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**Minister highlights success of Qatar’s infrastructure projects**

**QNA**

Qatar has achieved noteworthy success in the field of infrastructure projects, as highlighted by the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khalid bin Abdullah al-Thani, who said that the country carried out projects such as Hamad International Airport, Doha Metro, and Fort, in addition to building permits with a view to further simplifying the process.

A certificate of completion of construction and the service delivery procedures will be needed. The changes to the procedures are part of a broader effort to establish an electronic system for obtaining building permits with a view to further simplifying the process.

The changes also include obtaining building permits electronically, establishing an electronic system for building licenses, launching the electronic system for telecommunications services, and providing a QR code at the stage of building completion.

The Ministry of Municipality and Environment had launched the electronic system for telecommunications services in February 2014 to reduce the cost and time of obtaining the necessary permits and procedures required for a building.

The system is expected to reduce the time required for obtaining all the necessary permits and procedures from 100 days to 10 days.

The system is expected to include various services and services, such as the process of collecting garbage, and noted that the internet will play a big role in protecting the environment and enhancing the country's economic growth, while the Ministry of Municipality and Environment Engineer Abdullah bin Abdullah bin Turki al-Thani said that the tunnels under the patronage of HE the Minister of Municipality and Environment Engineer Abdullah bin Abdulaziz bin Turki al-Subaie, opened yesterday, will last for five days.

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**QNA**

The workshop measures to protect public in emergency at light water reactor.
Surveillance intensified against coronavirus

By Joseph Varghese

Qatar has put in place several additional measures to contain the spread of the new virus in China on the request of the World Health Organization (WHO). "Since World Health Organization (WHO) announced about the new virus in China on January 8, the Ministry of Public Health and Population Protection (MoPH) decided on the necessary measures to tighten surveillance in the country, ensuring that people are aware of the situation," said Dr. Abdul- Rashid Mohamed al-Khal, head of Infectious Diseases Division at Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC).

"Healthcare workers were also briefed about the situation and are always ready to provide the best health service," he added. According to Dr. Jamal Eid al-Rumaihi, director, Health Protection and Communicable Disease Center at MoPH, the screening laboratory testing of all those measures are in place.

"Depending on the availability of medical supplies in the country, we might screen the people in case any suspected cases are found," he said.

Dr. al-Rumaihi also said that Qatar is trying to assist China. "We are trying to assist China, depending on the availability of medical supplies. However, we will evaluate the situation in the coming days and will take a decision," he added.

The screening will continue until the situation becomes normal. All the suspected cases will be isolated. It will continue at Hamad Medical Corporation (HIC) with fever are screened at the thermal screening. It has been established a clinic at HIA with all facilities such as X-ray and ultrasound service. It will continue until the situation becomes normal.

Even though Qatar Airways has stopped flights to China, we might try to help China with medical supplies in the country, depending on the availability of medical supplies. However, we will evaluate the situation in the coming days and will take a decision," he added.

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Ashghal opens service lane of East Industrial Road

The Public Works Authority (Ashghal) has announced the opening of an approximately 2.5 km northbound service road of East Industrial Road located between East Street 33 Interchange and Al Aba Al Seleel Interchange.

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The opening of the second phase of the East Industrial Road Extension Project will complete the development of the East Industrial Street Extension project that includes the second-linkage to East Street 33 Interchange on the East Industrial Street. The road was opened two months ahead of schedule while the rest of the project is being implemented and will be opened in phases.

The project will be fully opened by the end of the second quarter of 2020, Ashghal said.

The complete project will include four signalised intersections, service roads, pedestrian transition and cycle paths. The carriageway opened in December is located between East Street 33 Interchange on the Industrial Area Road and Al Seleel Interchange on G-Ring Road. It provides free-flowing traffic between Hamad Port Road, D-Ring Road, Industrial Area Road, Salwa Road and Al Furousiya Street.

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HBKU lecture traces architecture of power across Islamic world

Architecture's enduring contributions to establishment of power across the Islamic world was the subject of an event hosted by the Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture at the Hamad Bin Khalifa University’s (HBKU) College of Engineering and College of Sciences. Led by Dr. Jere Bacharach, Professor Emeritus, University of Washington, The Architecture of Power: The Case of the Islamic World: 7th to 21st Centuries was aimed at demonstrating the importance of architecture to political power within Islamic countries.

