In brief

Qatar, European Union review relations

The Association of National Olympic Committees of Asia and Oceania (ANOC) hosted a meeting in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, with the Secretary-General of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Qatar boasts sports facilities and in Dushanbe is ready to provide the perfect setting for NOCs and athletes to compete in wrestling, beach, action and water sports. ANOC said that the new sport is a present track record of successfully hosting international events. Qatar is also set to host several major tournaments, including the 2021 World Athletics Championships, the 2022 World Curling World Championship, the 2022 World Bogey Bowls World Championship, the 2022 World Boccia World Cup and the 2022 World Water Polo World Cup. ANOC said that it is looking forward to the successful hosting of these events.

ICJ rejects UAE request for measures against Qatar

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) has rejected the UAE’s request for provisional measures against Qatar, following a hearing on January 4. The UAE requested the court to order Qatar to stop acts that could lead to a “serious threat” to the UAE, including the funding of terrorists and the sharing of information. The court ruled that there was no immediate risk to the UAE and that the request was not urgent. The UAE had previously sought measures to prevent Qatar from using its airspace for flights to and from Iran, but the court ruled that there was no evidence of such activity.

Amir arrives in Dushanbe

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani arrived yesterday in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, to take part in the 5th Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), which will take place today. The Amir and his accompanying delegation were received upon arrival at Dushanbe International Airport by Tajikistan Prime Minister Kokhir Rasulzoda, Minister of Foreign Affairs Sirodjidin Mukhriddin, Mayor of Dushanbe Rustam Emomali, Qatar’s ambassador to Tajikistan and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani. His Highness the Amir was then received by Tajikistan’s President Emomali Rahmon, his prime minister and other dignitaries.

UN chief calls for independent probe into Gulf tanker attacks

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called yesterday for an independent investigation to establish the facts and responsibility for attacks on two oil tankers in the Gulf of Oman. The United Nations Security Council is expected to consider the matter today. Guterres said that the attacks are a violation of the international law of the sea and that the Council must act to prevent further incidents. He also called for a cessation of hostilities in Yemen, which has been a major source of tension in the region.

French ruling against beoutQ over piracy piles pressure on Saudis

A Paris court has ruled that beoutQ, a beIN Media Group subsidiary, breached its contract and must provide compensation to beIN for piracy of its events in the Middle East. The court ordered beoutQ to pay beIN €100 million for the 2016 Women’s World Cup and €200 million for the 2016 Olympic Games. beoutQ has said it will appeal the decision.

UAE fake news about HIA draws global condemnation

A fake news story about the HIA airport in Dubai has sparked international condemnation. The story, which was shared on social media, claimed that HIA is being used for military purposes and that the airport was under siege. The United Nations Security Council called for the story to be corrected and for the use of social media to be regulated to prevent the spread of misinformation.

Qatar Insurance

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Qatar Charity hosts education activities for orphans in Pakistan

The Qatar Charity has announced its plans to host educational activities for orphans in Pakistan. The charity will provide education and accommodation for orphans in need. The announcement comes as the country prepares to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its independence.

SPORT

Boost for Qatar as Al Rawi passes fitness test

On January 1, 2023, Al Rawi, a key member of Qatar’s national football team, passed his fitness tests. The team will arrive in France on January 4 to begin preparations for the FIFA World Cup 2022.
**PHCC’s campaign emphasizes importance of timely screening**

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Sudan opposition chief, US demand investigation on protest crackdown

**Agence France-Presse**

Sudanese opposition leader Ahmad Suradiki Al-Fatih called yesterday for an independent investigation into last week’s deadly crackdown on protesters after the ruling military council reversed its decision to hand over power to a transitional government.

Mr. Al-Fatih, whose National Umma Party is among the current parties operating the military council, made the demand in a televised address to the nation.

He said that “ever since President Omer al-Bashir’s ouster in April, the military has committed numerous crimes, including bloodshed, arrest, torture, and disappearances.”

Mr. Al-Fatih said that the military has committed numerous crimes, including bloodshed, arrest, torture, and disappearances. He said that since Bashir’s ouster in April, the military has committed multiple violations of international law.

The Sudanese government has denied all allegations of human rights violations, and has said that the army acted in self-defense to protect the nation from “terrorists” and “criminals.”

Mr. Al-Fatih added that “there is no need to avoid any escalation.”

He said that the military’s actions were “in violation of the constitution and the laws of the land.”

Mr. Al-Fatih called for an independent, credible, and impartial investigation into the events of the past days.

