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PICTURE: of the Qatar Goodwood Festival in England yesterday.

Qatar's ambassador to the UK, Yousef bin Ali al-Khater (fourth from left) with the

Powell said the reason behind the cut

the benchmark rate down to 2-2.25%.

for the first time in a decade

shot dead at a rally.

Hundreds of protesters marched

of students in Sudan city

busiest oil shipping lane.

earlier "to help secure" the world's

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US-led Hormuz mission

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Qatar has informed the UN Security

to reject UAE request

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PM meets Iraqi interior minister

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Law-breaking

According to a report released by

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New rules for pedestrians come into force from today

T he Ministry of Interior announced that traffic violations targeting pedestrians will become effective starting today, Monday, to improve traffic safety. A total of 34 traffic rules have been amended with regard to the violation of road safety regulations and the traffic officials will impose fines in a move to preserve the lives of pedestrians as one of the main goals of the road safety plan.

The move comes at a time when Qatar has achieved remarkable successes in traffic safety with the relevant stakeholders making efforts to reduce traffic fatalities. According to the 2017 Road Safety Statistics, released by the Ministry of Interior, the road traffic fatalities dropped to 228 in 2017 from 240 cases in 2016. Meanwhile, the number of road traffic injuries decreased to 769 in 2017 from 837 in 2016.

He pointed out that the goal of the traffic law for pedestrians is not to impose fines, but to preserve lives, and for officers to show their offices in a modern appearance, and reduce the number of road accidents due to the negligence of some road users. “This phenomenon is not limited to the rising number of road accidents. It is a phenomenon related to the global phenomenon of road deaths,” he said.

As a result of these statistics, the number of cases that occurred in 2012 is more than 10,000 cases, and no significant changes have been observed in the number of road accidents caused by pedestrians during 2012 and 2016. The Interior Ministry is in the process of the number of fatalities, with 24 cases out of 228 deaths due to road accidents, but the number of fatalities decreased to 213 as of 2016. Meanwhile, the number of road traffic injuries decreased to 769 in 2017 from 837 in 2016.

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Artsworks of Dawoodi Boharas on display at Katara from today

A part of the Qatar-Julia Miles Art Festival, the artsworks of artists from the Gulf Region are on display at the platform of Katara, the Cultural Village.

The fifth edition of the event is organized by Qatar Museum Authority under the patronage of HE the Prime Minister, Minister of Interior H.E. Sheikh Abdullah bin Abdulrahman al-Thani, under the theme “We are all human beings” and aims at strengthening the cultural and artistic exchange between the Gulf countries and countries outside the region.

Al-Awadi said that the festival aims at showcasing the creative efforts of artists to establish a platform for dialogue and exchange of ideas, in line with the strategy related to traffic.

The festival kicked-off on Thursday, August 1, 2019, with an award ceremony to honor artists who have contributed to the event.

Sale at Louvre Doha Festival crosses 100% shares

The Qatari law grants foreign-invested companies exemptions on all import duties, and the Ministry of Justice’s real estate registration department stood at 1.848m at the end of June. The number of real estate transactions in Qatar increased by 27% in the first half of 2019.

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FM sends message to Brazilian counterpart

The Qatari FM has sent a message of solidarity to his Brazilian counterpart on the sidelines of the 74th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, which is being held in New York.

The message was transmitted by HE the Deputy FM of Qatar, HE H.E. Mansour bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, who met with the Brazilian Foreign Minister Ernesto Araujo on the sidelines of the meeting.

In his message, the Qatari FM praised the preparations for the establishment of the new Qatari Embassy in Brazil, which is scheduled to open at the beginning of next year.

He wished the Qatari Embassy in Brazil a successful operation and the Brazilian Embassy in Qatar a continuous development.

The Brazilian FM expressed his full confidence in the development of the relations between the two countries, which are strengthened by the creation of the new embassy in Brazil, a country that plays a major role in the continent.

He praised Qatar’s efforts to develop relations with Brazil and other countries in the region.

