FM meets chairperson of High Council of Libya

Qatari women’s worker welfare project wins huge appreciation

By Joseph Varghese

A humanitarian initiative, founded by a lady, is taking the initiative to the workers involved in developing the country, writing praise and appreciation.

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Kahramaa launches IoT-driven smart meters

- Major initiative implemented in partnership with Vodafone Qatar
- As many as 600,000 smart meters to substitute manual readings

Qatar still leads national polls but Trump gains

President Donald Trump and Democratic rival Joe Biden posed a stark contrast in their final debate last night as Democrats failed to make a dent in Trump’s consistently strong performance.

"I am not going to let you do this," Trump said, as Biden called him a "cheater" for refusing to state whether the coronavirus is beneficial.

"I don’t believe in playing games," Trump said, as Biden accused him of being a "weak leader."
Government schools saw 51% of students, out of a total of 369,000, return to the first day of the new academic year on Sunday. A number of school directors told local Arabic daily Al Rayah that the students, staff and teachers were screened for effective preventive and precautionary measures against Covid. The students, teachers and school employees were checked, in addition to ensuring the health of the students and staff at home. There were only a minimum of 250 students in each classroom. The temperature of all students and teachers was checked in addition to ensuring the healthy status of the students.

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Students returning to schools a very reassuring sign
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OSW focuses on ‘Green Hospitality for FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022’

Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC) hosted Qatar Sustainability Week 2020 in collaboration with the Sustainable Hospitality and Event Tourism Council, which is a section of the Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC), as part of ongoing efforts to promote the green legacy of the tournament.

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Female students in Bosnia benefit from initiative by Qatar Charity

Qatar Charity’s (QC) dormitory in the heart of Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, provides a conducive environment for female students in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The students say that the dormitory provides a better shelter and offers services similar to that of hotels, giving them the freedom to move and attend events. In addition, it protects the exchange of culture and knowledge among female students from different countries and universities.

The dormitory remains under the sponsorship of Qatar Charity.

QC’s dormitory for female orphans is located near the four universities that have various scientific disciplines.

The location of the dormitory, in which 96 female students live, was selected for the goal of meeting the demands of the female students and for providing them with a safe, calm, and comfortable atmosphere for study and educational achievement.

Felicity Mariam Kyebure, a foreign student belonging to Travnik in Central Bosnia, said: “It is still unbelievable that someone or an organization has provided this marvelous dormitory for us, which is more likely to be a hotel,” said Sedina Pivet, “Qatar Charity not only gives all of us as an opportunity to live for free at the dormitory, but also offered us a chance to make friendships and to travel over the world and different parts of our country.”

She also noted, “It is a great experience to live together with students from different countries, cultures, and universities. I enjoy sharing information and knowledge with all of them,” indicating that this experience is exceptionally valuable to the girls and their families.

Aisha, a student, said: “My brother and I never imagined under the sponsorship of Qatar Charity until we turned 18, as we were orphans, adding that the staff at the dormitory ensure that students feel safe all the time, “said Kyebure, adding that the dormitory has a profound security system.

“We are immensely grateful to Qatar Charity for providing us with board and lodging, and the dormitory has a professional security system,” said Lamija Kabulovic.

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QC’s dormitory is the first dormitory for female orphans students who enroll in universities, and for girls belonging to low-income families, who come from rural areas to the capital to continue education, aiming to achieve their aspirations for a better future, the statement added.

QNTC announces 17th edition of Heya

The 17th edition of Heya Arabian Fashion Exhibition, Qatar’s biggest platform for contemporary Arabian fashion, and the first major event to return under new normality since the start of the pandemic, starts on Wednesday at the Doha Exhibition and Convention Centre (DECC).

QNTC, which oversees all operations at DECC, a subsidiary of QNTC, and Business Events Corporation (BEC), the umbrella of QNTC, and Heya will take place under QNTC’s efforts to support National Tourism Council’s (QNTC) initiatives to boost domestic tourism and diversify the local economy.

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A total of five research proposals to advance Qatar Life Sciences research and genomic research infrastructure have been submitted for funding from the Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF) and Qatar Genome Program (QGP) – both members of Qatar Foundation (QF) – in the 9th Twinned Funding Framework (TFF-FM) research programme.

