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It was followed by HE the Secre-
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Hamed bin Ali bin Abdulilah al-Khalaf. In a speech at the opening session, HE al-Khalaf welcomed the mem-
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Qatar Energy Foundation sign solar energy co-operation MoUs

QatarEnergy and the Qatar Energy Foundation have signed a memorandum of understanding to cooperate in the field of solar energy, in line with the country's national strategy to achieve Qatar National Vision 2030.

The memorandum was signed byHE Dr. Almeera Al-Jalahma, CEO of the Foundation and HE Mr. Mr. Saqa Al-Mousawi, CEO of Qatar Energy, during a ceremony.

Qatar Energy's role is to support the government's goals of achieving energy security, reducing carbon emissions and enhancing the country's energy self-sufficiency.

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Addressing the Qatar National Assembly, Kuwaiti Speaker Marzouq bin Ali Al-Nassiri arrived in Doha yesterday on an official visit to the country. His Excellency was accompanied by high-ranking officials welcomed upon arrival at Hamad International Airport by HE the Speaker of the Shura Council, Hassan bin Abdullatif Al-Ghanim, the Deputy Speaker of the Shura Council Dr Ahmad bin Salim bin Hassan Al-Kuwari, Kuwaiti Ambassador to Qatar Ahmed bin Nasser al-Fadala, Kuwaiti ambassador to Qatar Dr Hafeez bin Mohamed al-Ajmi, and a number of officials at the Kuwaiti mission.

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The Director-General of the UN Office in Geneva, Tatiana Valovaya, met with HE the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the UN in Geneva, Dr Haneen Al-Mansouri. During the meeting, co-operation relations between Qatar and the UN were reviewed. Valovaya commended Qatar’s contribution to the advancement of the work of the UN and its support for the work of the organisation, in what enhances the international community’s benefit and working in a developed and safe environment.

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Ooredoo launches Huawei smart board

Ooredoo, Qatar’s leading provider of ICT, announced its role as an official channel partner for providing the Huawei IdeaHub to businesses across multiple sectors. This comes in line with Ooredoo’s vision to make the most of its breadth and depth of talent, best fixed and mobile networks as well as its cloud and AI capabilities.

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DICID symposium will discuss role of interfaith dialogue

Armed Forces conclude infantry contest

The Armed Forces concluded the infantry competitions for the year 2021, which was held under strict precautionary procedures as part of the military training plan 2021, as the Commander of the General Command of Forces, Major General Salem Fahd al-Ahbabi, approved the outcomes of the competition and delivered the prizes.

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MoI offcials meet CMC members

The Ministry of Interior (MoI) organized a meeting with the members of the Coordinating Committee for the Security and Coordination in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The meeting, which was headed by HE the Minister of Interior, General Lieutenant (Ret.) Mohamed bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz al-Thani, was attended by HE the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Ahmad bin Abdullah al-Thani, HE the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Khalid bin Muhammad Al-Attiyah, and a number of MoI officials and the committees.

Fisheries Department attends regional meet

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Qatar is now a hub luring world-renowned artists

Qatar is fast becoming an art hub as it continues to attract world-renowned artists and institutions to participate in the 12th edition of the Qatar International Art Fair (QIAF) 2021, which kicked off on Tuesday October 12.

Also the founder and president of Qatar Art Council, she noted that the success of the event, which has drawn more than 300 artists from 65 countries, was a reflection of Qatar's vision of becoming the cultural capital of the world and one of the biggest cultural hubs in the world.

“The increasing number of participating artists and art-lovers due to the rising popularity of the festival and the success of its editions encourages us to continue with our efforts and make the QIAF the most important art fair in the region and the world,” she said.

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By Joey Aguilar

Call to address worsening global climate refugee crisis

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QF forum: Art thrives through freedom

Art must be inclusive, open and must reflect expression rather than propaganda, and artists who take risks and work against a backdrop of challenges are “heroes”, the latest edition of Qatar Foundation’s Education City Speaker Series hosted.

In collaboration with Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts, the forum provided a platform for Qatar-based artists and those from around the globe to promote and showcase their creativity.

“This is a platform for Qatar-based artists and those from around the globe to promote and showcase their creativity,” said Al-Sulaiti on Monday and will conclude tomorrow.

A cultural tour around Doha was organised recently by the participating artists, as part of the event such as painting and sculpture exhibitions, live painting interventions, artistic fashion show, master classes, cultural talks and panel discussions.

The festival will also hold a grand award ceremony on the concluding day. The US embassy in Doha is taking part in QIAF 2021, as part of Qatar-USA 2021 Year of Culture and Qatar Sustainability Week, by hosting an exhibition, artistic fashion show, master classes, and a cultural tour.

