Qatar's trade with the world will get a further boost with HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz al-Thani yesterday inaugurating the initial operations of the container terminal 2 (CT2), which is poised to enhance the country's competitiveness.

The 403,500sq m CT2 development project comprises four phases. Full operation of Phases 1 and 2 will start before the end of 2022; while Phases 3 and 4 will be developed later to raise the port's operational capacity according to local market's needs.

The CT2, with berth length of 1,200m and a 17m draft alongside, will have annual capacity of 2mn TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units). It “is a new achievement to be added to Hamad Port's record of achievements, thus boosting its huge potential, modern facilities and advanced systems for increasing Qatar's trade with the world, in addition to improving the country's competitiveness by transforming it into a regional trade hub with sustainable development for the coming generations,” HE the Minister of Transport and Communications Jassim Seif Ahmed al-Sulaiti said after the premier inaugurated the initial operations of CT2.

The area of Phases 1 and 2 of Hamad Port's CT2 is 380,000sq m. Its quay is 624m long.
Qatar's embassy delivers aid to flood-affected in Mexico

The embassy of Qatar to Mexico has delivered a shipment of humanitarian aid provided by Qatar to the Mexican people and authorities in response to the damage caused by recent floods in the south of Mexico. The delivery of the aid was officiated by Director-General of European Affairs at the Mexican Foreign Ministry Bernardino Aguilar and Qatar's ambassador to Mexico Mohamed al-Saadi al-Yafei. Dr Lopatka also emphasised the importance of Qatar's support for the government and people of Mexico, pointing out that this comes as a continuation of the reconstruction process the country is witnessing at all levels. Additionally, he said that the agreement also translates the framework of the company’s social responsibility and the re-allocation of its resources in support of civil society and its various institutions, explaining that the company’s efforts centre around two major factors: Firstly, the company’s responsibility towards its shareholders and the prosperity of its operations, and secondly, the company’s responsibility towards the country to build close relations with Qatar and contribute to building a competitive society while looking forward for more joint co-operation in the future.

Priority patients for Covid-19 vaccination to be contacted directly

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Qatar Airways announced on Wednesday that it will offer passengers unlimited changes and fee-free refunds for all tickets issued before April 30, 2021 for travel completed by December 31, 2021. The airline’s latest enhancement to its industry-leading flexible booking policy has been designed to continue providing customers with peace of mind that they can exchange their tickets with ease, a statement said yes-

Qatar Charity initiative to benefit 1,200 students in northern Syria

Qatar Charity (QC) launched its Support Non-Formal Education (SNE) project in northern Syria, which is aimed to benefit some 1,200 students in Azaz and Al-

Qatar Airways offers passengers full year of fare flexibility in 2021

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Mol organises awareness talk on crime prevention

A seminar, organized by the Ministry of Interior under the title of “Crime Prevention” yesterday, underlined the need to follow the rules and regulations to ensure public safety and security. The virtual session was organized by the Capital Security Department (CSD) in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior (MoI) and the Public Prosecution’s website, with the participation of Al-Kubaisi, during the seminar, highlighted the efforts being made by the Capital Security Department and the MoI on “Crime Prevention in Co-operation with the Capital Security Department.”

He said that the public is required to understand the measures put in place by the authorities in order to prevent the spread of these criminal acts which not only cause penalties and punishment for the perpetrators but also influence the number of transfers in vehicles, the lights of the vehicles, and the measures put in place by the authorities in order to prevent the spread of crime, as well as the measures put in place by the authorities in order to prevent the spread of these criminal acts.

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Public Prosecution device gets Mada accreditation

A self-service device, which was developed by the Public Prosecution and was put into practice with the cooperation of Mada – Qatar Technology Center (MoI) yesterday has un- dergone Mada’s accreditation for its electronic accessibility. The device is a product of innovative technologies, provides self-service to the public.

She noted that the Public Prosecution has implemented a number of projects that serve people with disabilities, and comes as an important step to meet the requirements of the Qatar National Vision 2030 goals of providing assistance to all sectors of society.

