Amir meets Brazilian president today

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro, who will arrive in Doha on an official visit to the country. His Highness the Amir and the Brazilian president will discuss bilateral relations between the two countries and ways to support and develop various areas of cooperation, in addition to discussing the role of prominent regional and international developments of common interest.

Qatar, WHO hold strategic dialogue

Qatar and the World Health Organization (WHO) held a strategic dialogue to discuss existing and future co-operation and partnership opportunities at the WHO headquarters in Geneva. Qatar’s delegation was led by the Amir’s advisor for health affairs, HE Dr Mansour bin Ali bin Jassim Al Thani. The dialogue focused on Qatar and WHO with the goal of identifying potential funding opportunities.

Biden-Xi weapons control talks likely

US President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed at a virtual meeting to look into the possibility of arms control talks, a US national security adviser said yesterday. Biden and Xi agreed to "look to begin to carry forward the momentum of the talks".

Qatar refutes Amnesty allegations on labour

Qatar has rejected Amnesty International’s allegations that labour market reforms have not led to the protection of the rights of tens of thousands of migrant workers. The Ministry of Labour pointed out in a statement to the report issued by Amnesty International entitled "Reality Check 2021" that the number of violations resulting in salary increases and other financial incentives, the statement said. Refuting the allegations, the ministry said the report also ignored the fact that hundreds of thousands of workers were able to leave Qatar and return without obtaining prior leave permission and the government has strengthened the system of holding worker transfer procedures between employers in September 2021. It also failed to indicate that more than 450,000 workers had directly benefited from the new minimum wage, which workers had directly benefited from.

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By Peter Alagos

Qatar’s tourism marketing is undergoing a significant transformation. With the launch of a comprehensive campaign for the country’s economy, and the revival of the sector after the pandemic, Qatar Travel Mart (QTM) 2021, which was inaugurated yesterday by HE the Minister of Commerce and Industry Sheikh Mohamed bin Hamad bin Qassim al-Abdullah al-Thani and Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, HE Akbar al-Baker lead the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

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The ribbon-cutting ceremony was also attended by Qatar Airways chairman and Qatar Airways Group chief executive, HE Akbar al Baker; Sleem, Al Hattab Holding vice chairman Abdulaziz Saad al-Kaabi, and Andrew Humphries, acting CEO of Katara Hospitality.

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Qatar's Minister of Public Health HE Dr. Abdalrahman al-Thani delivered a speech at the conference, which was organized under the patronage of Qatar’s Amir, HE the Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, and was held in the capital Doha.

HE the Minister of Health and Community Health HE Dr. Abdalrahman al-Thani noted in his speech that the Global Health Summit Qatar was organized in line with Qatar’s commitment to the 2030 Agenda as a major partner of WHO, to support and improve health systems, and to contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

The minister emphasized that Qatar, WHO, and all partners share a vision and a strategic partnership, with the aim of enhancing co-operation and support between the two parties, emphasizing the importance of the strategic partnership and establishing the role of Qatar in the organisation.

The dialogue discussed various aspects of global health, including the impact of COVID-19, emergency preparedness and response, vaccine development, digital solutions, and the implementation of innovative strategies to improve health systems and address global health challenges.

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**Amir concedes with South African president**

**FM HE the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman al-Thani received a phone call yesterday from Norwegian Foreign Minister Anniken Huitfeldt. During the call, they reviewed the political developments in the region, including the situation in Afghanistan and Syria.**

General Khalifa al-Kuwari: strategic dialogue will open doors to great opportunities and transform into global and regional health.

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Qatar repudiates Amnesty’s allegations on labour reforms

The Ministry of Labour issued a statement in response to Amnesty report that has condemned Qatar’s labour system, claiming it has failed to address the issues highlighted in the previous report. The ministry accused Amnesty of bias and lack of objectivity in its conclusions. They acknowledged that while there were some challenges in the labour market, efforts were made to improve conditions for migrant workers.

Amnesty’s report highlighted concerns regarding working conditions, wages, and job security for migrant workers in Qatar. The ministry noted that Qatar has implemented several reforms to address these issues, including the establishment of the National Centre for Endowments and Islamic Affairs, which is responsible for implementing Islamic values and ensuring the welfare of workers.

The ministry also emphasized the importance of dialogue and cooperation with international organizations and trade unions. They stated that Qatar is committed to improving labour conditions and ensuring the rights of all workers, including migrant workers.

