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MoCI detects violations at trade fairs in Qatar

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) conducted a surprise inspection campaign at trade fairs that have recently been held in Qatar. The operation aimed to monitor the extent to which companies participating in the fairs were complying with their obligations stipulated in Law No. 8 of 2008 on Consumer Protection, the MoCI said in a statement yesterday.

These investigations form part of the ministry’s efforts to monitor markets and commercial activities across Qatar, control prices, and protect consumer rights as well as detect abuses such as the falsification, counterfeiting or non-conformity to standard specifications, the statement notes.

The campaign resulted in the seizure of various samples of honey, incense, and essential oils of unknown origin. Laboratory results proved that the samples do not conform to the standard specifications.

Several violations were released, including displaying and selling fraudulent goods, displaying goods in a manner that contains false and deceptive information, and failure to write explanatory data related to the commodity.

Such practices violate the provisions of Article No. 6 of Law No. 8 of 2008 and its executive regulations, which state that defective or adulterated commodities shall be declared, presented, promoted, or advertised. The commodity shall be deemed to be adulterated or defective where it does not conform to the prescribed standard specifications, unlawful for sale, production, or use, or has expired.

In this regard, the ministry stressed that it would not tolerate any negligence in terms of meeting obligations stipulated in Law No. 8 of 2008 and its executive regulations, and that it would intensify its inspection campaigns to curb violations. Any party that violates laws and ministerial decisions will be referred to the relevant authorities who would respond appropriately to protect consumer rights.

The MoCI has urged all citizens and residents to report any violations or infractions through the call centre: 16001; Twitter: @MOCIQATAR; and Instagram: MOCIQATAR.
**Belgian Senate president meets Qatar’s ambassador**

Jordan National Red Crescent Society (INRC) signed a co-operation agreement with Qatar’s Red Crescent Society (QRCS) in Copenhagen yesterday with engineer ambassador Ali bin Has-madi expressed his happiness with the signing of this agreement with QRCS Secretary General Fahd al-Hajri. During the meeting, they reviewed bilateral relations.

**Qatar takes part in OIF ministerial conference**

Qatar participated yesterday in the 16th session of the Ministerial Conference of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Paris, which was held via video-conference in the absence of its sister countries. Qatar’s delegation was headed by HE the Director-General of the QRCS, Khalifa bin Hamad al-Thani in the high-level segment.

**Qatar reaffirms support for UN programmes to face climate challenges, combat terrorism**

Qatar reaffirmed its support for UN programmes to face climate challenges, combat terrorism and maintain international peace and security. The statement stressed that Qatar’s participation in the multilateral forums and its links with other countries, to safeguard the national interest.

**Belgian PM hails Qatar’s efforts to support education**

Albanian PM hails Qatar’s efforts to support education. Qatar, which has a long-standing history with the country, continues to invest in projects that benefit the Albanian people. The two countries have a strong relationship, with Qatar providing significant support to Albania in various sectors, including education.

**Qatar Steel Tender Committee is pleased to announce the following tender**

Qatar Steel Tender Committee is pleased to announce the following tender for the construction of a new complex which includes an elementary, middle, and high school. The tender is open to all qualified contractors who meet the eligibility criteria.

**Oman’s new national park opens, and the greenery spreads**

Oman’s new national park opens, and the greenery spreads. The park, which is located in the Al Hasa oasis, is a beautiful addition to the country’s natural beauty. It offers a range of activities for visitors, including hiking, cycling, and birdwatching.

**QRC signs pact with Jordan counterpart to provide medical aid for Syrian refugees**

QRC and Jordan's Red Crescent Society signed a pact yesterday to provide medical aid for Syrian refugees in Jordan. The agreement comes as part of the joint efforts of both countries to support the refugees in their efforts to rebuild their lives and return home.

**Qatar Steel Henley “Talat Al-Shams” Nursery**

Qatar Steel Henley “Talat Al-Shams” Nursery is a wonderful addition to the country’s already impressive network of educational facilities. The nursery provides a safe and nurturing environment for children to learn and grow, setting the stage for lifelong success.

