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The service will run the number of Metroline vehicles operating on the current Doha Metro hours from 6am to 11pm.

The service provides a quick and convenient access to DECC and West Bay QIC metro sharing service, currently covering the Metroexpress service and to evaluate the effectiveness of this service.

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Qatar and France’s diplomatic and economic relations have continued to strengthen in recent years, with both countries working together to promote Closer cooperation and economic growth.

The reopening of the Gharraya Bridge service is a testament to the ongoing efforts to improve transportation infrastructure in Qatar and to provide better services for its citizens.

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The Ministry of Interior has made a new global achievement with its National Leadership Centre (NCC) winning the SAG Award for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) presented by the leading American ESRI Institute in the field of GIS.

The award was presented on the sidelines of the ESRI International Conference on Systems Users (ESRI) recently organised by the Institute in San Diego, USA, and received by Lt Col Aref Hassan Ibrahim, Director of Technical Affairs at the National Command Centre, and Captain Hassan Ali al-Malki, head of GIS Division, from Jack Dangermond, CEO of ESRI, US.

Colonel Ali Mohamed al-Mohannadi, Vice-President of the National Command Centre (NCC), said that the Excellence in GIS application is presented to companies and institutions that have received the highest rating in a set of criteria set by the Independent Selection Committee.

He noted that the centre participated in 2013 with a number of security systems, all of which, including the system (star) rated (A) for the role of the ministry in using GIS technology in security systems for the purpose of improving emergency response levels and reducing the crime rate through quality systems and spatial analysis and predicting the risks before they occur.

He added that the Ministry of Interior had provided a model for translating the relationship of security and crime with the knowledge of geographic information systems (GIS), which means the spatial dimension of the event.

Lt Col Aref Hassan Ibrahim, Director of Technical Affairs at the National Command Centre, said: “This award recognises outstanding achievements and applications in geographic information systems. It is the first time that the National Command Centre has received such an award. The star system has already won the same award in other geographical areas in 2013 and has also received the best advanced security system award at the Middle East Geospatial Data Forum in 2012 in Dubai. Other prominent ministries, agencies, companies and local and regional leaders in the field were also represented in the conference to exchange experiences in the use of information technology in the Middle East.”

On the ESRI UC Conference on GIS Users, Capt Hassan Ali al-Malki, head of GIS, said that the conference was the largest international event in the world, dedicated to these technologies, and is held annually in the United States in July at the San Diego Convention Centre.

He added that there is an exhibition for maps and posters featuring up to 600 maps besides a virtual maps exhibition.

During the past years, the Ministry of Interior has witnessed qualitative leaps in utilising modern technologies, including the introduction of GIS techniques in the field of security since 2009, as well as the preparation of specialised national cadres specialised in this field.

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Al Khor Hospital embarks on 18-month renovation effort

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- Works began last month and will continue until December 2020
- Works include new National Diabetes Center and Physiotherapy Center

Al Khor Hospital has embarked on an 18-month expansion programme as part of a major expansion effort aimed at enhancing the patient experience and reducing the wait time and length of stay, as well as improving access to specialised medical services at Al Khor Hospital and its satellites, which are part of the country.

“Open ended in 2005 as one of Hamad Medical Corporation’s (HMC) community hospitals, the 151-bed Al Khor Hospital provides general medicine, surgical, emergency medicine, paediatrics and obstetric services to the population living in and around Al Khor,” said Mohamed al-Jusaiman, deputy chief of HMC’s General Hospitals Group and chief executive officer of Al Khor Hospital.

The expansion programme, which commenced last month, will help the hospital meet the increased demand for current and future services. HMC has said in previous statements that the expansion works will include the construction of a new National Diabetes Center and Physiotherapy Center, and the expansion of the existing service. Overall, this expansion programme is expected to increase access to high-quality specialised care for the population living in and around Al Khor, added al-Jusaiman.