Mali minister visits Zakat Fund

The Malian minister of Religious Guidance, represented by General Hacine Cissé, visited the Islamic Welfare and Development Fund (IFH) in Doha. In his meeting with the General Director, he expressed his gratitude for the high standard and efficiency of Zakat Fund activities. He emphasized the importance of Zakat in promoting social cohesion and stability. The minister praised the role of Zakat Fund in supporting poor families and promoting Islamic values and community cohesion.

The director general of the Fund, Dr. Dary, welcomed the minister and expressed the Fund’s commitment to continue working towards achieving its goals. He highlighted the Fund’s role in distributing Zakat to qualified and deserving individuals and families, regardless of their nationality.

The visit comes at a time when the Fund is preparing to achieve its goal of distributing Zakat to one million people by the end of the year. The minister praised the Fund’s efforts and emphasized the importance of continuing these efforts in the future. He also called on other countries to learn from the Fund’s experience and replicate its success story in their own countries.
Rivoli Vision announces Zeiss partnership

R ivoli Vision, the eyewear division of the Rivoli Group, one of the largest luxury watch and eyewear retailers in the GCC region, has announced its partnership with Zeiss, an internationally leading technology enterprise operating in the field of optics and photonics worldwide.

The strategic partnership will have Rivoli Vision use the sophisticated and digitally transmitted Zeiss software for a superior and digitalised experience, by ensuring more accurate and efficient diagnosis and lens dispensing, through our most advanced technology.

Zeiss is today able to address such vision impairments of patients who are known to be at a higher risk of developing eye conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure. The NICU staff are organising an educational event on kangaroo mother care, and suggestions through the following channels: call centre: 974 4465 8850, Fraud Department, which processes complaints, inquiries and suggestions through the following channels: call centre: 974 4465 8850, Fraud Department, which processes complaints, inquiries and suggestions through the following channels: call centre: 974 4465 8850, Fraud Department, which processes complaints, inquiries and suggestions through the following channels: call centre: 974 4465 8850, Fraud Department, which processes complaints, inquiries and suggestions through the following channels: call centre: 974 4465 8850, Fraud Department, which processes complaints, inquiries and suggestions through the following channels: call centre: 974 4465 8850, Fraud Department, which processes complaints, inquiries and suggestions through the following channels: call centre: 974 4465 8850, Fraud Department, which processes complaints, inquiries and suggestions through the following channels: call centre: 974 4465 8850, Fraud Department, which processes complaints, inquiries and suggestions through the following channels: call centre: 974 4465 8850, Fraud Department, which processes complaints, inquiries and suggestions through the following channels: call centre: 974 4465 8850, Fraud Department, which processes complaints, inquiries and suggestions through the following channels: call centre: 974 4465 8850, Fraud Department, which processes complaints, inquiries...
NHRC concludes training programme for Hamad International Airport staff

The National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) has concluded its training programme for Hamad International Airport (HIA). The programme concludes with the conclusion of a partnership between the NHRC and the HIA to promote human rights at the airport.

The programme was implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic and focused on training airport staff on human rights principles and the Charter of the UN.

The programme included a series of workshops and seminars on various topics, such as the role of airports in promoting human rights, the importance of respect for human rights in the workplace, and the responsibilities of airport staff in promoting human rights.

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QRCS, IFRC workshop on climate change concludes

QRCS and IFRC announce workshop on climate change. Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) have announced the launch of an apple Pay mobile wallet to help Qataris save and access it during the month of Ramadan. The QRCS and IFRC will work together on the mobile wallet, which will be launched on Apple Pay in Qatar. The introduction of Apple Pay will helpQRCS and IFRC to access funds from the public and support initiatives in Qatar.

On the first day of the workshop, QRCS staff and volunteers from various departments gathered to discuss climate change risks and the preventive solutions that could help local communities cope with climate-related challenges. The workshop was held at the Qatar International Center for Environmental and Social Development (QIC). The workshop was attended by 33 participants from various governmental and non-governmental organizations.

The purpose of the event was to introduce QRCS staff and volunteers to environmental issues, climate change, and what can be done to combat these phenomena and reduce its impact. As a part of this event, QRCS staff and volunteers were shown QRCS' social centers and some of the projects they support, giving participants a better understanding of QRCS' work in this field.