The self-service device was approved in 2019 as a result of the efforts made and the commitment of the Public Prosecution team to apply digital accessibility standards and to provide maximum support for people with disabilities in the framework of realising one of the Qatar National Vision 2030 goals.

The device aims to digitize the work of the Public Prosecution from the point of view of persons with disabilities, and comes as an important step to meet the requirements of the Qatar National Vision 2030 goals of providing assistance to all sectors of society.

Katara to launch Braille print house

Katara – the Cultural Village has announced that it is to launch the first specialised print house in Braille writing system for the first time in Qatar, the Arab World, as a part of the expansion plans of Katara Printing House, in cooperation with the World Blind Union, which is a key international organisation promoting blindness awareness and rights for the visually impaired.

The announcement was made during the 3rd International Conference of the World Blind Union, which is being held in Marrakech, Morocco.

The move is part of Katara’s commitment to developing more cultural activities that positively affect society.

SAB honours employees and entities in tender supervision

The State Audit Bureau (SAB) held a ceremony to honour a number of employees and entities who are responsible for the supervision of tenders and auction committees, in addition to those who have been involved in the audit work on tenders and the supervision of tenders, in recognition of their hard work and dedication.

The ceremony was held in the presence of Assistant President of the Bureau, Dr. Maha Al Mansouri, and a number of employees and entities who have contributed to this field.

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LuLu Hypermarket hosts second edition of ‘Let’s Eatalian’

LuLu Hypermarket Qatar launched the second edition of Let’s Eatalian - Authentically Italian Products Promotion in Qatar 2020-2021 at the Italian Embassy in Qatar yesterday, in collaboration with the Italian Trade Agency (ITA), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation, and Trade Promotion section of the Italian embassy in Qatar.

The event was inaugurated by Italian ambassador Alessandro Prunas, in the presence of the ITA commissioner Giuseppe Rigoni, director of LuLu Hypermarket Dr Mohamed Ali Al-Khori, director of the Ministry of Municipality and Environment’s Public Foundation for Education, Science and Technology Thouria Hossam, and officials from the National Council for Family Affairs.

Alessandro Prunas, the Italian ambassador to Qatar, said: “We value our strong relations with Qatar and the community there. This event is an opportunity to promote the rich Italian culture and cuisine in Qatar. Let’s Eatalian has become a successful initiative in Qatar since its launch in 2016, and this year it will be a broader and longer campaign involving more partners and promoting many more Italian products.”

He added: “The Italian embassy is proud to continue supporting this initiative and to work with the management of LuLu Hypermarket to highlight the Italian products available in Qatar. Italy-Qatar relations have grown significantly in recent years, and this event is an opportunity to promote Italian food and culture in Qatar.”

Dr Mohamed Ali Al-Khori, director of LuLu Hypermarket, said: “LuLu Hypermarket is very pleased to be a partner in this initiative, which aims to promote Italian products in Qatar. This event is an opportunity for our customers to discover and enjoy Italian products of the highest quality.”

The promotional campaign has been ongoing in Qatar since October 2020 till September 2021 in four quarterly editions, each containing more than 1,000 Italian products, with more than 16,000 items in total.

This year, the event will run until December with a number of Italian goods dedicated to Qatar’s National Day celebrations, with Italian restaurants, bakeries and local Italian companies joining in to make the event bigger than ever before.

The event features a wide range of Italian products, including pasta, vegetables, chocolate, sauces, coffee, olive oil, fresh fruit and vegetables, cheese and dairy products, biscuits, canned vegetables, pasta, rice, meats, bakery products, cakes, coffee, cheese and dairy products, biscuits, canned vegetables, pasta, rice, meats, bakery products, cakes, coffee, cheese and dairy products, and much more.

The event will be held at all LuLu Hypermarket branches in Qatar, with radio ads, social media, radio ads, social media, booklets, and promotional campaigns.