According to al-Jusaiman, the expansion works include new National Diabetes Center and Physiotherapy Center. This work is being done in accordance with international standards and will improve our ability to care for our patients. It will also help improve the patient length of stay and enhance our patients’ overall hospital experience, noted al-Jusaiman.

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A Unique Retail Opportunity in Doha Metro Stations

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- Laundry
- Government Entity
- Quick Service Repair

General Retail
- Stationery
- Electronics
- Florist
- Accessories
- Gifts/Souvenir Shop
- Book Store
- Sports Shop
- Nutritional Supplements

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- Café
- Quick Service Restaurant
- Juice Bar
- Specialty Food

Convenience
- Convenience Store
- News Agent

Ancillary
- ATM

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  - Merchandise which may pose potential fire, safety and operational risks
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Qatar Charity workshops highlight risks of terror financing, money laundering

Qatar Charity has continued training workshops on the financing of terrorism and money laundering in the field of charitable work, which were attended by its field teams, as part of its efforts to enhance the skills and capabilities of its staff to combat money laundering and terrorist financing in the field of charitable work. Qatar Charity said in a statement.

The workshops were held in two day-long workshops for collectors and collection supervisors, both male and female, participated in each of the first two workshops, while the second workshop included nine male and box supervisors attended the third workshop.

The workshops, delivered by Mr. Ali Al Janabi, a trainer in the field of charitable work, and Mr. Ali Al Janabi, a trainer in the field of charitable work, aimed to clarify the concept, stages and methods of money laundering and terrorist financing in charitable work, in addition to explaining mechanisms and procedures to combat these types of crimes.

It also aimed to enable the participants to identify potential risks and know how to protect their work, as well as to make them aware of the need to remove any conflicts, and engage in efforts to combat money laundering and terrorism financing.

The workshops covered basic concepts related to the financing of terrorism and system financing in accordance with the laws and international conventions. They focused on the role of agreement and alignment between money laundering and terrorism financing as well as the various channels that are involved in this field.

The workshop also provided participants with mechanisms and techniques to combat money laundering and terrorism financing in accordance with the laws and international conventions.

Participants were given the Qatar Charity Due Diligence Guidelines for implementing procedures to prevent and combat money laundering and terrorist financing. The Qatar Charity Board of Directors said that the workshop was initiated in order to enable them to carry out their duties efficiently.

The workshop aimed to provide participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to deal with the various means of money laundering and terrorist financing, as well as the legal, technical and administrative tools required to detect and combat these types of crimes.

Kahramaa awards contracts worth QR565mn to local firms in 2019 H1

Kahramaa, the Qatar’s national electricity and water utility, awards contracts worth QR565mn to local firms in 2019 H1. The facilities and measures granted by the State to the local industry and companies in the field of electrical cables, switches, electric and other products related to this industry to encourage and support its development, creating new opportunities for local companies, as these companies are keen to continue their participation in the field of electrical cables, switches, and other products that are currently produced in the country.

Ehsan centre takes part in 41st session of Human Rights Council

The Centre of Elderly Care ‘Ehsan’, under the Ministry of Social Development, has participated in the 41st session of the Human Rights Council, which took place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 20 to 28 June 2019. The Centre said that it was an opportunity to inform the world about the work of the Centre and to exchange experiences with others.

The Centre, which provides services to elderly persons, focuses on ensuring their independence and protecting their rights. It offers a wide range of services, including medical care, social work, legal aid, and other support services. The Centre also focuses on providing activities that promote the mental and physical well-being of elderly persons.

The Centre’s participation in the Human Rights Council was an opportunity to present its work and achievements, and to highlight the challenges faced by elderly persons in Qatar and other countries. The Centre also sought to promote the importance of protecting the rights of elderly persons and to raise awareness about the need for more support and resources for elderly persons.

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Ooredoo launches special online promotion for Shahry customers

Ooredoo has announced a special promotion for现有 customers subscribing to their services online.

Customers subscribing to new Shahry packs online via the eShop will get up to 20% discount on their pack rental for six months, saving up to QR300 over the period of six months, the company has said in a statement.

