New vistas for Qatar-Oman historic ties

Amir, Oman Sultan hold official talks

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani and Sultan Haitham bin Tariq of the Sultanate of Oman held yesterday an official talks session at the Amiri Diwan.

At the outset of the meeting, the Amir welcomed the Sultan and the accompanying delegation, wishing His Majesty a good stay and for bilateral ties further growth and development in all fields, expressing hope that the visit can contribute to strengthening bilateral ties and interests of the two peoples.

For his part, the Sultan expressed his thanks to the Amir for the good reception and generous hospitality. The Sultan added that he looks forward to enhancing co-operation ties to realise joint aspirations and advance the interests of the two countries and peoples.

The session dealt with reviewing bilateral relations and the means to enhance them, particularly in the political, economic, investment, tourism, and transport fields. The session also dealt with exchanging views on enhancing joint GCC work to enhance the region's stability and security. The Amir expressed the hope of enhancing the political, economic, investment, tourism, and transport fields. The session also dealt with exchanging views on enhancing joint GCC work to enhance the region's stability and security.

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On the Omani side, it was attended by the Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs Shihab bin Tarek al-Said, and members of the official delegation.

Sultan Haitham bin Tariq presented the Amir with the Civil Order of Oman, First Class, the highest Omani decoration.

The Amir and the Sultan also held a bilateral meeting to exchange views on a number of regional and international issues as well as the latest developments.

The Sultan was accorded an official reception upon arrival at the Amiri Diwan.

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani presented Sultan Haitham bin Tariq with the Sword of the Founder Sheikh Jassim bin Mohamed bin Thani, reflecting the fraternal ties between the people of Qatar and Oman, and the Amir’s appreciation of the Sultan.

The Sword of the Founder is the highest national decoration, presented to kings, princes and heads of state.
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Carrefour Friday bonanza top 10 deals up for grabs

Carrefour has unveiled its top 10 ‘valuables’ sale and discounts. Among its onshore and beverage offers during its Carrefour Friday promotions.

The 10 discounted categories include grocery essentials, smartphones, smartwatches, home appliances, TNV, towels, baby diapers, boxes and dairy products.

Discounts such as Reel, Apple, Samsung, and Huawei smartphones will be participating in the promotions. Essential products such as cleaning supplies will be discounted up to 50%.

Until November 30, customers can seize the opportunity to save both on shopping and having a fun day with Carrefour’s Friday bonanza. The Friday bonanza will be offering them exclusive discounts.

Visa cardholders will also have discounts up to 50% on their Carrefour mobile app. People can seize this opportunity through its online experience and will benefit from up to 50% off.

Anyone can benefit from the offers available, with Carrefour continuing to provide a comment, free of charge shopping experience through its mobile app. The hypermarket has launched its unique Friday bonanza deal providing offers for customers with Visa/FIFA Arab Cup Arab Cup branded gifts.

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WIN 30% off at 10 hospitality packages at the FIFA Arab Cup Qatar 2021, thanks to Visa

 fishermen will further inspire and excite the Qatari public in the run-up to Qatar 2022 – which will kick off in November 2023. The first six matches of the Arab Cup will be played at six FIF A World Cup Qatar 2022 stadiums. The tournament is seen as a golden opportunity to fine-tune preparations for Qatar 2022. Football fans will be able to purchase tickets through the FIF A World Cup Qatar 2022 official website or at official FIF A World Cup Qatar 2022 approved ticketing outlets. Qatar will host the FIF A Arab Cup Qatar 2021 from November 23 to December 1.

Visa/FIFA Arab Cup promotions will remain available for all matches until December 18. The promotion is available for Visa cardholders and Visa/FIFA Arab Cup branded gifts.

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Qatar Tourism signs MoU with Qatar Rail

Qatar Tourism signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Qatar Airways Company (Qatar Rail), it was announced yesterday. Furthering Qatar Airways’ Service Excellence programme, this MoU outlines the partnership, whereby Qatar Airways customer-facing staff will be trained in tourism services and maintain the highest standards of service, providing for the country’s place- ment and dissemination of tourist information.