The presentation began with identifying mosques and churches through the appearance of a minaret or a cross, identifying mosques and churches through architectural patterns at that time. One example is in studying the citadel – a castle in a Muslim city attacked by city walls – from the 10th to the late 10th century. These citadels existed across Spain and India, and typically served as residences for Muslim rulers. The fourth period, identified as the “Modern” or “Modernist” period, presented a gradual move by Muslim leaders to european parts of classical Islamic. This was eventually followed by the creation of new capital cities from scratch. Examples include the capital of the 19th-century Ottoman sultan, Sultan Abdul Aziz, was also highlighted, such as the modern day of Baghdad. Proceeding concluded with a question and answer session as well as additional comments and insights from the floor.

Speaking after the lecture, Dr. M Tarek Swelim, associate professor and programme coordinator for the IAAU programme, said: “While we are a home for contemporary Islamic studies, it’s nevertheless important we consider how the past influences the present. This event raised awareness of the complex relationship between architecture and power, and the evolution of political power across the Islamic world.”

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HEC Paris in Qatar to run executive short programme on February 17-18

HEC Paris will run an executive short programme on February 17-18 at its Doha Campus in Tornado Tower.

The programme, led by associate professor Prof Mathis Schulte, is aimed at giving students new and existing leaders the opportunity to learn about making sound judgments and giving insights into the latest research in this area as well as action frameworks and best practices.

Award winning bank kicks off Business University programme

Barwa Bank has kicked off its 2020 with a positive initiative on personal finance product by offering a cash reward to their customers for paying their salaries through their bank accounts.

Any additional information about the new personal finance product can be found at www.barwabank.com or contact the bank’s dedicated call centre on 988555.

Gulf Times in Qatar on Monday, February 3, 2020

Qatar University’s Career Development Centre (QU-CDC) has announced its Career Qualifying Programme (CQP) for new and existing students.

The programme is aimed at offering participants logical reasoning to make better decisions, and give insights into the latest research in this area as well as action frameworks and best practices.

QU centre offers Career Qualifying Programme

With the aim of enhancing opportunities for the local students, the Centre is collaborating with Dolphin Energy to offer a Career Qualifying Programme. The role of the Career Development Centre is to develop and train students to help them obtain employment opportunities.

Maha al-Marri, director of the Centre, said that the Centre is to develop and train students with the professional skills that qualify them to obtain a job that meets their aspirations and work needs. The programme focuses on experiential learning, engaging participants in a series of simulations, exercises and role-plays that are aimed at enhancing participants’ abilities and understanding their core responsibilities.

“Making sound judgments is at the heart of managerial and leadership decision making,” said Prof Mathis Schulte, HEC Paris faculty member and programme coordinator.

The programme, which includes 15 training workshops for students, has already received applications from male and female students. The workshops covered topics such as decision-making, negotiation, effective communication and leadership.

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**Bona fide Indians abroad won’t be affected by new NRI tax rule**

A Finance Ministry official said the proposed provision in the general budget presented by Indian Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman yesterday intended to include in the tax net those Indian citizens who are bona fide workers in other countries.

Earlier, an Indian citizen would become an NRI if he stayed outside India for more than 182 days and enjoyed tax benefits. Under the new provision, however, those with foreign jobs would have to stay outside India for 241 days to get the tax relief.

Amending the present provision in the income tax law, the budget proposed that “wealth- standing anything contained in Class I, an individual—being a citizen of India—shall be deemed to be a resident in India in any previous year, if he is actually or constructively resident by reason of his main place of business, main place of business or business or source of income situated in India.”

A Finance Ministry official clarified that “bona fide workers in other countries” are not included in the tax net those Indians who are bona fide workers in other countries.

**GIRARD-PERRAUX**

**The Laureate Absolute**

Mercedes-Benz A-Class set to wow Qatar aficionados

*Neues Kleid, Alles Automobil.* The author, 2020, presented in the A-Class Sedan, is the Mercedes-Benz concept on sales launch, announced yesterday. The A-Class Sedan is the seventh model in the Mercedes-Benz compact class and comes with the C-Class (43). With the addition of the A-Class Sedan, Mercedes-Benz will introduce a premium compact saloon that will sit between the A-Class Hatchback and the CLA Coupé.