**Qatar participates in OIC ministerial conference**

Qatar participated in the 16th session of the Ministerial Conference of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). The conference was held in Paris, with representatives from 57 member countries.
Qatar Airways flight touches down in Odesa

Ooredoo promotes youth empowerment through sport with CSR agreement
By Zhou Jian,
Chinese ambassador to Qatar

The most beautiful season has arrived in Qatar, Chief of Staff, on behalf of the Chinese government and the Chinese people, I wish to express our congratulations to Qatar and its people on the occasion of His Highness the Amir, the government, and the Qatari people on the occasion of Qatar’s National Day. This year marks the 53rd anniversary of Qatar’s National Day, which has transformed Qatar into a modern and flourishing country.

Qatar, an independent and sovereign state, has made significant progress in various fields. Qatar has hosted the FIFA World Cup, which has brought the world together and highlighted the country’s achievements. Qatar has also continued to develop its economy and improve its infrastructure. Qatar has maintained strong ties with China and other countries, and has made significant contributions to the world’s economic and social development.

In Qatar, the government has focused on improving the quality of life for its citizens. Qatar has made significant progress in education, health, and housing. Qatar has also made significant progress in the fight against climate change. Qatar has also made significant progress in the fight against climate change. Qatar has also made significant progress in the fight against climate change. Qatar has also made significant progress in the fight against climate change.

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In conclusion, China and Qatar have close and friendly relations. China and Qatar have made significant progress in various fields. China and Qatar will continue to strengthen their cooperation and friendship, and work together for a better future for the world.
A general practitioner of the Department of Endowments at the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Housing and Tourism Affairs, Dr. Jabre explained that in the past 24 hours, 4,415 doses have been administered. So far, 166,681 booster doses have been administered to date.

The QC aid benefited more than 1,200 families in the camps. More than 200 tent covers were installed in three camps to prevent water and air leakage. Banking on the support of the people, the Syrian refugees in Aarsal and the Bekaa are considered the most affected by the winter conditions. “This collaboration includes creating jobs to protect us from the bitter cold and financial difficulties,” Ahmed Abdul Majeed, a beneficiary in Aarsal’s Al-Jumal camp, said.

Another refugee, Abdel Hakim, a beneficiary in Al-Jumal camp, said: “With technical support from the Gord and the Provincial Housing Company, we are able to build our own shelter since the winter conditions. We have benefitted from the墙上 installed in the camps to prevent water and air leakage.”

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The exhibition organised by the Department of Architecture, Urban Planning and Engineering at the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Housing and Tourism Affairs, the Qatar University and Alsayer Holding Group to qualify for their efforts in providing warmth to the refugees.

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Bob Dylan Song of the Century 2021

Based on a draft version of "The Times They Are A-Changin'" by Bob Dylan.

Bob Dylan's song "The Times They Are A-Changin'" has been a powerful anthem for change throughout history, inspiring generations to fight for justice, equality, and social progress. The song's message remains relevant today, as we continue to work towards a more just and equitable world.

In its original form, the song was released on Dylan's 1963 album "The Times They Are A-Changin'" and became an instant classic, with its powerful lyrics and memorable melody capturing the spirit of the times.

As we approach the 2021 version of "The Times They Are A-Changin'", it is important to reflect on the progress we have made and the challenges we still face. Whether it's addressing systemic racism, climate change, or global health crises, the importance of "standing up for what's right" has never been more crucial.

In his 2016 Nobel Prize speech, Bob Dylan said, "I was writing about the power of change, the power of standing up and taking a stand. And that's what I've been trying to do my whole life."

As we celebrate the 2021 version of "The Times They Are A-Changin'", let us dedicate ourselves to continuing the fight for a better world, one that values compassion, empathy, and the power of community.

"The Times They Are A-Changin'" is not just a song, but a call to action, a reminder that "the times they are a-changing," and that we can make a difference in the world.