Chairman of Qatar Tourism and Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive Officer Akbar al-Subaie, stated: “We are pleased to partner with Qatar Rail as we further our partnership with other stakeholders in the tourism sector to deliver the best experiences to our customers in Qatar. This MoU, the first of its kind, will ensure that our teams are well versed in tourism knowledge, thereby providing high-quality customer-facing experiences by promoting tourism-related activities such as the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.”

He added: “This looks forward to working closely with Qatar Airways on the partnership which will undoubtedly contribute to advancing the State of Qatar as a tourist destination and support hosting international events such as the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.”

Al-Subaie stressed that the MoU will closely with Qatar Airways across the public and private sectors, and its leverage on the backbone programmes aims to enhance customer-facing experiences by promoting tourism-related activities such as the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

He added: “The second leg is to diversify the sources because we want to tap the past two years, a lot of countries worldwide had logistic problems and environmental challenges, as well as extreme weather conditions and disruptions, but we don’t find a shortage in tourists in Qatar in spite of all these problems prevalent in these years. That is also because we also have this booming policy for green products and organic products.”

Deputy Minister was impressed with the economic development achieving Qatar and its food-security measures the State has implemented. “We are also expecting the food exports to Qatar and the feed exposes to Qatar by more in Georgia through its extensive chain of hypermarkets. “It is a great partnership that we have forged with all our partners. We have parallelisation with hypermarket chains has been a big advantage for us.”

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Invited guests from Qatar and Georgia during a tour at LuLu Hypermarket Al Sida yesterday.

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ACS Doha marks 10th anniversary

ACS International School Doha has marked its 10th anniversary in a series of events over the month in celebration of the new campus opened in 2011.

The programme culminated in a VIP reception with guests from the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, ACS sponsor and Al Jaber Group chairman Mohamed bin Sultan al-Jaber, ACS chief executive of ACS International Schools, and senior leaders from ACS Doha.

Speaking at the ceremony, Rob Cody, head of school, ACS Doha, said: “During the Covid pandemic, we were thankful that due to our large new campus being purposefully built with many breakout rooms, and learning centres, we were able to continue our face-to-face education, while maintaining social safety, rigorous, and dynamic learning environments.

“Now that we are moving to a gradual easing of restrictions, we’re able to use some of our outstanding facilities with extra-curricular programmes and purpose-built spaces for our students to explore and develop new hobbies and passions. It’s something that unites us and partners our school with our own purpose at ACS International Schools, to inspire the world’s next thinkers and doers.”

ACS Doha has truly cemented our commitment to Qatar. We not only have partnered with ACS Doha to enhance Qatar’s education offer, but we see it as our responsibility. It’s something that aligns strongly with our own purpose at ACS International Schools, to inspire the world’s next thinkers and doers.

“Across the campus, we’ve noticed how students are thriving, learning and growing. This is an exciting opportunity to bring in the wider community of families and staff, including all-weather athletics facilities, an artificial football pitch, sports halls, science lab space – yourself, a state-of-the-art theatre, and the 25-metre swimming pool and learner pool.

Cody and Cagney both paid tribute to the school’s celebrated multicultural, inclusive, and supportive community of families and staff spanning over 70 nationalities, and to the support of sponsor Al-Jaber. Al-Jaber said: “I am proud to deliver an international school that enhances Qatar’s educational offering and reinforces so strongly with the National Vision 2030. Giving from 200 students when the original campus opened in 2011, to its state-of-the-art campus with capacity for over 2,000, ACS Doha has been internationally recognised for the quality of the education it provides and has the experience to enrich the futures of generations of students to come. This campus offers enormous potential to inspire students to come. This campus offers enormous potential to inspire our students, with ACS Doha also hosting cultural, inclusive, and supportive community of families and staff spanning over 70 nationalities, and to the support of sponsor Al-Jaber. Al-Jaber said: “I am proud to deliver an international school that enhances Qatar’s educational offering and reinforces so strongly with the National Vision 2030. Giving from 200 students when the original campus opened in 2011, to its state-of-the-art campus with capacity for over 2,000, ACS Doha has been internationally recognised for the quality of the education it provides and has the experience to enrich the futures of generations of students to come. This campus offers enormous potential to inspire students to come.”