Arab youth exchange views on marriage, challenges

T he Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), a German non-profit foundation for education, science and community development, organize a series of discussion sessions in three Arab countries under the title, Youth on Marriages and its Challenges. The first session was held in Jordan, in co-operation with the National Council for Family Affairs. The last session was held in Qatar, in co-operation with the Qatar Debate Center.

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WOMC Q’s Lifestyle Medicine Week draws big response online

Recent numbers of participants took part in this year’s edition of Lifestyle Medicine Week, which was held from December 6 to 12, 2020. The event, organized by the Institute for Population Health (IPH) at the University of Alberta, is aimed at promoting evidence-based health and well-being practices and addressing a wide variety of health issues, from road safety to nutrition and mental health.

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Lecture throws light on Lekhwiya Force strategy

This year’s Lifestyle Medicine Week had a special focus on the importance of social connectedness for maintaining good health.

Dr Shabnur Cheema, assistant dean, Institute for Population Health, said: "There is a strong link between the health of individuals and that of their families and communities. Research shows that healthy lifestyles are associated with a variety of positive outcomes." She added that taking regular exercise, eating a balanced diet, and getting enough sleep are key to maintaining good health.

The IPH team strongly encourages everyone to make the best use of online communication platforms to stay connected with family and friends during the Covid-19 pandemic.

MME cleans up Doha Corniche

The Ministry of Municipality and Environment’s General Environment Department removed as much as 56.2 tonnes of waste from the targeted locations and roads, including 7.9 tonnes from the Corniche and other roads.

The main Mercedes-Benz Suspension Centre service is one of a series that NBK offers on selected Mercedes-Benz vehicles starting from October 27 to November 27.

Hotel quarantine must for more travellers

Any bookings made on or after 13.00 local time on 23 December 2020 will be required to pay any additional costs between your original hotel booked and other hotels available at the occasion of Qatar National Day celebrations. The hotel department has prepared an exceptional plan to tackle such situations, including preparing the accommodations for the work in those shifts around the day.

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**Gharrafat Al Rayyan Interchange tunnel closure**

The Public Works Authority (Ashghal) has announced a three-month partial closure of the Interchange tunnel from today, December 22, to ensure the final layer of asphalt works on Al Oqda Street as part of the road development project around Al Bayt Stadium. Commuters are advised to use Ahmad bin Jassim Street or any of the side roads of Al Khor Road to reach their destinations. Ashghal will install road signs advising motorists of the temporary closure and urged all to follow them and abide by the speed limit to ensure safety.

**Closure of part of Al Oqda Street in both directions**

The closure in co-ordination with the General Directorate of Traffic is to enable the revamp works of the vital junction. Road users coming from Mehairja Street and heading to Al Sadd through Al Waab Street are advised to use U-turn on Sport City Intersection to joint traff ic, while road users coming from Gharrafat Al Rayyan and heading to Doha will be directed to the signalised Gharrafat Al Rayyan Intersection. Road users coming from Doha and heading towards Al Khor Road towards Al Farkiyyah Beach from December 25 for seven days. The closure in co-ordination with the General Directorate of Traff ic is to complete the surface water drainage network as part of Khalifa Avenue Project. During the closure, vehicles will be coming from the Gharrafat Al Rayyan and heading to Al Oqda Street through Mehairja Intersection. Road users coming from Doha and heading towards the Wholesale Market Street and Al Khor Road from Mehairja Street will be directed to the service road of Al Luqta Street. Ashghal will install road signs advising motorists of the temporary closure and urged all to follow them and abide by the speed limit to ensure safety.

**Partial closure of left turns on Mehairja Intersection**

The Public Works Authority (Ashghal) has announced the closure of the part of Al Oqda Street in both directions from its intersection with Mehairja Intersection to Doha. The closure in co-ordination with the General Directorate of Traffic is to enable the revamp works of the Mehairja Intersection and also the access road for construction work in the marked area. The closure is to complete the final layer of asphalt works on Al Oqda Street as part of the road development project around Al Bayt Stadium. Commuters can use Ahmad bin Jassim Street or any of the side roads of Al Khor Road to reach their destinations. Ashghal will install road signs advising motorists of the temporary closure and urged all to follow them and abide by the speed limit to ensure safety.