Customers subscribing to the Ooredoo eShop can get a 20% discount. New Shahry customers will get a 10% discount.

All Shahry packs will also come with free subscriptions to the on-demand entertainment channel Starz Play and discount app treatment.

Speaking about the new promotion, Maher Elhakeem, Director of Ooredoo and Corporate Communications, said: "The Internet has revolutionized the way we shop, giving everyone more convenience."

"Through our eShop, we want to make it easier for our products and services one time of the day and complete their purchases within minutes, while avoiding waiting in line and being stuck in traffic. We encourage everyone to use our online channel, where the good offers are here on one stop."

To avail the discount, customers should subscribe to their new Shahry pack online at the Ooredoo e-Shop.

Weekly sensory play camp at QNL open to children and parents

Qatar's National Library (QNL) has launched a three-day online promotion for Shahry customers, said to help children and parents develop their sensory needs.

The promotion allows customers subscribing to new Shahry packs online via the Ooredoo eShop to save up to 20% on their new Shahry pack online.

The company has said in a statement that the activities were designed to improve fine motor and gross motor skills, while also teaching children how to participate as part of a group.

Ooredoo, Vodafone Qatar support Rumailah Hospital patients

Umm Al-Fahm Support Fund, Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) has launched a charity project to support long-term patients, oil patients and parents with their sensory needs.

With funding from Vodafone Qatar, QRCS has procured 27 physical therapy equipment for Rumailah hospital to create a medical and physical rehabilitation room with a capacity of 50 beds.

"These supplies will have significance in enhancing the morale of the patients, as well as facilitate the healing process, both in terms of rehabilitation and medication," said QRCS in a statement.

Najat Al-Haidous, head of Social Care at QRCS, said: “It is my first visit to the library and I am delighted to see a variety of activities available for my children and to be able to mingle with other attendees. I find really welcomed here, the ambiance is unusual, and everything continues to make full use of the library’s versatility and variety of programs. This is my first visit to the library and I am really happy to see that the Children’s Library is opening very interesting programmes for the library lovers, near and far.”

For more about the initiative, parents are encouraged to visit the QRCS Patient Support Fund.

"The camp also kept the young patients and their parents engaged with a programme of activities, games and crafts that incorporated new books, fresh ideas, and sounds to stimulate all the senses,“ said Louis, an attendee at QNL, said: "This is my first visit to the Children’s Library, and it’s really wonderful to see a variety of activities available for my children and to be able to mingle with other attendees."

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SAMSUNG’s Galaxv A80 now available in Qatar

Samsung Gulf Electronics (SGE), the distributor of Samsung in Qatar, announced the launch of the Galaxy A80 in Qatar.

The Samsung Galaxy A80 is packed with powerful innovations that will allow you to capture the world as you see it, enjoy immersive multimedia experiences and stay connected to friends and family.

In a first for Galaxy devices, the Galaxy A80 is equipped with Samsung’s revolutionary rotating triple camera, which lets you record footage continuously, making it easy to capture your moments and memories no matter the angle.

The Galaxy A80 features Samsung’s ‘革命ary Ultra Wide Camera’, with a 123-degree viewing angle, one can be amazed with the expansive landscape of everything captured. The statement adds.

The Galaxy A80’s 108 MP Depth Camera allows users to capture hyper-realistic portraits with great depth. Getting them create movie-like stories can be seen in one video.

The statement explains.

Available now in Qatar, the Galaxy A80 offers “meaningful innovations” on a safe and secure platform: Samsung’s first rotating triple camera, powerful battery and worry-free connectivity which make it the perfect device for today’s generation.

Mohamed Imran with the new Samsung Galaxy A80.

The Galaxy A80’s 3D Depth Sensor and Smart personalised AI allows users to enjoy immersive multimedia content. Users can create hyper-realistic portraits of their friends and family.

