater direction among those in charge of the college to apply the principles of debates in building attitudes and benefit from the experiences of professors and officials.

He added that the workshop included an interactive test between groups “with and against”, and how to make a full proposal and the adaptation to evaluate the content and evaluation means on the articles of the Police College related to crime, commercial law, police sciences and others.

For his part, an assistant professor of the Police College, Major Alabadi Thani Alzaidi, explained that the debates are important materials for college students and are considered an information and gives a broader concept of law when the investigator in any crime put evidences and link them to the procedures and then determine the type of the evidence for each procedure and then determine the type of the evidence.

One of the most important objectives of the workshop is to activate the legal subjects studied by the students and apply debates in the law so that the student puts forward ideas and has the ability to analyze the logical texts in different dimensions and reach the desired result, he added.

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Thailand National Day celebrated

105,000 people vaccinated against seasonal flu virus

- Official debunk misconceptions about flu

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The health ministry, Primary Care Health Protection and Communication Corporation (SMCC) along with semi-government and private organizations have again joined forces to offer the public and health workers this free flu vaccine this year to ensure easy accessibility to all.

“Pregnant women should especially get the flu vaccine since their immune system are weak so more serious,” Al-Marri added.

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The delegation of a Ruhr University of Bochum and a delegation from the United Nations University in Qatar visited the Qatar Foundation and HBKU, the "German University in Qatar", in order to promote positive perception of the university and Qatar. In the presentation of the delegates, the role of the university and its work in Qatar was explained. The delegates were keen to promote Qatar as a center of excellence and a leading country in the field of higher education and research, and to strengthen ties between Qatar and Germany. They also emphasized the importance of collaboration and cooperation between Qatar and Germany in various fields, including education, research, and technology.

Qatar reaffirms commitment to integrate people with disabilities into society

In this context, Sheikhda Alya said that the Qatari law prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities, and requires that all governmental and private bodies and public institutions are required for persons with disabilities, and that private sector businesses employing a minimum of 25% of workers with disabilities, in order to achieve a higher level of self-esteem, well-being, and integration, and to provide greater opportunities and services to persons with disabilities.

She also stressed the importance of productive work in order to achieve self-sufficiency, well-being, and integration, and to provide greater opportunities and services to persons with disabilities.

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Social media powerful tool for storytelling

By Joey Aguilar
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Qatar Media Corporation’s (QMC) QMC Channel 37 manager Ali Suya Al-Kuwari discussed the importance of power and social media in storytelling and disseminating information, particularly in the sports world, during a session at Northwestern University in Qatar (NWU-Q) on Tuesday.

“Social media engages more people, different segments, and it gets followed by a diverse audience,” Al-Kuwari told participants at the session.

In 2018, the QMC launched its Facebook page, and in the same year, the number of followers reached 100,000. They reached the milestone in less than one year, he said.

“Within six months, we received positive messages and feedback from audience, Al-Kuwari said that he realized that he had suddenly a manager to share to the public – “to keep other and to live near each other” – which was also mentioned in the Quran: “To meet and enjoy each other.”

Al-Kuwari said he realized, citing his experiences interacting with people from groups as part of his job. Al-Kuwari also highlighted the need for journalists and media companies to share a story of opportunity for cooperation as journalists are a powerful instrument and passion for storytelling.

He said that the audience and posting them in Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter, among other social media accounts, turned him into a manager of QMC when his series of posts were noticed by the comments.

Al-Kuwari started his career with beIN Sports in Qatar, and QMC is a solid foundation for his career. He said he aimed to visit Somalia today (December 13) with CNN.

The Channel 37 manager stressed that traditional media is supporting and helping promote the enhancements and programs to the public.

“Everything is broadcasted on QMC TV, Twitter, and Instagram,” he said.

While he enjoys doing his passion, he said, he noticed some anomalies in the media, and the right management is to know the audience, and the right management is to know the audience, to enhance the media’s management, and to tone norms and bring positive reactions from the media.

Al-Kuwari said neophyte vloggers who try to build confidence should not be suddenly asked to be a window such as bowling, taking pictures and videos, in social media.

Ecuador aiming to enhance ties with Qatar, says envoy

high-level delegations from Ecuador will visit Qatar this month to discuss cooperation, said the Qatari foreign minister. Al-Kuwari said the trip would be conducted by the Qatari foreign minister.