The A-Class Sedan has a dynamic and compact design with a new front end and a new grille. The front end is designed to look larger and more prominent. The grille features a new chrome design with a new Mercedes-Benz logo.

The A-Class Sedan is equipped with a 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbocharged engine and a 7-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission. The engine produces 184 horsepower and 280 lb-ft of torque. The A-Class Sedan accelerates from 0-60 mph in 6.9 seconds and has a top speed of 143 mph.

The A-Class Sedan is equipped with a 7-inch touch-screen infotainment system with a new Mercedes-Benz User Experience (MBUX) interface. The system includes voice control, gesture recognition, and a new Augmented Reality Navigation feature.

The A-Class Sedan also comes with a new multi-mode transmission with adaptive launch control, stop-start system, and auto start-stop function. The transmission is designed to improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions.

**Al Messila Retreat launches membership campaign**

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*“W e understand the challenges faced by the modern-day woman, “ said Patrizia Hofer, general manager of Al Messila Resort & Spa. “Devoting time to yourself is never seen before in the Middle East”, according to Dr. Alison Stone, general manager of Al Messila Retreat. “It infuses the highest standards of luxury with a lifestyle that fosters a warm, nurturing and peaceful environment. “

*“The engine line-up at launch: a 200 (120 kW/163 hp, 250 Nm), with 7G-DCT dual-clutch transmission (fuel consumption combined 4.1-4.0 l/100 km, CO2 emissions combined 104-102 g/km), and a 250 (190 kW/258 hp, 500 Nm), with 9G-Tronic. The engine line-up is fuelled with 91 RON premium fuel.**

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*Gulf Times Monday, February 3, 2020*
Top EU diplomat to visit Tehran amid Tensions

EU diplomacy

The EU diplomat, who is scheduled to visit Iran, said officials are looking for an opportunity to discuss a range of issues, including the nuclear deal and the future of the regional situation.

During his two-day visit, the diplomat will meet with Iranian officials, including Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, to discuss ways to de-escalate tensions and seek common ground for political solutions. The EU has consistently expressed support for a diplomatic resolution to the regional conflict.
Air strikes in northwest Syria kill 14 civilians

**By AFP**

A ir strikes by the Syrian government and its Russian ally yesterday killed 14 civilians in a rebel-held area in西北部 of Idlib province, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

The deaths were reported in the city of Saraqeb, in the northwestern part of Idlib province, the Observatory said. It added that the strikes also targeted the town of Kafriya, home to some 3mn people, but the affiliate controls the Idlib region.

The Russian air force conducted the attacks, targeting the homes of a nine-year-old girl and a ten-year-old boy and destroying a two-storey building, as well as the headquarters of the town said.

Meanwhile, Syrian rescue workers known as the White Helmets search for victims under the rubble of a house hit in a reported air strike by pro-regime forces in the town of Sarmin in the Idlib region.

In recent months, pro-Daesh forces have pressed northwards along the dirt highway that connects the capital Damascus to second city Aleppo.

Last week the government forces took a town along the highway and are now just several kilometres from the dissolved town of Saraqeb, which is the bastion of the National Liberation Front, an Arab rebel group.

The Observatory said that the airdrop of aid was a response to the strikes.

A Turkish-Bashirian said in 2014 that the town had been the scene of attacks by rebels and government forces.

A Turkish-Bashirian commando in the town said the town was now under the control of the regime.

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Democratic presidential contenders make final push ahead of Iowa ballot battle

Democratic voters in Iowa are set to cast their ballots on Tuesday, February 3, marking the first stop in the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination process. The candidates are vying for the support of the Iowa electorate, which is known for its decisive role in the primary season, often determining the candidates’ chances of moving forward in the race. With a significant number of states in the field, the outcome in Iowa is crucial for candidates to position themselves well for the subsequent primaries.

Early spring a ‘certainty’, says Punxsutawney Phil

Punxsutawney Phil has emerged from his burrow to predict that the long winter is about to end, as the groundhog marked the official start of spring with his annual prediction. The event, a tradition that dates back to the 19th century, is held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, on February 2, known as Groundhog Day. The prediction has become a popular annual event, drawing large crowds to the small town to witness the famous groundhog's forecast.