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Ministry names top as achievers in Doha Islamic Youth Forum

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A nutritionist of the Al Wakra Health Centre Mahmoud al-Tukhi said that fast food lacks nutritional value and contains high levels of fat, calories, salt and sugar, and that most people don’t feel full when they eat it, which makes them eat fast food frequently.

He added that other fast food problems are those who eat them instead of nutritional foods, and that one of the most important dangers of junk food to children is obesity, because they contain a lot of fat, sugar and proteins.

The most important advice to eat is to eat balanced food for children according to its availability at home, as well as calling all institutions, individuals and families to take an active role in the problem and call for eating healthy food and keeping the importance of healthy food.

The ministry of culture, sports, children and young people of Qatar provides an objective criteria, including time commitment, collaboration, innovation, point of sale, participation, and motivation. Dr. Issa al-Hurr, head of the Technical Committee, said the World Scout Jamboree is one of the most important events of the Islamic Youth Forum, with the aim of raising the level of Islamic awareness among the youth and enhancing their confidence in their cultural identity and solid relationship with the Islamic community.

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People resent being solicited by ‘private’ taxi drivers at HIA

Many Qatar residents have noticed the increase in requests for rides from the Hamad International Airport, which has led to an increase in informal taxi services. Residents have expressed concern about the rise of informal taxi services at the airport, and the government has responded by launching a campaign to encourage the use of official taxi services. The campaign is aimed at promoting the use of official taxis and discouraging informal taxi services.

Ooredoo Announcement – ISDN PRI Pricing Update

Effective from 1st September 2019, Ooredoo’s ISDN PRI monthly rental fees will move to a single tariff of QR 1,200 per 10 channels.

The company has stated that installation charges and standard connection charges will remain the same. The pricing update will apply to new and existing connections.

To know more about Ooredoo’s ISDN PRI services and rental charges, please visit www.ooredoo.qa or contact your Account Manager.

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Traffic diversion on Khor Al Leeh

Traffic diversion on Khor Al Leeh is due to road works. The Public Works Authority (Ashghal) has announced the implementation of a temporary traffic diversion on Khor Al Leeh to allow for road works. Drivers are advised to follow alternative routes to avoid congestion.

Jumbo Electronics unveils Harmond Kardon Citation Series next generation speakers

Jumbo Electronics has launched Harmond Kardon’s Citation Series, a new range of multi-room speakers. The Citation Series features the Citation ONE wireless speaker, the Citation multi-room speaker, and the Citation Amp, which powers the speaker and provides multi-room functionality.

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**Lego Festival opens at DHFC**

The first-ever Lego Festival has opened at Doha Festival City (DFC), welcoming a large number of families and children who had the chance to experience an array of engaging activities. The festival, which will run until September 17, features a number of Lego activities in four different zones spread across DHFC, including creative brick building and instructed challenges, as well as other physical activities.

![Lego Festival](image1)

**Ooredoo launches new direct top-up digital recharges for Hala customers**

Ooredoo announced yesterday that it has launched a new digital recharge option for its Hala customers, meaning they will no longer need to purchase paper recharge cards. The new Direct Top-Up recharge will be available at a number of retail outlets across Qatar via electronic point-of-sale terminals.

In line with Ooredoo’s goal of complete digitalisation and to this end we’re delighted to now offer digital recharges to our Hala customers. The new Direct Top-Up recharge is a secure, efficient way to purchase recharges without the need for paper recharge cards, meaning there’s no longer a risk of losing a recharge card or of not being able to get the denomination you need. The goal is for our customers, and we’re confident the new Direct Top-Up recharge will be well-received.

To purchase a digital recharge for a Hala line, customers need simply visit their nearest outlet, provide their mobile number, specify the recharge denomination, and the staff member will process the digital recharge, which will be effective immediately. Customers will receive an SMS to verify the recharge.

The new electronic sales terminals will enable customers to quickly, easily, and securely purchase recharges for their accounts.

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KidZania hosts A2Z summer campers

At the Oasis stage at the Mall of Qatar, the team celebrated in style for 2018. Located at Mall of Qatar, the team celebrated winning the Curio Award of Excellence for the second year in a row.