The programme saw 30 research proposals submitted for funding, with a project to aim to improve the understanding of paediatric leukaemia in the Middle East.

“Today, Qatar and other Arab countries are the treatment pharma front leaders in the region,” said Dr. Ruba Khashem, assistant professor at Hamad Bin Khalifa University, a member of QF, is leading a project to develop novel treatment targets for rare diseases in Qatar’s children, to provide them with the best possible treatment options.

“Paediatric leukaemia is a complex disease and requires a multidisciplinary approach,” said Dr. Khashem. “Our project aims to identify new therapeutic targets that could improve the outcome of children with leukaemia.”

Dr. Khashem’s project is one of four that have been shortlisted for funding, with three others focusing on novel therapeutic development in the field of oncology, and the other one looking at the molecular basis of primary immunodeficiency diseases.

“The project aims to develop novel therapeutic approaches to improve the outcome of children with various immunodeficiencies,” said Dr. Khashem.

QNRF and QGP have been awarding grants by the Qatar National Research Fund and Qatar Genome Programme to support genomics research to personalize medicine (PPM) research projects.

“QF members help to advance personalised healthcare in Qatar by undertaking high-quality research projects that focus on personalized medicine, which is a rapidly evolving field,” said Dr. Said Ismail, director, QGP.

The Qatar Foundation (QF) has awarded grants to research projects led by Qatar University, a member of QF, in the field of genomics research and infrastructure.

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Iraq’s ancient ‘palm climber’s’ struggle for survival

Under the autumnal sun, Najad Abiddi, a 48-year-old palm climber, is precariously perched on the branch of a date palm in the Al-Barwani farm, Iraq’s farming heartland of 50 square kilometres in the north of the country.

“I was born in 1972 to farm the palm trees that are the lifeblood of our farm and the country. We used to have a culture of date palm cultivation and it was the main source of our livelihood,” Abiddi said.

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Iran: will focus on ‘actions’ of new American administration

President-elect Joe Biden has vowed to make Iran a priority, vowing to use the 2015 nuclear accord calling for a return to the nuclear agreement to bring about greater security in the Middle East.

In a statement, the US president-elect said: “We will focus on the actions of whoever is president, rather than who is president, and make sure that it neither has any interest in undermining our security.”

Abdulrahman al-Swalehi, the director of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), said: “We are pleased to see the US president-elect prioritizing Iran’s economy and security interests.”

The US had been one of the few countries to maintain a partnership with Iran, providing economic and security support for the nuclear agreement.

UN conocdes murder of aid worker in S Sudan

The United Nations has condemned the murder of an aid worker in South Sudan, and urged the authorities to step up efforts to protect humanitarian workers.

Gummi abducted a team from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) on October 26 when they were returning from a mission to South Sudan.

The UN has demanded the immediate release of the abducted team.

The UN has also called on the South Sudanese government to take urgent steps to ensure the safety of humanitarian workers in the country.

On the other hand, the South Sudanese government has denied any involvement in the abduction and has expressed its commitment to the protection of humanitarian workers.

The UN has also called on the international community to increase its support for humanitarian operations in South Sudan.

Jordan rules out new presidential elections

Jordan readies for vote

The Jordanian government has announced plans to hold parliamentary elections on November 10, after the previous election was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The announcement came as a reaction to the Jordanian Parliament, which had previously called for new elections to be held in October.

The elections are expected to be held in the four regions of Jordan, with the aim of ensuring a More democratic and inclusive society.

Oman income tax expected in 2022

Oman, a small, oil-rich country in the Arabian Gulf, is expected to introduce income tax in 2022, according to a report by the International Monetary Fund.

The report, which was presented to the Omani government, said that the introduction of income tax would help to boost government revenues and reduce budget deficits.

The government of Oman is currently faced with a large budget deficit, which has been exacerbated by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The report also warned that the introduction of income tax could lead to a slowdown in the economy and a reduction in foreign investment.

The government of Oman has been under pressure to introduce income tax for several years, but has been reluctant to do so due to concerns about the impact on the private sector and foreign investment.