**Traffic awareness drive**

Officials from the General Directorate of Traffic visited the Ajial Education Centre as part of an awareness drive. Students were taught about common traffic errors and duties of traffic officers.

**Strong winds and cold spell forecast**

The Qatar Meteorology Department has forecast strong winds, high waves and the possibility of rain. The waves are expected to range between 12-22kt and will be at a maximum intensity in the southern and exterior areas, with a haze or mist expected especially during the evening and night. The strongest winds are expected in the interior and some areas, with gusting up to 30kt at times. The temperature is to range between 11C and 18C and will drop to around 5C during the night and early morning. The maximum temperature is to range between 20C and 24C. The Qatar Airways has cancelled all flights between Qatar and the United Kingdom for the day, adding that Qatar Airways will not operate any flights to the UK for the next seven days. The airline said in a statement that the decision was made to avoid putting passengers in an uncomfortable situation due to weather conditions.

**QRCS, Ajial Qatar conclude forum**

Our Red Crescent Society (QRCS) and Ajial Qatar yesterday concluded the 4th Ajial Forum, which was attended by 20 students at the Sharq Village and Spa, under the theme of ‘Doing Good to Others’. The closing ceremony was attended by QRCS’ V olunteering and Local Development chairman, Marwa Al-Maasri, Al Sulaiti, QRCS’ V olunteering and Development chairman, Bader Al-Mannan, and the Qatar’s most prominent businessman and a contributor to QRCS’s Covid-19 control eff orts, Al-Sulaiti. He lauded the efforts by Ajial Qatar and other partners in the event: the Ministry of Interior’s General Directorate of Civil Defence and General Directorate of Traffic, the Ministry of Municipality and Environment’s (MME) Public Parks Department, and the Sharq Village and Spa (host). Al-Sulaiti said the event played a key role in developing the personalities of the participators. The workshops and activities focused on the Islamic, human, and national values, mainly the principles of Zikr (remembrance of Allah), and the importance of helping others and saving the country. This was evident in the activities done by the students, such as tree planting, traffic awareness and civil defense lectures, and first-aid workshops to help injuries and manage any emergency or accident, she added.
Introducing new medical specialities such as Executive Health services offer a personalized medical assessment, which determine the presence or absence of risk factors and pre-empt or manage associated diseases of high complexity through a series of tests and procedures of prevention, detection and diagnosis made by a highly qualified and experienced medical team (H.E. Dr. Janet Adam).

The ambulatory care centre’s world-class healthcare services are powered by a multinational medical team to offer world-class experiences, among others.

The co-operation between Alfardan Group and Northwestern Medicine is built on the shared values of service excellence, even in the most challenging times. Allowing the right protective measures and policies are in place to safeguard everyone's well-being. These premises have become a priority.

"We operate an American model in advanced and evidence-based medical care, incorporating a multi-disciplinary approach to patient care," Dr. Adam said. "This entails a multitude of healthcare services that incorporate the latest and most advanced technology, architecture, and services."

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Dr. Adam also underscored the vital role of having highly credentialed allied health professionals to provide advanced medical care and premium services.

"AMNM’s vision is to become a pioneering step for the Qatari market and cement Qatar as a regional hub for premium medical services and enhance its prominence as an international medical tourism destination," she said.

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WHO meeting today for new virus variant

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supply of essential goods & essential travel should continue

Pharmaceuticals are a key priority in the response to the Covid-19 pandemic, in addition to vaccines and therapeutics. The World Health Organization (WHO) has identified several key actions that need to be taken to address the pandemic:

- The provision of essential medicines and vaccines
- The strengthening of health systems
- The coordination of global responses

This page contains information about the current status of the Covid-19 pandemic as of 2020, including data on cases, deaths, and vaccine development. It also highlights the importance of global cooperation in responding to the pandemic and the role of international organizations like the WHO and UN in providing guidance and support to countries around the world.

