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The government’s assets will likely remain a strong offset to the ratings agency noted.

Sheikha Moza bint Nasser Al-Misnad, who heads the Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser Foundation, was reappointed by world leaders to the United Nations Secretary-General’s ‘Advocates for the Goals’ Programme.

The initiative aims to achieve the four main pillars identified by the National Tourism Sector Strategy 2017-2021.

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The Chinese megacity, famous for its futuristic skyline, unveiled a new 5G network as part of a broader push by the government to keep up with the technology race. The city's mayor said the network is a “milestone in our efforts to maintain our status as a global leader in innovation and technology.”

The May 5G announcement comes as UAE-based Etisalat and China's ZTE are building a 5G network in the country's capital, Abu Dhabi, and plans to roll it out in Dubai next year.

The company will open pre-orders for a limited edition of the Samsung S9+ smartphone, which is set to be released in the country on May 3, the company announced.

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**Qatar Organ Donation Centre honours ex-deputy PM Al-Attiyah**

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“Through such impactful initiatives, the National Tourism Council works to promote and raise awareness of Qatar’s unparalleled capabilities and the many foreign tourists who visit the region. With this rally, we are particularly marking the significant achievements of these efforts,” he said.

Alexander Korobko, who was leading the Russian UAZ team, said documenting this first episode of the rally, thwarted Qatar for the warm welcome they received from the moment they arrived at the starting point. He said the Alexander-Motor Rally would attract more youth towards sports and stressed its growing importance.

The participants travelled in three UAZ Patroulis, the renowned Russian vehicles known for their capabilities on all types of tracks as well as off the road. After departing Moscow, the team travelled in the UAZs for 20 days, with stops in the cities of St. Petersburg, Moscow, Kaluga, Kharkov, Kiev, Lviv, Makhachkala, Elista, and Krasnodar.

After that, the team took the water paths from Bashkir to Al Meera supermarkets, City Center Doha, Gulf Mall, Ansar Gallery malls, Al Watan Centre outlets, Al Watan Centre, Mall Al Wakrah, Family Food Centre, and Al Meera supermarkets, each evening during Ramadan.

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**HMC aims for 400,000 organ donors by year-end**

**●Annual organ donation campaign launched**

M any of the public are being asked to consider giving the gift of life as Qatar prepares to become an organ donor as part of Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC)’s annual organ donation campaign, which has been launched this week in shopping malls and other prominent locations around the country.

There are currently more than 70,000 people on Qatar’s organ transplant waiting list, and the development of Qatar’s total population – and world-recognised organ donation programme, which currently does not undertake long transplants.

The Centre was able to successfully procure liver for a British patient who required a liver transplant, and who was flown to Doha in a record time for a long transplant operation. The transplant is believed to be one of the longest involving an organ for transplantation, which is a milestone achievement for Hamad Medical Corporation, and demonstrates the best health services for all citizens and residents alike.

Dr Riadh Fadhil, director of the Qatar Organ Donation Centre (Hiba), was present at all HMC outlets with a message of thanks for the support and wishes them full health and a long life.

He stressed the importance of organ donation in saving lives of many patients with organ failures and added that donating organs is a noble humanitarian work that will be rewarded in heaven.

The event coincided with the launch of HMC’s annual Ramadan-organ Donation campaign in the country.

The campaign is being conducted at different malls.

**S&P affirms Qatar ratings, maintains ‘stable outlook’**

The ratings agency expects economic growth to accelerate to 2% to 2.5% in 2019-2022, from an estimated 1.5% in 2018. Qatar’s corporate sector has also shown resilience.

At an estimated 45% of GDP, about one-quarter of which is funded, Qatar’s investment spending is critical to achieving the government’s long-term development goals and reducing private sector dependence on government spending. The government’s infrastructure programme remains supportive of economic growth, as does investment-related expansion of the North Field liquefied natural gas field, which is expected to generate a significant volume of new production.

The ratings agency expects that growth will be driven by increased government investment spending, supported by expected fiscal flexibility and support from the government’s sovereign wealth fund, which will be used to fund the government’s development goals.

Nevertheless, S&P believes that Qatar’s economy and fiscal policies are both well positioned to manage the risk of a slowdown in economic growth, due to a contraction of the hydrocarbon sector brought by about 2% over the same period.