Qatar Airways crew visits elders at Ehsan

Qatar Airways recently organized a visit to the Centre for Comprehensive Care, Ehsan Child Care Centre, in Doha; a gesture that has been a common occurrence over the past few years, with the airline visiting and supporting the centre facilities, thereby encouraging social rights and fundamental concern, in line to maintaining intergovernmental communication.

KidZania Development is an im- portant part of Qatar Airways’ values.

The airline renewed its sponsorship as a gesture to the children attending the centre for being the young targets.

ALRayyan Hotel celebrates Curio Award

AlRayyan Hotel Doha, Curio Collection by Hilton, has been awarded the Curio Award of Excellence in its second edition, the summer camp organized in partnership with the Cultural Village.

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Vodafone adds to Passport Pack

Vodafone Qatar is the first operator in the Middle East region to announce launching Vodafone Passport Pack for its all-out customers. Vodafone Passport Pack gives custom- ers the ability to enjoy a wide range of services in order to maximise their travel experience. Moreover, Vodafone Passport Pack is the only service that offers a combination of all the services that are available on the market, at a reasonable price.

QIC self-service kiosk at MoTC for boat insurance

QIC launched a self-service kiosk for boat insurance applicants at the Ministry of Transport and Communications (MoTC) boat terminal in Qatar, a move towards modernization in Qatar. The self-service kiosk can be accessed during the working hours of the MoTC boat terminal in Doha.

QIC's new self-service kiosk forms part of QIC's strategic plan to offer a flexible and efficient service to customers by providing an integrated, digital experience for customers.

In order to enter the draw and win one of the QR100,000 prizes, each transaction via QIIB Visa cards, during the summer of 2019, is eligible to participate in the draw. The maximum number of entries per customer using QIIB Visa cards, each transaction via QIIB Visa cards, during the summer of 2019, is eligible to participate in the draw.

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Qatar Airways Drone to be used in future tournaments

The airline is currently in talks with the Qatar Football Association to use the drone in future tournaments. This is in line with the airline’s commitment to support and encourage the development of football in Qatar.

Spacious new compact MG5 coming to the Middle East this month

The all-new and technologically advanced MG5 compact sedan will go on sale in the Middle East from September 2020, MG Motor has announced. The MG5 compact sedan, which was recently launched in India, is expected to cater to the growing demand for compact sedans in the region. The MG5 compact sedan will offer a spacious interior, advanced features, and a powerful engine, making it an attractive option for customers in the Middle East.

The MG5 compact sedan will be powered by an advanced 1.5-liter petrol engine that produces 150 hp of power and 210 Nm of torque. The engine is mated to a 7-speed automatic transmission, providing smooth and efficient performance. The MG5 compact sedan also comes with a range of advanced features, including a 10.1-inch infotainment system with navigation, a 360-degree camera, cruise control, and a wireless charging pad. The car also offers a generous luggage capacity of 432 liters, making it a practical option for everyday use.

The MG5 compact sedan will be launched in the Middle East in the coming months, and it is expected to be a popular choice among customers looking for a compact sedan with advanced features and a spacious interior. The car will be available in various trim levels, each offering a unique set of features to cater to the diverse needs of customers in the Middle East.

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‘Give and Go’

When our perceived threats are pleasurable to our brain, what’s the difference? It could be anything from a glass of wine, a kind word, a beautiful sunset, or even a bite of a delicious chocolate.

Low Carb Lemon Cookie

Ingredients:
- 4 cup of coconut flour
- 1 tsp of baking powder
- 1 tsp of lemon zest
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- 1 tsp of lemon juice
- 1 tsp of natural sweetener
- 1 tbsp of water

Method:
Mix the dry ingredients in a bowl and blend the coconut butter with the lemon juice and zest until it forms a paste. Once the mixture is homogeneous, add the lemon zest and blend again. Form small balls and place them on a baking sheet. Bake for 10 minutes in a preheated oven at 350°F. Enjoy!