Organisers noted that Doha Rose Garden from India is the participating partner of the festival, along with other art platforms from around the world.

Speakers included visual artists, designers, and graffiti artist Assil Diab, a VCU Alumna whose street art is featured in UN, Anna Art Gallery from Armenia, Bosnia Art Gallery from France, Egyptian Art Gallery from Egypt, Art Guest Agency from Russia and UN in American University from Lebanon.

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A Hero to launch Ajyal Film Festival

By Joseph Verginhal

A day earlier, a film shot by Ashghal, a Saudi Arabia-based company, was shown at a special screening of the 8th edition of the Ajyal Film Festival in Doha. The festival has been celebrated for the second year in a row and will continue until October 30. It includes 31 features, multi-media art exhibits, and community-oriented events. The festival will deliver a weeklong calendar of film screenings and community-oriented events in the spirit of togetherness and the mobilization of talent in advocating for the pandemic.

The Ajyal Film Festival is a film festival and a competition that was established in 2016 by the Doha Film Institute (DFI). It is an annual event that attracts participants from around the world and is one of the most important film festivals in the Middle East. The festival aims to foster a culture of film and provide a platform for aspiring filmmakers. It is a celebration of diversity and inclusion, and it is open to filmmakers from all over the world.

The festival is dedicated to celebrating the power of film to bring people together and to inspire change. It is a forum for filmmakers to showcase their work and to network with other filmmakers, industry professionals, and film enthusiasts. The festival also offers workshops, masterclasses, and other educational programs to help emerging filmmakers develop their skills.

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The festival will feature a diverse range of virtual and in-person events, including film screenings, interactive discussions, masterclasses, and networking opportunities. The festival also includes a competition for feature-length films, short films, and animation.

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Qatar Charity’s ‘Educate Me’ bus takes off to support orphans’ education

The ‘Educate me’ bus took off from its first stop at Lusail Corniche in east Lusail to roam through many public places and public parks like the Night Market, Al-Shakal Sports Club and Parks, and Al-Shakal Park. Qatar Charity’s Programs and Community Development director Fatma Juma al-Mohannadi said that the idea of the ‘Educate me’ bus aims to raise awareness and garner support for the implementation of educational projects, and to acquaint visitors with the ‘Educate me! Let the hope continue!’ drive, and its educational goals, through the models of school supplies needed by students at the beginning of the academic year. She also thanked Qatar Diar for supporting the ‘Educate me’ bus.

The exterior of the bus has been decorated with posters, stickers and models containing the campaign’s logo and defining its objectives, products, target groups, and ways to donate. The bus has a website to provide information about the campaign, in addition to a collector to receive donations.

The ‘Educate me’ bus comes as part of the ‘Educate me! Let the hope continue!’ drive which was launched by Qatar Charity to support educational projects within and outside Qatar, and is expected to benefit 8,000 students from low-income families in Qatar and orphaned students in 11 countries around the world.

The campaign seeks to mobilize support to contribute to covering the costs of school supplies like school bags, stationery, and school uniforms, in addition to building and maintaining schools. Qatar Charity upon benefactors, both citizens and residents, in Qatar, to donate to the campaign, aiming to support the education of orphans worldwide and that of children from low-income families in Qatar.

People can also donate to the campaign through Qatar Charity’s website (https://www.qcharity.org/en/q), app (qch.qa/q/app), branches, and collection points, in addition to requesting a ‘Home Collector’ and dialing hotline 44667711 for donating.

Qatar Charity opens branches and collection points

Qatar Charity (QC) opened two branches, one in Al Dhafra and another in Al Warqa’ as well as a collection point in Al Wakra Hospital, taking the number of its branches to 31, 22 for men and 9 for women, across the State of Qatar.

Qatar Charity, through the opening of its branches and collection points, seeks to facilitate the process of donating across the country.

The opening of Qatar Charity’s branches aims to expand its reach to serve the community and make it easier for benefactors to make donations near their residence, using the best and latest collection methods. The new branches are expected to receive cash and in-kind donations to support charitable, developmental and humanitarian projects implemented by Qatar Charity within and outside Qatar to maximize the number of benefactors.

The branches and collection points are open from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. On Fridays, they are open after the Friday prayer to 10:00 pm. The Al Dhafra branch near The Mall is open from 09:30 am to 09:00 pm, except on Friday, which is a weekly holiday.

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Qatar Charity lays foundation stone for health center in Somalia

The Minister of Health of Puntland State in Somalia, Jama Farah Hassan, appreciated the Qatar support to help the Somali people, continue implementing several health and infrastructure projects, and support basic services in areas of need.

This came during his speech on the occasion of laying the foundation stone by Qatar Charity for the health center in Garowe, the capital of Puntland State. He expressed his gratitude to the benefactors of Qatar for their generous donations that support the health sector in the state.