EU urges end to bans over UK Covid strain

The UK has introduced strict travel restrictions to prevent the import of the new strain of the virus, which has been identified in the UK. This is in line with recommendations from the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). The ECDC recommends that countries take measures to prevent the import of the new strain, including the implementation of travel bans and the introduction of testing procedures for travelers coming from areas with high levels of transmission. These measures are intended to prevent the spread of the virus and to protect the health of citizens in the EU.

Two cardinals test positive for virus

Two cardinals have tested positive for Covid-19, bringing the total number of positive cases in the Vatican to four. The cardinals are not currently exhibiting symptoms and will be isolated and monitored by medical staff. The Vatican has announced that a number of preventive measures will be implemented to prevent the spread of the virus within the Vatican City, including the suspension of certain public events and the implementation of严格的 virus screening procedures for all employees and visitors.

In brief

A number of key events and developments have occurred in recent weeks related to the Covid-19 pandemic. These include:

- The development of vaccines and therapeutics
- The implementation of travel restrictions
- The coordination of global responses

These developments highlight the importance of international cooperation and the need for countries to work together to respond to the pandemic effectively. The role of international organizations like the WHO and UN in providing guidance and support to countries around the world is critical in ensuring that the pandemic is contained and controlled effectively.
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Sudan, Ethiopia start border talks

A fter years of tension and fighting, Sudan and Ethiopia started a new chapter of dialogue as both countries launched a border talks mechanism on Tuesday. The talks follow a recent border dispute that resulted in the deaths of dozens of people and raised concerns about the stability of the region.

The initialization of talks was announced by Sudan’s Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok and Ethiopia’s Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed on Monday. Both leaders called for a peaceful resolution to the ongoing border dispute.

The talks are expected to focus on issues such as the demarcation of the borders, mutual recognition of the right to catch fish in the shared Nile waters, and the establishment of a joint border commission.

The agreement was reached in the framework of the African Union’s initiative to resolve the border dispute, which has been ongoing since 2009.

The talks are seen as a positive step towards regional peace and stability, as both countries have been involved in other conflicts in the region, such as the war in Yemen and the conflict in Tigray.

The talks are expected to continue in the coming weeks, with both sides expressing optimism about reaching a mutually acceptable agreement.

West Point hit by cheating scandal

A n investigation into cheating at West Point has found that “systematic cheating” occurred at the U.S. Military Academy, according to a new report released Wednesday.

The report, conducted by an outside group hired by the academy, found that cheating had been widespread and systemic at the academy, with at least a dozen cases of cheating found. The report also found that cheating had been going on for years, with some cases dating back to 2016.

According to the report, cheating was pervasive at the academy, with cases found in every class and every level of the academy. The report also found that cheating was being covered up by academy officials, with some officials even giving students tips on how to avoid detection.

The report recommends that the academy implement a number of measures to prevent future cheating, including more strict monitoring of exams and more extensive background checks on academy officials.

The report also recommends that the academy increase its resources for academic integrity, including more faculty and staff dedicated to monitoring exams and investigating cases of cheating.

The academy has been under pressure to address cheating for years, with parents and students demanding more accountability and a more rigorous enforcement of academic integrity policies.

Putin beefs up protections for ex-presidents

The Russian government has approved a new law that would give ex-presidents more protections, including the right to a new residence, a driver’s license, and the right to have their personal details stored in a special database.

The law, which was signed by President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday, marks a significant shift in how the Russian government treats former leaders. The new law comes after a series of allegations of corruption and abuse of power by former presidents.

The law is expected to be implemented over the next year, with the new residence, driver’s license, and personal data protections going into effect in 2023.

The new law is seen as a response to criticism of the Russian government’s handling of former leaders, with many former president’s and their family members facing charges of corruption and abuse of power.