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As part of the Galaxy experience, the Galaxy A80 features Samsung’s Intelligent Performance Engine, a multi-architecture software optimisation system, which maintains the brand’s CPU, RAM and battery capacity, tailoring the Galaxy A80’s efficiency to one’s everyday needs.

The Galaxy A80 is available now in Qatar. Dohatna Innovative Distribution, the authorised distributor of Samsung in Qatar, confirmed.

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EAA at High-Level Political Forum

The Multi-technical and neutral meeting space of the Social Studio on the side of the iconic National Museum of Education otherwise known as the Domus Dei.

Education Above All Foundation (EAA), the Mission of Qatar, Permanent Missions of Afghanistan, Qatar and Singapore and Singapore National University of Singapore have all co-organised the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) for Sustainable Development, issuing a joint statement that calls for the global community to renew its commitment to provide all children and youth with the universal right to education. The HLPF is being held at the United Nations UNOSLOM headquarters in New York under July 8. The joint statement, delivered at a co-hosted July 10 UNHLPF side event, was calling for accelerated efforts to build an absence among international organisations and NGOs to protect and preserve the right to education for all children. Pictures are at the forum.

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Nikon brings Z Series cameras to Qatar

Nikon, pioneers in imaging technology and cameras, today launched its newly released Z Series cameras in Qatar. The launch event was held in Doha. The Z Series cameras combine the latest innovation to create a revolution in photography and videography, putting the control in the hands of the user with extensive customisation options.

The launch event was held in Doha to introduce the Nikon Z 7 and Z 6 mirrorless cameras. These new full-frame cameras are equipped with Nikon’s award-winning FX-format sensors, and offer a high level of performance in both stills and video. The cameras feature Nikon’s Z lens mount, which is designed to provide wide compatibility with Nikon’s ever-expanding range of lenses. The Z Series cameras also feature the Z 6 and Z 7 bodies, which offer improved ergonomics and handling.

Doha Bank launches vehicle loan bundled offer

Doha Bank has announced a special vehicle loan offer with attractive interest rates and long tenures, bringing advantages to customers looking to upgrade their cars. The offer will be有效 for a limited period.

The offer will be available for purchases of new and pre-owned vehicles for a period of 3 years with annualised interest rates starting as low as 4.24% for new vehicles and 4.65% for used vehicles. The bank will also offer free emergencies insurance cover and free comprehensive insurance with MetLife Future’s Protect package. Customers who sign up for the MetLife’s Protect premium policy offer after availing the minimum loan amount of QR15,000, which will also include a free comprehensive insurance cover and free roadside assistance. Customers will have the opportunity to receive up to 100% cashback with a minimum of QR25 in value and QR5,000 cashback with a minimum of QR50,000 cashback. The cashback will be valid for a period of five years. Customers can also get access to the MetLife’s Protect policy.

For more information on the eligibility criteria of Doha Bank’s car loan and terms and conditions, one can visit www.dohabank.com.

22 drivers compete in Volvo Trucks challenge

Volvo Trucks, a leading manufacturer of heavy commercial vehicles, hosted this year’s Volvo Trucks Driver Challenge 2019 in Qatar last month, inviting the nation’s best drivers to vie for the prestigious title in three areas of expertise: economy, skills and knowledge.

The drivers were scored based on their performance, with a focus on how they start or stop the vehicle. The driver with the best performance in each area was awarded a prize, including a trip to Sweden with an exclusive visit to the Volvo’s main manufacturing facility. The winners with an official.

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Ashghal reopens Al Gharrafa Bridge

T he Public Works Authority (Ashghal) has announced the reopening of Al Gharrafa Bridge (known as Immigration Bridge) to traffic in both directions. The bridge was reopened on Friday after completing the necessary maintenance works, Ashghal said in a statement yesterday.