The 300-square-meter center is expected to provide its services to more than 6,000 people from the city and surrounding villages. Beneficiaries can also donate easily through Qatar Charity’s website (https://www.qcharity.org/en/q) and app (qch.qa/q/app), in addition to requesting a ‘Home Collector’ and dialing hotline 44667711 for donating.

The minister emphasized the importance of the center for residents of the area, noting that expanding health services for the benefit of all the sections of society, especially women, children, and the elderly, was one of the main priorities of the ministry. He indicated that Qatar Charity has contributed to supporting the ministry’s developmental priorities by laying the foundation stone for this center in the area.

The center will have a doctor’s room, an infant and outpatient clinic, a laboratory, a pharmacy, a waiting room, a medicine store, 3 toilets, and a courtyard.

It is worth noting that the health center, which is under construction in Puntland, is an extension of Qatar Charity’s previous efforts in building and running health centers in Somalia. In the past years, more than 15 health centers have been established in various Somali regions and cities.

Besides, many educational and developmental projects – like multi-service centers and housing for the poor – have been implemented.
The event is sponsored by Dolphin Energy Limited, under the title 'Towards a smart and secure future'.

The Foundation Programme IFI under the Qatari Government initiative carries on the momentum of fostering Qatar University (QU) 6th Annual International Virtual Conference on English Language Teaching, to be held from November 2-3. Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Ali, Professor at the Department of Educational Development Centre of the MoEHE, and QU Director Dr. Ahmed Elgammal, from Hamad Bin Khalifa University, will inaugurate the conference on November 4. While Qatar Foundation President Dr. Yousef Al-Jaida, and Functional Director, Director of the Foundation Programme, will welcome participants. The conference will receive proposals from 56 countries around the world. Several keynote speakers will be presenting at the conference: Scott Thriftody is the current president of the IBLT in the UK, and Dr. Fadiallah is an expert in methodology and educational research, and will present the results of several research articles and several workshops. He has also delivered plenary sessions and workshops in 15 countries. Other featured speakers include Novartis,ш Hampton University, and the University of Reading, Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoHE). Gihan Mazhaher, QU president, and QU officials, most notably Dr. Nasef Al-Azizi, KJL House, lecturer of English Language at the Foundation Programme. Over the years, QU English Language Teaching Conference (ELT) conference has continued to gain regional and international recognition by providing high-quality professional development opportunities for English language teachers. The event will be a platform for more than 200 participants from across different countries to share their research experiences, as well as the latest trends and innovative ideas in teaching and learning methods. The event will focus on creating an environment that would directly benefit the students and improve their knowledge and skills. The event will also focus on the importance of the teaching and learning process, and the need to address cross-border crime and cybercrime challenges. The event will introduce advanced methods to cope with cybercrime, as well as the latest trends and innovative ideas in teaching and learning methods.

The participating teams will have the opportunity to present their ideas and models to ensure that their ideas and models will be of benefit to the workshops students and engage them on ideas. Presentations will be designed to spread awareness among the students and teachers. The contest is aimed at providing practical ideas in the online classroom, project-based learning, emotional intelligence, social & cultural awareness, and more. The month of events will start soon as was outlined by QU Office of Strategic Innovation and Entrepreneurship (QU-EL T) to be hosted from November 4-5. Several keynote speakers will be present during this conversation, the winning ideas and the contest. The competition will be open to everyone, and the winners will be awarded certificates and prizes. The winning ideas will be developed into a new business plan, and the winners will be provided with practical ideas in the online classroom. The contest is aimed at providing practical ideas in the online classroom, practical ideas in the classroom, and innovative ideas in the classroom. The contest is aimed at providing practical ideas in the online classroom, practical ideas in the classroom, and innovative ideas in the classroom.
China locks down cities of 4mn over Covid cases

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China placed a city of 4mn under lockdown yesterday, ordering tens of millions of people to stay indoors over fears of new outbreaks, in a bid to stifle a resurgence of the virus that has stymied efforts to bring life back to normal.

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A new report from the World Health Organization said that, if current trends persist, health-care systems could become overwhelmed by the end of this year in many parts of the world.

President Joe Biden will join leaders from India, Indonesia and Singapore today to call on Myanmar's junta to release the country's top elected official, Aung San Suu Kyi, and to halt the violence against people in the nation's military-dominated communities.

Biden's comments come as the United States, Russia and China have failed to agree on a common statement on Myanmar, where security forces have cracked down on demonstrations sparked by the military's coup on Feb. 1.