“Ecuador is keen to invest in the country, and we have the possibility to be a big challenge as they are new to Qatar,” he said.

Hans Clase, the ambassador of Ecuador to Qatar, said the upcoming cooperation will be conducted by the Qatari foreign minister. He said the visit will be conducted by the Qatari foreign minister.

The number of Ecuadorian students in Qatar is expected to increase in the future, he said.

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Asghal observes Disabilities Day by planting trees

The Public Works Authority (Ashghal) today, offensive, during the Disabilities Day, observed International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) by planting trees at Al Wakra Al Middle School. This was part of a campaign with the Municipality of Doha (MME) to observe the Disabilities Day, and plant trees at Al Wakra Al Middle School.

The dignitaries who attended the event included the Ashghal board’s vice chairman and representatives of the Municipality of Doha and Public Institution for the Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities. Al-Kuwari and Eliwa, Ashghal’s representative in the campaign, said.

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Sidra Medicine’s Paediatric team have shared several camping safety tips for parents with the children’s patients during the camping season, according to Dr. Usmaan Al-Kahtani, assistant professor of clinical paediatrics at Sidra Medicine – Qatar’s Grand Rounds series on July 14, 2022.

The expert spoke widely on camping and the safety precautions that need to be taken to ensure the well-being of children while camping. Dr. Usmaan Al-Kahtani, assistant professor of clinical paediatrics at Sidra Medicine, explains that, camping is a great opportunity for children to enjoy the outdoors, learn new skills, and develop independence. However, parents need to take necessary steps to ensure the safety of their children during camping.

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The Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy has held two pitch launches in Mumbai and Nagpur to kick off its Community Football Programme in parallel with the FIFA World Cup.
By Sanah Thakur

Communication is one of the most important and significant aspects of our daily lives. As a vegan entrepreneur, I’m always looking for new ways to communicate and connect with others, and to bring a happy and healthy lifestyle. First, let’s explore our ability and try to understand the way we individually communicate. Once we realize what we do or do not say, we are able to pay attention to our speech. I always want to have it planned out focusing on the outcomes, not methods. This way that the old Woody Allen adage, ‘I always wanted to be a professional wrestler, but I’m not sure how you become a professional wrestler,’ can be applied to communication, too. Speech is important, but also understanding non-verbal cues can help. – Frank O’Kelly, Director of Product, at Humu

By Shefa Ali

When you think about it, having your mental well-being issues once set in place to ensure the next situation is easily handled, there’s a quick fix strategies of avoidance, denial, distraction, and our understanding of the mental distresses we face can be reduced. In a nutshell, here is how the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) can help you understand your own personality type and point out the strengths. We are living in a fast-paced world and may neglect the importance of quiet time. The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator is a psychological type classification that is based on the work of Carl Jung. It identifies four basic functions: Sensing, Intuition, Thinking, and Feeling. These are divided into two pairs: Sensing and Intuition, Thinking and Feeling. By taking the MBTI assessment, which takes no more than 15 minutes, a person is identified with a letter code: ENTJ – The Commander, ENFJ – The Counselor, ESTP – The Persuader, ISTJ – The Inspector, INFP – The Idealist, INTP – The Thinker, ENTP – The Crusader, ESTJ – The Director. Indeed, ENTP (The Crusader), who is an optimistic and independent, can be of use in a fast-paced world. ENTP (The Crusader) will help you understand your own personality type and point out the strengths. It is important to do the right thing and be the right one, but it’s also important to be honest with our strengths and weaknesses. Learning about your personality type can increase your confidence and help you be more assertive in your personal and professional life. You will also be able to find a personality type that is compatible with you. Once done with the assessment, we are living in a fast-paced world and may neglect the importance of quiet time. The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator is a psychological type classification that is based on the work of Carl Jung. It identifies four basic functions: Sensing, Intuition, Thinking, and Feeling. These are divided into two pairs: Sensing and Intuition, Thinking and Feeling. By taking the MBTI assessment, which takes no more than 15 minutes, a person is identified with a letter code:

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Enneagram

You are on fire and ready to be known. In many cases, the obstacles of communicating directly to others, no matter how uncomfortable it may be. The only way to be able to do it is to, in a certain way, never be afraid of the truth. At the point, you may be able to find out where you are. It is not only a truth. A truth of the process of inspiring and being inspiring. Whether you do, nowhere to be, and zero head. Suddenly, I had nothing to do, picturing me give this talk in the space of inspiration. When you think about it, having your mental well-being issues once set in place to ensure the next situation is easily handled, there’s a quick fix strategies of avoidance, denial, distraction, and our understanding of the mental distresses we face can be reduced. In a nutshell, here is how the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) can help you understand your own personality type and point out the strengths. We are living in a fast-paced world and may neglect the importance of quiet time. The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator is a psychological type classification that is based on the work of Carl Jung. It identifies four basic functions: Sensing, Intuition, Thinking, and Feeling. These are divided into two pairs: Sensing and Intuition, Thinking and Feeling. By taking the MBTI assessment, which takes no more than 15 minutes, a person is identified with a letter code: ENTJ – The Commander, ENFJ – The Counselor, ESTP – The Persuader, ISTJ – The Inspector, INFP – The Idealist, INTP – The Thinker, ENTP – The Crusader, ESTJ – The Director. Indeed, ENTP (The Crusader), who is an optimistic and independent, can be of use in a fast-paced world. ENTP (The Crusader) will help you understand your own personality type and point out the strengths. It is important to do the right thing and be the right one, but it’s also important to be honest with our strengths and weaknesses. Learning about your personality type can increase your confidence and help you be more assertive in your personal and professional life. You will also be able to find a personality type that is compatible with you.
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**Trump committed impeachable crimes’**

Tom Fitton, president of the right-leaning group Judicial Watch, has announced that he will file a complaint with the Senate today, demanding that Donald Trump be impeached. Fitton is pushing the impeachment process, despite President Trump’s victory in the 2020 election. The complaint is likely to focus on the president’s actions regarding the election.

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**Georgia governor taps Loeffler to succeed Senate seat**

Georgia Governor Brian Kemp announced on January 1, 2020, that he would appoint Senator Kelly Loeffler to replace Senator David Perdue after he announced his resignation on December 9, 2019. Loeffler, a wealthy businesswoman, had previously run for Senate in 2014 but lost to incumbent David Perdue. Kemp's action was criticized by some as a political move to solidify his own position.

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**Trump: I mean it when I say it**

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**South Korea, China take measures to re-set ties**

The two countries were agreed on a defile that opened under the瞩目 of the US Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system in South Korea, which led to disputes with China over the relief of tensions, economics, and cultural exchanges to strengthen relations.

**S. Korea finds foreign minister’s visit to Xinjiang unacceptable**

Calling the two countries “close neighbours, friends, and partners,” Kang and Wang also discussed South Korea’s political programme to promote economic, cultural and people-to-people exchanges, as well as ways to “foster a new phase of inter-country relations and peace on the Korean Peninsula.”

South Korea and China are inextricably linked in a variety of ways, from trade to tourism, and are important partners for both countries.

**US House passes Uighur bill urging sanctions on Chinese officials**

The US House of Representatives passed a bill on Thursday that would impose sanctions on Chinese officials responsible for human rights abuses in Xinjiang, further escalating tensions between the US and China over the treatment of Uighurs in the Xinjiang region.

The bill, which passed by a vote of 390-1, calls for the US government to impose economic sanctions on Chinese officials responsible for human rights abuses in the region. It also calls for the US to work with other countries to impose similar sanctions.

The bill is the latest in a series of measures taken by the US Congress to hold China accountable for its policies in Xinjiang, where the Chinese government has been accused of suppressing Uighur culture and religion, detaining millions of Uighurs in internment camps, and using forced labor and other human rights abuses.

The US House of Representatives has already passed similar bills in recent years, and the Senate is expected to consider similar legislation in the coming months.

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**South Korean actor found dead in latest k-pop tragedy**

South Korean actor Cha In-ha is seen in this undated picture.

Cha, whose real name is Lee Jae-ho, made his film debut in 2017 and was previously a member of the boy band Surprise U, which released two albums.

The agency said the 32-year-old actor had died of apparent carbon monoxide poisoning at his home in eastern Seoul.

Cha’s body was found in a room of his apartment in the district of Seongdong, eastern Seoul, on Wednesday.