As we look towards the future, let us heed Bob Dylan's words and continue to "stand up for what's right," recognizing that "the times they are a-changing," and that change is possible.

In closing, "The Times They Are A-Changin'" is a timeless reminder of our responsibility to each other and to the world. Let us continue to strive for a better future, and remember that "the times they are a-changing," and that we can make a difference.

For more information, please visit BobDylan.com.
Dana Alfarand concert at Doha’s inaugural D’reesha Performing Arts Festival 2021

Dana Alfarand will enthrall visitors with a seven-song concert, accompanied by a chamber orchestra and inventive light and colour theatre during Qatar’s first-of-its-kind performing arts festival

Dana’s last successful album, Sandstorm, performed in Doha by the QPO

The live performance will be a unique experience, the state-of-the-art light design and projection, and a multi-capturing colour scheme to transform the open-air venue. Similar to India’s immersive projection show, Crystalite, audiences will be drawn into a sensory space for a show that will also spew out a myriad of emotions to their heart’s content.

Dana’s music will be set designed to promote an inventive vision with a spectacular cinematic and electronic atmosphere.

Juxtapose: When heritage meets hybridised

By Joey Aguilar

The 35th edition of Heya Arabian Fashion Exhibition opens from December 15 to 18 and will be held at Heya, which continues to expand its line-up of short courses for the educational programmes twice a year.

Heya has endorsed ‘fashion for a cause’, partnering with the Ministry of Public Health, Qatar’s position as a major retail platform, and established designers. Such initiatives will witness over 130 international and regional designers, as well as national designers, attending the event. The opening day will feature the participation in Qatar’s calendar of events, bringing together emerging and established designers. The event is also scheduled to culminate in an annual festival that evokes and pushes human disposition. This song represents an awakening of the soul that cannot be replaced by digital in the world of music.

Heya has also partnered with Al Shafallah Centre for Persons with Special Needs. Education for the most vulnerable and marginalised children.

Visitors can expect to be enthralled with a showcase of seven songs from her trailblazing fourth album, India, on December 15 from 8pm at the Coliseum in Doha, presented by the Arts Chamber of Qatar.

The musical concert will bring together Dana’s innovative and innovative vision set designed to promote an inventive and immersive experience that plays with the audience’s own consciousness, set designed to promote an inventive vision with a spectacular cinematic and electronic atmosphere.

The concert will feature seven songs, each with its own unique vision, significance in the Coliseum in Doha, presented by the Arts Chamber of Qatar.

Access to this space is also subject to the guidelines stipulated by the Ministry of Public Health. All attendances are requested to please register at https://www.visitqatar.qa/en/events/heya.

Heya Arabian Fashion Exhibition opens

Fifth edition of Heya Arabian Fashion Exhibition opens

The event features eight fashion shows.

Heya has brushed fashion for a cause, partnering with Education above All which provides access to quality education for the most vulnerable and marginalized children. A platform of Qatar Chamber for Persons with Disability, emphasizing the labored designs of Al Shafallah Centre for Persons with Special Needs.

Heya will display the works of local artists, fashion designers, and community members, filling the community’s needs and creating social impact. HE Akbar al-Baker, in the presence of various dignitaries, guests and exhibitors, inaugurated the event yesterday.

The opening of “Heya” Arabian Fashion Exhibition and Convention Centre. The event, organised by Qatar Tourism and Qatar Business Events (QBA), among others. The exhibition is open from 10am-10pm from Sunday to Thursday, and 3pm-10pm on Friday. To ensure a safe environment and adherence to Covid-19 protocols, visitors are requested to please register at https://www.visitqatar.qa/en/events/heya.