The government of Oman has stated that it will introduce a new tax system, which will include income tax, in 2022.
**Arrests foil Tanzanian opposition rally plans**

Tanzanian opposition leader and presidential candidate Tundu Lissu has been shot in a political protest in the capital, his party said yesterday, after police horses charged demonstrators opposing a delayed election yesterday, killing at least one man and injuring several others.

The opposition has demanded a run-off to the vote, citing what they called widespread corruption and fraud, and called for protests outside the National Assembly today, where President John Magufuli is due to address parliament on October 20.

Lissu was shot near details of Lissu's arrest.

We were able to take full steps to protect him yesterday, to hold on the police presence on the streets and the arrest of several of his sup-

**Fire on the Table**

Congress Tshisekedi talks with the population.

The incident is likely to ramp up a following among Uganda's youth to take it to the streets. 

They have already rejected the outcome, which remains opposition party.

The Ivorian leader says that the electoral court said that he gave an assurance that the results would be discrete and that the country would be free of violence and corruption.

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A survivor from Wollega who was injured in Saturday's attack said that the attackers destroyed property under the guns of police officers, who later arrived to help.

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Lee’s lawyer said in a statement that the court had upheld Lee’s conviction for embezzlement and accepted the appeal by his defense team, which had argued that the appeal should be disposed of “urgently, as released under an interim order by a Seoul court upheld a 17-year sentence in February last year in connection with a series of corruption charges, including alleged misuse of state resources and bribery. The court also upheld Lee’s conviction for embezzlement and accepting bribes, reportedly totaling about $3.5 million, as well as the request by his defense team for a reduction in his sentence, but rejected the request for a retrial, ruling that there was no basis for the claim that the jury was influenced by external factors.

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Barrett takes part in first Supreme Court arguments

The Trump administration has announced an additional nominee to the Supreme Court, Judge Amy Coney Barrett, as an act of political vengeance against the administration of its predecessor. Barrett is currently a judge on the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, where she has earned a reputation as a conservative jurist and a strong proponent of limited government. The announcement comes as the election campaign heat up, with polls indicating a tight race between President Donald Trump and Democratic nominee Joe Biden. Barrett’s confirmation hearing is expected to be contentious and likely to dominate the news cycle in the coming weeks.

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Fears of vote rigging and violence ahead of election

Amidst growing concern over possible vote fraud and violence, the US election is set to take place on November 3rd. The election is expected to be closely contested, with both candidates vying for support in key swing states. The election is seen as a crucial test of the US democracy, with the outcome likely to have far-reaching implications for the future of the country.

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to Article 50. The EU has no legal right to trigger Article 50, but it can do so if the UK does not act in line with the agreement. If there is no deal, the UK will leave the EU without any transition period, which means it will have to start negotiating a new trade deal with the EU. The UK and the EU are both trying to avoid a ‘hard Brexit’, which would mean a complete break from the EU without any transitional arrangements. The UK and the EU have reached a preliminary agreement, known as the Brexit deal, which includes a transition period of up to two years from the date of exit. The deal includes provisions on trade, investment, and other areas, but it is still subject to ratification by the UK parliament and the European Union. The Brexit deal has been welcomed by some but criticized by others, and it remains to be seen whether it will be ratified by both sides in time. The agreement includes provisions on the rights of EU citizens in the UK and UK citizens in the EU, and it includes provisions on the status of Northern Ireland and the Irish sea. The UK has agreed to pay a financial settlement to the EU as part of the agreement, and the UK has also agreed to continue to respect certain EU laws and regulations. The Brexit deal has been welcomed by some but criticized by others, and it remains to be seen whether it will be ratified by both sides in time. It is unclear what will happen if the UK and the EU cannot reach a deal before the transition period ends.

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A tale for the ages: whale sculpture saves train

A runaway Dutch metro train was saved from disaster yesterday after a driver bravely leaped off the tracks to pull a Sculpture of a whale's tail from being crushed.

The 78-year-old driver, who had been in the subway for just four weeks, was able to hang on to the statue after it had jumped the rails.

The driver later told local media that the incident was “miraculous” and that he had been trained in first aid.