He said that “we call for an independent, impartial, and credible investigation to be carried out to investigate all the allegations of human rights violations and abuses committed by the military forces.”

Mr. Al-Fatih also called for the release of all political prisoners and detainees.

He said that “the military must release all political prisoners and detainees, including those who were arrested during the recent protests.”

Mr. Al-Fatih’s call was backed by top US officials, who urged the Sudanese military to “respond to the legitimate demands of the people and ensure accountability for any human rights violations.”

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Kenyan lawmaker held for slapping female colleague

A Kenyan lawmaker was arrested in court on charges of assault and battery in a forum presided over by the Speaker. The lawmaker had reportedly slapped a female colleague, prompting outrage and calls for her to resign. The incident occurred during debates on the budget, with witnesses saying the lawmaker’s actions created a hostile environment. The case has highlighted the need for greater respect and professionalism in the Kenyan Parliament.

Boko Haram kills several soldiers in Nigeria base attack

ISWAP, a faction of Boko Haram, has claimed responsibility for an attack on a Nigerian military base, killing several soldiers and wiping out a nearby village. The attack, which came just weeks after reports of weakened ISWAP's strength, has raised concerns about the continued threat posed by extremist groups in the region. The Nigerian military has vowed to continue its operations against ISWAP and other threats, but the attack highlights the ongoing challenges in the fight against terrorism.

WHO says DRC Ebola outbreak not a ‘global emergency’

WHO has reassured the international community that the recent DRC Ebola outbreak is not a ‘global emergency’ despite concerns about its potential spread. However, the organization has also acknowledged the need for increased efforts to control the outbreak, particularly in view of recent outbreaks in Other objects and regions. The WHO has called for continued support from the international community to ensure a prompt and effective response.

Call to protect environment

As global temperatures continue to rise, there is an urgent need to protect and preserve our environment. This includes protecting ecosystems, reducing carbon emissions, and promoting sustainable practices. We must act now to safeguard the future of our planet and ensure a healthy environment for generations to come.

In race to digitise, skills gap a drag on South Africa's big banks

As South Africa's big banks rush to digitise and modernise, they face a significant skills gap. The banks are struggling to attract and retain the digital skills necessary to compete in a rapidly evolving financial landscape. This presents a challenge for the industry, as well as for policymakers and educators who must work to address this talent shortage.

Military conflict continues in West Africa

The ongoing conflict in West Africa has seen a number of military operations, including those by the French military in Mali and the Group of Five Sahel nations. These operations are part of a broader effort to combat terrorism and stabilize the region. However, the conflict has also had a significant impact on civilian populations, with displacement and humanitarian needs remaining high.

World News

The world of news and information is constantly evolving, with developments in technology, politics, and society shaping the headlines. Whether it's breaking news, analyses of current events, or in-depth investigations, journalists play a vital role in keeping the public informed and engaged.
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5 suspects linked to Easter attacks brought to Lanka

Nepal clears hurdles to buy arms from US

Weather stations installed on Everest

Nepali activists rally to call for end of animal sacrifice

Myanmar doctor’s licence revoked over Facebook posts

Lanka’s super woman cop guilty of child abuse

Weather stations installed on Everest

The National Bank of Nepal has already finalized the installation of the world’s highest weather stations, on Mount Everest, to provide meteorological data and public information to the public over real-time weather conditions in the region.

The multiplicity of stations installed will provide GPS coordinates and real-time weather data on Mount Everest, which is a vital point for weather forecasting and protection of human life in the region.

Data from the weather stations will be relayed to a central control as part of National Geography andhra Pradesh National Bank’s network of weather stations. The weather data will be utilized by the National Bank of Nepal for various purposes, including ensuring the safety of people in the region.

Myanmar doctor’s licence revoked over Facebook posts

A Myanmar model and fashion designer faces proceedings for alleged misuse of her Facebook posts following the publication of an article in the Myanmar Times newspaper. The international police organization, known as the Normal Police, said in a statement.

A 25-year-old female doctor in Myanmar, who is also a model and fashion designer, has had her medical licence revoked after she posted controversial comments on Facebook.

The woman, who is known for her fashion and modeling work, had posted a series of posts on her Facebook page that were deemed offensive and inappropriate by the authorities.

The Myanmar Health Ministry has threatened to take legal action against her, and the woman has been issued a summons to appear in court.

The incident highlights the growing concern over the use of social media and the potential for it to be used to spread misinformation and hate speech.

Lanka’s super woman cop guilty of child abuse

The police in Sri Lanka have arrested a 5-year-old girl for allegedly being involved in the child abuse case.

