**QCB to gradually reduce Covid stimulus package**

By Flippo John

Our Central Bank (QCB) yesterday said it will start working on plans to gradually reduce Covid stimulus measures to support the national economy “given the recovery from the impact of the coronavirus crisis.”

In a statement yesterday QCB said: “We will begin with the implementation of the future strategy for a phased reduction of the supporting stimulus package based within the framework of the economic support package of the state.”

“This will be done through a progressive and balanced path that takes into account the various interactions between monetary policy measures and the continuum of economic and business activity in the State of Qatar,” QCB said. “Economic stimulus and Covid-19 stimulus and recovery packages should be used strategically and in a sustainable manner.”

QCB said: “The Central Bank will continue to maintain low interest rates and achieve a positive economic shock.”

**QND parade spectator entry only for invites**

By Ghassan Alkadi

Entrance to the air-conditioned pedestrian-jogging tracks.

Fireworks show after Arab Cup final match

By Zafer Al Mansoori

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Several others were seriously injured while four were killed in the incident, with a fifth child later dying in hospital.

Aussie bouncy castle tragedy kills 5 kids

The five children died in hospital after they were killed when a bouncy castle four metres high fell on them yesterday.

The 32-year-old man who ran the castle has been charged with manslaughter and several others were variously injured when a goal of returning the bouncy castle into the air at an amusement park in Western Australia collapsed.

The police said at the primary school at Dongara, northern. The event was scheduled to last the last weekend of the Christmas holidays and around 6,000 children had been present.

Many parents said they were terrified that the incident would be a repeat of the tragic Christmas Day castle collapse in Victoria in 2015.

France bans most UK travelers over Omicron

France said yesterday that it would ban all travelers from the UK from October 23 to keep the Omicron Coronavirus variant in check.

French authorities have extended their list of countries subject to a travel ban to include 14 countries, including the UK.

This move is the latest in a series of steps taken by European Union member states to limit the spread of the new virus.

A six-month grace period was also provided to the private sector for the repayment of loans.

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**Cross-border trucking that is changing the game**

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The choice is all yours! New Ooredoo ONE

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Revised travel, return policy from Sunday

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) updated lists of countries, based on the severity of the Covid-19 pandemic, will commence on Sunday with adjustments to the travel policy.

The number of countries on the so-called ‘green list’ – those with low infection rates – is set to be reduced.

The new measures will see more countries added to the green list, meaning travelers can return home without having to quarantine upon return.

The Ministry of Public Health published on its website a revised list of countries that are considered ‘low-risk’ for Covid-19.

The new policy will be implemented from Sunday, with changes to the travel policy taking effect the following day.

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A museum director said that an important step forward in the political and economic ties between the two countries saw the completion of an exhibition on the evolving renaissance of Qatar. The museum director added that the latest evidence of the strength of ties was the recent opening of a new embassy in the capital, which reflected the depth of partnership between the two sides.

**MoPH, partners celebrate National Day**

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), instead of public health networks and Primary Health Care Sector Corporation (PHCC), organized a celebration yesterday on the occasion of Qatar National Day, held at the Ministry’s headquarters.

**Amir, Deputy AM, AIM, PM greet Kazakh leadership**

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani and His Highness the Deputy Amir Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al-Thani extended their greetings to the President of Kazakhstan and his Deputy.

**Casino closure today**

There will be a closure on the Doha Corniche Road today, from the National Theatre intersection towards the Amir Diwan intersection, including the Red Street, from 6pm-5:30pm, The Ministry of Interior revealed.

**Qatar’s ambassador presents credentials**

The ambassador articulated the different historical developmental stages of Qatar’s commerce and industry sector, starting with the arrival of British and Portuguese traders and their role in this sector. It was at that time that the connection point and axis of communication between the various cities of the region, up to witnessing features and prosperity of the comprehensive economic, social and cultural growth that has been seen in its modern history. Additionally, this project played a key role in promoting the prosperity of the commerce sector, during the time of the Founder, and the resilience that covered life and economic activities in Qatar, including the local trade, which supported the country’s position in this field, leading to the development of the local trade, especially in the food and agriculture sectors.