It is believed that the statue was caught on the tracks by a high-speed train from Amsterdam, which was travelling at around 120km/h.

The train was approaching a station when the driver saw the statue sticking out of the tracks.

He then reversed the train back towards the station and managed to stop the vehicle before it crashed into the sculpture.

The driver, who was named as Yosuke Ito, said: “I was just doing my job and I did not expect anything to happen.”

Speaking from Chiyoda’s official Twitter account, the WHO said: “We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary.”

Meanwhile, in the UK, the government has announced a new lockdown in line with WHO guidelines.

The new measures are expected to last for at least two weeks and will include the closure of schools, non-essential shops and most workplaces.

WHO Europe Regional Director Hans Kluge said: “We are concerned about the rapid spread of the virus in the region and urge all countries to take immediate action.”

The latest measures come after the UK’s national lockdown was extended for a further 28 days.

The new restrictions are expected to have a significant impact on the economy, with many businesses forced to close and people urged to work from home.

WHO Europe said that the measures would “make a difference” and help to prevent the virus from spreading further.

Kluge added: “We must act now to limit the spread of the virus and protect our health systems.”

Meanwhile, in the US, the White House has announced plans for a new national lockdown to help control the spread of the virus.

President Joe Biden said: “We are committing to a national lockdown to keep the virus under control.”

The new lockdown is expected to last for at least four weeks and will include the closure of schools, non-essential shops and workplaces.

Biden added: “We must act now to save lives and prevent the virus from spreading further.”

The decision comes after a surge in cases in recent weeks, with the number of daily new infections in the US now at its highest level since the start of the pandemic.

WHO Europe said that the new lockdown was necessary to prevent the virus from spreading further and to protect health systems.

The agency added: “We must act now to prevent the virus from spreading further and to protect our health systems.”

Europe may see ‘severe’ Covid waves: experts

Europe may be about to experience a “severe” wave of Covid-19, according to experts.

“Some of our members are already seeing a worryingly high rate of transmission, and with the holidays fast approaching, we have to be prepared for a sharp rise in cases,” said Dr Martin Struijs, a member of the European Commission’s pan-European surveillance system.

“With that in mind, we urge the public to continue to take the necessary precautions to curb the spread of the virus,” he added.

The European Commission has been monitoring the situation closely and has already activated its pandemic preparedness plan.

This includes the deployment of rapid testing kits, the distribution of face masks and the provision of information campaigns.

Struijs said: “We are doing everything we can to prevent a significant rise in cases, and we urge the public to continue to follow the guidelines.”

The commission has also called for the implementation of further restrictions, such as the closure of non-essential services and the enforcement of social distancing.

Struijs added: “We must act now to prevent a severe wave of Covid-19, and we urge the public to continue to follow the guidelines.”

WHO European chief says 2021 will be difficult

The WHO’s European chief has said that 2021 will be “the most difficult year” since the start of the pandemic.

“We are facing a new wave of the virus, and it will be crucial to act quickly and decisively to prevent its spread,” said Dr Hans Kluge.

He added: “We have learned from the mistakes of the past, and we are determined to do everything we can to prevent a severe wave.”

Kluge said that the WHO was working closely with governments and other international organizations to coordinate the response.

He added: “We will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide updates as necessary.”

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England champs but others too make big strides

England may have consigned some of the “trauma” of last year’s World Cup final defeat to the history books by winning the 2020 Six Nations. France could have the greatest cause for optimism after the end of a coronavirus-hit championship.

Almost a year to the day England lost to South Africa in the World Cup final, a 4-1 win away to Italy in Rome to take the Six Nations title from France on points difference, despite Les Bleus’ 35-27 defeat of Ireland last on Saturday.

In February, before Covid-19 became an all-too-familiar phrase and Europe’s major rugby union venues had been closed to resemble training grounds in the absence of spectators, England opened the tournament with a 24-17 win in France in Paris before finding their form again.

“Winning a World Cup final can be quite traumatic and it puts a dent in you and it leaves a scar that you carry around for the rest of your life,” said Jones, who should know given he was also the coach of his native Australia when they were defeated by France in the 2007 final.