The United States has imposed sanctions on some Myanmar officials, including the country's military chief, over the coup, and has called for the release of Suu Kyi, who has been in detention since the coup. However, China has been reluctant to take a strong stance on Myanmar, saying it respects the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Biden's visit to Asia will be his first trip to the Pacific since taking office in January, and it comes amid growing concerns about China's influence in the region.

Biden's trip is expected to focus on issues such as human rights, climate change and trade. He will also meet with leaders from Japan, South Korea and India, who are key partners in the US's strategic interests in the region.

Biden is expected to announce new initiatives to strengthen the alliance and enhance cooperation with regional partners, including on security, economic and environmental issues.

China's lockdowns come as the country battles new outbreaks in several cities, including Shanghai, which is the country's financial hub and home to millions of people.

The new cases are the result of a wave of infections in the country's north, where authorities have imposed strict lockdowns and imposed travel restrictions to contain the spread of the virus.

In Shanghai, authorities have ordered all residents to stay home for 14 days and banned all non-essential travel. Schools have been closed and mass testing is ongoing.

The lockdowns come as China is trying to balance the need to control the virus with the economic cost of doing so. The country's economy has been hit hard by the pandemic, with the country's GDP growth rate falling to its lowest level in decades.

China's government has been praised for its early and aggressive measures to contain the virus, which helped to control the outbreak and allow the country to reopen its economy.

However, the country has faced criticism for its handling of the outbreak in Wuhan, the city where the virus was first detected, and for its lack of transparency in sharing information about the outbreak.
Towards fair share: Global minimum tax targets level field

The use of global tax havens costs governments $500bn to $800bn in lost corporate tax revenue per year, according to the International Monetary Fund.

And in the digital age, new governments have also argued that the Big Tech isn’t being properly taxed in countries where they have sizable operations.

Many countries, particularly in the developing world, say the current system of global tax rules and agreements concentrates corporate taxation among developed countries, with smaller developing countries too small a slice of the pie.

But, for the first time, there’s now going to be a minimum corporate tax rate applied around the world, set at 15%, so that more countries share in the tax revenue.

The Group of 20 nations, which represent about 90% of the global economy, finalised key details in October. So far, 130 countries, out of 160 countries involved in negotiations overseen by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Crucially, those now on board include Ireland and Hungary, which until now have benefited from having some of the lowest corporate tax rates in Europe.

How would it work? Primarily, the rules will allow a country where a company is headquartered – called Country A – to “top up” its taxation of the company if it’s paying less than 15% in Country B. The idea is that if the company is only legally paying a 12.5% tax in Country B, Country A can extract the extra 2.5%.

The tax reallocation work would affect multinationals that make more than $250m in revenue and have a profit margin above 10%,3 exempting companies in financial services and extractive industries such as mining or oil. If the world’s 100 largest and most successful multinationals, including companies such as Google and Apple, were taxed, the rule would look large at 10% of the world’s largest and most successful multinationals, including companies such as Google and Apple. If the world’s largest single company, Apple, were taxed, the rule would look large at 0.1% of GDP.

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H e Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani (photographed) has congratulated the Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani for the inauguration of the first meeting of the elected Shura Council, describing the speech of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani as an important and motivating speech.

He tweeted yesterday, while also awarding His Highness’s statements regarding Qatar’s foreign policy and its role in shaping the global pursuit of stability and its co-operative existence of barriers and challenges.

“I wish all the members the best of luck in their upcoming responsibilities, and look forward to working with them to reach the development of Qatar,” he tweeted yesterday, while also awarding His Highness’s statement regarding Qatar’s foreign policy and its role in shaping the country’s international stature.

HE Sheikh Mohamed noted. “In a statement to reporters on the opening of the first-ever elected Shura Council, describing the speech of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani as the opening session as “very important.”

He also congratulated the Qatari people on the election of the Shura Council’s first legislative term.

Dr Mustafa Göksu, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, said. “We, in the Turkish Republic, hope to achieve the maximum possible level of cooperation in the co-ordination of mutual stands on issues of common interest at the bilateral level between the two brotherly countries, Qatar and Turkey,” he said.

“We are also looking forward to the continuation of our economic cooperation and to the further diversification of our relations in terms of progress, pride and prosperity,” he added.

Secretary-general eyes bright future for citizens

H e Shura Council Secretary-General Dr. Ahmed bin Nasser Al-Fadhala inaugurated the first ordinary session of the first legislative term yesterday. In a statement to reporters on the opening of the first-ever elected Shura Council, he said that the speech given by His Highness the Amir during the inauguration of the Shura Council witnessed yesterday an important historical event in the course of its legislative development and its path that was full of achievements over half a century.

Al-Fadhala noted that the Council is now embarking on a new phase of its legislative development, in accordance with the permanent constitution of Qatar, with the convening of the first Shura Council that elects two-thirds of its members.

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