The girl, who was arrested in connection with the abuse of a 3-year-old girl, has been charged with assault and bodily harm.

The girl was brought to the hospital for medical examination and is currently undergoing treatment.

The incident has sparked outrage and calls for stricter measures to be taken to prevent such cases from happening in the future.
China turns its anger on ‘Cold War warrior’ Pompeo

B eingg has found its irritant of choice in the form of US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, according to the state media.

The former CIA chief has been singled out not only in Beijing, where state media state and even at the foreign ministry, but by several other countries.

The United States has also been a target of lashings in Chinese media.

The rancour comes ahead of a visit by US Vice President Mike Pence, who is due to arrive in Beijing on Friday for a series of high-level talks with Chinese officials.

China feels this is unprofessional, one Chinese official said.

The Chinese are even harsher about Pompeo, he said. "Generally China wouldn't[l] do things like this, and most of the time we don't."

The protests come as tensions between the US and China have escalated in recent months over a range of issues, including the ongoing trade war, Hong Kong and the South China Sea.

China has repeatedly expressed its anger at the US over these issues, with state media warning of the "Cold War warrior" risk to international relations.

The US, on the other hand, has accused China of "maligning and discord-sowing," with US President Donald Trump recently saying that China was "on our radar" for the 2020 election.

Mounting pressure on Hong Kong leader over extradition plan

Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam has faced growing pressure to withdraw a controversial extradition bill, which would allow fugitives to be sent to China for trial.

The bill has sparked massive protests in Hong Kong, with demonstrations calling for Lam's resignation and demanding genuine democracy.

The bill was introduced in June to allow Hong Kong to join the world's two largest economies, which are currently engaged in a trade war.

The US has already imposed sanctions on China in response to the bill, with US President Donald Trump saying that the US would "not support" the bill.

The bill has also been criticized by the European Union, which has called for an "immediate suspension" of the legislation.

The bill was approved by the Hong Kong government last month, but has faced widespread opposition from the city's population.

"We don't comment on US President Donald Trump will both attend. China has not yet made any official response to the US, but sources have said that the US is likely to receive a "cold welcome".

NZ mass shooting accused pleads not guilty to charges of terrorism

A New Zealand man accused of carrying out a mass shooting at a mosque in Christchurch in 2019 has pleaded not guilty to charges of terrorism.

The 28-year-old Australian national, whose name is not being published, is accused of carrying out the attack at two mosques in Christchurch, killing 50 people and injuring 48 others.

The attack, which took place on March 15, 2019, was one of the worst mass shootings in New Zealand history.

The accused, who was also charged with murder, entered not guilty pleas to 79 counts of murder and 49 counts of attempted murder.

The trial is expected to last several months and is expected to be one of the most high-profile cases in New Zealand's history.

Bob Hawke, a transformative and popular prime minister from 1983 to 1991, who died last month aged 89, has been lauded for his record in fighting for workers' rights.

"Bob, your record is honoured, his legacy lives on," Scott Morrison said in a statement.

"He was a leader who turned around an economy that was in crisis, who led a nation of equals from a unique status of federation.

"Bob Hawke left a lasting impact on Australia and the world. His legacy will live on in the hearts of all Australians for generations to come."
Deposit scheme 'could dramatically reduce plastic waste'

Johnson vows to drop backstop in 'orderly' Brexit plan

Assange’s US extradition hearing to begin in Feb

Grenfell anniversary

Rail firm attacked as passengers stranded

**BRITAIN**

**Boris Johnson has claimed a "progressive" approach to Brexit could be the future of UK politics, which he called a "winning formula for both sides", an extract of his book has revealed.**

The former prime minister, who had said last week that he is considering running for mayor of London, spoke about his approach to politics in an extract of his book, which is being published by a consortium of Ex-Conservative ministers.

"In the post-Brexit period, we need to find a way to ensure that the government is listening to the public, not the special interests of the few," he wrote.

"We need to be more open and more transparent, and to be more accountable to the people we represent."
Pope urges climate action in meeting with oil executives

Pope Francis has chal- lenged oil executives to set aside short-term profits and said the nations of the Vatican, telling them that he knew that he would launch an immediate action against cli- mate change.

"Our time is running out," the Pope told the oil barons and energy executives at a session held at the Vatican, which is the global Headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church.

"Our climate change is not a distant reality. It is happening right now and it is happening in our lives," the Pope said.

The Pope also warned that the world is facing a "climate emergency" and that the business practices of the oil industry are contributing to it.

"We cannot afford to continue acting as if there is no climate emergency. We cannot keep pouring money into dirty energy and ignoring the climate crisis," the Pope said.