**MoCi hosts QND art exhibition**

The joint committee headed by Legal and Legislative Affairs Minister and Financial and Economic Affairs Committee of the Shura Council held a meeting yesterday in the presence of the Minister of Public Health and the Chairman of the Joint Committee Abdulrahman bin Yousef Al-Nuaimi. During the meeting, the committee continued to discuss the two draft laws ‘Social Security and Pensions’ and ‘Medical Services’. In the light of the previous discussions, the committee at the joint Committee to continue these laws, pending the current and upcoming meetings, to finalize and complete them as soon as possible.
Qatar made qualitative leap in advancing human rights

H.E. Chairman of the QU Board of Trustees Ahmad al-Jamal, in his speech within the framework of the Qatar National Day, said that the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) has made a qualitative leap in the advancement of human rights and justice, as a result of its continuous efforts in support of the State of Qatar stipulations and international human rights conventions, in addition to the values of justice, nonviolence, freedom, equality, and human moral principles.

The Qatar Foundation has witnessed qualitative development in human and procedural aspects of its work, including in the areas of training programs for post-employees, quality management and support services. It has also witnessed qualitative development in human and procedural indicators according to the philosophy of its work, whether in periodic inspection visits, which were followed by the issuance of recommendations to improve, or in the implementation of an expansion in the number of inspections during the current period of inspection visits, and an improvement in the inspections performed in the social facilities in the previous year, following the new guidelines of understanding signed agreements with Qatar University, the General Authority for Military Roads and Transport, and the Ministry of Education.

He also welcomed the work of the Foundation’s Health Department in providing a qualitative leap to all standards in the health sector, from testing and screening and advancing the research capacity of the Foundation’s research centers.

The Qatar Foundation, in its efforts on the right of work on the Qatar Foundation, the chairperson of the Foundation, Dr. Ali Abdulrahman al-Suwaidi, affirmed that the Qatar Foundation has achieved, despite the challenges it has faced, the implementation of the provisions related to the Foundation’s workforce, meeting the requirements of the Foundation’s employees, and ensuring the safety and security of its workforce.

In a statement to Qatar News Agency (QNA) on the occasion of the Qatar National Day, HE al-Attiyah affirmed that the Qatar Foundation has adopted the pillars of the Qatar National Vision 2030, which is the highest national priority, and that the institution has built teams trained at the highest level in order to provide the best services to its customers.

In his speech, HE al-Attiyah said, “Qatar Foundation is one of the most important institutions in Qatar, and it has been able to achieve great success in various fields through its efforts. We aspire to do more to support the development of the country, and we are keen to enhance its contribution to the advancement of the global community.

In a statement to Qatar News Agency (QNA) on the occasion of the Qatar National Day, HE the minister said that National Day is an occasion that makes us proud of our great nation and the progress that we have achieved.

He said that the Qatar Foundation has played an important role in the development of Qatar, and that it has worked on that in coordination with its partners.

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Qatar is a key and reliable partner: Italian ambassador

The ambassador of Italy to Qatar, Alessandro Prunas, said that Italy and Qatar share a long history of cooperation and friendship. He noted that the two countries have recently strengthened their bilateral relations, particularly in the fields of sports, culture, and education. Prunas emphasized the importance of cooperation and friendship between the two nations, which have strong historical ties and shared values. He also highlighted the close ties between the two nations, which include a number of joint projects in the fields of sports, culture, and education. Prunas congratulated the Qatari people on the occasion of National Day, and wished them a prosperous future. He also expressed his gratitude to the Qatari people for their hospitality and friendship, and expressed his hope for continued cooperation and friendship between the two nations. He also expressed his hope for continued cooperation and friendship between the two nations, which he described as strong and sincere. He also expressed his gratitude to the Qatari people for their hospitality and friendship, and expressed his hope for continued cooperation and friendship between the two nations. He also expressed his hope for continued cooperation and friendship between the two nations, which he described as strong and sincere. He also expressed his gratitude to the Qatari people for their hospitality and friendship, and expressed his hope for continued cooperation and friendship between the two nations.
Ambassador affirms strong ties between Qatar and Philippines

The ambassador of the Philippines to Qatar, Hans Amr Kamal El-Din Timbayan, has highlighted the strong diplomatic relations between Qatar and the Philippines and emphasised the importance of political, economic, and cultural cooperation between the two nations.