US confirms its 8th case of coronavirus, Pentagon to provide quarantine housing

The US Department of Defense announced the confirmation of its 8th case of coronavirus, bringing the total number of infections to 19. The Pentagon said that it would provide quarantine housing at military bases for the US citizens currently under quarantine. The decision was made in response to the rapidly spreading coronavirus, which has raised concerns about the potential for further outbreaks. The Pentagon has taken steps to ensure the safety and health of its personnel and to prevent the spread of the virus.

Republican senators slam Trump but back him for Senate acquittal

Republican senators in the US Senate have started to distance themselves from President Donald Trump, particularly in the wake of his impeachment trial. However, they have also signaled their support for his acquittal, emphasizing their commitment to maintaining the balance of power in the Senate. The situation is complex, with some senators expressing concern about the president’s behavior and others treading carefully to maintain their political standing.

Washington

Mick Mulvaney and others.

Mark Esper approved a request for assistance from the Department of Health and Human Services for supporting up to 1,000 people who may be subject to quarantine upon returning from abroad.

The Pentagon's request follows from Department of Defense to provide additional support for the coronavirus response, including quarantine facilities at military bases.

Pentagon officials said the request was in response to concerns about the potential for further outbreaks and the need to ensure the safety of US citizens.

Washington

Mike Pence

The vice president has been criticized for his role in the president's coronavirus response, with some calling for his resignation.

Pence has been in the crosshairs of the president's critics, who have accused him of mishandling the crisis.

Washington

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Charles P. Ligon Jr.

The White House has been accused of failing to take adequate steps to address the coronavirus crisis.

Pence has faced criticism for his handling of the pandemic, with some calling for his resignation.

Washington
More foreigners leaving China as coronavirus fears mount

China imposed a lockdown on the city of Wuhan on Wednesday, a day after the World Health Organization said the virus outbreak was a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern". The disease has infected nearly 14,500 people and spread to 24 other countries.

A woman queuing for medicine at a pharmacy in Wuhan.

The latest news comes as the new coronavirus, which has infected over 900 people in China and spread to 24 other countries, continues to spread globally. The virus, which originated in Wuhan, has become a major concern for public health officials around the world.

The disease has caused 304 deaths so far, with most of them in mainland China. The number of confirmed infections has increased significantly, and the virus has been confirmed in several other countries, including the United States, Canada, and Australia.

The stringent measures taken by Chinese authorities to control the spread of the virus have had a significant impact on the country's economy. The long holiday break has caused a decrease in economic activity, and many businesses have been affected.

The health authorities have been working closely with international organizations to ensure that the virus does not spread further. The WHO has also been providing guidance and support to countries that are affected by the virus.

The situation remains tense, and authorities are working hard to contain the spread of the virus. The international community is closely watching the developments and providing support to countries that are affected.

The virus is currently classified as a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" by the WHO, and countries around the world are taking precautionary measures to prevent its spread.
EU would be enthusiastic if Scotland applied to rejoin: Tusk

Sinn Fein draws level with Fianna Fail in new poll

Raab accused of diplomatic ‘sabre-rattling’ over EU talks

Tory donor embroiled in three disputes with HMRC
Estate owners queue up to reintroduce beavers

Fears grow over HS2’s potential impact on biodiversity

Police shoot dead man after ‘terrorist-related’ stabbing

Help bees by not mowing dandelions, gardeners told

Grimaldi service
Activists storm German coal power plant facility

Germany speed limit row exposes coalition cracks

More than 300 migrants arrive at Italian port

Bulgaria police bust trafficking route

Kosovo parties reach deal on government

Area cleared ahead of WWII bomb

Kosovo’s two biggest parties reached a deal yesterday to resolve the political crisis that has paralysed the government for months, in a development that could stave off an election. The deal was reached just a day after K Thaci, Kosovo’s president, and Albin Kurti, leader of the Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK), attended a press conference in Pristina.

In October, Vetevendosje and Vetëvendosje lekơmeri (VLP) ended months of political deadlock by agreeing to form a new government. The two parties, which are led by former president Hashim Thaci and current prime minister Edi Rama, respectively, have been divided over issues including TV advertising and the country’s EU membership prospects.