The death of a rising star comes as the k-pop industry is reeling from a series of controversies and scandals, including allegations of sexual exploitation and harassment.

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**Tougher exams see UK soar in PISA rankings**

**Daily Mail**

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**Turner Prize winners launch attack on govt**

**AFP London**

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France was yesterday warned that the country could be facing its worst general strike since 1995, with a nationwide walkout planned for next week to protest against proposed reforms that workers and teachers have described as “a time-bomb”. 

The announcement came as British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and French President Emmanuel Macron, with US President Donald Trump looking on, met in Watford yesterday with the aim of building a shared approach to the so-called “two percenters” – the 15 Nato members that, according to a 2014 summit agreement, have not met the target of spending two per cent of their GDP on defence since mid-2018 on the basis of a Commission proposal calling for a more ambitious version of the bloc’s rotating presidency. 

The meeting had been marked by Macron warning of an alliance in history, and a demonstration in support of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny. 

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Widespread opposition to govt's Citizenship Bill

Senior Congress leader Harish Rawat yesterday said that the Citizenship Bill, supported by the government, does not respect India’s secular heritage and makes it easy to use one’s religion and race for political gains. The bill is expected to be brought in the Rajya Sabha today.

The bill seeks to provide citizenship to non-citizen Indians of certain categories, including those who have entered India without travel documents. It also provides for the naturalisation of persons who have overstayed their visa and for the entry of illegal immigrants into India.

The Congress party has strongly opposed the bill, saying it violates the basic idea of a secular and democratic country.

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Argentina’s incoming cabinet has not already been chosen and will be revealed tomorrow, with names of the 13 ministers he has confirmed a few hours, including the incoming foreign minister and chief of staff. As the country and markets watch closely for the make-up of a new government, many are hoping the new team, the key economic roles will still be under wraps, with talk lingering about where these will be sworn in, a spokesperson for the president said.

“Tomorrow, the cabinet will be announced, but it is to take the central bank board. “The cabinet is defined. Every minister will be working. You will probably not find technical experts,” Fernandez said on an official trip to Cuba.

This followed comments made earlier by the president’s communications secretary, Anibal Ibarra. The incoming centre-left leader plans to hold his first cabinet meeting with Vice-President Martín Guzman, the finance minister, on Thursday, Fernandez said.

Apart from economic experts, many are wondering which young political scientist Santiago Cafiero, Cabinet chief, will be called to fill the void left by the former

Argentina is in talks with creditors including the US and Latin American countries about how those will be paid, a spokesperson for the US ambassador in Buenos Aires said. Reuters

“Congress will take a very close look at the make-up of the cabinet”, said the Buenos Aires governor Felipe Vásquez.

In Bogota’s central Bolivar Square in recent weeks so many protesters have turned violent, leading to clashes, looting and acts of vandalism. The protests have claimed at least 49 lives so far.

Lopez Obrador said he hoped Mexico’s chief USMCA negotiator, Jesus Seade, on Tuesday would clarify the U.S. position until the last day. “To clear up any doubts, I have two-term administration, had defined, which could include a powerful ministry with many secretaries or councils.

Argentina’s credit, energy and sovereign risks are facing Fernandez’s picks closely, worried that Latin American countries and investors will either shift toward bonds or after revaluations, the进来, could see sovereign bonds in Maturin Marchetti.

A new government has been named, with a makeup drawn to fight the country’s economic crisis against inflation above 50%, sky-high debt-to-GDP levels and the potential for another default, following a wave of civil unrest in the country.

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The Prime Minister of Pakistan has given the go-ahead for the construction of three new air quality monitors in the capital city of Islamabad.

Prime Minister Imran Khan, in a recent Cabinet meeting, approved the proposal to construct these monitors in the city, with the aim of improving air quality and reducing pollution levels. The new monitors will be installed at strategic locations to provide real-time data on air quality.

The decision was welcomed by environmentalists and residents of the city, who have long been concerned about the high levels of pollution in Islamabad. The monitors will help in the implementation of effective policies to control air pollution and protect public health.

The installation of these monitors is part of a broader initiative by the government to improve air quality in the country. The Prime Minister has expressed his commitment to making Pakistan a cleaner and healthier place to live.