During the VIP reception, ACS Doha’s leaders buried a time capsule in the school’s garden, filled with ACS students’ hopes and dreams for the next 10 years. Other activities included the opening of an anniversary garden, the dedication of a time capsule, a presentation at ACS Doha, Early Childhood students, and the celebration of the many nationalities represented at ACS Doha, Early Childhood students making a quilt, and a special art project for Middle High School students.

ACS Doha also hosted celebratory events for its founding families who have been with ACS Doha since 2011.
Qatar attends 18th session of GCC Joint Defence Council

Qatar has attended the 18th session of the GCC Joint Defence Council, which was held at the Katara Cultural Village in Doha. Delegates from the GCC countries, including Qatar, attended the meeting to discuss various security and defence-related issues, including regional stability and cooperation. The council is a platform for GCC states to coordinate and discuss security issues, including terrorism, and to promote regional stability and security. The meeting was chaired by the GCC Secretary-General, HE Abdulrahman bin Mohamed al-Eryani, and the representatives from different GCC countries exchanged views on several security and defence matters.

Kahrama attends sustainable energy conference

The Qatar General Electricity & Water Corporation (Kahrama) has participated in the International Conference on Sustainable Energy-Water-Environment (ICSEWEN21) as a strategic partner, along with the Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute (Qeeri) and the Qatar Foundation. The conference, which was held in Doha, aimed to address the challenges related to sustainable energy, water, and the environment in desert climates.

Katarah Dhoe Festival from November 30

The Katarah Dhoe Festival will be held from November 30 to December 1 in Doha. The festival is a celebration of the Qatari culture and heritage, and it aims to promote traditional arts and crafts, music, and folklore. The festival will feature a variety of events, including art exhibitions, cultural performances, and food stalls. It will also include a competition for the best traditional Qatari dish, as well as a parade of traditional Qatari dresses. The festival is expected to attract a large number of visitors and will offer a unique opportunity to experience Qatari culture and history.

Qatar Foundation supports ICSEWEN21

Vodafone Qatar has announced its support for the International Conference on Sustainable Energy-Water-Environment (ICSEWEN21), which is being held in Doha. The conference focuses on the challenges and opportunities related to sustainable energy, water, and the environment in desert climates. Vodafone Qatar's support highlights its commitment to promoting sustainable development and addressing the challenges of desert climates.

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Gulf Qatar Classic Cars Association event concludes

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**Classic cars event to be held annually**

The Gulf Classic Cars Contest and Exhibition, 2022, which lasted for six days at Musheireb Centres, The Pearl-Qatar, concluded yesterday with the sounding of 20 Classic Cars Association was attended by a host of dignitaries, including Chairman HE Sheikh Faisal bin Qassim al-Thani, vice chairman Omar Alfardan and other dignitaries at the valedictory function yesterday. **PICTURES:** Thajudheen and supplied

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**Gulf Qatar Classic Cars Association to represent Qatar in International Classic Cars Federation**

In a statement issued in Doha yesterday, the Gulf Qatar Classic Cars Association and the announcement was made last Thursday during the foundation's general assembly in Munich, Germany.

HE Sheikh Faisal bin Qassim al-Thani, chairman of the Gulf Qatar Classic Cars Association, praised the union's decision, saying: "We are excited to adapt to a new phase like the initiation of the Gulf Qatar Classic Cars Association. This decision will propel this incredibly important sector forward and help us achieve greatness in the years ahead."

“We will work tirelessly to achieve harmonious cooperation with the International Classic Cars Federation, FIVA, that will turn Qatar into the Gulf car sector and Qatar.”

Omar Hussain Alfardan, vice chairman, Gulf Qatar Classic Cars Association, stated that the FIVA decision will have a great impact on the association's undertakings in the coming years.

The association aims to benefit from the latest developments by actively participating in the important events of organizers in addition to the official representative of Qatar in the FIVA. "The acquisition of classic cars has become a trend in the history of authentic Qatar culture and heritage, and we pledge to preserve it and celebrate it." **FIVA** is a global non-profit organisation that promotes the production, preservation and promotion of classic vehicles. Founded in 1966, it is active in more than 70 countries and represents millions of classic car enthusiasts around the world. Since 2011, the World Classics Cars Organisation has been a partner of Classics. It also has an advisory role, representing the world’s automobile heritage and related culture.
Ali Zafar – A man for all seasons

By Nazish Arif

A li Zafar, South Asia’s most famous musician, who used to kickboxing before being an actor, recently launched a show in Karachi titled "Iss Pyar Ko Kissa". The show, which is a musical drama, is scheduled to go on for two years. When asked how he got involved in this project, Ali said, "I was approached by the director of the show, and I agreed because I wanted to share my passion for music with the audience."

