**Qatar confirms $8mn pledge for UNHCR’s programmes**

Qatar has confirmed an $8 million pledge for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for 2020. This comes after the annual pledging conference of the UNHCR in Geneva, during which the world-wide refugee agency called on Qatar to join a growing number of countries and entities that have already pledged support to the organisation.

HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al-Thani, in a statement issued yesterday, said: “We would like to state that the Government of Qatar has confirmed its pledge to the UNHCR that will be announced during the annual pledge conference for the UNHCR for 2020.”

HE Al-Mansouri expressed the appreciation of Qatar for the efforts made by the UNHCR and the entire international community of the UN to provide protection and standing for refugees and asylum seekers, observing that the other countries’ support for the UNHCR programme has reached the peak.

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**Climate protest comes to Madrid**

Thousands of demonstrators took to the streets of Madrid on Monday as part of a global day of action against climate change.

The protesters, among them prominent climate activists such as Greta Thunberg, gathered in the city center to demand urgent action to address the climate crisis.

Thunberg, a16-year-old Swedish student who launched the school strike movement that has inspired millions of young people worldwide, addressed the crowd in English and Spanish.

“I’ve been to so many countries and seen the effects of climate change. This is the most important battle of our time,” she said.

The protests were part of a worldwide movement known as the “Fridays for Future” campaign, which was started by Thunberg in August 2018.

In Madrid, the protests took place outside the fork of the southern city of Atocha and the National Library, as well as at other locations throughout the city.

The protests coincided with the start of the COP25 climate conference in Madrid, where world leaders are expected to discuss ways to combat climate change.

Protesters carried signs and chanted slogans, demanding action on climate change and warning that the planet is in crisis.

The event was one of several held around the world on Monday, as part of a global day of action called “Global Climate Strike.”

The strikes were inspired by Thunberg, who launched the school strike movement in August 2018 to demand action on climate change.

The Madrid protests were one of many that took place in cities around the world, including New York, Paris, and Tokyo.

The global day of action was called by Thunberg, who said in a statement: “This is our last chance. We are in a climate crisis, and it is time we all take action.”

People attended a climate change protest march, as COP25 summit is held in Madrid, Spain, yesterday.
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The Ministry of Municipality and Environment (MME) has presented an ambitious strategy to meet climate goals on a Gulf-wide scale as the Qatari capital, Doha, hosts theוו İş in the coming years. The strategy is aimed at reducing carbon emissions and promoting renewable energy sources. It includes targets to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2050. The plan also focuses on increasing energy efficiency and developing a green transport system. Qatar aims to lead the way in sustainable development, setting an example for other regions in the Middle East.

Recruitment procedures for Lankan workers discussed

The Qatar-Lanka Joint Committee has met in Islamabad to discuss the implementation of the recruitment of Sri Lankan workers in Qatar. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Ministries of Labour and Manpower of both countries, as well as from the Ministry of Labour and Manpower in Sri Lanka. The discussions focused on the procedures for the recruitment of Sri Lankan workers in Qatar. The committee agreed to streamline the recruitment process and facilitate the arrival of workers from Sri Lanka.

Navy celebrates graduation of courses

The Qatar Armed Forces organized the graduation of a number of courses for the 2020 training year. The graduation ceremony took place at the Qatar Armed Forces Academy in Doha. The graduates were recognized for their hard work and dedication in achieving their training objectives. The ceremony included speeches from high-ranking officials, including the Commander-in-Chief of the Qatar Armed Forces. The graduates will be deployed to various units and roles within the Qatar Armed Forces to support national security efforts.

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We extend our sincere condolences and great sympathy to

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On the sad demise of his beloved

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May Allah bestow mercy on the departed soul and give patience and fortitude for the bereaved family

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TROOPS BRIEFLY DETAIN FOUR PALESTINIAN JOURNALISTS

BY TOVAH LEIBERMAN

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A Nepali police officer stands guard near the site of a fire in Bhairahawa, Rupandehi district, on December 3, 2019. A fire in a building used by an Italian non-governmental organisation killed seven people, including five children. (Photo: AP)

A baby elephant is fed by its mother at a wildlife reserve in the outskirts of Chitwan, Nepal. (File Photo: AP)

ABU DHABI A woman who died from injuries sustained in a fire at an illegal settlement in southern Nepal has become the first person to be arrested for violating a controversial law regulating such camps. A 26-year-old, Manju Devi Rana, was killed in the fire, which broke out on Saturday night at Chhaujada in Surkhet district. The incident was the first time the law has been enforced since it was introduced in April.

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People under stress from the Green Wattle Creek fire from Extra Flightossier in Kelburn, New South Wales, Australia, yesterday.