Regarding Qatar’s efforts to control the spread of the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, the envoy said that Qatar’s measures are commendable in terms of the efforts made not only to curb its negative impact on its citizens and territory, but also to support countries across the globe. He added that Qatar has been one of the countries in the world that has shown a willingness and solidarity to support countries facing great challenges.

On the impact of the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, the envoy said that the pandemic has posed a significant challenge to the entire world, especially to the most vulnerable countries. He expressed hope that the international community would continue to support and assist the people of the country, who are experiencing a rise in the number of cases.

He added that in addition to supporting Qatar, the envoy said that the Philippines has also been providing assistance to its sister country, Qatar. He expressed gratitude for the remarkable assistance that government has extended to Qatar through its various agencies and protocols.

Regarding Qatar’s preparations for the upcoming FIFA World Cup, the envoy said that Qatar is continuously steered towards success, and that the entire world awaits and looks forward to its hosting of the World Cup.

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On the occasion of Qatar National Day, the envoy said that there are many opportunities and challenges ahead for Qatar, which is a country in the midst of a transition period.

He added that it is an important time for Qatar to continue to develop and strengthen its diplomatic and economic relations with the Philippines, and to continue to foster strong and long-lasting ties with its sister country.

He concluded by expressing hope that Qatar and the Philippines will continue to work together to achieve common goals and to contribute to the development and prosperity of the region.
Envoys highlight strong Qatar-Eritrea relations

Jordan ambassador bails historical ties with Qatar

Turkish ambassador praises Qatar economy’s stability

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Dominican relationship with Qatar continues to grow

Ambassador of Dominican Republic in Qatar Jean-Paul Mas-Neira has praised the developments between his country and Qatar and stressed that both sides have firm political will to develop their diplomatic ties in various areas.

In an interview with Qatar News Agency (QNA) on the occasion of celebrating the 31st anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Dominican Republic and Qatar, the ambassador pointed to the positive developments in Qatar in recent years that made possible the strengthening of the relationship.

In his interview with QNA, the ambassador praised Qatar’s efforts and successes in many fields, especially in the development of civil aviation and tourism.

The ambassador also praised Qatar’s hosting of the 36th Asian Games in 2019, which he said was a great success, and the efforts made by Qatar to make the Games a success.

He also praised Qatar’s hosting of the World Cup in 2022, which he said is a big project that requires huge efforts and resources.

The ambassador also praised Qatar’s efforts to bring the country closer to the international community, and its efforts to promote the country’s culture and values.

The ambassador said that the relationship between the Dominican Republic and Qatar is developing positively, and he encouraged both sides to continue developing their diplomatic ties in various areas.

In conclusion, the ambassador said that the relationship between the Dominican Republic and Qatar is developing positively, and both sides should continue to work towards strengthening their ties in various areas.
Division G Toastmasters holds training session on leading specialty clubs

Division G of District 16 - Qatars Toastmasters International, conducted a smooth "Training session on leading specialty clubs" at the area 25 director's residence, attended by the division council members and all other Toastmasters across District 16.

The training had two segments. The first was on how to lead the corporate and regional language club was handled by immediate past district director for Thindal K. It enlightened the audience on the importance of the role of the president as the leader of the meeting, and how to handle club officers while creating an enjoyable atmosphere. The second segment including topics on leading and advanced clubs was handled by the past district president of Apollo Clubs’ Atlantic, Ambika Handal. Referring to the suggestions of the first segment, Handal emphasized the importance of understanding the nature of the club, its officers, latest trends, and their needs in particular to explain the purpose, content, and attitude of leaders.

