US, Qatar commit to advance high-level strategic co-operation

The US president underlined that the US president for the hospitality, and affirmed the strength of the relations between the two countries, at the White House yesterday. Trump highlighted the role of Al Udeid Air Base and its important strategic location in the Middle East. The US president thanked the Amir for the invitation to witness the signing of the agreements and memorandums of understanding which will be signed in the framework of the economic partnership between Qatar and the United States and the huge confidence in the US economy. He also welcomed the Amir, praised the strong bilateral strategic relations of the two countries now exceeds $185bn, noting the volume of trade exchange between the two countries, at the White House yesterday. The signing ceremony was attended by members of the official delegation accompanying the Amir. On the US side, it was attended by a number of ministers and senior officials. The banquet was attended by members of the official delegation accompanying the Amir. From the US side, the banquet was attended by US Vice-President Mike Pence and members of senior officials.
Qatar and US open new chapter in bilateral ties

Commitment to advance strategic co-operation

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The Amir and US President Donald Trump have said the US and Qatar are partners, allies and friends. In their previous meetings, the Amir and President Trump have stressed the importance of the close relationship between Qatar and the US.

The Amir and President Trump have welcomed the opening of new chapters in the bilateral relationship, including the areas of trade, investment, and defence.

The Amir and President Trump have praised the significant investments made by Qatar in the US, and the President has expressed his appreciation for the strong economic partnership between the two countries.

The Amir and President Trump have reiterated their commitment to continue the close co-operation between Qatar and the US, including in the areas of trade, investment, and defence.

The Amir and President Trump have also discussed the importance of the relationship between Qatar and the US in the context of the broader Middle East and the wider world.

The Amir and President Trump have expressed their hope for continued progress in the bilateral relationship, and they have stressed the importance of maintaining a strong and durable partnership between Qatar and the US.
Amir and US defence secretary discuss ways to bolster military ties

H e Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani and Acting United States Secretary of Defence Mark T Esper held a meeting at the US Department of Defence on Monday evening.

Esper welcomed the Amir and praised the relations between Qatar and the United States, saying they are stronger than ever before.

He commended the strategic role played by the Al Udeid Air Base and the support for the American military presence. He added that Qatar's readiness to host the US forces for a long time emphasizes the close ties between the two sides, including the importance of these forces to support stability in the Middle East, and praised the efforts of Qatar in easing the current tension.

As for Qatar's continued preparations for hosting the 2022 FIFA World Cup, the US acting secretary of defence congratulated the Amir on this great sporting event, describing Doha as a wonderful city and affirming that the world will be very impressed by the hospitality of the Qatari people.

For his part, the Amir said that the two countries have strong strategic relations and will work together to reduce tension in the region, which has been experiencing difficult periods for several years.

The Amir also expressed his thanks for being hosted at the Ministry of Defence, expressing his aspiration for the 2022 FIFA World Cup and also for the next tournament in 2026 which will be hosted by the United States.

The meeting discussed the strategic cooperation between the two countries and means of developing them, particularly in the defence, military and security fields, and also discussed regional and international developments, especially the joint efforts of the two countries to establish peace and stability in the region.

The meeting was attended by a number of members of the official delegation accompanying the Amir.

Amir meets US national security adviser

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani met the US National Security Adviser John Bolton and the accompanying delegation at his residence in Washington, DC, yesterday. They reviewed the strategic bilateral relations between Qatar and the US, as well as important regional and international developments, especially the situation in Libya, Syria and Sudan. The meeting was attended by the members of the official delegation accompanying the Amir.

Amir meets US energy secretary

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani met the US Secretary of Energy Rick Perry and the accompanying delegation at his residence in Washington, DC, yesterday. During the meeting, they reviewed the strategic bilateral relations between Qatar and the US, especially in the fields of energy and investment.
EU hails results of Afghan peace talks

Dr Mustafa bin Majid al-Qahtani and German envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan Markus Potzel along with other delegates. PICTURES: Thajudheen

Intra-Afghan peace talks successful, says envoy

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CAF mulling action against illegal broadcast of matches

By Anthony Harwood

Soccer bosses are considering legal action after all 36 group matches of the Africa Cup to the Premier League, Formula 1, Wimbledon – have been illegally broadcast, something beIN Sports has been powerless to stop.

A screen grab from one of the matches broadcast by the pirate beoutQ channel.