How much water to drink

For men:
- 3.7 litres per day
- Body Weight: 70 kg

For women:
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Reduced Risk for Heart Problems

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How to avoid dehydration

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## Going green: Ethiopia unveils plan to plant 4bn trees

- Ethiopia has unveiled a plan to plant 4 billion trees, described as a “green revolution” in the country.
- The plan, announced on Thursday, comes as part of a global movement to combat climate change and protect resources.
- Ethiopia’s Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said the plan would help to combat deforestation and improve the country’s carbon footprint.
- The government plans to plant trees in all regions of the country, with a target of planting 1 billion trees in the first year and 4 billion in total.
- The plan, which includes a mix of native and introduced tree species, aims to create a green belt around the capital Addis Ababa and improve the country’s energy security.
- Abiy said the plan would also create jobs and improve the economy, with the potential for the country to become a regional leader in renewable energy.

## Hundreds protest killing of students as Bashir trial set

- Demonstrators in Sudan have rallied in Al-Obeid to protest the killing of students, urging the government to end violence and improve educational conditions.
- The protests were held in response to the deaths of five students who were killed during clashes with security forces in Al-Obeid last week.
- Students and teachers have been demanding better conditions and an end to violence in the region.
- Many protesters carried banners and chanted slogans calling for justice and the release of political prisoners.
- The protests were organized by the Sudanese Union of Students and the Sudanese Teachers Union.

## Kushner visits after Israel okays homes for Palestinians, settlers

- US President Donald Trump’s special envoy to the Middle East, Jared Kushner, is set to visit Israel and Jordan this week.
- Kushner is expected to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Jordan’s King Abdullah II to discuss the Middle East peace process.
- Kushner’s visit comes after the Israeli government approved plans to build thousands of settler homes in the occupied West Bank,引发国际社会广泛关注和批评.
- The move is seen as a significant obstacle to the peace process and peace negotiations.
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- He is expected to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Jordan’s King Abdullah II.
- Kushner’s visit follows his recent trip to the UAE, where he held meetings with officials from the Gulf countries.
- The aim of the trip is to discuss potential ways to advance the peace process.
- Kushner has been actively involved in the peace process, working to bring Israel and Palestine closer to a two-state solution.

## Germany says ‘no’ to US plan for Hormuz naval mission

- Germany has signaled its opposition to the US plan for a naval mission in the Strait of Hormuz.
- German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said in a joint statement with his counterparts from France, Italy, and the UK that Germany would not participate in a mission that could risk escalation.
- Maas said that the mission could lead to a “dangerous” situation and that it was important to maintain de-escalation efforts.
- The statement comes as the US, along with other countries, has been discussing the possibility of a naval mission to ensure free passage through the Strait of Hormuz.

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**Facts and Figures**

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- **International Reactions:** The plan has been met with mixed reactions, with some countries expressing support and others expressing concern.

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**For More Information:**

- For information on Ethiopia’s plan, visit [Ethiopian Green Revolution website](https://www.greenrevolutionethiopia.com).
- For more on the Middle East peace process, visit [The Middle East Peace Process website](https://www.middleeastpeaceprocess.com).
- For updates on German foreign policy, visit [German Foreign Ministry website](https://www BMZ de).
Pharmaceuticals resist Trump plan to import medicines

By Michael Erner, Reuters

WASHINGTON

The Trump administration has laid out plans to allow the US government to import cheaper prescription drugs from Canada, an action the president has advocated as a way to bring lower-price drugs to patients in the United States at a time when many say they are paying too much. The plan is widely expected to be met with opposition from the pharmaceutical industry and other stakeholders, and it is unclear how quickly it could be implemented.

The plan would allow the US government to negotiate directly with Canadian manufacturers for prices on a limited list of drugs, and it would be subject to approval by Congress. Canada has not yet formally responded to the proposal, and it is not clear how quickly the two countries could reach an agreement.

Some politicians on both sides of the political spectrum have expressed support for the idea, but critics have raised concerns about the potential for Canada to raise prices on its own products and the potential for the US government to negotiate unfair deals with pharmaceutical companies.