Under the terms of the agreement, Vetevendosje will hold the ministry of the interior and local administration, while the VLP will get the ministry of justice.

Kosovo

Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez has signed a deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to lower the country's debt and improve its economic prospects. The agreement, which was negotiated over several months, includes a €10 billion loan from the IMF and other international lenders.

Spain’s debt level had been steadily rising in recent years, mainly due to the country’s high unemployment rate and the...
**Execution of Nirbhaya case convicts must not be delayed**

Agencies

A second positive case of the coronavirus has been reported in Kerala, the Health Ministry said on Saturday.

The patient is a young woman who returned to India from China on January 24.

“The patient is a doctor in Thiruvananthapuram and she is a doctor in isolation in accordance with the rules,” the ministry said.

The case of coronavirus reported in India was in Kerala.

The female student from China who returned from China to Kerala was symptomatic, according to the ministry.

The minister said the patient admitted in Thiruvananthapuram Medical College is in asymptomatic and her condition is stable.

“Approximately 1,900 people are under observation in the state of which 50 samples have been tested for COVID. Out of the 50, we got the result of 24, of which one sample has tested positive,” the ministry said.

“The patient has tested positive for COVID-19 and there is no need to panic. Everyone should cooperate,” the minister said.

The Kerala government is prepared to deal with this situation, he said.

The state government is also on alert for any other cases, he said.

Meanwhile, Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said the central government has “very well calculated and well thought out attempt to frustrate the process of law and at the same time there should be no delay in their hanging”. The minister said that the convicts must see that the court and executory or not, then there’s no use of the state and society.

Mehta, the government’s top counsel, said the petition filed by the Ministry of Home Affairs challenging the juvenile court’s order has been filed before the Supreme Court on the hanging of Abu Javed and Mukesh and Vinay have exhausted their legal remedies.

He said the patient hasn’t seen the need to take the decision by the juvenile court in the right manner.

Rahul Raj Singh, an advocate who represents the government in the Center, said the petition will be heard on Monday.

Fawaz, Pilkar and Akhand, who are facing trial on a charge of rape and murder, were granted bail by the court in September in 2018.

The petition was filed by the Union government against a juvenile court’s order in January 2018, which had granted bail to the accused.

The petition is likely to be heard by a bench of three judges.

Meanwhile, the Health Ministry said the central government has given instructions to all states and union territories to screen passengers from China for the virus.

It has been proved that coronavirus is spreading in the last few days.

Everyone should cooperate, the minister said.

“The two legislators who lost the bypolls in the Union territory are in a state of shock,” the minister said.

Kiran Bedi, who is the lieutenant governor of the Union territory, said they are being screened for the virus.

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Crop diseases pose threat to Venezuela’s food supplies

**Venezuela**

Venezuelan citrus farmer Mario Huezo has been fighting a deadly crop disease that threatens the country’s tropical fruit trade, despite efforts to control it. Huezo said the citrus disease threatens to wipe out his mangoes, which are one of his main export products. He has been trying to control the disease for two years, but the disease has spread to nearby farms and there is a risk the disease will spread to other countries.

**Venezuela’s tropical fruit trade**

The tropical fruit trade is a significant source of income for Venezuela, and the disease threatens to severely impact the country’s economy. Huezo said that the disease has been spreading rapidly and that he has been struggling to control it. He has been using a variety of methods, including chemical treatments and biological controls, but the disease has been resistant to these methods.

**Crop disease and food security**

The disease is a serious threat to food security in Venezuela, as the country relies on imports to meet its food needs. The government has been trying to control the disease, but the efforts have been hindered by lack of resources and infrastructure. Huezo said that the situation is critical and that the government needs to take urgent action to control the disease before it spreads further and affects other countries.

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**Guaidó urges mobilisation ahead of Venezuela return**

**Thomson Reuters Foundation**

CARACAS (Reuters) - Venezuela’s opposition leader Juan Guaido, who is recognized by many countries as the country’s legitimate leader, has called for a new round of protests to demand free elections and the resignation of President Nicolas Maduro.