S&P noted the sectors of Qatar’s economy affected by the blockaded邻国 Bahrain, Oman, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia, are expected to remain relatively stable, with the oil and gas sector continuing to provide a stable source of revenue.

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Texas A&M at Qatar graduates its 1,000th engineer

Texas A&M University at Qatar (Tamuq) graduated its 1,000th engineer during commencement exercises held recently at Qatar National Convention Centre. More than 100 students walked across the stage during the annual commencement ceremony, including 95 students who graduated with bachelor’s degrees in chemical engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering and petroleum engineering.

Dr. Mohamed Bin Saleh Al-Sada, Qatar’s minister of energy and industry, received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree in recognition of his achievements and longtime support of the university and its branch campus in Qatar.

“Today, it is my great pleasure to present HE Dr. Mohamed Bin Saleh Al-Sada an honorary Doctor of Letters degree in recognition of his achievements and long-time support of the university and its branch campus in Qatar,” Dr. Al-Sada said. “This is not only a personal accolade for me but also a tribute to Qatar under the leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani. Since 2003, I have witnessed the development and growth of Texas A&M at Qatar as a female campus of Texas A&M University. It is a matter of pride for all of us to have witnessed the successes and accomplishments of this institution since its inception. I applaud this prestigious institution for all it does to make a positive impact on Qatar and throughout the region in the noble cause of education.”

Guest speaker for the evening, Hassan al-Thawadi, secretary-general of the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy, said: “Qatar is committed to investing in the young generations and this is reflected in the success stories that Education City is witnessing, among them is Texas A&M’s success story. The graduates of Texas A&M are making a positive impact on Qatar and throughout the region in the noble cause of education.”

Hassan al-Thawadi speaking at the event.

The ceremony ended after Todd Creeger, a Class of 1986 graduate of Texas A&M and president of ConocoPhillips Qatar, inducted the graduates into the association of former students, Texas A&M’s alumni organisation that comprises the 500,000 graduates of the university and is known worldwide as the Aggie Network.

Dr. César O Malavé, dean of Tamuq, presided over the ceremony and said, “Through our partnership with Qatar Foundation, Texas A&M at Qatar is educating world-class engineers to meet growing demand for technical expertise and human capital in a workforce that is diversifying as rapidly as it is expanding. For the past 16 years, we have kept this mission in mind. This incredible journey and its innumerable successes would not be possible without Qatar Foundation’s devotion to education and diverse thought.”
QNL lecture sheds light on impactful Indian education sector

The graduates with officials and guests.

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The Jaguar E-PACE is a five-seat compact SUV that packs the brand’s sports car DNA in a practical design packed with advanced technology to keep motorists connected. The new Range Rover Sport SVR’s superb performance comes courtesy of the marque’s unique 5.0-litre V8 petrol engine, which has been uprated to produce 700Nm of torque, the statement noted. The net result of this power uplift – when combined with 283kph top speed, mum speed of 283kph, 306PS diesel engine and driver selectable modes, the enhancements ultimately produce a more dynamic driving experience for the driver. The new Range Rover Sport SVR also offers exceptional customer convenience, including the latest in braking, improved acceleration and braking, improved dynamic steering and handling specifications that provide a more dynamic driving and handling experience for the driver.

Doha Festival City appreciates those working through Iftar

The Qatar Charity and the Traffic Department have distributed two thousand Iftar boxes from IKEA’s Doha Festival City to appreciate those who contributed to the Al Kharaitiyat area. The boxes were also distributed across Qatar Charity-organised Ramadan tents.

QCS hands out Iftar boxes on the streets of Doha

For the fifth consecutive year, the Qatar Caravan Society (QCS) has distributed Iftar boxes on the streets of Doha during the holy month of Ramadan. The initiative is in cooperation with Alfardan Premier Motors Co., the official retailer of the Jaguar Land Rover in Qatar, to give back to the community that has chosen us.

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Ramadan's 3D training

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Ramadan's 3D training
cally and mentally scorch and burn our body to prepare it for the runner, our training is three-fold: physical, mental, and spiritual [2D - two-dimensional]. Ramadan trains us for the month of fasting, which is our main means to purify our himself physically and spiritually. Fasting also helps to sharpen our focus and strengthen our will. This training gives us the Holy Month of Ramadan.