"We must make a transition to clean energy now," the Pope added.

The Pope called on the oil executives to work with him to create a "green economy" that prioritizes the well-being of the planet over profit.

AFP/Handout

Hands of thousands of women across Sweden hand- held a strike wave to highlight the challenges of motherhood and the need for more state support for women.

In Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, tens of thousands of women took part in the strike, waving signs and chanting slogans to demand better conditions for mothers.

"We need more support for mothers," said one woman.

"It's not just about wages. It's about the care system and the support for children," said another.

The strike was organized by the Swedish Confederation of Trade Unions (LO) and was supported by various organizations and groups.

The European Union has promised to give generous financial assistance to angry Russian baptism with the<a href="https://www.europeana.eu/19/it/search/collection/90" title="European Union collection" target="_blank">EU</a> Lisbon条约</a>.

The programme operates under a de jure signed two-month period for obtaining Russian citizenship.

In response, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that the programme was a "clear violation of the terms of the agreement on the accession of the Crimea and the city of Sevastopol to the Russian Federation." He also said that the programme was a "provocation" and a violation of international law.

The EU has threatened to impose sanctions on Russia if the programme is not stopped. However, these warnings have not deterred Putin from continuing the programme.

The conflict remains at a stalemate, with both sides refusing to back down.

On Monday, the EU imposed sanctions on 15 Russian officials and 12 Russian military personnel for their role in the annexation of Crimea.

The sanctions include travel bans and asset freezes. The EU also imposed sanctions on six Russian banks.

The EU's move follows similar actions taken by the United States and other countries.

The EU's sanctions are the latest in a series of measures taken by the organization in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine.

The crisis in Ukraine has led to a deterioration in relations between Russia and the West, particularly with the United States and the European Union. The conflict has also caused a humanitarian crisis in eastern Ukraine, with thousands of people fleeing their homes.

The EU's action is seen as a warning to Russia to stop its actions in Ukraine.

On Tuesday, the EU's Sanctions Committee will meet to discuss the situation in Ukraine and consider further measures.

The committee will discuss the possibility of extending the sanctions list, which currently includes 180 individuals and 26 entities.

The sanctions were imposed in March 2014, in response to Russia's annexation of Crimea and its intervention in eastern Ukraine.

Since then, the sanctions have been extended several times, as Russia has continued to violate international law.

The sanctions include asset freezes and travel bans on individuals and entities involved in the annexation of Crimea and the conflict in eastern Ukraine.

The EU has expressed concern over Russia's actions in Ukraine, particularly its support for separatist groups and its violations of international law.

The EU's sanctions are seen as a way to put pressure on Russia to comply with international law and to end its involvement in Ukraine.
Maoist rebels kill five policemen in Jharkhand

The Kochi Police has set up a special team to trace the accused on the basis of the clues provided by the man who killed the five policemen. The police are investigating the case, and the man is expected to be arrested soon.

Maoist rebels killed five policemen in Jharkhand on Wednesday. The government has decided to impose retaliatory measures, including a ban on the movement of Maoist rebels in the area. The Maoist rebels have been a problem in Jharkhand for decades, and they are known for their violent tactics.

Learn Bengali to stay in Bengal: Mamata

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has asked people who want to stay in Bengal to learn Bengali. She said that learning Bengali will help people to communicate better with each other and will also help them to get jobs in the state.

Doctors to go on three-day strike over safety fears

The striking doctors demand that the government ensure the safety of doctors in hospitals. They say that doctors are being intimidated and killed in some hospitals.

Govt ‘to impose retaliatory tariffs on 20 US products’

The government has decided to impose retaliatory tariffs on 20 US products imported from the US. The tariffs are expected to be announced within the next few months. The government is also considering imposing tariffs on other US products.

Antony declines to be Congress chief

The Congress party has decided that Anthony will not be the party’s leader. The party is looking for a new leader who can lead the party to victory in the next general elections.
Brazil oil workers strike over pension reforms

**Bolsonaro sacking of key moderate sparks concern**

The campaign has been mired in controversy since corruption-busting ex-attorney general Deltan Dallagnol was reportedly relieved of his duties on Thursday afternoon. The move, which sent shockwaves through the political scene, comes as Bolsonaro firmly backs an anti-corruption drive over a still unfolding scandal involving his Justice Minister Sergio Moro.

The move is a key test of the right-wing leader’s resolve to root out corruption in Brazil, where a sprawling Car Wash anti-corruption investigation has become a flashpoint for internal divisions among the ruling party.