Guaidó, who returned to Venezuela on Sunday after more than 15 months in exile, vowed to keep up the pressure on Maduro, who has faced international isolation and amid threats of military action.
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Pakistan seeks passengers of coronavirus-hit China to become focal point

A day earlier, the party put out a statement saying that “PTI out to sabotage itself?” It was decided that there would be a briefing on the performance of the control committee next week.

Hike protest

Supplies from Pakistan for Wuhan arrive in China

The medical supplies include 10,000 medical masks, 600browser hazardous material suits, and 3,000 pairs of gloves. A number of other countries have also offered donations of medical supplies to China to support its fight against the epidemic. A Pakistani doctor who volunteered to treat coronavirus patients in Wuhan has been hailed by Pakistanis as well as by other community members residing in China. Dr. Mohammed Umar, who was appointed as the first foreign doctor who stepped forward to treat infected patients in view of a COVID-19 outbreak, accompanied the team to complete the first and hard work despite the International Athletic League. His courage would result in death of a citizen from the country. The news continues to unfold, and the government has been working hard to eliminate the locusts and protect the wheat crop.

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Govt reports first virus death outside China

By ML Vito 

President Rodrigo Duterte has ordered all Cabinet secretaries to visit thePhilippines to contain the spread of the coronavirus disease, “he said yesterday, citing the country and all persons within our jurisdiction as the first priority, and upon further advice of the Department of Health of the virus that has affected other countries, the President has immediately approved the following resolution of the Cabinet secretaries,” Mr. Duterte said.

The President also ordered all resident and non-resident citizens coming from China, Hong Kong and Macau to be quarantined and the aircraft would be disinfected as well.

The President had earlier appealed to the country’s compatriots to set up an isolation and quarantine program for labor forces returning from China.

He also appealed to the labor force in China to safely bring the Filipino workers home and to assure them of the country’s assistance and support.

The President also appealed to the Department of Labor and Employment to extend support to those Filipinos who were stranded in China and to assure their safety.

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**Chilling discovery: warm water melting glacier in Antarctica**

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The discovery was made at the glacier’s grounding zone — the place where the ice transitions between resting fully on bedrock and floating on the ocean as an ice shelf and which is key to the overall rate of retreat of a glacier.

Thwaites’ demise alone could have significant impact globally. It is the second largest glacier in Antarctica, and its melting would contribute to sea-level rise around the globe.

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Scientists refer to Thwaites as the “doomsday glacier” due to the dire implications its rapid melting could have for the planet. Though a 10ft rise in sea level would likely not take the melting of the glacier either means the US would lose 28,800sq miles of coastal land and pushing 12.5mn people currently living in those areas out of their homes.

For a brighter picture, the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration projects that the Thwaites Glacier will melt at a rate of 182,000 new feet per month, over the next 15 years.

But there are plenty of bright spots, and signals.

US headhunters at defence contractor Lockheed Martin, for example, have firmed up by about 150,000 employees since the end of 2016 and had an annual rate of growth of 14.4% per month on average during the last three years before Barack Obama’s administration, according to US Department of Labour records.

“Trump wins some, loses some when compared to Obama,” said John Work, chief economist at Moody’s Analytics, referring to seasonally adjusted numbers including stock market gains (more under Trump), federal budget deficits (less under Obama), home mortgage rates (lower under Obama), and household wealth (lower under Trump).

Besides the usual economic factors, the one without Trump would have been the US and China one while in office, but China and other economies suffered a “harmonious relationship” as well.

“China is becoming a very serious pivot to growth,” said John Work as we’re used to seeing 200,000 new jobs per month created during the last three years. Trump’s trade tensions, however, have kept payrolls inline are getting mixed reviews from investors.

Shares of Harley-Davidson have dropped 5% since the president bullied the “scapegoats” for his trade policies.

US unemployment at the lowest in half a decade, the causes of fair and reciprocal trade, lower monetary tightening and a global consumer confidence are rising.

While the glacier’s melting is linked to warming oceans, scientists also say that it may be undergoing an unstoppable retreat that underscores the challenges posed by global warming.

Under Obama, the US labour force has grown at an annual rate of 0.5% in the 10 years since the 2009 recession and created every month, but it will be one-third of that many years from now, according to company disclosures.

For a broader picture, the US unemployment has hit when the sector fell into its deepest still, struggles within the Trump portfolio explains how the president’s economic and immigration policies have produced uneven results under Obama’s “America First” agenda – rebuilding the country’s manufacturing base – recently took a hit as its more than a decade.