Division G director Albert Meitangandu said: "The Q&A session was moderated by Area 27 director Alia Siwadi, assistant district director, Jayakumar Menon, Sheikh Farhad, and Krishna Sathe. Also attending the meeting was our Asistant director Richard Salda proposed the vote of thanks."

Feeling at home in Doha

A European Collared Dove, a resident breeder in Qatar, is seen totally relaxed on a Sidra tree in a Doha backyard on a recent morning. Wild birds usually flee at the slightest hint of any threat, but research indicates that some birds may know who their human friends are, as they are able to recognise people’s voices and differentiate between human voices. Picture by Gulf Times/news editor Bonnie James.

How well do you know about Qatar?

Q: Qatar National Day is celebrated on which day to commemorate the country’s unification in 1973 and marks the day that Sheikh Jassim bin Mohamed bin Thani succeeded his father as leader of the emirates. What is the significance? (NI1)

A: The day, which is celebrated a few months earlier. Which date was it and what is its significance? Although 2.45mn people visited Qatar this year, they will be celebrated a few months earlier. Which date was it and what is its significance? (NI2)

Q: Name the Prime Minister of the UAE who opened his first restaurant under Star Records in 2006. (NI3)

A: The popular "colonel" who opened his first restaurant under Star Records in 2006. (NI4)

Q: Who succeeded Andrea Meza from Mexico in a recent event with lot of fanfare? (NI5)

A: The popular "colonel" who opened his first restaurant under Star Records in 2006. (NI6)

Q: Name the Prime Minister of Australia who vanished on December 17, 1967 in a mysterious circumstances while swimming near Melbourne? (NI7)

A: The popular "colonel" who opened his first restaurant under Star Records in 2006. (NI8)

Q: Who succeeded his father as leader of the emirates on this day in 1971 and declared itself a sovereign state? Who is the current leader and how to achieve club goals while sustaining quality. (NI9)

A: The popular "colonel" who opened his first restaurant under Star Records in 2006. (NI10)

Q: Name the Prime Minister of the UAE who vanished on December 17, 1967 in a mysterious circumstances while swimming near Melbourne? (NI11)

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Q: Which date was it and what is its significance? Although 2.45mn people visited Qatar this year, they will be celebrated a few months earlier. Which date was it and what is its significance? (NI13)

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Qatar National Day

Qatar Pharmacy University (QPhUS) conducted a special celebration in observance of the World Anti-Microbial Resistance Week. Health-related disciplines raised awareness for the correct use of antibiotics and the anti-inflammatory agents that can lead to long-lasting illnesses, higher risk of death and disability.

The campaign consisted of six informative stations. The first station had empty boxes of antibiotics to guide the audience about different conditions and the importance of using antibiotics correctly. The second station demonstrated by all students the importance of the correct use of antibiotics, completing the dose even if the person felt well and to discontinue the antibiotic. The third station had take-home messages about the correct use of antibiotics, including antibiotic resistance and the risk of re-infections.

QPhUS vice-president, also said: “This event was one of a kind in our curricula and one of the best as it spread awareness about the stress of admissions, and preparing and hosting this event was an exercise and a fun. We were happy and honored to have faculty members and students from different colleges to know more about antibiotic knowledge and resistance.”

SISQ hosts a very special celebration

E ach term of the school year at Swiss International School Qatar (SISQ) closed with a very special celebration of Qatar National Day (QND), with all Covid-19 protocols in place.

The Arabic Department organized activities for the entire school for Qatar National Day (QND) on 18 December 2021. Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5 marked the beginning of the celebration. This was followed by the Ministry of Public Health and the upcoming FIFA World Cup and an exhibition titled, ‘My Values Define My Identity’ and featuring ‘Identity’ and featuring ‘Tolerance’ special assemblies and workshops with students preparing to present a very special assembly about antibiotic resistance awareness drive.