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A reality byte on losing connection even briefly

In an age when the Internet of Things (IoT) are increasingly embedded in the day-to-day lives, reality checks in the form of technical glitches or unscheduled downtimes can serve as an epiphany of what our society is dependent on. What happened with Amazon Web Services (AWS), a leading provider of cloud infrastructure, illustrates how big businesses can take a hit even with minor issues in the global cloud infrastructure market. In the second quarter, according to Synergy Research Group, followed by Microsoft at 20% and Google at 10%. Revenue at AWS jumped 19% in the third quarter from a year earlier to $16.1bn, outpacing growth at Amazon, which is in the middle of the peak season. The third-party merchants, who make up more than half of all retail volume sold on Amazon, rely on a few weeks in the lead up to the end of the year for an outsized portion of their sales.

Joe Stefani, an Amazon senior manager of sales, Desert Cactus, at the company’s warehouses due to the outage. Stefani said Amazon handles all of the shipping products to customers from its fulfillment centers. Sales such as Stefani were unable to access Seller Central, an internal system Amazon uses to manage customer order. That meant Stefani was unable to print out shipping labels that are required for any shipments sent to Amazon warehouses. “We could not send at least 10,000 to 12,000 items,” including NAB and NEMS, Stefani said. “We will end up costing us a lot in the long run.”

The outage also took down Canvas, an online teaching platform with more than 53m users, as well as the Dodge and Branson (D&B) software services that block certain web browsing functions while students are taking an exam. Other web services and infrastructure companies have seen significant outages this year. For example, tech solutions that help companies speed the delivery of digital content to consumers, experienced an outage in June that took down major websites including Amazon, The New York Times and Hulu. In October, Facebook suffered its worst outage since 2004 due to a configuration issue. Amazon has had its own disruptions in the past year. AWS experienced an outage in November 2020, when problems with a service called Kinesis brought down a host of websites. The time was much more widespread, affecting businesses of all shapes and sizes.

Since the crisis has been resolved, discussions about what was at stake automatically get pushed to the background, only to resurface when the next outage happens. After all, technology is a double-edged sword, it has the ability to both liberate and ensnare.

Finding purpose in the humanities

The AWS disruption reinforced the corollary about how technology is a double-edged sword as it has the ability to distribute and enslave. The humanities, with their focus on the infinite variety of human experience, the wisdom of the Mayan civilisation or the power of language, is the essence of our culture and human spirit. As the past five years have shown, the power of technology is not enough to solve the problems that the humanities can solve. As a proud humanist, I believe that the knowledge my colleagues and I possess is essential to prepare students for future uncertainties. At the past five years have shown, the power of technology is not enough to solve the problems that the humanities can solve. As a proud humanist, I believe that the knowledge my colleagues and I possess is essential to prepare students for future uncertainties. As the past five years have shown, the power of technology is not enough to solve the problems that the humanities can solve.

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New Caledonia voted overwhelmingly today to reject independence in a referendum that was boycotted by pro-independence groups. The vote means the territory will remain part of France.

The referendum resulted in another blow for pro-independence groups, who had hoped to end the territory’s status as an overseas territory of France.

New Caledonia is a French territory in the South Pacific, comprising two main islands – Grande Terre and Loyalty Islands – and several smaller islands. It has a population of around 270,000 people, of whom about 40% are of Indigenous Kaledon heritage.

Pro-independence campaigners boycotted the referendum, stating that it was a sham and that the vote would not be binding.

They instead called for a peaceful protest to demand full independence for New Caledonia.

However, the referendum was won by a decisive margin, with 93% of voters choosing to remain part of France.

A woman casts her ballot for the referendum in New Caledonia.

3 dead, 6 missing in Sicily blast

At least 3 people are confirmed dead and 6 others are missing after an explosion at a gas plant in Sicily, Italy. Rescue services are still searching for the missing individuals.

The gas explosion occurred at the Plantinum gas plant in the town of Gela, located on the southern coast of Sicily. The plant supplies gas to around 100,000 homes in the region.

According to local authorities, the explosion happened while workers were carrying out maintenance work on the plant.

The exact cause of the explosion is still under investigation. However, it is believed to have been caused by a gas leak.

The blast caused significant damage to the gas plant and nearby buildings, and there are reports of injuries among the missing individuals.

