AC Together drive for fair access to Covid tools during FIFA Arab Cup

Campaign is part of global partnership between FIFA and WHO

By Yossi Apelbart special to all

The Arab Cup has a new hero: the Arab region’s football teams are gearing up to fight against Covid-19. In a move that has been hailed as a breath of fresh air for the region, the Arab Cup organizers have launched a campaign to ensure that all teams have equal access to Covid-19 vaccines and medical supplies.

The Arab Cup, which kicks off on Wednesday, is the first major international football tournament to be held in the Arab world since the pandemic began. It is being held in Qatar, which has taken strict measures to control the spread of the virus.

Qatar, which has the highest vaccination rate in the world, has announced that all registered players and officials will be vaccinated before the tournament begins. The country has also set up a medical center at the tournament site to provide medical assistance to players and officials.

The campaign, which is being launched on the eve of the tournament, is part of a global partnership between FIFA and the World Health Organization (WHO). The campaign is designed to ensure that all teams have equal access to Covid-19 vaccines and medical supplies, regardless of their financial status.

FIFA’s Secretary General, Fatma Samoura, said: “We are committed to ensuring that all teams have equal access to Covid-19 vaccines and medical supplies. This is a priority for FIFA and we are working closely with the WHO to achieve this goal.”

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Amir, Macron discuss friendship and co-operation ties, seek to expand them in various fields

Prime Minister Nouri Al-Maliki and French President Emmanuel Macron greet each other at the airport in Abu Dhabi. (AFP)

Qatar, France in joint aid operation in Afghanistan

President of the National Assembly, Qais Khaliq, visited Kabul on Wednesday (Qatar News Agency)

Panama president receives credentials of Qatar’s envoy

Special envoy attends meeting of coalition against ISIS

Qatar commends UNIDO’s efforts to achieve global economic recovery

Qatar’s envoy to Pakistan, Ali bin Jassim Al-Attiya, who is also the country’s Permanent Representative to the UN in New York. (Qatar News Agency)

Labour ministry clears 1,558 job requests in Nov

Al Wakra Municipality finishes first phase of cleaning campaign

Second edition of building requirements guide launched

Qatar News Agency
Renowned Arab artists to perform in Doha this month

Qatar is bringing in 10 renowned artists from the Arab world to take part in an artistic exhibition in Doha this month. The event, called Al-Suwar, will take place at the Doha Cultural Centre. According to the accompanying brochure, the show is "a celebration of the arts and culture of the Arab world, featuring some of the most talented artists in the region." The event will run from December 5 to 10, according to the brochure.

Arab artists

The event will feature performances by artists from the Arab world, including paintings, sculptures, and other forms of art. The brochure mentions that the artists come from a variety of countries, including Egypt, Jordan, and Lebanon.

Arab artists

The exhibition will take place at the Doha Cultural Centre, which is located in the heart of the city. The centre is known for hosting a range of cultural events, including concerts, exhibitions, and theatrical performances. The centre is situated in the Corniche area, which is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Qatar.

Arab artists

The event is expected to attract a large number of visitors, including both locals and tourists. The centre has a capacity of 500 people, and tickets are expected to sell out quickly. The event is free to the public, and no ticketing will be required.

Arab artists

The event is being organized by Al-Suwar, an organization that promotes the arts in Qatar and the Arab world. The group has a long history of hosting cultural events in the region, and is known for its commitment to supporting emerging artists.

Arab artists

The event is being held in collaboration with the Qatar Museums Authority, which is responsible for managing and promoting cultural events in Qatar. The authority has a mandate to promote Qatar's cultural heritage and to support the arts and culture in the country.

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Qatar renews support for resolving Palestinian issue

Qatar has renewed its firm commitment to supporting the Palestinian people and the Palestinian national authority in their struggle for self-determination, freedom and independence.

The statement was conveyed by the Qatari Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Mr. Al-Thani, during his address at the UN General Assembly meeting on Palestine. The Qatari statement echoed the call for a two-state solution, which involves the establishment of a Palestinian state on the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

The statement also referred to the importance of resolving the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, emphasizing the need for a just and lasting peace. Qatar reiterated its support for the efforts of the UN and other international bodies to achieve a comprehensive and just solution to the conflict.

The state condemned the Israeli settlements policy and called on the international community to take action against this policy. Qatar emphasized the need for a comprehensive approach to achieve a peaceful solution, including negotiations and the lifting of the blockade on Gaza.

The statement concluded with Qatar's commitment to continue to support the Palestinian people in their struggle for self-determination. Qatar called on the international community to join in this effort and to work towards a just and lasting peace in the region.

QU researchers create artificial reefs mitigating damage to coral reefs

One of the most tangible ways in which we can see the effects of climate change is through the destruction of coral reefs. These reefs play a vital role in maintaining marine biodiversity, but are under threat due to rising ocean temperatures and ocean acidification.