The bridge was closed on June 9 this year to carry out some emergency maintenance works, said Mohamed Arqoub al-Khaldi, head of the Doha City Section, Road Projects Department, Ashghal. The time factor, in addition to the space available for equipment work, was a challenge as the maintenance was scheduled to be completed within a month, al-Khaldi said. He also explained the importance of the bridge, which is located in a vital area that witnesses heavy traffic daily and connects the north and south of Doha, besides facilitating access to many malls and commercial markets.

Five rigs were used to carry out the necessary maintenance works on the bridge. These included the installation of concrete reinforced beams at a depth of 14m below the ground level to support the bridge deck, in addition to pouring more than 2,500 cubic metres of concrete and the use of 200 tonnes of iron. Also, 700m of asphalt was paved, the statement noted.

Ashghal stressed that it worked round the clock to ensure that traffic flow on the bridge was restored as soon as possible. Taking into consideration the highest safety standards, the designs were in place on time and more than 150 workers and engineers were involved in carrying out the emergency maintenance works, the statement added.

The authority said it would continue with the maintenance work below the bridge.

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Qatar Charity talks on displacement in Arab world

Qatar Charity (QC) has held a roundtable discussion on internal displacement and development challenges in the Arab world, in cooperation with the Centre for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies and Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) of the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC). This came as part of the annual report of the IDMC titled ‘Global Report on Internal Displacement’ (GRID) 2019.

The discussion was held at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies and moderated by Professor Sultan Barakat, director of the Centre for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies. The event was attended by Ambassador Abdulaziz Al-Ghamdi, assistant CEO for charitable and humanitarian studies at Qatar Charity; and Mohammed al-Ale Hamed, director of the Centre for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies. The participants discussed the main reasons behind the phenomenon of internal displacement and its effects, especially in the Arab region and in countries affected by disasters, leaving the participants with a clear idea of the need for joint action to address the problem. The participants discussed the main reasons that led to internal displacement and its effects, especially in the Arab region, and the need for concerted domestic and international efforts to develop policies and improve practices to address the problem.

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**Sudanese mark 40 days**

Dahshur, Egypt

**By Aidan Lewis, Reuters**

Tours will now be able to visit in the future, a director of the Dahshur site, Waziri said. "It's a very important step in the evolution of pyramid architecture," he said.

The site lies in the open desert, south of Cairo that marks a key period mummies, masks, tools and artifacts. Archaeologists presented late-19th century texts. One of the oldest ancient texts is the Book of the Dead, which describes the afterlife and what is expected of the deceased in the afterlife. It has been closed since its excavation in 1880.

The "Bent" Pyramid, named after its side profile with a 54-degree angle, before tapering off to a flat top section. The angles do not converge at the apex, but rather taper off to a slightly rounded top. This feature is unique among pyramids.

It is believed to have been built for Pharaoh Sneferu, possibly for Sneferu's wife Hetepheres, opened for the first time in 1965. The opening was being delayed. "Any activity on the site is dangerous for everybody," he said.

The pyramid's tip comes at a time of heightened Iranian-US tension over Iran's nuclear program. The US has placed sanctions on Iran due to its alleged nuclear enrichment activities.

European countries do not directly support the US sanctions, but have been unable to come up with a credible alternative.

"We also reaffirmed to Ms Mogherini and others that the US has no right to制裁 Iran," said Olad Trump. The US has threatened to withdraw from the Iran nuclear deal if it is not fully implemented, and has imposed sanctions on Iran.

The latest escalation comes after a military clash on Monday, in which four Iranian military personnel were reportedly killed.

Syria's war has killed more than 400,000 people since it started in 2011 with a brutal crackdown on anti-government protesters.
26 dead in Somalia blast and all-night hotel siege

Zimbabwe hikes fuel price again

Zimbabwe’s energy regulator has announced petrol and diesel price hikes in what is the second increase this year, after the finance minister said earlier this month that the government needed to increase fuel prices.

President Emmerson Mnangagwa announced the price hikes on Thursday in a statement, which he said reflected the dynamics in the world fuel market.

“Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority reminds the public that the price of fuel is subject to fluctuation due to the exigencies of the world fuel market,” Mnangagwa said in a statement.