In addition to the new monitors, the government has also announced plans to increase the number of existing monitoring stations. This will help in better understanding the sources of pollution and taking targeted actions to address them.

The installation of new air quality monitors in Islamabad is a significant step in the right direction. It is hoped that these monitors will help in achieving the goal of cleaner and healthier air for the residents of the city.
**Police seek lifting of martial law in Mindanao**

The Philippine National Police (PNP) confirmed on Wednesday, Sept. 23, that it recommended the lifting of martial law in Mindanao.

“The PNP confirms recommending the lifting of martial law in Mindanao,” PNP Chief Director General (DG) Archie Paray told reporters.

He added that the recommendation came after the “serious and comprehensive assessment, advisement and intervention of law enforcement officials from the different police districts in the region.”

Paray said that under martial law in Mindanao, the police were granted the authority to act as the court, prosecutor and prosecutor’s office, allowing them to conduct their own investigations and arrests.

However, the PNP’s recommendation will be presented to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for its nod before总统 Rodrigo Duterte can sign the order.

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Why Senator Harris’ exit was inevitable but her future is bright

After she confronted Joe Biden in the Democratic Party’s first presidential debate in June, California Senator Kamala Harris appeared to have emerged as a front-runner. But it seems to have become a dream. As a candidate, instead of the state attorney-general and San Francisco district attorney has become the latest White House hopeful to peak too soon. With many Democratic voters deeming electability a deciding factor, to resist voting for someone with a relatively low national profile from such a promising political class was likely a factor, too.

But Harris’ basic failing as a candidate was her inability to boil down her core message and consistently stick to it in a way that she has through and through. After her June surge, Harris tried to finesse questions about Senator Elizabeth Warren’s call for “Medicare for All” with cliches that sought to reassure both voters who back a single-payer system and those who face Warren’s plan to eliminate private health insurance. This put Harris on the defensive in the second Democratic debate and led to criticism of what Biden called the “hate-it–every–way-up” approach. She handled it poorly.

Harris’ problems transcended strategy, though. Most notable was the gap between her record as a district attorney and her actual record as a politician and her current position in the United States Senate. The Harris view of progressive politics was on full display in the form of “Black Lives Matter” movement, which sparked a spate of protest around the country. “Back on Track” pretrial diversion programs in San Francisco and New Orleans — allowing young drug offenders with clean records to avoid prison — as a model. But as Harris’ bid to win the presidential nomination in 2020 falls apart, the rest of the student unions — in fact, the rest of the country — is left to ask: “What will now be the real Harris?”

That same month, a case was laid out in lacquering fashion in The New York Times by law professor Lara Bazelon. Bazelon wrote that not only had Harris been tipped on or opposed to criminal justice reforms that reduced jail sentences for many minor offenses and made parole easier to get, she also fought to uphold wrongful convictions that had been gained through “official misconduct that included evidence tampering, false testimony and the suppression of crucial exculpatory information by prosecutors.” Bazelon’s column was thorough and powerful.

This is hardly the end for Harris. She has three years left on her Senate term, The African American and Indian American senator could still plug on the Democratic national ticket next summer or in a White House Cabinet in 2021. But her history on law and order will always be held against her by a significant number of Democrats — and her performance on crime and other acts more recent than the 50-year-old cases for which Biden has apologized.

Harris’ view should make others among the dozen or so candidates in the Democratic field look hard at their policies. Fundraising and future — and reconsider what’s best. Harris made the right call. She has to be able to stand alone and hold a minute at a time when America needs one, now and later.— Tribune News Service

Pakistan student march eyes revival for survival

By Kamran Riaz

There’s never been a dull moment in Pakistan. After last week’s clash between student protesters and police in the capital, the country’s political scene is once again in full swing, with the rest of the student unions — in fact, the rest of the country — is left to ask: “What will now be the real Harris?”

The Student Solidarity March, led by the Student Action Committee, came out last Friday to 50 cities across the country in protest of demands for the restoration of student unions in all educational institutions — a demand that is “the first step for the revival of student unions,” according to the students who took part in the demonstration.

The marchers hurled stones and burnt tires in the federal capital, Islamabead, as they were met by police who used tear gas and batons to disperse the protesters. The police also arrested several students who were taking part in the march.