The law is also seen as a way to prevent former presidents from becoming embroiled in political controversies, as they are often used as political pawns by current leaders.

The law is likely to be controversial, with many opposition leaders calling for it to be rolled back or reversed.

South Korea scurries jets over Chinese, Russian aircraft in air defense zone

South Korea scrambled jets over North Korean and Russian aircraft flying near its airspace on Wednesday, the country’s military said.

The South Korean defense ministry said a patrol plane monitored the flights of two North Korean fighter jets, one Russian jet and another North Korean plane, all of which had entered the country’s air defense identification zone (ADIZ).

The jets entered the ADIZ without authorization, the ministry said, and the South Korean military scrambled its own aircraft to intercept them. The jets later left the ADIZ.

The ministry said the flights were part of ongoing exercises by North Korea and Russia, which have been increasing their military activities in the region.
Qatar’s food security facilities 85% complete

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Qatar’s ‘Strategic Food Security Facilities’ (SFSF), being built at the Hamad Port at an estimated cost of QR1.6bn, is 85% complete, and will be dedicated to the nation by the second quarter (Q2) of 2021.

The Hamad Port project steering committee is overseeing the construction and development of the SFSF for storage, processing, refining, and designing three types of warehouses for the safe storage of rice, sugar, and edible oils, which will be available for use in the local, regional, and global markets.

“The current overall progress of the project is around 85%. Work is ongoing to complete the construction works, and expected to be operational by Q2 2021,” Mohammed bin Sultan, Hamad Port project controller, said.

The SFSF comprises 51 concrete storage silos, with a total storage capacity of about 30.150M MT (metric tonnes).

There are two storage warehouse and triple-module structures.

The total area of the double module warehouse is 13,000 sq m, with a storage capacity of 2.000MT.

The total area of the triple module warehouse is 1,910 sq m, with storage capacity of 100MT. While processing the brown rice, there will be waste in the form of broiler/crusher.

This byproduct has been taken into consideration in the SFSF project design, said Dr. A.J. Pillai, chief operating officer of the SFSF project.

Dr. Pillai said that when the brown rice reaches the processing facility, it consists of 8% brown rice and 92% white rice.

Both types of rice will be milled before packing.

Brown rice will be milled first, and then it will go to long-storage silos, where the white rice will be stored for a minimum of two years.

By extracting the rice bran, the remaining facility can produce brown rice with a capacity of 500MT per day, ready for distribution to the markets.

The SFSF comprises 26 concrete storage silos with a total storage capacity of about 15.220M MT (metric tonnes).

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The total area of the double module warehouse is 6,000 sq m, with a storage capacity of 500MT.

The total area of the triple module warehouse is 3,400 sq m, with storage capacity of 100MT.

The rice processing facility is also designed to produce rice bran as a byproduct from the brown rice mill.

By extracting the rice bran, the facility can produce higher-quality bran, which can be used for animal feed or other applications.

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The total storage capacity of oil tanks is 130,000MT.

The Hamad Port project steering committee is supervising the completion of the SFSF, the oil will be pumped from the SFSF, the oil will be sent to the intermediate storage tanks, and then to the oil-drying section.

Later, it will be stored in large-term storage tanks, which are for a minimum of two years.

As and when required, this oil will be refined in the refinery section, and stored in the refined storage tanks.

From there, it will be sent to the filling section, where oil will be filled and quality control will be done in the filling bottling section.

“Then there are four different types of oil: sunflower, corn, palm, and olive oil. The facility can produce oil in bottles with a capacity of 120MT per day ready for distribution to the market,” he said.

By extracting the oil from the plant and later processing it, the facility can produce 8% rice bran and 92% oil, which is used for the refined storage tanks, with 12% to be used for long-term, and 8% for the final product.

The total storage capacity of oil tanks is 130,000MT.

Two separate filling lines will be used to fill the storage oil. The total storage capacity of all warehouses (final products) has been completed, and work is currently underway on the construction of Warehouses 1 major storage, which is about 60% complete.

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