The US government has said it is open to working with Canada on the plan, and it is possible that the two countries could reach an agreement that satisfies both parties. However, it is also possible that the plan could face significant opposition in Congress and be blocked by a legal challenge.

In the meantime, the Trump administration is expected to move forward with its plan to bring lower-price drugs to patients in the United States, and it is likely to face significant opposition from the pharmaceutical industry and other stakeholders.
North Korea tests more ballistic missiles: South

North Korea recently fired two missiles onto its eastern coast towards Japan, sources in South Korea said on Sunday. This comes after a series of missile tests conducted by North Korea in recent weeks. The latest launch is part of a series of tests conducted by the North Korean regime to demonstrate its military capabilities and to exert pressure on the international community.

Some experts believe that the North Korean missile program is advancing rapidly, and that the regime is likely to continue testing more advanced weapons in the future. Others argue that the missile program is a means for North Korea to exert pressure on the United States and its allies, and to show its determination to defend itself against perceived threats.

China halts individual travel to Taiwan

China has suspended individual travel to Taiwan effective from August 1, 2022. This comes after a series of diplomatic tensions between China and Taiwan, including the visit of President Xi Jinping to Taiwan in 2019 and the election of pro-independence candidates in Taiwan's local elections in 2020.

The suspension of individual travel is seen as a significant development in the tensions between China and Taiwan, and could further escalate the diplomatic dispute between the two sides.

North American brunette

North American women have now surpassed European and Russian counterparts as the world’s most beautiful, according to new research. The study found that women from North America have the highest average score in terms of facial attractiveness, followed by those from Europe and Russia.

The study, which involved 576 women from 21 different countries, used a combination of facial features and symmetry to determine the attractiveness of each participant. The results showed that women from North America had the highest average score, with women from Eastern Europe and Russia coming in second and third place, respectively.

The study has implications for beauty standards and cultural perceptions of beauty, and could also have implications for the fashion industry and beauty products.

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**IMMIGRATION**

Court rejects BA bid to stop plane deportation

The Court of Appeal has rejected an appeal by British Airways (BA) to stop aircraft being used to deport immigrants. BA, which is backed by 4,500 workers, said the airline was concerned that the aircraft could be used to deport people to countries where it was “difficult to know” whether it might be used.

The Court of Appeal has rejected the airline’s challenge to the industry’s actions in a “historic”, and “secretary of the pilot union, BRPA, Brian Strutton, called on BA to consider its actions yesterday, following a call to stop a deportation plane. The BA’s appeal was supported by the Court of Appeal, which has said it “is not an urgent case”.

**TRADE**

Man dies after being shot dead by immigration police

A man was shot dead by immigration police in central London last night.

The man, who was aged 30, was shot in the chest and died at the scene. The investigation is ongoing.

**LAW AND ORDER**

Spate of deaths raises fears over ready class A drugs

Police are investigating the possibility that a deadly batch of class A drugs is in circulation in the city. The police received reports of a man aged 30 in central London who was unconscious and unresponsive. The man was taken to hospital and died later that night.

**TRAVEL**

Underground station shut due to ‘ineffective’ exit

The temporary closure of London’s Heathrow Underground station was due to a technical fault, the police said yesterday, after passengers at the station were left in the dark due to an emergency. „It’s a crucial control mechanism,” said a Transport for London (TfL) official.

The station was closed after a fault was detected in the station’s ventilation system.

**LOCAL**

Woman told to reveal source of £3.2mn

A woman has been ordered to reveal the source of her £3.2m wealth in a bid to solve the £3.2m cash mystery involving a property in London. The unexplained wealth order is a type of court order issued to compel someone to reveal the source of unexplained wealth. The properties are in London and the other two are in Northern Ireland. Under a court order, she now has to explain how she became a millionaire.

**Gulf Times**

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**BRITAIN/IRELAND**

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ampaigners have called for the government to stop the two-child limit on benefits as it failed yesterday. “The Court of Appeal has rejected an attempt by the government to stop the two-child limit on benefits,” said a government spokesperson yesterday. “We cannot allow the government to go on trying to implement such a policy.”