The piracy has also spread from terrestrial TV but channels in other countries throughout the world were “causing severe damage to the rights of CAF and all rights granted by contracts to its official broadcast partners.”

The Confederation Africaine de Football (CAF) issued a hard-hitting statement saying it would be joining Football (CAF) mulling action against CAF also intends, in compliance with its statutory missions, to join with its statutory missions, to join

Ashghal announces partial expansion of Shuail bin Abdulla Al Attiya Street

The Public Works Authority (Ashghal) yesterday announced the completion of the partial expansion of Shuail bin Abdulla Al Attiya Street in the Al Khalifah area from one to two lanes in each direction with a new service road on the side.

According to a release issued by Ashghal, the entranc of Grand Hypermarket will be closed and diverted to an alternative road from today in order to complete infrastructural works on the street.

Traffic coming from the street parallel to Al Khalifah Area Roundabout will have to return to Shuail bin Abdulla Al Attiya Street. Those coming from Al Khor Street, before turning right to the alternative road to reach the new entrance behind Grand Hypermarket.

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Ashghal will install road signs advising motorists of the traffic regulations. It has requested motorists to abide by the speed limit and follow the road signs to ensure their safety.

NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM: MASTER OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS IN HEALTH MANAGEMENT

This two-year program focuses on preparing students for professional roles in the design and management of information systems and services to support Qatar’s healthcare sector. It develops students’ technical and managerial skills to design and implement information-based healthcare systems. Graduates will acquire the knowledge of technical infrastructure needed to develop, design, manage and secure medical and health databases. This includes the management of data warehouses and big data systems. This program is important for the evolution of the healthcare industry in Qatar and around the world.

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HE Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dr Ahmed bin Hassan al-Hammadi met yesterday the UN Alliance of Civilisations (UNAOC) delegation, currently visiting Qatar. The delegation includes participants from Europe and North America.

The meeting dealt with the foreign policy of Qatar, the developments in the region and the development witnessed by the state under the blockade.

Below: A delegation from the UN Alliance of Civilisations Fellowship visited Qatar National Library, Silatech Foundation and the Museum of Islamic Art. The delegation's visit from July 5-10 comes as part of the fellowship's 2019 programme themed "The Role of Women in Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention.”

Qatar expressed satisfaction with Sudan agreement

Qatar expressed yesterday its satisfaction with the agreement reached by the Transitional Military Council and the Alliance for Freedom and Change in the brotherly Republic of Sudan regarding the formation of the sovereign council and the establishment of a civil government.

This came in the speech delivered by Qatar’s Permanent Representative to the UN and other international organisations in Geneva ambassador Ali Khalfan al-Mansouri during the enhanced interactive dialogue on Sudan under agenda item 10 of the 41st session of the Human Rights Council.

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Qatar welcomed the interactive dialogue on Sudan, expressing hope that it would contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

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Ambassador Ali Khalfan al-Mansouri at the meeting.

The UN International Law Commission (ILC) resumed yesterday its 71st session in Geneva, with HE the Attorney-General Ali bin Fetais al-Marri participating in his capacity as member of the commission.

The ILC will discuss a number of administrative matters related to its programmes, procedures, documents, and cooperation mechanisms, as well as the date of its future meetings.

Al-Muraikhi meets UNAOC delegation

HE UN secretary-general’s humanitarian envoy Dr Ahmed bin Mohamed al-Muraikhi met yesterday a UNAOC Fellowship delegation visiting Qatar, with participants from Europe and North America. During the meeting, he reviewed existing partnerships with different entities.

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New Mount Contracting Co. L.L.C., in association with AL-KHATMAI, will launch a new promotion for the month of July 2018.

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Traffic authority launches unified training system

By Shafeeq Alingal

Gulf Times

Traffic awareness departments launch electronic system for driving lessons and to bring out well-trained drivers.

Traffic authorities across the country have introduced a unified training system (DTS) and the Ministry of Interior yesterday launched it in the country.

The system will be introduced on a trial basis in Madinah and will be launched in all governorates by the end of this year.

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The T-12 tournament is part of the Qatar-India Year of Culture, and it is the first year it is being held in collaboration with QSports.

QSports brings the thrill of the game to Doha with the tournament that includes family-friendly events throughout the summer season and trophies for players of different categories throughout the season.

Promising the action right here, the Doha Workers Cricket Cup 2019 is part of a packed order of events this SIQ, the ad in the QStar.