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This event gave the students the opportunity to engage, educate and raise awareness to Qatar University community with key issues related to antimicrobial, including appropriate use of antibiotics. This was a good learning experience for the students with varieties of skills gained. These extracurricular activities are essential in preparing our students to save lives and to be responsible consumers of antibiotics.

The event was attended by high officials of the school. The guests were very happy to see our students’ performance and presentations.

Birla School holds week-long programme

E ach school year at Birla Public School in Doha, Qatar National Day with a ‘special programme’ highlighting the theme ‘My Qatar, My Identity’. The theme originated from Grade 5-8 marked the beginning of the celebration. The event was followed by the Ministry of Public Health and the upcoming FIFA World Cup.

The third station showed the audience the risk of death. Also displayed were different conditions and the importance of using antibiotics correctly. The fourth station had take-home messages about the correct use of antibiotics, including antibiotic resistance and the risk of re-infections. This event gave the students the opportunity to engage, educate and raise awareness to Birla Public School community with key issues related to antimicrobial, including appropriate use of antibiotics.

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**Super Cryptic Clues**

_Azuro_  
1. Brand new measure plant (10)  
2. Sit on mant awkwardly and get off (10)  
3. Press club (10)  
4. Dance band leader meets certain favourite (10)  
5. Exaggerate term of imprisonment (10)

_Down_  
1. Get upset and caught on branch of tree (10)  
2. Animal to upset King Arthur’s city (10)  
3. Banter a person usually carries (10)  
4. Making a rocket, one is heavier (10)  
5. Painful exclamation suppressed by the French is distempers (10)

**Codeword**

Every letter in the alphabet is used at least once. Work out which number represents which letter. Squares with the same number in have the same letter.

**Joey**

JOYCE  
BYRON  
SHAKESPEARE  
HARDY  
AUSTEN

**Puzzles courtesy: Puzzlechoice.com**

**Sudoku**

Every column, every row and every box is also divided into nine boxes. You are given a selection of values and are required to complete the puzzle, that is, fill the grid so that every column, every row and every box contains the values 1 to 9. Use the clues to help you.

**Wordsearch**

**ANSWERS TO WORDSEARCH**

_Press club_ (4)

**Sudoku**

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**Horoscope**

**Aries**  
June 21 – July 20  
You are in the grip of getting energy in your personal life today. Cancer, which might want to entice your fire downward, cages off the elements back up. One of the wins you bring to the group is a strong intention that gives people the courage to change, thus lifting the ring.

**Cancer**  
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**Leo**  
July 21 – August 20  
Take pressing matters to the hilt today, Leo, especially when it comes to emotional needs. You have all the data you need to make a sound point. You have a certain intuition of the truck you see so far will roll. Your feelings are strong and intense. Don’t ignore them under any circumstances. Go with your gut instincts before you trust anything else.

**Virgo**  
August 23 – September 22  
Your location is likely to be rocked today, Libra. To the point where you will all put your support to go over the proposed plan’s rhetoric. Grounding and stability are the keys to maintaining a healthy dialogue, especially when it comes to emotional needs. Cancer, which might want to entice your fire downward, cages off the elements back up. One of the wins you bring to the group is a strong intention that gives people the courage to change, thus lifting the ring.

**Libra**  
September 23 – October 22  
Calm down and get control, Scorpio. You are up to receive input from each and every one of your Inner Ops spaces open and available for new information that is going to break through. Don’t be hasty. You have better, all taking a reserved, complex approach today.

**Scorpio**  
October 23 – November 21  
Today is your day to shine in every way, Sagittarius. There is a concentration of energy in your personal life today. Stability and predictability. Your emotions are leading the way, and your heart is located as a map to show you these forces. Your ability to understand others will be the most powerful tool.

**Sagittarius**  
November 22 – December 21  
A solid grounding is up to be unnecessary today to you. Please avoid any heavy work or anything else that has you play your cards. Keep in mind that the earth and steady counter is needed going to veer this case. All the take to the earth and get you nowadays. Today is about quality and action. Shaky efforts will就是一个然地 avail.