The government decided to implement the price increases effective Friday, but he did not specify how much the prices would go up.

Mnangagwa did not say why the fuel prices were being increased.

Zimbabwe’s energy regulator is a statutory body of the government that sets fuel prices.

When the last price increase was implemented on Sunday, petrol cost about 4.50 per litre and diesel cost about 3.50 per litre.

On Thursday, petrol was selling for 5.35 per litre and diesel was selling for 4.25 per litre in Harare.

The government has been criticized for implementing frequent fuel price hikes.

In 2018, petrol prices were doubled, and diesel prices tripled, in just one year.

Consumer rights activist Tigere Kudzayi said the latest price increases would put more pressure on people already struggling with fuel price increases.

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President Cyril Ramaphosa said on Wednesday that he had directed the South African Revenue Service (SARS) to proceed with the liquidation of four Chinese firms that had been accused of serious tax and customs law violations.

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Weakened Hurricane Barry makes and falls

Hurricane Barry's weakened status makes landfall south of New Orleans on Saturday, but the possibility of "dangerous" floods and water surges still looms.

A storm surge of 5 to 8 feet is expected, "enough to knock down an RV," according to a National Weather Service statement.

At least 18 deaths have been reported in connection with Barry, including 15 in Louisiana. At least 100 others were injured in the state as Barry passed through, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"The stench was horrendous," said Elora Mukherjee, an academic who visited the migrant camp. "It was a horrible experience." 

"The river was expected to crest within 24 hours," said Capt. Jim McGirt, a U.S. Geological Survey hydrologist. "The Mississippi River crested at New Orleans today, and it is expected to continue to rise in the coming days." 

"This is a crisis that is over- pressurized," said Chris Hughes, a Facebook co-founder. "We need to do more to ensure the safety of our users." 

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Banshol, Kathmandu

Fresh allegations of ‘war crimes’ emerge in Myanmar’s conflict-ridden Rakhine

Buckets (Bangladesh)

S Korean PM arrives in Dhaka for talks on trade

Dhaka

Sixth Korean Prime Min-
ister Lee called on the Bangladeshi Prime Minister Md. Abdul Momen yesterday in Dhaka to discuss economic and trade matters.

S Korea has invested more than $1bn in Bangladesh’s textile and clothing sectors in recent years.

To meet demands for more than 700,000 office space in the city, the government has approved an office building project with Japanese investment.

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**Dutch tourist killed in Kuala Lumpur**

A Dutch tourist was killed on Sunday in Kuala Lumpur, according to police. The victim was among a group of tourists who were at a popular restaurant in the city when they were attacked.

The tourist, who was aged 37, was stabbed in the neck and died on the spot. Police said they were still investigating the incident.

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Politics

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Law and order

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Terror

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Investors have been anticipating that the Fed would move ahead with a cut later this month after stating for months that it would stick to a patient approach. In June, the Fed held rates steady but raised the prospect for two potential rate cuts this year, as policy makers have been wrestling with new evidence of a cooling global economy and no sign of overheating in the US. Meanwhile, trade tensions and slowing global growth are continuing to be a drag on the US economy, spelling the central bank could cut interest rates this month.

A rate reduction would come after months of comments from the Fed's chairman, Jerome Powell, that the US economy was at a "crossroads," with a "slightly lower path" for interest rates.

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"We are watching the data closely, and inflation is a little bit lower than we would like," he said. "We will take the actions necessary to maintain the strong economic expansion." The economy is at full employment and inflation is below the Fed's 2% target.

In the early 1960s, the two agencies — Nasa and the US military — competed over who would be the first to the moon. But the race was over when Nasa's computer, the Guidance Computer, or AGC, was a success that laid the foundation for future space exploration.

The computers were essential in controlling the spacecraft's systems — and therefore the lives of the astronauts — during their missions.

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, during a congressional hearing last week, noted that the Fed's independence from political pressure was one of the main reasons that there is growing support for rate cuts, which has drifted well below target.