G7 warns Russia of ‘massive consequences’ if Ukraine attack

Leaders from the G7 nations have warned Russia that it will face ‘massive consequences’ if it invades Ukraine.

The warning came during a meeting of the G7 foreign ministers in Liverpool, England. The ministers expressed concern over Russia’s buildup of military forces near Ukraine's border.

The warning was met with punishment from the G7, which has imposed new sanctions on Russia.

The G7 nations, which include the United States, Canada, Mexico, Japan, Italy, France, and the United Kingdom, have announced a coordinated response to Russia’s actions.

The G7 nations have imposed new sanctions on Russia, including asset freezes and travel bans on Russian officials.

The warning comes as Russia continues to build up its military presence near Ukraine’s border, prompting fears of an invasion.

Medics’ Twitter harassment ‘promised’

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s personal Twitter handle has been promised ‘prominent media harassment’. The warning came after the Prime Minister’s office and other media outlets were targeted on Twitter.

The Twitter harassment crisis has raised concerns about the safety of journalists and media workers in India.

Omicspread faster, weaker jabs

A new strain of the Omicron coronavirus variant has been identified, which spreads faster but may be less severe than the Delta variant.

The new variant, known as “Omicron variant B.1.1.529”, has been detected in South Africa and is believed to have emerged in Batschepa, a town near Botswana.

The variant is characterized by a large number of mutations in the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which could make it more transmissible and evade host immunity.

However, the new variant is likely to be less severe than Delta, with milder symptoms and fewer hospitalizations.

The variant was first detected in South Africa, where it was identified in a group of travelers from the United Kingdom.

The WHO has advised countries to monitor the new variant closely, as it could pose a threat to global health security.
D’reesha performing arts festival opens

The opening ceremony of D’reesha, Qatar Foundation (QF)'s inaugural performing arts festival – held in partnership with the Ministry of Culture, Qatar National Day, and Daam Fund – brought together members of Qatar’s community to celebrate local music, theatre, culture, and the Arabic language.

HE Sheikha Hind bint Hamad al-Thani, HE the Minister of Sports and Youth Salah bin Ghanem bin Nasser al-Attiyah, HE the Minister of Education and Higher Education Buthaina bint Ali al-Jabr al-Nuaimi, and HE the Minister of State and President of Qatar National Library Dr Hamad bin Abdulaziz al-Kuwari attended the ceremony at Education City’s Ceremonial Court as the six-day festival got under way.

The opening event saw a performance by the QF’s Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra, accompanied by noted Qatari singer Fahad al-Kubaisi.

Hadeer Omar, assistant professor at QF partner Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar and an independently practising new media artist, showcased a light and visual experience.

Other performances included that by Al Kufi ya dabke group, a bicycle painting show by Fatima al-Naimi, and an interactive drumming experience.

Qatari actor Ghanim al-Sulaiti spoke at the D’reesha opening ceremony, saying: “Art is a very human skill, and a human will enhance this skill with practice, experience, and age.”

“As we are here at Qatar Foundation’s Education City, we use this occasion to re-emphasise the importance of education,” he said. “This is what motivated me to speak at this festival, as I feel that education is the active role in supporting the performing arts, through the projects and initiatives.”

“This inaugural edition of the D’reesha performing arts festival also reflects the connection between art, science, and technology, which is important in building the artistic community, and also in engaging communities that are based on beauty and justice.”

Qatari researcher and entrepreneur Rooda al-Qebaisi, an alumni of the QF’s Stars of Science, also spoke at the ceremony: “Science and art have always been connected, and this relationship is a very integrated one.”

“Pasion is something that scientists and researchers have in common with artists,” she said. “This is what motivated me to participate in D’reesha and experience the connection between art and science. As a result of this connection, performances will span different focus areas – such as research, education, technology, and science – and will take place at the Green Spine, the Ceremonial Court, and Chef’s Garden at Education City, adhering to local physical distancing guidelines.”

D’reesha is being held during the FIFA Arab Cup 2021, and will give visitors the chance to learn more about Education City’s vibrant community ahead of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.