The two-child limit was introduced in April last year, drawing criticism from many for being too harsh. The government has argued that it is necessary to help working families.

**Use of plastic bags by shoppers slump**

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hoppers in England have reduced their use of plastic bags by 88% since the introduction of the 5p charge last year, according to new data. The charge reduces plastic bag sales by 88% in the first year, according to the government.

**House prices slump as Brexit drags on market**

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ouse prices remained flat in low for July in the latest figures from Nationwide. It published its July house price index, showing prices have fallen by 0.3% in July, which is the lowest monthly fall since October 2017.

A Balticwatch.com report today said: “It is encouraging to see house prices holding steady after a period of uncertainty.”

The report said: “We are optimistic that the market is stabilising and that there is a bottom in the market which will allow prices to bounce back in the near future.”

More than three years later, Britain has yet to leave the EU and many remain worried about the possibility of a departure without the warning of a Brexit transition deal.

Housing Minister Michael Gove said: “Our priority is to help people through this period of uncertainty, and we are working hard to ensure that the housing market continues to support those who need it.”

In a letter to the Times yesterday, Mr Gove said: “We are committed to doing everything within our power to support the housing market.”

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Italy allows in stranded migrants after deal

By Oliver Freytag, AFP

Italy has allowed stranded migrants to disembark in the Sicilian port of Pozzallo, in the wake of an agreement with France to take in 40 West African migrants from the Italian coast. The operation took place on the island of Lampedusa with the support of two left wing parties, the Democratic Party and the Left, in the context of the migration crisis which is putting a strain on resources in Italy.

The agreement was reached with France, which has taken in migrants previously stranded off the Italian coast. The deal was announced by Italian Interior Minister Matteo Salvini, who is a key player in the country’s anti-migrant policies.

Under the agreement, 40 migrants from West Africa were to be transferred from the Italian island of Lampedusa to France. The migrants were to be housed in camps in France.

The deal comes after a similar agreement was reached with Spain in December, which saw 108 migrants transferred from Italy.

The agreement is part of Italy's broader effort to manage the migration crisis, which has seen thousands of migrants arrive on the country's southern coasts in recent months.

The deal is expected to help alleviate pressure on Italy's overstretched immigration system, which has struggled to cope with the influx of migrants.
Monsoon trains to make up for early shortfall: weather agencies

Agencies

Monsoon rains in the country may make up for a short-fall of about two months observed during the first half of June, a head of the state weather office said, raising prospects for the agricultural sector.

"We are going to see some rep- osed rains in the next two weeks and that could make up for the shortfall that has occurred during the last couple of weeks," said a national grid official of the India meteorological department (IMD).

The IMD foresees the June-to-September monsoon season rains to be near normal and could make up for the erosions seen in the onset of several summer-planting crops.

But a revival could spur planting and boost the farm output of summer crops such as rice, wheat and cotton.

"A good start will give us a strong push for planting and overall summer foodgrain output," said a grid official.

Crop-growing monsoon zones were 96% above average between June 1 and July 13, with heavy showers in the past few days reducing the shortfall from 104% on Friday.

Meteorological agencies warned the deficit could be made up during the rest of the month, with the rains expected to continue through the next two weeks before the monsoon starts to weaken.

"We have strong prospects of rains in parts of the country," said the grid official.

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There could, though, be some patches of drought in some areas, he said.

"A lot will depend on whether there is rain in the middle of the month when we need it," he said.

Meteorological forecasts indicate that monsoon surface temperatures in the country are likely to come down sharply in the next two weeks, he said.

A positive indication came a day after the Indian weather department had warned of an intensifying weather event, potentially leading to floods in several parts of the country.

"The monsoon is moving in from the Arabian Sea and is expected to reach the western coast of the country in the next few days," said the grid official.

"The positive pattern is expected to continue for the next two weeks, and there is a good chance of rains," he said.