The Fed seeks to keep prices rising at an annual rate of 2%, but it has lagged below that for most of the current expansion. This year it has fallen farther below that goal.

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Various forms of capitalism

By Clair Brown and Simon Sällström

The candidates in the 2020 US presidential race are proposing an array of economic policies that are frequently described as “deregulation” and “socialism,” but which differ widely in their specifics. Some candidates are committing to reducing market barriers, lifting regulations that they believe are harmful to business or serve the interests of certain industries. Others are advocating for policies such as a “Medicare for All” healthcare system, a federal Jobs Guarantee, and higher taxes on the wealthy, which would fund universal social programmes.

Consider the energy sector, where Trump and Joe Biden have opposing views. Trump has supported fossil fuels, while Biden has emphasized clean energy solutions. This difference reflects larger policy debates within the Democratic Party, where establishment candidates support market-based solutions, while Sanders and Warren advocate for a more activist role for the government.

Many Democratic candidates acknowledge that the private sector has a role to play in addressing social and environmental problems. They argue that well-designed policies can complement private initiatives and lead to better outcomes. For example, Biden has proposed investing $2 trillion in infrastructure, clean energy, and education, which he claims will create millions of jobs.

The choices governments make today will have a lasting impact on the economy and society. As we move towards a cleaner, more equitable future, it is crucial that we have a clear understanding of the policies that are proposed and how they will be implemented.
‘Italian design is about inspiring the people’

By Jenny Aplin

Inspirational and raising awareness on the most pressing issues of the times, in- including environment protection and sustainability, have always been at the core of Italian design, as Italian ambassador Carlotta Colli said.

It was speaking at a workshop at the National Museum of Qatar (NMoQ), organised by Devoto Design in partnership with renowned Japanese-Australian firm Koichi Takada Architects and Katara Café 875 — the designers and curators of the museum shops and Café 875.

At the workshop,逆转 shared some of the challenges, inspirations and learning from these stunning works of architecture, made of 40,000 pieces of wooden panels — creating a massive wooden canyon.

‘As the embassy of Italy, we are proud that Devoto Design has the opportunity to be part of NMoQ’s project and contribute to the ex- hibition and fitting-out of some parts of it, especially the gift shops with its unique wood clad- ding.’ Colli said.

She added: ‘When we people think about Italian design — and design in general — they immediately think about beauty and aesthetic. Design must be about inspira- tion, about beauty and aesthetic. But in times of war and in the museum, is a perfect example of the ability of Italian companies to combine traditions and in- novation, to effectively integrate the skills of master artisans with new technology, creating results that go beyond expecta- tions.’

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Inspirational and raising awareness on the most pressing issues of the times, including environment protection and sustainability, have always been at the core of Italian design, as Italian ambassador Carlotta Colli said.

It was speaking at a workshop at the National Museum of Qatar (NMoQ), organised by Devoto Design in partnership with renowned Japanese-Australian firm Koichi Takada Architects and Katara Café 875 — the designers and curators of the museum shops and Café 875.

At the workshop,逆转 shared some of the challenges, inspirations and learning from these stunning works of architecture, made of 40,000 pieces of wooden panels — creating a massive wooden canyon.

‘As the embassy of Italy, we are proud that Devoto Design has the opportunity to be part of NMoQ’s project and contribute to the exhibition and fitting-out of some parts of it, especially the gift shops with its unique wood clading.’ Colli said.

She added: ‘When we people think about Italian design — and design in general — they immediately think about beauty and aesthetic. Design must be about inspiration, about beauty and aesthetic. But in times of war and in the museum, is a perfect example of the ability of Italian companies to combine traditions and innovation, to effectively integrate the skills of master artisans with new technology, creating results that go beyond expectations.’

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‘The wooden canyon realised by Koichi Takada and Devoto Design in a constant reminder of the importance to reconnect with nature, to discover organic material and work together as a community to preserve our environment, ‘ she said.

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