The event was organized by the Pakistan Student Union (PSU) and the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), who have promised to restore and enable student unions to function properly. The PSU has also demanded the immediate revival of the student unions in all universities.

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Closing the education-technology gap

By Gordon Brown and António Guterres

As we enter the third decade of this century, the delivery of education is more important than ever. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that education can be provided affordably and at scale to everyone, everywhere. But this is not just a question of scale. It is about the quality of what is being taught.

Today, more than ever, the world needs an education system that is strong, transformative, and fit for purpose. The current system is not just failing to meet the needs of today’s learners, but it is also deterministic of tomorrow’s failures. We need education systems that are innovative, equitable, evidence-based, and fit for the future challenges we face.

The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated the digital transformation of education, leading to widespread adoption of online learning platforms. This has enabled millions of learners to continue their education and gain new skills, even in the most challenging circumstances. However, the digital divide persists, and the benefits of this technological advancement are not being equally shared.

In low-income countries, only 31% of children and youth have access to a computer at home, and only 12% have access to the internet. In high-income countries, 96% of children have access to a computer at home, and 95% have access to the internet. The gap is even wider for girls, who are 15% less likely to have access to a computer at home.

The cost of providing quality education is often prohibitive, especially for marginalized and disadvantaged groups. Yet, the cost of inaction is much higher. Education is a fundamental human right, and it is essential for achieving the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) is an international initiative that aims to mobilize resources to finance quality education for all children and youth. Since its inception in 2002, GPE has mobilized over $28 billion in new commitments and leveraged $92 billion in additional funds from governments and other development partners.

GPE has launched several initiatives to address the education-technology gap. One of the most significant is the Digital Education Initiative (DEI), which aims to ensure that every child has access to a quality education, regardless of their geographical location or circumstances. DEI focuses on three main areas:

1. Providing equitable access to quality education technologies.
2. Ensuring that all learners have access to the skills they need for the future.
3. Promoting inclusive and equitable education for all.

The DEI is supported by a global coalition of countries, organizations, and stakeholders who are committed to realizing this vision. The coalition includes the United Nations, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and a range of donor countries and organizations.

In conclusion, closing the education-technology gap is crucial for achieving the SDGs and realizing the vision of a world where everyone has access to quality education. GPE and its partners are committed to working towards this goal, and we invite others to join us in this noble cause.

The day after NATO

By Jacques Feschke

On September 28th, 2019, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution calling for a comprehensive review of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). This resolution, introduced by the United States, was co-sponsored by 30 countries, including many of NATO’s member states.

The resolution calls on NATO to consider the implications of emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, cyber warfare, and space-based capabilities, for its future role and mission. It also encourages NATO to address the challenge of terrorism, and to consider how it can contribute to the maintenance of international peace and security.

The resolution is a significant step forward in the process of reviewing NATO’s role and mission. It demonstrates the international community’s commitment to addressing the challenges that face NATO, and to ensuring that it remains a relevant and effective organization.

The resolution is also a reminder of the importance of multilateralism in the 21st century. NATO is a unique and valuable organization, and it is essential that it remains strong and effective.

The day after NATO marks a significant moment in the history of the organization. It is a moment of reflection, and an opportunity to consider how NATO can continue to meet the challenges of the 21st century. It is a moment of hope, and an opportunity to build a better future for all.

Live issues

Drinking milk does not appear to impact longevity

People who consume lots of milk are less likely to die, and drinking milk does not appear to impact longevity. Consuming milk can be a significant part of a healthy diet, providing essential nutrients such as calcium, vitamin D, and protein.

Research has suggested that milk consumption may have a protective effect against some chronic diseases, such as cardiovascular disease and certain cancers. However, the evidence is not conclusive, and the relationship between milk consumption and health outcomes is complex.

The current consensus is that milk consumption does not impact longevity. Milk consumption may provide short-term benefits for some health outcomes, but the long-term effects are not well understood. Further research is needed to fully understand the relationship between milk consumption and longevity.

There is no evidence to suggest that drinking milk is directly linked to a reduced risk of mortality. However, milk consumption may be a marker of a healthy lifestyle, and other factors, such as overall diet and physical activity, may be more important in determining longevity.
Costa Diadema and Mein Schiff 5 docked at Doha Port for a semi-final match.