“Most people think of the physical aspect of training, which is mainly training for the meat and the physical benefits. However, those who train mentally feel that they have made good use of the month of Ramadan. Those who train mentally find that they have made good use of the month of Ramadan. Those who train mentally find that they have made good use of the month of Ramadan. Those who train mentally find that they have made good use of the month of Ramadan. Those who train mentally find that they have made good use of the month of Ramadan. Those who train mentally find that they have made good use of the month of Ramadan.

But there was no doubting Al Sadd's overall superiority, and when they were 2-1 down in the 74th minute, the Portuguese tactician added. Al Sadd's overall superiority was clear to see in their 2-1 win over Al Rayyan. The 72-year-old Ferreira, who was at the Al Wakra Stadium. Now we want to make history by winning the Amir Cup trophy.

QNL's ‘Ramadan Word Search’ event for youth

The National Library recently presented a ‘Ramadan Word Search Challenge’ for young adults aged 12-18 years, the first event in a series to be held throughout the month of Ramadan. The library also presents many other such opportunities for the community to learn and be reminded of important aspects of Ramadan during the fast-paced word search.

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Transcontinental Railroad celebrates 150th birthday

By Terry Sylvester, Random

A train belched steam and smoke, thundered, thundered. Thousands of people from around the world gathered for the re-enactment of a ceremony in Utah’s high desert that marked the completion of the first railroad to span the North American continent 150 years ago. The spectacle — re-enacting a historical moment that took place on May 10, 1869 — featured the laying of a golden spike into a replica of the spiked railhead that sealed the Union Pacific Railroad with the Central Pacific Railroad, driving across 1,869 miles of desert, mountains, and plains.

The moment was punctuated by whistle blasts, hissing steam and clanging iron spikes at the end of the 1869 event to mark the completion of the first transcontinental railroad.

Some of them, along with the silver bullets and soaked blankets, were on display today at the Utah State Capitol Park.

The re-inauguration of the 1869 ceremony was part of the centennial festivities that transformed the Union Pacific Railroad with the Central Pacific Railroad, staging the original coast-to-coast event.

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A week's worth of traffic is clogging one of Hong Kong's main commercial hubs as the city gears up for the pro-democracy movement's first big demonstration this year.

The protest, timed to coincide with the one-year anniversary of the pro-democracy movement's 2019 protests, is expected to draw tens of thousands of activists to the streets of Hong Kong's central business district.

The movement, which began as a protest against an extradition bill, expanded to include demands for democratic reforms and an end to Chinese control over the semi-autonomous city.

AFP

Everest braces for record year amid overcrowding fears

Hong Kong extradition row

Indonesian police hunt inmates after mass prison breakout

Vietnam jails two for anti-state posts on Facebook

A Vietnamese court has sentenced two bloggers to 18 years in jail for anti-state posts on social media.

The court in the city of Vinh Puum found Tran Van Ngoc, 26, and Ngoc Phuong Thao, 32, guilty of “making, distributing and spreading propaganda information, documents and materials against the state.”

The trial took place in a special courtroom in Vinh Puum district, where the defendants were housed and held under tight security.

More than 100 inmates were among the 15 arrested on Saturday, and were moved to another prison in order to prevent any further unrest.

The prison, which houses around 3,000 inmates, has a reputation for overcrowding and poor conditions, and is located near the country's prison system.

The prisoners, who are accused of stealing and distributing illegal drugs, were arrested after a series of violent incidents.

Rodong Sinmun

Lanka probes death of British priest

The Sri Lankan police have launched an investigation into the death of a British priest, who was found dead in his room at a hotel in the city of Colombo.

The priest, identified as Father John DeSilva, was staying at a hotel in the city center when he was found dead in his room.

A local medical officer confirmed that the priest had died of natural causes, and said that there were no signs of violence or foul play.

North Korea's missile tests not 'breach of trust': Trump

North Korea’s missile tests do not constitute a breach of trust, US President Donald Trump has said.

He made the comments during a press conference in Tokyo on Wednesday, where he also expressed his belief that North Korea would not use its nuclear weapons.

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The US president has denied that North Korea’s recent missile tests constitute a breach of trust.

He made the comments during a press conference in Tokyo on Wednesday, where he also expressed his belief that North Korea would not use its nuclear weapons.