The matches will be played on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 5.30pm and 7.20pm, with the final determining playoff planned on July 26 at the MIC Cricket Ground in Mesaieed.

Winners will walk away with a cash prize of QR3,010, while those who lose in the semi-finals will win a cash prize of QR2,010. The QR5,000 worths of cash prizes and trophies for the winning teams.

The Doha Workers Cricket Cup 2019 is a tournament that has been certified by QNTC, and it is part of the biggest SiQ programme to enjoy a professional tournament with the highest standards, the Cricket Cup featured total prime money in excess of QR10,000. We hope that the tournament will expand to include more nations in the future," he said.

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The programmes include a wide range of activities for people of all ages, interests and backgrounds. These include family-friendly activities like craft workshops, concerts and comedy performances, as well as international arts and culture campers for children and youth, health, wellbeing, sports, events and sporting tournaments, in addition to exciting travel, hospitality and retail promotions running between June and August.

Mammacare certification for HMC breastfeeding specialist

By Khawla Murtadawi

Dr Mohamed Ilyas Khan, Breastfeeding Specialist and Obstetrician, provides an overview of the importance of MammaCare and its impact on women's health.

"Early detection of breast cancer leads to better treatment outcomes. It is important for patients to be aware of the signs and symptoms of breast cancer, such as changes in the breast tissue, and to seek medical attention as soon as possible.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women worldwide, and it is estimated that one in eight women will develop breast cancer at some point in their lives.

Detecting breast cancer early is crucial to improving survival rates. Early detection can help to identify tumours in the breast at an earlier stage, which can be more treatable and have a better prognosis.

The importance of early detection for breast cancer cannot be overstated, as it allows for timely intervention and treatment options to be considered, ultimately improving outcomes and quality of life.

MammaCare is an accreditation programme endorsed by the US National Cancer Institute and is aimed at improving breast cancer screening and treatment. It is a valuable resource for patients and healthcare providers, as it provides guidance on best practices for breast cancer care.

The MammaCare programme is supported by the National Center for Cancer and the Primary Health Care Corporation, with funding from the Qatar National Cancer Institute.

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As a graduate of the MammaCare Specialist Course, Dr Khan is now qualified to serve as a breast health educator and to instruct healthcare professionals and patients. In addition to being a certified MammaCare specialist, Dr Khan is also a certified MammaCare specialist.

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Vodafone Qatar expands GigaNet fibre network rollout in West Bay

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Vodafone Qatar has expanded the rollout of its GigaNet fibre network in West Bay, with more than 110 customers benefiting from the high-speed service.

Thousands of businesses, hotels and government institutions operate out of the commercial district of West Bay, known as West Bay City. Together with West Bay City, the fibre network significantly improves internet access for Qatari residents, tourists and businesses.

Vodafone Qatar’s fibre network services West Bay City’s office buildings and hotels, providing an exclusive fibre backbone for businesses and enabling seamless connectivity to the internet and each other.

Vodafone Qatar has started delivering a full suite of services to its hospitality industry clients in West Bay City, including high-speed Corporate Internet, securely managed VoIP services and high-speed Internet.

Vodafone Qatar has been able to receive high volumes of traffic and handle demanding transcoding requirements, thanks to the company’s fibre network.

Vodafone Qatar’s service offers a cost-effective alternative to costly satellite and cable services, while ensuring businesses’ critical information is protected.

Vodafone Qatar’s fibre network is available at all Vodafone retail outlets in West Bay City, including Vodafone’s flagship store in the West Bay City Mall.

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The Qatar Red Crescent So- ciety (QRCS) mission in Yemen has successfully completed the first phase of its 480-bed field hospital in Aden, located in the central province of Aden. The mission was carried out in partnership with the Aden Governorate and the National Organization for Civilian Support, and with the financial support of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Aden authorities.

QRCS offers water, sanitation services to displaced in Iraq

The QRCS mission in Iraq, in partnership with the Ministry of Planning and Development, offers water and sanitation services to displaced families in Iraq.

Mozilla blocks UAE bid to become Internet security guardian

The US has blocked the United Arab Emirates from becoming the new Internet security guardian, following calls by a number of countries, including the United States and France, to block such a move. The US move comes after the United Nations human rights council had approved the UAE as the new guardian.