**Aquarius**  
January 20 – February 18  
Let your networking instincts shine through, Aquarius. Be lively on your own case. Things starting to get highly interesting. They have the ability to keep you cool. Not only that in the six extremely important this is done essentially to maintain any sort of stability in the situation. Keep your footing at all times. Your sanity is key.

**Taurus**  
April 20 – May 20  
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**Levi**  
March 21 – April 19  
Your heart and emotions are on the same page, Capricorn. But there may not be too funny to you want them to be. It is not that you’re not sticking about an event front the past. But you’re able to change your thinking now. It may be that you’re not sticking about an event front the past. But you’re able to change your thinking now.
GULF TIMES
WHO’s penny-wise health-foolish club

It beggared belief, but it’s true. In the midst of the Covid-19 crisis, the member states of the World Health Organization (WHO) voted to reduce the number of its researchers by 25% even as the COVID-19 pandemic raged. Perplexing, and chilling. Two decades after the SARS outbreak, and just a year after the WHO declared a global health emergency, why would the member states support a move that would hamper the organisation’s ability to respond to the pandemic crisis?

In the past, the WHO has consistently argued that its work was critical to ensuring global health security. But was the Organisation really prepared for the pandemic? The answer is no. In 2019, the WHO received just 4% of its budget from member states. Most of WHO’s funding comes from voluntary contributions, which are not guaranteed. As a consequence, the WHO has been forced to rely on voluntary contributions, which are unpredictable, and ad hoc funds, such as the recent $6.7 billion, multi-year allocation from the United States.

To strengthen the WHO, it must improve its financial sustainability. The current proposal by the G20 High Level Independent Panel on Financing for Health (HLIP) would address this challenge. HLIP is the most important global co-ordination mechanism for forming partnerships to address global health threats. It is the only mechanism that has the potential to bring together all 194 WHO member states and other financial institutions to address global health threats. HLIP’s vision is to ensure that all countries – would make all the difference to global health co-operation.

It should not have been this way before Covid-19, and it should not be this way again.

Too many member states have long been indifferent to the strength of the WHO or invest in it. Strengthening the WHO is a matter of public health security. Member states waste tens of billions of dollars on health threats, providing a public good that serves all countries. It is therefore imperative that member states support the WHO working group to restore the organisation’s financing, including increasing assessed contributions, in order to make its budget stronger.

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Conserving the Qatari environment, culture and heritage a matter of trust

The Qatari National Day (QND) slogan, “Assurance, Knowledge, A Matter of Trust”, reflects the Qatari people’s commitment to the country’s development, heritage and legacy. Qatari people used to build for the welfare of society and environment, keeping the environment and the legacy of the past in the hands of the generation.

Being a Qatar research and graduate student university, Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) acts as a catalyst for positive transformation in Qatar and the region where a global impact. Located in Education City, HBKU is committed to building and cultivating human capacity through an intricate academic experience, immersive ecosystem, and unique partnerships. HBKU works closely with leading research universities and international institutions and provides opportunities for its members to network and create. For more information, please visit www.hbku.edu.qa.

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The Qatari National Day (QND) slogan, “Assurance, Knowledge, A Matter of Trust”, reflects the Qatari people’s commitment to the country’s development, heritage and legacy. Qatari people used to build for the welfare of society and environment, keeping the environment and the legacy of the past in the hands of the generation.

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Tajweed

The importance of Tajweed

Tajweed is a set of rules and regulations that govern the recitation of the Qur’an, the holy book of Islam. It is considered an essential part of Islamic practice, as the Qur’an is viewed as a sacred scripture by Muslims. Proper Tajweed is believed to aid in the understanding and memorization of the text, as well as in the spiritual development of the reciter.

The purpose of Tajweed

The Qur’an is revealed to humanity in Arabic, and proper Tajweed is necessary to ensure that the recitation is in accordance with the original text. Tajweed includes rules for the pronunciation of the letters, the correct lengthening of vowels, the correct placement of pauses, and other aspects of the recitation. These rules are necessary to ensure that the meaning of the text is not altered by the reciter.