**Brazil oil workers strike over pension reforms**

Workers at nine refineries, in-cluding one near the port area, Globo TV reported.

In the city's business quarter, the company is headquartered, the union's strikes of the kind it has recently called will continue, said the Globo TV station’s management.

In the city of Santana de Parnaiba, public transport was disrupted as workers walked out to protest the lack of action against the union’s leader.

The union’s strike is the latest of a series of protests that have been called by the union in recent weeks, according to local media.

**Guatemala to hold elections tomorrow, opposition leader Juan Guaido in place**

Guatemala City.

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Prime Minister Imran Khan said that ending the war and peace in poverty and prosperity in South Asia would be impossible unless the region turned its main elements in the region is defined as shan at low to 0-9 per cent. However, the Kashmir issue is still unresolved, which has led to regional conflicts and mutual suspicions. The Prime Minister also said that South Asia continues to be a challenge for the region and that it is necessary to address the issues related to poverty, inequality, violence, and other developmental challenges. The Prime Minister said that the government has a clear vision to bring peace and prosperity in the region. The Prime Minister also highlighted the importance of的眼神 | plan, and a strong commitment to work co-operatively with all stakeholders for a peaceful and prosperous South Asia.

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The Pakistan Bar Council (PBC) has condemned the moves to oust top judges, including the Chief Justice of Pakistan, in the country's most recent constitutional crisis. The PBC has expressed concerns that the government's actions could undermine the independence and impartiality of the judiciary, which is critical for the rule of law and democratic governance.

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Port Moresby

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**Banks and financial institutions**

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Malacanang yesterday rejected Chinese criticism in a maritime dispute between Filipino and Chinese fishing vessels, saying the issue at hand is to "politicise the incident without incident".

Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III said that the Malacanang Palace rejected Chinese criticism that "the boat sinking incident was very unjustified".

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Dominguez said that "in fact, Chinese fishing vessels in disputed waters, saying the issue at hand is an "excuse" to "politicise the incident without incident."

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Taming the ‘Wild West’ of digital health innovation

By Nandan Nilekani

Digital technology is one of the most exciting areas of innovation today. It offers four lessons for other countries. It shows us that the potential of technology to improve our societies. This prospect is particu- larly important in India, where digital technologies’ potential to improve national health care is being realised in a variety of ways.

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**What automation means for gender gap**

By Laura Tyson and Mekala Krishnan

Recent trends, and the broader implications of automation, will affect skills and jobs in many ways but will interact in major ways with existing economic and social concentrations of gender disparities. As the McKinsey Global Institute (MGI) has shown in a new report examining how automation might affect women and men, the shifts could make it more difficult for women than for men to adapt to the complex and changing demands of jobs, training, and employment locations.”

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Finally, for both men and women, the ability to take advantage of new opportunities will depend on their skill sets and on the quality of and cost of education. The demand for workers will increase across all educational levels, with some occupational groups growing faster than others. Women could be in competition with other women to do non-routine cognitive work in substantive agriculture, and they have little education and limited skills with which they can take advantage of new opportunities to move to new jobs. In marine economy, women are generally graduating from college at rates equal to or higher than those of males, but whether women are gaining access to the occupational and social constraints makes it possible for women to move to non-routine cognitive work in substantive agriculture, and they have little education and limited skills with which they can take advantage of new opportunities to move to new jobs. Women will be in routine cognitive jobs (such as clerical work), owing to women’s higher representation in this domain. As a result, civil servants, particularly those highly paid by men, are increasingly at risk of being displaced.

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As such, women will face special challenges in their efforts to secure good jobs, and the growth of digital learning platforms is enabling women to train while staying home. Certain training programs have already shown that women can succeed in STEM fields and can be made for investing in skills and education in the face of constraints. The solution will be in the broadening of the scope of opportunities, and particularly to those who are left behind. Women also need more than men, since women face more requirements, safety concerns, legal barriers, and barriers and constraints to digital learning. Governments have a key role to play in making these changes happen.

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Fortunately, there are already digital platforms from Afghanistan to the US training women with skills that will enable them to take advantage of new opportunities. For example, in China, the AI-Chains Women’s Education+Employment programme with Pakistani organisations such as Alia to provide training and networking for women, especially in e-commerce and technology sectors. The growth of digital platforms can be made for investing in skills and education in the face of constraints. The solution will be in the broadening of the scope of opportunities, and particularly to those who are left behind. Women also need more than men, since women face more requirements, safety concerns, legal barriers, and barriers and constraints to digital learning. Governments have a key role to play in making these changes happen.

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