UN rights expert wants US action over Khashoggi killing

The UN special rapporteur for extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Mr. Agost Benin, has called on the US government to take action to prevent the killing of Jamal Khashoggi, a Saudi journalist who was killed in the Saudi embassy in Washington, DC, last year.

Saudia prince's sister faces French trial

The French authorities have indicted a Saudi princess and her husband for alleged money laundering and fraud.

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Europe urges Iran to stick to N-deal

The European Union has urged Iran to stick to the nuclear deal, following the US decision to withdraw from it. The EU has called on Iran to provide assurance that it will continue to comply with the terms of the deal.

The EU has also announced that it will increase its support for the JCPoA, the nuclear deal between Iran and world powers, as part of its efforts to maintain the deal.

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Nigeria parliament on lockdown after protesters clash with police

By Fanuel Jongwe, AFP

Zimbabwe's political crisis deepened on Wednesday after police used teargas to disperse hundreds of protesters who had gathered outside parliament seeking to question the new prime minister about a deadly shooting that had caused nationwide anger.

Political tensions between the government and protesters have eased only to be replaced by new unrest, with authorities cracking down on protesters and opposition figures.

Police fired tear gas at a crowd of demonstrators who gathered outside parliament in Harare, according to witnesses.

The protesters, many of whom were waving red and black flags, accused the government of human rights abuses and called for the release of opposition leader Nelson Chamisa.

The demonstrations come amid political instability in Zimbabwe, where President Emmerson Mnangagwa has been grappling with a crisis of confidence following the November elections, which were won by the opposition MDC Alliance.

The government has faced criticism for its handling of the crisis, with many calling for Mnangagwa to resign.

Mnangagwa's government has been accused of using violence and repression to quell demonstrations, with dozens of protesters and opposition members being arrested.

Police have also been accused of using excessive force against demonstrators, with reports of beatings and arbitrary arrests.

The protests come amid growing concerns over the country's economy, which has been hit by high inflation and shortages of basic commodities.

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By Jack McBratney,

The government of Nigeria's National Assembly on Thursday ordered its members to leave their offices immediately after a violent protest by opposition supporters broke out outside parliament.

Opposition supporters were demanding the release of a prominent activist who was recently arrested.

A member of the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC), who was arrested for leading a protest against the proposed increase in fuel prices, was released on Thursday.

The protest was led by the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) and the Trade Union Congress (TUC), which have been demanding the government's immediate withdrawal of the proposed fuel price hike.

The government announced the hike earlier this week, citing the need to raise revenue for the country's oil sector.

But the opposition, which has been calling for the release of the activist, warned that it would not accept the new fuel price.

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California officials are expanding their earthquake early warning system that is in early testing. The system can detect and warn the public about potentially deadly earthquakes within seconds of them happening, something that is currently not possible. The system uses sensors that are located throughout the state and can detect earthquakes before they reach cities, giving people time to take shelter or evacuate. The system is set to be fully operational by 2023, and it is expected to save lives and reduce property damage in major earthquakes. The system is a major step forward in earthquake preparedness, and it is hoped that it will be a model for other states and countries to follow. The system is also expected to be a major boost to the state's economy, as it will attract new businesses and jobs to the state. The system is a testament to the state's commitment to public safety and is a clear example of how technology can be used to improve the lives of people.
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Thai junta chief Prayut Chan-o-cha yesterday ordered the end to military rule in Thailand, a day after he made growing international condemnation of his rule.

The coalition backing Prayut, which consists of 15 parties, has a small majority in Thailand's lower house of parliament.

The military government has been gradually relaxing political controls since it took power in a 2014 coup, but has faced criticism from the United Nations and other groups.

In an official statement, the coalition said the decision to end military rule was taken after consultations with the lower house of parliament.

Prayut has come under pressure to introduce elections after months of protests against his government.

Several political parties, including the Pheu Thai Party, have called for early elections.

Prayut said the military government would continue to run the country until elections can be held.

The military has been in power since 2014, and has been accused of human rights abuses.

The decision to end military rule comes after months of protests against the government, which has been accused of corruption and electoral fraud.

Meanwhile, efforts to stop the trafficking of Rohingya migrants from Myanmar to Bangladesh have intensified.

The US State Department has urged Bangladesh to step up efforts to stop the trafficking of Rohingya migrants.

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Hong Kong leader says extradition bill dead

Chinese authorities have detained a 35-year-old Norwegian for spying.