The researchers at QU (Qatar University) are working on developing artificial reefs to mitigate the damage caused to the natural coral reefs. These artificial reefs have already been implemented in the Arabian Gulf, with the aim of restoring damaged reefs and protecting the marine biodiversity. The implementation of these reefs is expected to help restore the marine ecosystem and prevent the loss of biodiversity.

Doha Metro clocks up 4m trips

Doha Metro service was launched on 17 November last year by His Excellency Mr. Akbar Al Baker, Minister of Transport, Qatar. The metro is a vital part of the country's transportation system, providing a reliable and efficient means of commuting for residents and visitors alike.

The metro has already registered over 4 million trips since its launch. This is a testament to its popularity and the benefits it provides to the community. The metro has helped reduce traffic congestion, improved air quality, and provided a more convenient and comfortable travel experience for commuters.

Qatar Airways

Qatar Airways, the national carrier of Qatar, has announced that it will be offering free COVID-19 testing to all passengers before departure. The airline is committed to ensuring the safety and health of all passengers, and this initiative aims to provide peace of mind to travelers.

The airline has partnered with a leading medical center in Doha to offer free COVID-19 testing at the airport. Passengers will be able to book the test online and receive their results within a few hours. This initiative is part of Qatar Airways' broader commitment to health and safety, and is in line with the international standards set by the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

AC together for fair access to Covid tools during FIFA Arab Cup

The Arab Cup has announced AC Together for fair access to Covid tools during the tournament. This initiative aims to ensure that all participants have equal access to the latest tools and technologies to mitigate the impact of the pandemic.

AC Together is a partnership between the FIFA Arab Cup and the AC (Arab Confederation of Football). The initiative includes measures such as providing COVID-19 testing facilities, ensuring adequate social distancing, and providing protective equipment to all players and staff.

The aim of the initiative is to ensure that the Arab Cup can be held safely and without any disruptions due to the pandemic. This is a huge achievement for the region and sets a precedent for other tournaments in the future.

Shafallah students in tree-planting drive

In Doha Municipality’s Gharaffah and Ghanim sectors, an event was held at the Shafallah Center, a part of the Qatar Littoral organizing alliance. The students were involved in a tree-planting drive as part of their community service. The event aimed to raise awareness about environmental conservation and the importance of preserving nature.
Young innovators transform tech ideas into reality

Two young change-makers in Qatar have launched a turn-key technology for university students, which has been deemed one of the “Top 100 Innovators” by the Qatar Science and Technology Park (QSTP). The initiative, known as “QSTP Innovation Platform,” is a collaborative effort between the QSTP and local universities to support students in bringing their innovative ideas to market.

The platform provides a range of services, including mentorship, funding, and networking opportunities, to help students turn their ideas into viable businesses. Students can submit their ideas through the platform, which are then evaluated by a panel of experts. Successful projects are then provided with the necessary support to bring them to market.

The idea for the platform was inspired by the success of similar initiatives in other countries, and the organizers believe that it is poised to revolutionize the way technology is developed and brought to market in Qatar.

“QSTP Innovation Platform is designed to provide students with the tools they need to turn their ideas into reality,” said one of the platform’s organizers. “We believe that by providing these resources, we can help students launch successful businesses and contribute to the growth of the Qatari economy.”

The platform is open to all university students in Qatar, and applications are now being accepted for the next round of projects. For more information, visit the QSTP Innovation Platform website.
GU-Q professor uses crosswords to teach political science

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cher and crossword creator, stuffing professor of political science and foreign policy expert, is known for his use of crosswords to enhance political science and history classes. "I often use crosswords as a teaching tool," he says. "The puzzles help students think critically and make connections between different concepts."

According to Dr. Thomas, the key to teaching political science with crosswords is to present the material in a fun and engaging way. "Puzzles can be a great way to engage students who might not otherwise be interested in the subject," he adds.

The professor believes that crosswords can help students understand complex political concepts and make them more interested in the subject. "The puzzles can also help students remember important facts and details," he says.

Dr. Thomas teaches a course on Middle Eastern politics and history, and he uses crosswords to help students understand the political landscape of the region. "Crosswords can be a great way to teach about the complexities of Middle Eastern politics," he says.

The professor also uses crosswords to teach about the political landscape of the United States. "Crosswords can be a great way to teach about the intricacies of American politics," he says.

Dr. Thomas believes that crosswords can be a valuable tool for teaching political science. "They can help students think critically and make connections between different concepts," he says. "And they can be a fun and engaging way to learn about politics."
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Wordssearch

Super Cryptic Clues

Arches

1. Glen level inside that’s specially selected (6, 4)
2. Jolt that may be violated (6)
3. Go mad and evil (6)
4. Single fish (6)
5. Speak about facts of a sarsaparilla (7)
6. Could be lucky, being quick, or chopped off (11)
7. Make a big house, you continue to do so (7)
8. Contrast in this style (11)
9. Stick with it (11)
10. Light on making you depressed (8)
11. Favorite heavyweight of a town in the north of England (5)

Dawn

1. Scottish celebration or row (6)
2. Sewing implements not quite domesticity (7)
3. Fast and vegetable, right (5)
4. Apple core served up after Calvin dropped in (8)
5. What’s next is not too new (7)
6. Hug, deficit in bold conclusion (9)
7. A mixture of twisted thread (8)
8. Ended when put this turn over (7)
9. A peace that comes from Burma (7)
10. Unswerving back (5)
11. Heas (7) from the defect (11)

Codeword

Each letter of the alphabet is used at least once. Ignore any free spaces. Work out which number represents which letter.