He said that North Korea’s launches were “routine tests” and that they were “not a threat.”

He added that North Korea was “not a threat” and that the US was “not at war” with the country.

Trump’s comments come as North Korea has launched several missiles in recent weeks, including a test of its new, more powerful intercontinental ballistic missile.

Trump said that the US would continue to work with South Korea and Japan to ensure the stability of the region.”

The US president has also said that he would be willing to meet with North Korea’s leader, Kim Jong Un, if the meeting would lead to peace on the Korean Peninsula.

He added that he hoped that the meeting would lead to peace on the Korean Peninsula. "I hope that it will happen," he said. "I think it’s possible."
May pressed to detail resignation timetable

Labour vows to more than double young minimum wage

Two men claimed they were shot dead in the Northern Irish city of Londonderry on the night a British police officer was shot dead. The police believe these were the ring leaders, he said. "Police believe these were the ring leaders," the police officer said. "We've all seen where it ends up."

A further Labour government move that more than doubled the national minimum wage was announced by the party leader. Jeremy Corbyn told a parliamentary debate that the current minimum wage for workers under 25 was £4.35 an hour, and to include younger workers over 25, while those under 18 are entitled to £3.85. The new rate, he said, would bring the salaries of these younger workers up to £4.35 an hour, and to include younger workers over 25, while those under 18 are entitled to £4.35 an hour.

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The military has been involved in the event, but no one was injured. The incident has been described as an "act of aggression".

Vertone gathered near the protest to support the Palestinian people. The participants, he said, were "protesting against the occupation by Israeli forces in the West Bank and Gaza, where human rights are being violated along with Palestinian children being killed in this conflict."

The protest was also attended by a large number of employers who were opposed to the minimum wage increase. A union leader, Graham Owen, who represents workers in the food and hospitality industries, said the proposals could deter employers from hiring younger workers.

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Polish protesters slam US move on restitution of Jewish property

The far-right supportive in the comments is over the US move on the restitution of Jewish property in Poland. The move is seen as an attack on the Polish government's efforts to address the issue of the restitution of Jewish property in the country.

French MPs approve law on speedy Notre-Dame restoration

The French government has approved a law that will allow for the rapid restoration of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, following the devastating fire that broke out on Monday. The law, which was adopted by a margin of 337 to 20, will allow the French government to borrow up to €750 million (US$870 million) to cover the costs of the restoration. The law will also provide for the creation of a new public body, the FondationpourNotre-Dame, which will be responsible for overseeing the restoration work.

Venice Art Biennale opens to the public

The Venice Art Biennale opened to the public yesterday, marking the start of the 26th straight week of protests in Paris against the French government's economic policies. The Biennale, which features works from around the world, will run until November 24.
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Mid-term polls seen seen boosting Duterte’s popular rule

By Catherine S Valente

M ouning has expressed confi dence that the Philippines could well afford its decision to cut economic growth by the end of 2019 despite the country’s gross domestic product (GDP) faltering to a three-decade low in the first quarter of this year.

The Philippines economy grew at its slowest pace in four years, missing forecasts, dragged by a delay in the implementation of the 7.7% national budget, according to data published last week by the National Economic and Development Authority (Neda).

The GDP was recorded at a mere 0.8%, the slowest pace in four years, missing forecasts of a 4.5% growth.

“With the drop in economic growth, we would have preferred it to have been higher, but not as high as the projections that have been made in the past. Soaring inflation has been decisively addressed, however, by raising interest rates, so interest growth has been contained to some extent,” Neda chief economist Arsenio Balisacan said.

While the Philippines had forecast GDP growth for this year at 6.6% growth, the outcome for the first quarter was a mere 0.8%, well below the 5.5% forecast, beset by a slowdown in the services sector and a sharp drop in construction and mining.

But the Neda chief economist said he was optimistic that the Philippines’ economic outlook for the rest of the year was positive, adding that the “dull” first quarter was only a temporary setback.

Inflation had been brought down to 3.2% from 3.7% in April, while the Philippine peso strengthened by 2.5% against the US dollar since the start of the year.

However, the economy’s growth continues to be hit by uncertainty over the US-China trade war and the ongoing El Nino phenomenon.

“Duterte has the support of the people,” Balisacan said.

He said that the budget was not yet fully implemented, as a result of delays in the release of funds, especially for the infrastructure sector.