By AFP

Beijing has thrown its full support behind Hong Kong’s anti-government protesters, saying that the movement is “an independent and peaceful resistance”.

A senior official in Beijing yesterday said the protest movement was “a manifestation of the Chinese people’s will”.

“Beijing has always been committed to upholding the rule of law, and will not tolerate any illegal activities,” the official said.

In a further indication of Beijing’s support, the city’s chief executive, Carrie Lam, announced yesterday that she would step down in the coming weeks, following months of anti-government protests.

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Universal credit scam ‘leaves claimants up to £1,500 poorer’

Secretary of State for Cutting the European Union Stephen Barclay attending a meeting with European Union chief bond negotiator Michel Barnier in Brussels, Belgium.

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Carl Sargeant ‘shocked’ after inquest hearing

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The shadow of Carl Sargeant has still not al- lying over Labour despite the shock and sus- picion that has cast a pall over the party’s pre-electoral campaign. He said: “It’s hap- pened after being sacked as a Wales minister and suspended from the Labour party after allegations of inappro- priate behaviour towards men. He said: “It’s hap- pened after being sacked as a Wales minister and suspended from the Labour party after allegations of inappro- priate behaviour towards men.

Bernie Sargeant told the court on Monday, November 6, he felt “shellshocked” after his partner, Wales minister Carl Sargeant, was found dead at his home on Saturday night. The court heard Sargeant had been found on the floor in the passage to his bedroom, with a single self-inflicted stab wound to his chest.

Although the scam has been known about since at least last November, and ministers prom- ised to shut it in to “look it in as a scandal” (Day by Day), the Labour party was left to do to counter a scam in which claimants were being forced to give up private in- personal data, often by posing as a DWP staff, to make bogus online applications for universal credit. Once the scam was established, the scammers could apply for new claims or to new claimants to get cash within as little as one week for a first payment. In other cases, the claimat- ants’ details are obtained with- out their knowledge as a result of incidents such as domestic abuse or a car crash. This is when they receive a letter from DWP telling them that benefits have been cancelled, their universal credit claim has opened and they must repay any money.

A recent NAO report showed that as many as 450,000 fraudulent payments were made to the Universal Credit system in 2017-18, with £1.3bn of taxpayers’ money lost to fraud by 2025. The NAO said the number of complex cases needed to counter it was rising, and that the benefit scheme remained open to fraud.

The Home Office said 479 immigration cases were held under immigration powers in 2017 – the most recent official data showed – but it had no way of knowing how many had been held under a holding immigration power in recent years, but remains com- mitted to ensuring that people are treated fairly and with dignity. People who are recognised as refugees may be allowed to stay in the UK with family, but their status is not separately protected from deportation. They are entitled to access to healthcare and education, and are entitled to rent protection in the UK. They are entitled to a package of sup- port, but it must be fair, dignified and in an immigration system — the universal credit system — to prevent any victim being forced to use food banks and to ensure no one is left behind.

However, victims of trafficking are perceived as immi- grants otherwise than as victims, and their children are not entitled to automatic enti- tlement to the NAO’s new research showed that 71% of universal credit claimants had left a job, or had experienced a job loss, in the last year. One forum message said: “To delay a universal credit claim has been issued for around £1,500 out of pocket. “The scam is sure to explain what it intends to do, to accept a scam in which claimants were being forced to give up private in- personal data, often by posing as a DWP staff, to make bogus online applications for universal credit.

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France plans to impose ecotax on plane tickets

**Two hurt in third bull-run of San Fermin festival**

H hints that fighting bulls have gone on the run again yesterday in a city whose streets and fields are better known for running bulls than running bulls.

The bullfighting season has started in Pamplona, northern Spain, with the running of the bulls on the third bull run of the famed San Fermin festival.

The bulls from the Jose Falco bullfighting school battled their way through the streets of Pamplona, a city famous for its running of the bulls in October around the town’s three bull rings.

Some people sought safety by cowering behind the walls of the winding streets but others chose to locate in the path of the bulls or to cross a few steps in front of the sharp-toothed animals and a Spanish woman on Sunday guided the children, whose family is one of the most crowded of the festival.

A man was set upon by a wild cow in a field yesterday after the third running of the bull in Pamplona.

A similar transgression occurred Saturday night last week in order to avoid severe impacts, such as the loss of carbon sinks or the increased destruction of forests.

France’s Minister of the Environment has said that more than 90% of the nation’s forests are still intact and that the country’s forests are threatened by the effects of climate change.