‘Mega fire’ forms north of Sydney

The blaze was burning across 130,000 hectares – about nine square miles – in north-eastern Sydney City, with 220 firefighters on the ground and an additional 300 on standby.

Rogers said Prime Minister Sogavare had vowed to do "everything in our power to contain the blaze." He added: "The fire is a matter of public health, and not just a matter of the environment."

"If your property is not prepped for the bushfire season and you're not able to escape, you might not be able to escape without being burned to death," she said.

"We want to tell Carrie Lam to stop using tear gas. More than 1,000 injuries have been reported already," she said.

"Stop using tear gas, it will just keep burning until we can get it under control. We have to be prepared, " general manager Shane Fitzsimmons said yesterday.

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London fire chief quits after Grenfell criticism

The London fire commissioner in charge of the fire that ripped through Grenfell Tower has quit his job, just months after the blaze that claimed 72 lives. The move comes amid growing pressure on the fire service following the Grenfell Tower fire. The blaze, which started in June, has left many people in need of assistance. The London borough of Kensington and Chelsea has announced a review of its fire service, including an investigation into the delay in evacuation of the building. The fire chief, Dany Cotton, announced his resignation on Twitter, saying he had been considering the move for some time. He said the decision was taken after a meeting with the mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, who has promised a full investigation into the fire. Cotton said he had been advised by legal experts that he faced “significant risks” of being prosecuted for manslaughter. “The decision has not been taken lightly, but it is the right one for me and for the fire service,” Cotton said. “I have decided to step down effective immediately.” The Grenfell Tower fire, which killed 72 people and left thousands homeless, is believed to have been caused by a kitchen fire in one of the flats. The blaze spread rapidly through the building, and firefighters were unable to control it. The fire service has been criticized for its response to the fire, which left many people trapped inside the building. The inquiry into the fire is ongoing, and the government has promised to publish its findings in the autumn. The inquiry is expected to examine the role of the fire service, as well as the wider issues surrounding the Grenfell Tower fire. In a statement, the mayor of London said: “I would like to thank Dany Cotton for his service to the fire service. He has been a dedicated and hardworking public servant, and I wish him all the best for the future.” The fire service has been under pressure to improve its response to fires, following a series of high-profile incidents in recent years. The Grenfell Tower fire has been a particularly high-profile incident, and the government has promised to learn from the lessons of the fire. The fire service is currently facing a major shake-up, with a new commissioner set to be appointed later this year. The new commissioner is expected to be given more powers to improve the service, and to bring in new technologies and procedures to improve its response to fires.

Labour Party leader Sadiq Khan has decided to step down as mayor of London, following a series of high-profile incidents in recent years. Khan, who has led the city since 2016, has faced criticism for his handling of the issues surrounding the Grenfell Tower fire, as well as other incidents, including the 2017 terror attack on the London Bridge. Khan has been under pressure to resign, following a series of high-profile incidents in recent years. His decision to step down comes amid growing pressure on the mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, who has promised a full investigation into the fire. However, the decision to step down is not without controversy, with some critics calling for a more thorough investigation into the fire. The inquiry into the fire is ongoing, and the government has promised to publish its findings in the autumn. The inquiry is expected to examine the role of the fire service, as well as the wider issues surrounding the Grenfell Tower fire. In a statement, the mayor of London said: “I would like to thank Dany Cotton for his service to the fire service. He has been a dedicated and hardworking public servant, and I wish him all the best for the future.” The fire service has been under pressure to improve its response to fires, following a series of high-profile incidents in recent years. The Grenfell Tower fire has been a particularly high-profile incident, and the government has promised to learn from the lessons of the fire. The fire service is currently facing a major shake-up, with a new commissioner set to be appointed later this year. The new commissioner is expected to be given more powers to improve the service, and to bring in new technologies and procedures to improve its response to fires.
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French PM says pension reform is unavoidable

France's President Emmanuel Macron is set to push ahead with a controversial pension overhaul in his country despite being slapped with the lowest approval ratings of his presidency.

French Prime Minister Edouard Philippe today pushed forward with plans for a new pension system in the country. The proposed plan, which would include increases to the retirement age, is expected to be controversial and face opposition from workers and trade unions.

Philippe's announcement comes after months of protests and strikes over the proposed changes, which are seen as a bid to modernise the country's elderly system and tackle rising costs.

The pension reform has been met with widespread criticism and opposition, with workers and unions fearing job losses and reduced benefits. However, Philippe has vowed to press ahead with the reforms in the interests of the country's long-term financial stability.

The French government has faced increasing pressure to act on the issue, with pension payments projected to account for a growing share of the country's budget in coming years. In recent weeks, Philippe has outlined a series of measures aimed at reducing the cost of the system, including plans to increase the retirement age from 62 to 65.