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The United States and China seem to be fighting a trade war again. China is stoking tensions, which would come on top of an already tariff-race if it raises import duties on about $300bn worth of Chinese products, a move that would impact 18% of all companies in the US for which those goods are imported. China is expected to impose more tariffs on further Chinese imports. The US companies that have expressed concern over the policy include Alphabet, Boeing, and FedEx. The US has also elevated China’s status to a non-cooperative country for purposes of global trade.

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Idonesia, home to 240 million people, is one of the most populous countries in the world. But its population growth is slow by today’s standards. By 2050, it is estimated that the population will have reached around 300 million. The country’s population growth rate is projected to decline from 1.7% in 2019 to 1.3% in 2050. This is lower than the global average of 1.4%.

The government has implemented various policies and programs to achieve its demographic transition. The Family Planning Program (BKKBN) was launched in 2000 to address the country’s high fertility rate. By 2000, after 30 years of effort, contraception use had increased from 18% to 53%. The BKKBN aimed to achieve a “small, prosperous family” for every Indonesian family. The program was successful in increasing awareness of family planning and moving the conversation from a clinical one to a more personal and educational one. The BKKBN also aimed to address the lack of access to the skills, tools, and information that young people need to make informed decisions about their future.

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Gulf Times hosts innovative and enterprising CMU-Q graduates

By Shefali Alikat

CMU-Q graduates may prove to be a boon to enhance road safety.

The idea, which the team developed during a three-day competition, is an all-in-one, dashboard-mounted, heads-up display and mobile phone car-ranger to make sure drivers keep looking around while driving. The device provides access to driving directions and advanced safety features like night vision and collision detection, without turning drivers’ focus from their mobile phones.

“VisKit, our device, was shortlisted at Quick Start-up 2019, a contest for university students and new graduates to create a business plan and investor pitch over the course of a weekend. VisKit was developed by a team comprising four graduating seniors from CMU-Q’s Business Administration Program: Omar Al-Haider, Mohamed Hamdi, Faisal Abdulhameed Al-Mudahka, and Syed Faisal Mir. Three members of the team have recently graduated, and one is still working at Al-Mudahka’s office as part of their efforts to explore the startup business model. Visitors to the event were impressed with their plan and vision. Qatar’s government spends QR3.7bn towards reducing distractions on the roads by raising awareness and implementing a program to make sure drivers keep looking around while driving.

The idea is to help Qatar reduce road accidents by putting a very proactive system in place. With several advanced features, VisKit’s technology will help Qatar reduce road accidents and collisions, a slow but common trend in Qatar. By looking at the statistics, it is evident that the number of road accidents in the world is on the rise.

Future of Safety

According to a report by the Ministry of Interior, Qatar records 400 road accidents a day on an average. The CMU-Q students have found 51% of total accidents are caused by motorists who use mobile phones while driving. Qatar’s government spends QR3.7bn towards reducing distractions on the roads by raising awareness and implementing a program to make sure drivers keep looking around while driving.

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The graduates with the Editor-in-Chief at the Gulf Times office.

Kestral makes interchange 5/6 its home

By Joseph Varghese

The falcon researcher said the bird entered the arch and hoped they would be safe. Azeez observed the birds’ activities on tippuram, Balu Anchal and Dr PA's 100m high twin arches nearby Interchange 5/6. The bird emerges from its nest on top of Interchange 5/6.

The bird is seen to be frequenting this species of falcon in Qatar. This Kestrel species was found on the rainbow arch (Interchange 5/6) while bird watching. The bird was regularly spotted by Dr Zubair Medammal, a falcon researcher and assistant professor at University of Calicut in India. The Kestrel is one of the most widely distributed falcon species, with the 600km high arches nearby Interchange 5/6 being an ideal environment for the species. Several species of birds have made the arch their home. Female Kestrels are much smaller than their male counterparts, which may weigh close to one-and-half kilograms. The falcon researcher pointed out that some of the populations of the same subspecies was reported to migrate from the east, north of Himalayas, and then return next winter. The falcon researcher also added that, according to the Kestrel, the population of the same subspecies was reduced by more than half, stating that the new population that entered with the prey remained for several days to feed its young. The hatchlings are fed with chicks of pigeons and other birds, small rodents and the like.

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