The minister also said that the government is committed to protecting the country’s forests, which are a vital part of the nation’s biodiversity and a source of carbon sequestration.

France has been announced that it plans to introduce a tax on plane tickets of up to €18 per flight, with the tax to be imposed in 2020.

The tax is expected to raise €200 million per year, which will be used to fund green transport projects aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

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The fastest record was set in 1911.

The third bull run is one of the most exciting events of the San Fermin festival, which attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors to the city each year.

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**Deforestation + climate change = dead-end for wildlife**

By Marina Hole, AFP

Climate change combined with deforestation in south-east Asia is killing wildlife, threatening the species that are unique to the region, conservationists have said.

Lead author of the PNAS paper, Dr. Stanley Xiao, said: “The loss of species to habitat loss is a major threat to wildlife in Asia, and the Amazon, where the birds are primarily in Asia, currently accounts for 50% of the world's biodiversity.

However, the rate of deforestation in south-east Asia is very high, with some estimates suggesting that 70% of the world's biodiversity is in this region.

This has led to the loss of key habitats for many species, including primates and birds, which are among the most threatened species in the world.

Deforestation combined with climate change has led to widespread habitat loss, with the loss of forests leading to a decline in wildlife populations.

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Italy shuts Europe’s biggest migrant centre
Malta lets in 44 migrants from Albanian rescue ship

**EUROPE**

The German aid organisation Sea-Watch has pooled its resources with others to make a last-ditch effort to save migrants stranded at sea.

"We’re seeing quite a bit of movement, actually, the migrants are looking for new jobs for the continent’s on-workers, but sadly, Colombia and Malta cannot base their future on immigration," said an aid worker from the group.

Shubelt said that the future is "impossible and more controlled centres", after the third migrants were rescued last week to be sent to another centre in Catania.

The centre has 600 migrants and activists promote anti-fascist action, helping a boat engineer navigat- ing "under the stars" of the Migrant

**Greece**

The new government under Giorgio K. has been elected in response to the need to boost growth, attract inves- tors, and "bring prosperity" to the islands.

This is the first time the centre has been occupied by the Italian authorities.

A migrant child transferred from the German rescue ship Alan Kurdi was helped by the police after arriving in Catania.

The rescued children are aged 16 months, three years and five years old.

The coast people from Syria, Libia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Tunisia, as well as migrants stranded at sea.

The Italian government has been accused of failing to provide a "pleasant surprise" to its fellow eurozone members in the years to come.

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**Crime**

Mass grave with 11 bodies found in El Salvador

A mass grave with a total of 11 bodies has been discovered in El Salvador, state prosecutors revealed Monday, in a case that comes amid a string of mass graves found in the country's capital, San Salvador. The prosecutor's office said the remains of 11 people were discovered on a farm in the municipality of San Rafael, in the eastern province of La Union. The bodies were found in a pit about 5 meters deep in a sugarcane field. The pit was surrounded by a wall of concrete and covered with a layer of dirt.

**Politics**

Alstom among 11 firms fined by Brazilian court

Brazil's competition watchdog Economic Federal police (CADE) has fined 11 companies for bid rigging in the country's construction sector, including French engineering firm Alstom. The watchdog said the companies were found to have conspired to rig bids for a string of construction projects, including the construction of the first section of the Sao Paulo metro line.

**Economy**

Temporary work permit for Venezuelans in Colombia

Colombia has signed a temporary work permit agreement with Venezuela, allowing 50,000 Venezuelans to enter the country legally and work in areas such as construction, manufacturing, and agriculture. The agreement is part of Colombia's efforts to integrate its neighbor and reduce migration flows.

**Politics**

Mexico questions Vuitton’s use of traditional pattern

The Mexican government has questioned Louis Vuitton's use of a traditional pattern that resembles the country's national flag and accused the luxury brand of showing disrespect. Louis Vuitton has apologized for the design and said it was无意 to cause offense.

**Politics**

Mexico cuts forecast for 2019 GDP growth to 2.2%.

Argentina ex-president de la Rua dies aged 81

Argentina's former president, Carlos Menem, died on Wednesday at the age of 81. Menem served two terms as president, from 1989 to 1999, and again from 2001 to 2007. He was known for his controversial policies, including the “managed devaluation” of the peso, which led to hyperinflation.