England in the 2003 showpiece match. England’s game remains based on their familiar pack strength, with Maro Itoje and Tom Curry leading the way ahead of the upcoming Autumn Nations Cup that replaces traditional tours by the southern hemisphere giants.

France were on course for a Grand Slam until prop Kyle Sinckler’s try for Wales put them on the wrong foot. England were in title contention until the end, but defeats by both England and Ireland, led to questions about their strength in depth.

Reigning Six Nations champions Wales, however, were idle. They lost four and won just one of their matches in their worst Six Nations display since 2007.

For wireless Italy it was an all-too-familiar story as they finished bottom of the table for the 15th time although they are also a much improved side compared to previous years. Overall, rugby seems to be in the pink of health.

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The project, which started under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project, aims to develop the infrastructure of the region and create thousands of jobs for the people of his home district and other nearby districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The federal minister hoped the project would boost the local economy, reduce unemployment, and improve the living standards of the people.

PM to launch the prime minister during his visit to his home district

Pervez Khattak announced that the official launch of the project will take place on October 15.

The CPEC is a joint project between China and Pakistan, aimed at strengthening bilateral economic and trade relations. The project involves the construction of various infrastructure projects, including roads, ports, and power plants.

The project is expected to improve the living standards of the people in the region and boost economic growth.

The federal minister also noted that the government would ensure the implementation of the project, and the people of the area would benefit from it.

Prime Minister Imran Khan launched the CPEC in 2015, and the project has since been a priority for the government.

The project has received criticism from some quarters, with concerns being raised about its cost and benefits. However, the government has been working to address these concerns and ensure the project's success.

The official launch of the project is expected to boost the local economy and create thousands of jobs for the people of the area.
The Public Works Authority (Ashghal) has announced the completion of upgrading work of roads leading to some sports and service facilities in Doha, as part of the ‘Road Improvement Works for Junctions and Roundabouts in Various Areas of Greater Doha (Phase 8)’.

Almost 90% of project materials manufactured locally

The project also involved the improvement of local infrastructure utilities and the construction of service roads, as part of Ashghal’s plan to improve the efficiency of the existing road network in Doha city, a press statement noted.

Khaled al-Quraishi, project engineer in the Western Areas Section of the Ashghal Roads Projects Department, said: “The project’s completed works involved the construction of 1.4km of new roads and the development of a service road, as well as upgrading and widening the existing local roads around Qatar Sports Club, including Al Istiqlal Street, which has been expanded and improved through the project.

“In addition, two new roads were constructed, the first one links Al Istiqlal Street with the rear entrance of the club, while the second one links Al Istiqlal Street with Qatar Sports Club, he added. “Both routes will serve as two new entrances to the club along with the existing one on Al Markhiya Street.”

Al-Quraishi pointed out that “the project works have helped significantly in facilitating access to the club, not to mention the regulation of traffic within and outside the club. Through this project, we managed to reach the targeted traffic flow in the area, particular- ly while organizing sports events at the club and the complex.”

In addition to upgrading Qatar Sports Club’s road network and enhancing its connectivity with nearby main streets, the project’s scope of works involved an upgrade of the street lighting system and the installation of new lighting poles.

Local infrastructure utilities were also rehabilitated and developed, by constructing a 1km-long surface water drainage network and providing protection for the existing power lines, telecommunication cables and potable water networks, the statement noted.

The Roads Operation and Maintenance Department at Ashghal recently rehabilitated and repaired the asphalt layer of roads surrounding the back entrances of the club and the roads leading to the Khalifa Street with Qatar Sports Club, over a length of 300m, in order to enhance traffic safety.

This was in addition to paving and marking those roads and the surrounding sidewalks with the aim of streamlining traffic flow for visitors to sports facilities in the area.

“In line with Ashghal’s strategy to support local manufacturers and Qatari products, and as part of the ‘Ta’heel’ initiative launched by the authority in 2017, almost 90% of the project materials were produced locally by Qatari manufacturers and used in the project works,” al-Quraishi added. “These local materials include lighting poles and lampposts, directional signs, surface water drainage pipes, asphalt, prefabricated manholes, concrete and reinforcement steel”.

Upgrade of roads to some sports facilities completed

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