Philippe's announcement today comes as the country faces an aging population and growing financial pressures, with the government under pressure to find ways to address the issue.

The pension reform is expected to be a key topic of discussion at the upcoming G20 summit, where leaders from around the world will gather to discuss pressing global issues.

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Local exit polls in Karnataka predict that the ruling BJP will win the majority in Assembly for the third consecutive term.

Exit polling agencies that conducted surveys in the state have predicted the results of the Karnataka assembly elections, which will be held on May 12. These surveys, conducted by reputed agencies, show a marginal edge for the BJP over the Congress-JDS alliance. The exit polls predict a win for the BJP, with the party expected to secure around 100-110 seats, while the alliance might get around 90-100 seats.

The survey agencies have taken into account various factors such as the performance of individual candidates, the strength of the ruling party, the performance of the opposition, and the level of voter turnout.

The results of the exit polls are likely to influence the strategy of the parties in the run-up to the elections. The BJP has been working hard to project a strong image of stability and development, while the Congress-JDS alliance has been highlighting its performance in the state.

However, it is important to note that exit polls are not always accurate, and the final results are likely to be decided by the day of the elections. Therefore, while the exit polls provide some insight into the potential outcome, they should not be taken as a definitive prediction.
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**Chinese leaders on Co-operating with the US**

Chinese leaders met with US Ambassador to China Cui Tiankai on Monday, ahead of a joint announcement on co-operation on trade and security.

The meeting took place just one day after talks between China and the US were held in Washington.

The US is pressing China to make further reforms on trade and intellectual property, while China is seeking greater access to US markets.

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The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) now has a technologically advanced system that has been developed with the technical support of the Khan government.

A day earlier, Prime Minister Zalmay Rassoul Khan appointed the names of retired Service Chiefs (Army, Air Force, and Navy) for the post of ECP commissioner from Punjab.

For Pakistan, the prime minister approved the names of Tanveer Nisar, Naeem Baig, and Amanullah Jalal for the post of ECP commissioner from Sindh.

The ECP said that it had received many applications in response to the advertisements for the posts, and the selection process was completed in consultation with the provinces.

According to the ECP, the process of selecting candidates for the posts was carried out in accordance with the rules and procedures laid down by the ECP.

The ECP emphasized that the selection process was transparent and fair, and that the candidates were selected based on their qualifications, experience, and merit.

The ECP also highlighted that the selection process was carried out in consultation with the provinces and stakeholders, and that the candidates were selected after a rigorous evaluation process.

The ECP further emphasized that the selection process was in line with the provisions of the Election Act 2017 and the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Election Commissioners, 2017.

The ECP expressed its commitment to maintaining transparency and fairness in the selection process, and to ensuring that the candidates selected were competent and qualified to carry out their duties.

The ECP also welcomed the support of the provinces and stakeholders, and expressed its hope that the candidates would work towards ensuring free and fair elections in Pakistan.
Experts say Duterte cannot cancel water agreements

By Shyamabala Nili Cruz

WASHINGTON — Rodrigo Duterte, who has been reviewing water concessions since July, is not in a position to cancel them, according to industry sources. The concessions were awarded to private companies by previous administrations and are protected by law.

“Duterte cannot arbitrarily rescind concession agreements on water without due process,” lawyers said.

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**Climate change crisis: global action needed before it’s too late**

Scientists said that average temperatures from 2010-2019 look set to break records for the highest on record. Permiental figures released by the World Meteorological Organization showed that 2019 was the second or third warmest year on record.

If those numbers hold, 2015-2019 would end up being the warmest five-year period in the record. This “exceptional” global warming has been driven by greenhouse gas emissions.

The organization’s State of the Global Climate report for 2019 covers the year up to October, when the global mean temperature for the period was 0.1C above the “baseline” level in 1850.

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W ith former German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder's appointment as the new executive chairman of the Russia Today (RT) television network, the EU is facing a significant test of its ability to defend the rights and freedoms of the press. Schröder, who served as Germany's chancellor from 1998 to 2005, is known for his close ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has been critical of Western media outlets.

The appointment comes amidst growing concerns about media freedom in Europe, with several countries facing pressures from their governments to limit press freedoms or to influence news content. In recent years, concerns have been raised about the use of economic leverage and other means to influence media outlets in countries that receive aid from the EU.

Schröder's appointment raises questions about the EU's commitment to protecting media freedom and promoting a free press. The EU has repeatedly expressed its support for a free and independent media, but it remains to be seen how the bloc will handle the situation.