**Business**

Brazil: Coffee hits coffee and sugarcane areas

Coffee and sugarcane areas in Brazil have been hit by frosts, raising concerns about crop yields. Coffee prices have risen sharply, while sugarcane prices have fallen. Brazilian coffee and sugarcane farmers are struggling to cope with the adverse weather conditions.

**Politics**

Chile cuts forecast for 2019 GDP growth to 3.2%.

Chilean Finance Minister Adrián Arduin said on Monday that the country's economy will grow by 3.2% in 2019, down from a previous estimate of 3.5%. Arduin attributed the revision to a slowdown in investment and consumption, as well as a decline in export prices. The finance minister also said that the government will maintain its fiscal discipline and keep interest rates unchanged.

**Politics**

President Nicolas Maduro's future in doubt

Nicolas Maduro, Venezuela's controversial leader, faces a growing crisis after the recent death of President Hugo Chavez. Maduro's political allies are divided, and his popularity is slipping. The international community is pressuring him to hold free and fair elections.

**Politics**

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**Business**

Mexican finance minister quits over policy differences

Mexican Finance Minister Hiram Gallegos has resigned over differences with President Lopez Obrador on economic policy, the government said on Friday. Gallegos had been a key figure in the administration's efforts to stimulate the economy and reduce poverty.

**Business**

Mexico steps up raids on trucks smuggling migrants to US

Mexican authorities have launched a new crackdown on migrants smuggling into the US,儿科tting to a string of raids conducted in recent weeks. The government has said it will increase the number of raids and improve coordination with US authorities.

**Politics**

Maduro meets Indian guru

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro met with Indian guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar during their meeting at the Miraflores Palace in Caracas, Venezuela.

**Politics**

French ex-president Jacques Chirac visits France

France's former president, Jacques Chirac, visited the presidential palace in Paris on Wednesday to mark the 50th anniversary of his 1969 election victory. Chirac was in power from 1995 to 2007 and is remembered for his role in the Iraq war and his efforts to integrate Europe.

**Politics**

Argentina's economy could face a recession

Argentina's economy is facing a growing recession, with inflation and unemployment rates on the rise. The government is struggling to implement austerity measures and has beencriticized for its handling of the economy.
Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan has recently decided to withdraw all production orders on video footage as a response to controversy. The future belongs to Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and the government of Imran Khan has limited time left as it faces scrutiny. Former President Asif Ali Zardari has said that the PTI government’s fall by December is certain. He predicts that the video leak controversy will severely affect the government’s standing.

According to daughter Maryam Nawaz, Prime Minister Khan is of the opinion that the accountability of its officials needs to be investigated despite the PML-N having a history of undemocratic actions. Interestingly, before Khan’s press conference, the video tape was released showing him discussing the importance of food delivery to doctors and employees of the Sharif family.

In one video, the Prime Minister is shown offering some food to doctors and employees of the Sharif family, asserting that he would continue to do so if there was no evidence of corruption.

On Saturday, Maryam Nawaz got a call from Judge Malik who is also under arrest – were told to interfere in the matter. The judge had on December 2, 2020, in obtaining kickbacks and commissions in mega national projects.

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Calls for justice, intervention as drug war’s youngest known victim buried

By Catherine S. Valenzuela

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“Justice for Keatly Ulpina” (Manga village), 100 mn people each month has Cayetano and Velasco to share speaker’s tenure

President Rodrigo Duterte’s two top candidates for the House, Representative Alan Peter Cayetano of Manila and Representative Allan Velasco of Leyte, yesterday said facts were being whitewashed in the killing of a three-year-old victim of the drug war, described the child’s death as “callous and cold,” and said it has applied for an “exhumation warrant.”

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The services was held outside of a small, unkempt police post, with not three rows of five plastic chairs supported and too far from the crowd.

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People were asked to leave. “The service was held out of respect for the families,” the police post commander told the reporters. “But apparently I forgot that it was a small, unkempt police post, and with not three rows of five plastic chairs supported and too far from the crowd. We are trying to set up more chairs.”

“Maria Ressa is a courageous journalist who has risked her life in pursuit of her work, and I am pleased that the Court of First Instance in Leyte has ordered that she be released on bail,” she said in a statement issued Monday. She said Clooney would be “wholeheartedly supporting” the journalist and the Thai government.
Australia’s military strategists are cautiously debating whether the country should develop its own nuclear weapons, with new research by a former adviser to Prime Minister Scott Morrison suggesting a rethink of Australia’s defence strategy.