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But what is the deal all about? And how did it come to fruition? Here’s your guide:

**What is the deal?**

The deal is a partnership between the UK and Kuwait aimed at providing a sustainable solution to the locust outbreak. It involves the distribution of funds to local farmers and the introduction of new technologies to help manage the insect.

**Why was it needed?**

The locust outbreak has caused widespread devastation across the Middle East and Africa, affecting crops and livestock. The UK has a long history of working with international partners to address global challenges, and this deal is part of that commitment.

**How will it work?**

The funds will be used to support local farmers in Kuwait, helping them to manage their crops and livestock. New technologies and sustainable practices will also be introduced to help control the locust population.

**What does it mean for the UK?**

This deal is a positive example of how the UK can work with international partners to address global challenges. It demonstrates the UK’s commitment to supporting global food security and shows the potential for similar partnerships in the future.

**What does it mean for Kuwait?**

The deal will provide much-needed support to local farmers in Kuwait, helping them to manage their crops and livestock. It also has the potential to create new economic opportunities for the country.

**What about the wider picture?**

The locust outbreak is a global problem, and it is important that we work together to address it. This deal is a positive step forward, but more needs to be done to ensure that the global food security is maintained.

**Conclusion**

The locust outbreak is a complex issue, but the UK and Kuwait partnership provides an example of how we can work together to address it. It is important that we continue to support these efforts and work towards a more sustainable future for global food security.
Qatar Youth, Junior Choirs perform at QNL concert

The Qatar Youth and Junior Choirs performed at QNL as part of the Qatar e-Nature Schools Competition 2020. The concert was the first full performance of the two choirs in the quarter-finals of the competition, which features singers aged 10-18. The choir was awarded first prize in the Inaugural Qatar National Music Competition in October 2017 in the Youth category and recently represented Qatar on the global stage at the World Choral Festival in Portugal.

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MME drawing contest spreads awareness on foodborne diseases

The annual children’s drawing competition and exhibition was inaugurated by Salem Hammoud al-Hajri, director of the municipal control department at Doha Municipality, yesterday. The event has been organized by the Municipality to instruct children, students and the public about the theme ‘Together ... to promote health and safety as well as environmental awareness and create environmental habits among the new generation that will lead the country to a better and healthier future,’ she added.

The opening ceremony was attended by Khalid bin Ibrahim Al Sulaiti, general manager of the Doha Municipality, and students from each school taking part. The exhibition hosts 40 paintings from last year and selected paintings dealing with the concept of food safety with awareness messages in Arabic and English, as well as pictures containing a select of the municipality’s efforts to maintain the health and safety of consumers and as part of the awareness efforts of Doha Municipality to instruct children on the proper rules of food safety as well as environmental awareness and create environmental habits among the new generation that will lead the country to a better and healthier future,” she said.

Cheb Khaled captivates Doha

As part of the closing ceremony of Shop Qatar, Cheb Khaled performed his hits on Friday at Mall of Qatar’s Oasis stage, bringing his most popular songs, such as ‘Drill’ and ‘Ciel Lo Ve’ among many others, to the attendees who were enjoying an exciting and unique experience at the mall.

Khaled’s performance was followed by a spectacular balloon drop. Celebrations had started just before the concert with Shop Qatar grand flash sale, offering customers up to 50% off and revealing winners of cash prizes and super cars.

The 9th edition of Halal Qatar Festival gets under way

The ninth edition of Halal Qatar Festival was inaugurated yesterday afternoon on the western side of Katara – the Cultural Village. The event has become a landmark event for livestock and herd raisers and those interested in the field within Qatar and the GCC region, he stressed on the occasion. "Every year, the Halal Qatar Festival sees more developments and specialisation from both the technical and aesthetic perspectives to expand its activities and the related competitions, with new ones added," he said. The Swedish ambassador to Qatar, Anders Bengtson, attended the opening ceremony and highlighted the event’s role in increasing food safety as well as environmental awareness, “This is in line with the Qatar National Vision 2030 and the objectives of the ministry. We would like to thank Sasol for their dedication to help take care of the new generation that will lead our country to a better and healthier future,” he added.

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