Ali Zafar, who has made a name for himself in the music industry, has also ventured into acting. His latest film, "Teefa in Trouble", was released last year and received critical acclaim. When asked about his plans for future projects, Ali said, "I am currently working on a new album and also planning to direct my next film."

Ali Zafar is also known for his humanitarian work. He has been involved in various projects, including the construction of sewage networks in Qatar. When asked about his involvement in this project, Ali said, "I have always been passionate about giving back to society, and I am happy to contribute to the development of the country."

Ali Zafar is also a renowned singer and has won numerous awards for his music. When asked about his secret to success, Ali said, "I believe that hard work and dedication are the key to success. I have always worked hard and never taken my success for granted."

Ali Zafar is known for his down-to-earth personality and has been praised for his humanitarian efforts. He is also a strong supporter of education and has been involved in various educational projects. When asked about his views on the importance of education, Ali said, "Education is the most important tool that can help a person achieve success. I believe that every child should have access to education, and I am proud to be associated with organisations that provide educational support to children."

Ali Zafar is also known for his involvement in sports. He is a proud fan of cricket and has been involved in various cricket-related initiatives. When asked about his views on cricket, Ali said, "Cricket is a sport that unites people from all backgrounds. I believe that the sport has the power to bring people together and create a sense of unity."

In conclusion, Ali Zafar is a multi-talented individual who has made a significant contribution to the arts and education. He is known for his humanitarian work and his efforts to bring about positive change in society. His dedication and passion have earned him the respect and love of millions of people around the world.
BREAKING NEWS

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India is not considering a booster vaccine program this year, or any in the future, and has no plans to seek emergency use authorization from the World Health Organization or to seek emergency use authorization from Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) to begin testing a vaccine with a longer shelf-life, government officials confirmed on Wednesday.

So far, 80% of India’s adults have received at least one dose by July 19, but only around 70% of the adult population has received two doses.

As vaccine supplies have increased in the country, the government has been able to provide vaccines to every eligible individual at no cost.

But India’s economy is still reeling from the pandemic, which has hit hard the country’s agricultural sector and put pressure on the government to implement policies that will help farmers.

**Schools reopen**

Students wearing protective face masks, leave after attending their classes following the reopening of the primary schools after months of closure due to the coronavirus disease outbreak in Ahmedabad, India, yesterday.

**Indians farmers keep pressure on Modi**

Billion with victory over TMC in Trinamool Congress bastion, West Bengal, the bloc has a 201-seat majority in the 342-seat state Assembly. While TMC, an ally of the ruling United Progressive Alliance (UPA), has won 177 seats, the main opposition in the state has so far been able to win only 90 seats.

Bipin Rawat, chairman of the Indian Army's Chief of Staff Committee, has said that the Army will continue to work towards peace and stability in the region.

**Beijing does not seek ‘hegemony’, tells ASEAN**

Beijing does not seek “hegemony”, nor does it take advantage of the South China Sea dispute, China’s foreign ministry said in a statement.

China’s foreign ministry spokesperson said that the Chinese government has always been committed to peace and stability in the South China Sea.

The spokesperson said that China’s policy in the South China Sea is based on the principles of mutual respect for each other’s territorial and maritime rights and interests, and mutual understanding of each other’s positions and concerns.

**Duterte plays down Sea flare-up**

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has played down a recent flare-up in the South China Sea, where China continues to assert its territorial claims.

Duterte assured that the Philippines will continue to defend its national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

**Sudan frees political prisoners**

Sudanese authorities have released several civil society activists and journalists who had been held without trial since early 2021.

The releases come amid efforts to restore a fragile transition process in the country, following a military coup in October 2021.

**India has no Covid vaccine booster plan**

India’s health minister, Harsh Vardhan, said on Wednesday that the country had not yet considered the need for booster doses of the Covid-19 vaccine.

Vaccines administered in the country so far have been effective in preventing severe illness and hospitalization.