Amid arcane discussions about strategic autonomy, interests and capabilities, Beijing’s increasing interest in Australia’s sphere of interest has been described as “very much a state in the front line”, said Melbourne-based, a former adviser to Prime Minister Scott Morrison, a dozen of Canberra’s military analysts — believes it is time to get off the fence.

For some time now, Canberra has been keen to demonstrate its military status, given the tense regional security situation.

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The alternative is to just limit the supply of whale to some of the major places in Japan that have a good tradition of whale eating. “Kumamoto said, adding that the cost is difficult to prove a war.

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Against the backdrop of a world that has become much more complex, and increasing US-China rivalry in the region, White argues that without a cast iron guarantee from Washington, Australia would be targeted even in a serious nuclear conflagration.

Citing “big strategic shifts in Asia,” he argues that “it is no longer clear that nuclear weapons would no longer make sense” to Australia’s defence.

From boomerangs to A-bombs? Australia debates nuclear arms

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But the past couple of decades, without a nuclear deterrence, Australia’s neighbours are all increasing their defense spending.

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Because of the flexibility it offered, ambiguity may have been helpful, years ago, central banks were generally able to heed that call. Furthermore, it allowed central bankers with different experiences and perspectives to agree on a shared policy. Even though they may not have agreed on precise details, a shared understanding of the mandate was enough.

Difficulties on how to define the mandate has not been retracted. When the ECB was established 20 years ago, central bankers were generally aware of the mandate, but the specifics of the mandate have evolved over time. Nowadays, the mandate is defined by a single sentence: "Maintain price stability over the medium term." This mandate is often referred to as the "hockey stick" because it is symmetric – with the authorities aiming for inflation rates of 0% to 2%.

But the world has changed since then. New challenges have emerged, and central banks have had to adapt their policies. For example, the global financial crisis of 2008-2009 led to a need for unconventional monetary policy measures, such as quantitative easing. These measures allowed central banks to purchase government bonds and other assets in order to lower long-term interest rates and stimulate the economy.

The upcoming change of leadership at the institution – with Christine Lagarde taking over as president – offers an important opportunity to spell out the details of the mandate and to clarify what the ECB's role is in times of crisis. Moreover, it is important to communicate these developments to the public, so they can understand the reasons behind the decisions taken by the ECB.

**Live issues**

**Childhood vaccines: Tough questions, straight answers**

By Adam Morton

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Being able to talk about the benefits of childhood vaccines is more important than ever. The recent outbreak of vaccine-preventable diseases, such as measles, has highlighted the importance of vaccination. However, some parents are hesitant to vaccinate their children, which can lead to outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases in communities and even countries. It is important to address these concerns and provide clear, evidence-based information to parents.

**Dangers of skipping vaccines**

Some parents may believe that skipping vaccines is a way to avoid the dangers of vaccines, such as side effects or complications. However, skipping vaccines is not a safe option. It can lead to outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases, and even to deaths. It is important to remember that vaccines are safe and effective when used properly.

**Why vaccines are given at certain ages**

Vaccines are given at certain ages to ensure that children receive the right doses at the right time. For example, the first dose of the Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis (DTP) vaccine is given at 2 months of age, and the second dose is given at 4 months of age. This is important because the immune system responds better to vaccines when the child is younger.

**Allergic reactions to vaccines**

While allergic reactions to vaccines are rare, they can occur. In most cases, these reactions are mild and do not cause harm. However, it is important to be aware of these risks and to inform parents of the potential side effects of vaccines.

**Why are some vaccines given more than once?**

Some vaccines need to be given more than once to ensure that the child is fully protected. This is because the immune system needs time to respond to the vaccine and build immunity. The number of doses required will depend on the vaccine and the child's age.

**Ethical considerations of vaccination**

The ethical considerations of vaccination are important to discuss. On the one hand, vaccination is a crucial tool to prevent diseases and protect children's health. On the other hand, some parents may have concerns about the safety and effectiveness of vaccines. It is important to address these concerns and provide clear, evidence-based information to parents.
The Qatar pavilion at the ongoing 2019 International Horticultural Exhibition in Beijing, China, hosted on Sunday Turkish Minister of Trade Ruhsar Pekcan. She toured the various sections of the pavilion during the visit.

Turkish minister visits Qatar pavilion

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