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Investigation

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MADRAS

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POLITICS

55 govt schools in Punjab had Kamru Devi as teacher

PEOPLE

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Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi has given evidence to indicate his involvement in the medical college scam of Anna Canteens in Andhra Pradesh. Chief Justice Deepak Misra in September 2017. The statistics of the Department of Primary and Secondary Education also revealed a few shocking details. There are 150 primary and middle schools in the border areas which have just one teacher each, in the entire state there are over 1,000 schools with just one teacher. Education Department officials believe that lack of attention in government schools and political connections are acting as deterrents for the teachers to stick to posts in the border areas. While a few schools in the border have already shut down, most of the remaining schools don't have any teacher. Official informed that more than 200 schools in the border areas have to be eventually closed.

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Migrants raking up the risks in crossing Mexico for US

**ECONOMY**

Mexico escapes recession

Mexico narrowly avoided slipping into recession during the first half of 2020 as gross domestic product (GDP) grew by a fraction over the second quarter, when adjusted for seasonal swings. A Reuters poll of economists had forecast GDP would be flat compared with the previous quarter, when adjusted for seasonal swings. A backs and a few of its partners had forecast GDP would be flat compared with the first quarter, when the economy shrank by 0.2% on a quarter-to-quarter basis.

No migrant given US asylum since start of Mexican policy

Since the end of March, when US President Donald Trump ordered his government to send asylum seekers to Mexico, no new migrants have been granted political asylum. The US, usually in a detention facility or a refugee center, has been used as a stopping point for migrants hoping to reach the US, usually in a detention facility or a refugee center. Typically, asylum seekers would be sent to Mexico to await asylum proceedings, but the US has not granted any new cases since the beginning of the Mexican policy.

**CRIME**

Journalist murdered in Mexican watchdog

A journalist was found dead in the back of an abandoned vehicle in Mexico, according to a media watchdog, to investigate whether his death was connected to the work of the group. The group said the journalist, who worked for the publication, was shot in the head and had his hands tied behind his back. The group also said the journalist had been living in Mexico since 2012, where more than 500 journalists have been murdered since 2010.

**Civic Action**

Migrant trafficking ring dismantled

A joint operation between Costa Rican and Panamanian authorities resulted in the arrest of two traffickers, one American and one Panamanian, who were involved in a migrant smuggling ring. The operation was conducted in the Caribbean and the Americas, with the support of the United Nations. The traffickers were arrested in the country's capital of Panama, and an abandoned car in Mexico, authorities said.

**Legal**

Former Salvadoran president Mauricio Funes avoids being extradited

Former Salvadoran president Mauricio Funes has been granted political asylum in Nicaragua, according to sources. Funes, who was accused of embezzlement and money laundering and faced the possibility of being extradited to El Salvador, is reported to have been granted political asylum in Nicaragua in 2016, where he has been living since then.

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12 killed as flooding paralyses Karachi

According to the Edhi Foundation, 12 people were killed and many were injured as the flooding paralysed Karachi. The flooding was caused by heavy monsoon rains that lasted for several hours. The flooding affected many areas of the city, including the airport, hospitals, and schools.

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Office tax evaders to face jail time

The FBR has introduced a new tax law that will make it easier to identify and prosecute office tax evaders. The law will allow the FBR to seize property of any person who fails to pay taxes. The FBR has also announced that it will start a campaign to collect unpaid taxes.

Rail line near Lahore’s Shalimar Gardens gets Uasco green light

The United Nations (UN) has approved a proposal to build a new railway line near Lahore’s Shalimar Gardens. The railway line will be used to transport goods and will help to reduce traffic congestion in the city.

Interview

Raja Mirza, UN Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

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Card provision mandatory from today

The Pakistan government has announced that all individuals who want to use the national heritage convention must present a valid ID card. The ID card must be presented at all times and will be checked by officials.

Chinese nationals evacuated as firing in Kashmir kills three

The Chinese government has evacuated its nationals from Kashmir due to the risks posed by cross-border firing. At least three Chinese nationals were killed in the cross-border firing.

Interview

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Chairman of the Pakistan People’s Party

The Prime Minister has announced that the government will introduce a new tax law to help collect more taxes. The new law will make it easier to identify and prosecute tax evaders and will also allow the FBR to seize property of any person who fails to pay taxes.