Examples of Tajweed:

- **The Illegality of Mixing Letters:** Mixing letters while reciting the Qur’an is considered a serious offense. Tajweed rules are designed to prevent this from occurring, as mixing letters can alter the meaning of the text.

- **Prohibiting Inept Reciters:** Reciters who are not able to follow the rules of Tajweed are prohibited from reciting the Qur’an. Proper Tajweed is necessary to ensure that the recitation is in accordance with the original text.

- **Practicing in Privacy:** Tajweed is practiced not in public but in the privacy of the reciter. This is to ensure that the recitation is done in a private setting, free from distractions and interruptions.

Challenging the rule

The rule of Tajweed regarding the correct pronunciation of every letter in the Qur’an is challenged by some scholars. They argue that it is not possible to recite the Qur’an accurately, without any exaggeration or deficiency, due to the complexity of the language and the infinite number of possibilities in the pronunciation of each letter.

In conclusion, Tajweed is a critical aspect of Islamic practice, as it ensures that the recitation of the Qur’an is in accordance with the original text. It is necessary to understand the Qur’an properly, as it is considered the word of Allah and the source of Islamic law. Tajweed is not only important for the recitation of the Qur’an but also for the proper understanding and implementation of Islamic law and principles.
Qatar Airways celebrates the return of its non-stop flights between Doha and Sofia, as the flagship carrier strengthens its network across the region.

The airline has resumed non-stop flights between Doha and Sofia, enabling travelers to discover the world via the world’s best airport, Hamad International Airport.

Shi Kui, chief executive officer of the airline’s Sofia office, said: “We are delighted to bring back non-stop flights to Sofia and we look forward to welcoming our passengers onboard our newly installed non-stop flights.”

Qatar Airways chief executive officer and group chief executive Akbar al-Baker said: “The resumption of Qatar Airways’ non-stop flights provides Bulgarians with unparalleled opportunities to experience the world via our world-class airline.”

“Visitors from Sofia can expect the same excellent service, facilities and inflight entertainment service enjoyed by all Qatar Airways’ passengers worldwide,” he added.

Qatar Airways chief officer (Customer Experience) Rossen Stanev said: “Bulgarians and other travelers can now enjoy our world-class inflight entertainment, which includes the famous Oryx One on-demand inflight entertainment system.”

“Whether visiting the Middle East or hitting the slopes and the magnificent Black Sea shore, Hamad International Airport is an ideal gateway to Middle East, Asia, and Africa. Hamad International Airport offers our guests a 360-degree travel experience, making it the world’s best airport,” he added.

“Qatar is proud to be a gateway to the world,” al-Baker said. “Our industry-leading customer experience continues to be recognized at world-class levels for its excellence, with the Qatar Airways in-flight experience recognized as the world’s best inflight entertainment service as awarded by the Skytrax ‘World Airline Awards 2021’.”

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Al Luqta and Al Rayyan, Izghawa, Al Kharaitiyat, including Al Gharrafa, Garrafat Al Keyan, Al Rasadi, Al Khateeb, Al Fakhoor, Al Shuwaikh and Al Shedaidh. To encourage exercise, Alshif has provided an integrated cooling and air-conditioning system for the 187ha of pedestrian and sport areas in the park, ensuring temperatures between 25-28°C.

“Work is underway to introduce the innovative system that reduces the operation cost by more than 50%,” said Alshif.

The system also relies on a design that uses environmental friendly, reusable and recyclable materials, including Alshadeed’s recycled plastic, which can be worked in optimal solar and reduce its leakage to maintain the cooling effect on the trees, reducing temperature by 10°C with-out mechanical intervention, in addition to utilizing the available modified air conditioners based on internal studies carried out by Alshif.

The Islamic Boulevard-style structures are installed to allow air circulation from air conditioners.

A wide panel cover along the roof protects the plant from the excessive electricity and provides a plant roof at a suit- able height.

Further, fast-growing climber vines cover the pedestrian tracks from all directions.

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