On the second day of the workshop, QRCS staff and volunteers were given a detailed introduction to climate change, mainly focusing on climate change impacts and preventive solutions that help to reduce the risk of climate change-related phenomena and disaster, such as flood, drought, desertification, and food security. QRCS staff and volunteers also received awareness on how to make better decisions in their personal and professional lives and contribute to a more sustainable future.

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Troops kill Palestinian in West Bank clash: groups

Four Israeli soldiers were killed in a West Bank clash on Thursday, with the Palestinian Authority blaming Israeli forces for the deaths.

The Palestinian Authority said it was investigating the circumstances of the clash, which took place near the Israeli settlement of Qalqilya.

Officials from the PA said that the soldiers were killed after Palestinian gunmen opened fire on their vehicles.

The soldiers were reportedly killed in the incident, which occurred near the Israeli settlement of Aseer, north of Bethlehem.

The PA has been facing criticism for its handling of security issues in the West Bank, with many Palestinians accusing it of being too lenient with Israeli settlers.

The latest incident comes as tensions rise between Israel and the Palestinian Authority over the former's plans to expand settlements in the West Bank.

The Israeli government has been pushing to expand settlements in the area, despite international calls for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The PA is expected to issue a statement shortly on the incident, with officials saying they will be holding a press conference to discuss the matter further.

Meanwhile, a Palestinian official said that the soldiers were killed as they were attempting to arrest a Palestinian who had opened fire on a group of settlers.

The official added that the incident was a clear violation of international law and that the PA would take all necessary measures to ensure the safety of its citizens.

The Israeli military, however, denied that its forces were involved in the incident, with a spokesperson saying that it was investigating the circumstances of the deaths.

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Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, whose nickname is “Papa” and who is widely regarded as a maverick in global politics, has died.

The president died in hospital yesterday after a long battle with Covid-19, according to the presidential department.

Duterte, who served as mayor of Davao City before entering national politics, had been battling the virus for nearly a year.

He was admitted to hospital in March last year with symptoms of Covid-19.

Duterte’s death comes after a series of international events that have seen the Philippines become a focal point for global attention.

The country has been the scene of widespread violence and human rights abuses in recent years, with the government’s war on drugs and martial law having resulted in thousands of deaths.

Duterte also faced criticism for his handling of the pandemic, which has killed around 16,000 people in the Philippines.

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Duterte, who was known for his controversial comments and for being a strong proponent of the country’s sovereignty, was re-elected for a second term in 2016.

He had previously served as mayor of Davao City for nearly three decades.

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The country is also a major player in the global electronics industry, with the government supporting the construction of new factories and research centres.

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Just as strained supply chains have weighed on global economy amid the enduring downturn brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, congestion at many of the world’s major ports offers a snapshot of tangled arteries of global commerce.

And the chance that has battered global supply chains in recent months is poised to linger into next year, with a backdrop of drivers propelling hundreds of thousands of vessels from offloading goods around the world, shipping groups have said.

The number of container ships off China’s largest trade hub, the combined anchorage area of Shanghai and Taizhou, stood at 304 on November 5, 31 more than the April-to-October median. The nearby neighboring port of Cunian, was saddled with 44 waiting container carriers, 11 more than usual, according to a Bloomberg report.

Southeastern California remained a logistical mess this week, with at least 79 vessels waiting to offload at Long Beach and Los Angeles, the largest container complex in the Americas.

In Asia’s second-largest container port, Hong Kong-Shenzhen, the ship count stood at 221, 10 more than the median. In its southern node of Qingdao, new crew members sat on 101, 55 more than since the peak.

Singapore had 17 more vessels waiting than usual in the first week of November, making a congested rate of 48.2%, or 10.5 percentage points higher than the median, according to a Drewry report.

The United Arab Emirate’s combined hub of Jebel Ali and Dubai had its highest counts from April to November at 91, with congestion at 22.1%, compared with the global average of 32.8%.

There are about 23 million standardized shipping containers plying the sea on about 5,000 ships in a global network designed to stay in sync with port capacity, re-rolled lines and tracking networks. It’s a system cataclysmic in scale that has more people out of poverty and created a system that has, by the same token, compounded the effects of on-demand-minded shoppers.

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However, the Covid-19 crisis led to imponderable demand for goods and on-again-off-again lockdowns that idled port terminals.

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