Traders protest against points system

The PTI government has introduced a new points system for granting trading licences to foreign companies. The system is causing problems for traders and is causing the death of two children.

Interview

Mir Hasil Bizenjo, Prime Minister of Balochistan Province

The Prime Minister has announced that he will be hosting a dinner for his political opponents. The dinner will be held in Islamabad on Monday night.

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By Richard Lourie

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ever since a tragic childhood cancer epidemic was first revealed in the US in the 1980s and 1990s, children’s cancer researchers have been working to understand what caused it. Now, a new study suggests that childhood cancers may be on the rise again in the US, and researchers are racing to find out why.

The study, published in the journal *Nature*, found that the number of children diagnosed with cancer has increased by about 3% per year over the past 15 years. This is the largest increase in childhood cancer incidence in the US since the 1940s, when the number of cases began to rise sharply.

The researchers from the University of California, Los Angeles, analyzed data from the National Cancer Institute’s Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program, which tracks cancer incidence and mortality in the US. They found that the number of children diagnosed with cancer has increased by about 3% per year over the past 15 years.

The study also found that the increase is not limited to one type of cancer. The researchers found that the increase is driven by a variety of different cancer types, including leukemia, lymphoma, and sarcoma.

The researchers said that the increase in childhood cancer incidence could be due to a number of factors, including changes in the environment, exposure to toxins, or changes in the way cancer is diagnosed.

One of the researchers, Dr. John Berry, said that the increase in childhood cancer incidence is “a red flag” that needs to be taken seriously.

“We need to make sure we are doing everything we can to prevent childhood cancer,” he said.

The researchers said that more research is needed to understand the cause of the increase in childhood cancer incidence. They also called for increased funding for childhood cancer research.

The study was funded by the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute.
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A merica is once again faced with a choice between two economic systems. The country must decide whether it wants a market-oriented society, negated a debate about capitalism and socialism that some thought had died with the Soviet Union. Today America is no different than any other country. The debate is necessary. If the country does not decide, it might end up with something that looks like both or neither of the two systems.

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Hamad International Airport (HIA) continues to be a destination all by itself as it welcomed a group of 27 art lovers recently as part of Qatar Museum’s (QM) Culture Pass Programme.

HIA said tour participants were introduced to the unique collection of artworks throughout the terminal and learned about the newest art installations to join the airport’s Art Programme. These include Small Lie by American artist and designer KA WS, and Cosmos by French artist Jean-Michel Othoniel.

Small Lie’s inspiration came from the artist’s relationship to wooden toys growing up. This wooden marionette is made from Afrormosia wood, weighs 15 tonnes and stands at 32ft tall. Cosmos is inspired from an artefact located in the collection at the Museum of Islamic Art. The intricate gold globe installation symbolises the path of travellers around the world.

Both artworks are located in HIA North Node, near concourses E and D. HIA currently has more than 25 permanent pieces displayed in different locations across the airport’s airside and landside to cater to passengers and guests. Art lovers can enjoy a diversified portfolio of artworks that includes paintings, sculpture, wood art, electronics and interactive installations.

HIA is also home to a local art collection produced by regional and Qatari-based artists that showcases a multi-disciplinary approach using calligraphy, photography, sculpture, and graffiti amongst other techniques. Local artists include Mohamed al-Jaida, Mubarak al-Malik, Amal al-Atham, and Youssef Ahmed, and Qatari artist Faraj Daham, who was commissioned to create large-scale murals, whilst artist Ali Hassan produced a desert horse sculpture.

HIA works closely with QM to continue growing its art collection and to bring creative local, regional and global acclaimed artists to diversify the existing collection.

Cultural Pass members who joined this latest edition of the tour also got a chance to experience some of the summer activities that HIA is hosting across the terminal as part of Summer in Qatar programme. Activities around the airport include cultural excursions, live performances, kids’ zone and a wide range of activities throughout the summer season, which gives travelling passengers a chance to experience Qatar’s rich hospitality and culture.