But around 10% of the population in India has been infected with the virus, with the disease causing more than 200,000 deaths so far.

**Schools reopen**

Schools in the country reopened for the first time since March 2020, with strict health and safety measures in place.

The reopening comes amid a surge in Covid-19 cases, with over 400,000 new infections reported daily.

But the government has said that it will continue to monitor the situation closely, and may need to implement further restrictions if necessary.
We need to think small to fight climate change

When people think about the climate, they usually think about the big players. But at COP26 in Glasgow, both big and small businesses are being encouraged to play a critical role in achieving the global goal of net-zero emissions by 2050. This is particularly important in Asia and Africa, where small businesses play a crucial role in greening the economy.

Small businesses are integral to climate change adaptation, mitigation, and resilience.

When applied to droughts, wildfires, hurricanes, floods, or other extreme weather events, the term “unsustainable” is used to describe the impact on the global economy. However, small businesses are particularly vulnerable to these events, as they often lack the resources to recover.

Gas emissions, and times are valued in greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide, which is produced by human activities. Consequently, climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies are needed to reduce the impact of these emissions on human health and the environment.

As these examples show, when small businesses have the financing and support they need, they can drive innovation, growth, and efficiency. This is why small businesses have an important role to play in climate change adaptation and mitigation.

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The Sultan also presented the Amir with the Civil Order of Oman, First Class, in appreciation of the Amir and a reflection of the strength of ties between the two countries.

The Civil Order of Oman is the highest Omani decoration, presented to kings and heads of state with distinguished ties with Oman. It is also presented to very important persons that have the Sultan’s utmost appreciation.

The exchange of decorations was attended by the Deputy Amir, the Personal Representative of the Amir, the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior and a number of ministers.

On the Omani side, it was attended by the Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs and members of the official delegation.

His Highness the Amir and Sultan Haitham bin Tariq witnessed at the Amiri Diwan the signing of a number of agreements between the governments of the two countries.

The Amir and the Sultan witnessed the signing of an agreement on military co-operation that aims to enhance bilateral military co-operation, and agreement on avoiding double taxation and evasion of income taxes and capital levies, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in the field of labour and developing human resources, a cooperation agreement in the investment field between Qatar Investment Authority and Oman Investment Authority, a cooperation agreement in the field of tourism and hospitality, an agreement in the field of maritime transport and ports.

The signing ceremony was attended by the Deputy Amir, the Personal Representative of the Amir, the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior and a number of ministers.

On the Omani side, it was attended by the Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs and members of the official delegation.

His Highness the Amir hosted a luncheon banquet at the Amiri Diwan in honour of the Sultan of Oman, and the delegation accompanying him.

The banquet was attended by the Deputy Amir, the Personal Representative of the Amir, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Khalifa al-Thani, HE Sheikh Jassem bin Khalifa al-Thani, the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, HE the Speaker of the Shura Council Hassan bin Abdullah al-Ghanim and a number of Sheikhs, ministers and dignitaries.

Amir, Sultan visit Al Bayt Stadium

His Highness the Amir and Sultan Haitham bin Tariq visited Al Bayt Stadium, which will host the opening matches of the 2021 FIFA Arab Cup and the 2022 World Cup.

During the visit, the Amir and the Sultan viewed models of the 2022 World Cup stadiums and its training facilities and fan zones, in addition to the latest cooling technology.

The Amir and the Sultan were briefed on the stadium’s architectural design, its capacity, and the atmosphere it will provide to sport fans.

The Amir and the Sultan were accompanied by a number of ministers and ranking officials, and members of the official Omani delegation.

Grand welcome

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani led the well-wishers to welcome Sultan Haitham bin Tariq upon his arrival yesterday at Doha International Airport on a two-day state visit to the country. The Sultan is accompanied by an official delegation.

The Deputy Amir, the Personal Representative of the Amir and a number of Sheikhs and ministers were also present to welcome the Sultan of Oman.

Also on hand to welcome the Sultan were Qatar’s ambassador to Oman Sheikh Jassim bin Abdulrahman bin Mohamed al-Thani and Omani ambassador to Qatar His Highness Yahiya al-Manahili.

The Sultan is accompanied by the Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik al-Said and a number of ministers.