Schröder’s appointment has also sparked criticism from human rights organizations and media watchdogs. The European Commission has called for an independent investigation into the appointment and its implications for media freedom.

The situation is particularly concerning given the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and the wide-reaching implications for media freedom in the region. The EU has been a vocal advocate for media freedom in the face of increasing restrictions by authoritarian regimes, and Schröder's appointment could be seen as a further erosion of those principles.

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By Anne Croset

What can EU ‘geopolitical’ power will cost

The EU has been keen to assert itself as a major geopolitical player, but what will it cost in terms of its ability to back itself up? In that study, Walden, “The mass of men lead lives of disproportionately affected: men. Right? - one group in particular is less pleasant.

A variety of studies have found a strong correlation between loneliness and increased risk of heart disease and other health problems. Depression, anxiety and loneliness can also lead to poor decision-making and cognitive decline, poor self-care and poor nutrition, disrupted sleep, lack of motivation and poor job performance.

If you feel that you are struggling to cope with your loneliness, there are a few steps that can help:

1. Find a support group. Look for local support groups or online communities to connect with others who are going through similar experiences.
2. Seek professional help. If your loneliness is interfering with your daily life, consider seeking help from a mental health professional.
3. Take care of your body. Exercise regularly, eat a healthy diet, and get plenty of sleep. These can all help to improve your mood and reduce feelings of loneliness.
4. Engage in enjoyable activities. Find something you enjoy doing and make time for it, even if it’s just a few minutes each day.
5. Connect with others. Spend time with friends and family, or make new connections by volunteering or joining a community group.

However, if your loneliness persists or worsens, it’s important to seek professional help. By taking these steps, you can start to address your loneliness and improve your overall well-being.
Fan zone: Festival of football with an electric atmosphere

The FIFA Club World Cup Fan Zone is the “perfect stadium” opened by the FIFA Club World Cup Qatar 2019, presented by Alibaba Cloud.

“It is a festival of football, showcasing matches by big names and offering an electric atmosphere to fans from around the globe,” the Qatar Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy (QSC) says on its website.

The fan zone, located at Indira Gandhi Sports Park, next to India Golf Club, is free to enter and available to all people. It is encouraged to use the dhows, which will be on display every day from December 9-21, from 2pm to midnight, for family-friendly events, and under-16s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

First played in 2000, the FIFA Club World Cup brings together the winners of each continent’s.provincial club competition. Thessaloniki, Greece, is set to host the prestigious tournament for the first time. The tournament will be held from December 1-12, with matches taking place at Leonidas Karaiskakis Stadium, Thessaloniki International Stadium and the new Education City Stadium.

Details of the entertainment schedule at the FIFA Club World Cup Fan Zone can be found in the attached infographics or by visiting https://sc.qa/sites/default/files/SC_Fan-Zone_Entertainment-Schedule-EN.pdf

Children visit sensory room at Khalifa International Stadium

In order to deliver the most accessible FIFA World Cup in tournament history, the Qatar Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy (QSC) has developed “groundbreaking” sensory rooms at tournament venues. Designed to cater to individuals with cognitive disabilities and sensory impairments, the rooms combine a range of sensory input and output designed to engage and calm attendees.

Visitors to the sensory rooms will be able to experience the Global Village Foundation’s beach. In particular, the opera house, presented twice yesterday morning, was highly appreciated by the spectators.

Children presented a musical version of the legends of the maritime history of the country from the time when pearl diving and hunting was the main source of income and how the dhows used to spend long months in the open sea journeys to return with a vast amount of pearls which are then processed to create pearls for jewelry.

Participants from Kuwait, Jordan, Turkey, India, Greece, Italy, Spain, Iran, and Greenland continue to entertain and educate visitors. The most popular places at the festival venue were the large numbers of visitors to the ongoing 9th Traditional Dhow Festival, South Yeman, which opened earlier this month.

The fan zone will be open every day from December 9-21, from 2pm to midnight. Entry is for free, with an electric atmosphere for fans from around the globe.

The fan zone is located at Doha Education City Stadium. The fan zone is “a festival of football, showcasing matches by big names, and offering an electric atmosphere to fans from around the globe,” the Qatar Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy (QSC) says on its website.

There are various designated places at the fan zone where visitors can buy traditional Qatari meals and dishes, which have received considerable attention of customers. The display of relevant handicrafts by the participants, especially ladies, was also highly appreciated by the visitors. Many models of traditional dhows are on display, and the visitors could buy them from the retailers, in addition to other gift items and spices.

Katara general manager Dr Khairat al-Amari added: “I plan on attending every game. I don’t want to see how they’re playing or where I’m going to leave her or how she’s going to react to the noise. We can go outside if she wants to, but if she wants space and quiet, she can come inside.”