Sudoku

Calming

Handpicked dovering horrid swirled to live by sole barrelly lorry

Jabber

Answers

1. Timeless
decade
1. Calendar
decade
2. Jolly
decade
2. Adan
3. Jolly
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3. Decade
4. Jolly
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ARIES

April 19 - May 20

Now that you’ve opened your eyes to the world after your hard work, Aries, you might take some time to pursue your own interests. You could make new discoveries about yourself. You may have a more relaxed attitude and enjoy investing your energy into personal hobbies. You’re free to enjoy your free time, and you may find inspiration in cherished relationships or delicate friendships.

TAURUS

April 21 - May 20

Your attitude to money might improve. You’ll be able to focus on financial matters, and you may gain more control over your funds. This could be a time to set up new savings or investments. Your relationships with family members might become more secure and supportive, and this can help you feel more stable.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 21

Your love life may be on the up, Gemini. Someone new might enter your life, or you may spend more time with current partners. This could lead to deeper connections and emotional growth. You might feel more inclined to travel or explore new experiences.

CANCER

June 22 - July 22

You might find it hard to express your feelings. Your need for security and stability might be stronger now. However, with time and patience, you may be able to share your emotions more openly. This could be a time to focus on nurturing your relationships and building a solid foundation.

LEO

July 23 - August 22

You might feel more confident in your personal relationships. Your charisma and confidence could attract new people into your life, and you may find yourself surrounded by a supportive network. This can be a time to celebrate your achievements and relish your social interactions.

LIBRA

August 23 - September 22

Your need for balance and harmony in your life might be more pronounced. You may find it easier to compromise and work through differences. Old issues might surface, but you’ll be able to address them and move forward.

SCORPIO

September 23 - October 22

You might face challenges related to your personal life. You may need to work through emotions or confront someone close to you. However, this phase can help you clarify your priorities and strengthen your resolve.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 - December 21

You might feel more adventurous and open to new experiences. This can be a time to explore new ideas or take risks. You might also find yourself more creative and expressing yourself freely.

CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 19

Your focus might shift towards a more practical or goal-oriented approach. You may find yourself more disciplined and efficient in your work. This phase can help you achieve your aims and make progress towards your objectives.

AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 18

You might feel more innovative and creative. You may be more attuned to your intuition and guided by your inner wisdom. This can be a time to explore new possibilities and think outside the box.

PISCES

February 19 - March 20

You might feel more empathetic and connected to others. Your inner world could be more intense, and you might find yourself delving deeper into your emotions. This phase can help you understand yourself and others on a deeper level.

COMMUNITY
China, Laos open $6bn high-speed rail link

Fulbright professor Charles Wenzelburger says the inauguration of the $1b China-Laos high-speed rail line is a significant step towards regional integration and economic development. The line is set to increase connectivity between China and Laos, facilitate trade and investment, and boost tourism. It is expected to reduce travel time between the two capitals from several hours to less than two hours. The project is part of China's Belt and Road Initiative, and is seen as a model for regional development in Southeast Asia. The line is expected to catalyze further investments and cooperation in the region, contributing to economic growth and poverty reduction.

Iran nuclear talks on brink of crisis

Iran's nuclear program is under renewed international scrutiny as talks between Iran, the United States, and other world powers in Vienna fail to reach a breakthrough. The failure to agree on a framework for a new nuclear agreement could lead to renewed sanctions, a potential military confrontation, or a return to the pre-2015 deal status quo. The talks have been hampered by political tensions, mistrust, and differences over Iran's enrichment activities, nuclear research, and regional activities. The failure to reach a deal could exacerbate tensions in the already fragile region, with implications for regional and global security.

UAE places $19bn order for Rafale jets, helicopters

Emirates, the Middle East's largest airline, has placed an order for 126 modernized Rafale jets and helicopters worth $19 billion. The order includes 48 single-seater Rafale jets, 78 dual-seater Rafale jets, and 26 helicopters. The order is part of a broader defense strategy to modernize and expand the UAE's armed forces, reflecting the country's growing role in regional and international security. The Rafale jets are expected to enhance the UAE's air reconnaissance and strike capabilities, while the helicopters will support logistics, medical evacuation, and special operations missions. The order is also likely to have a positive economic impact on the UAE, creating jobs and boosting the local defense industry.

ChinaLGs issued a new high-voltage gas cylinder sales order to mystery client

China's largest tank gas cylinder manufacturer, Zhongou, has placed a new high-voltage gas cylinder sales order worth $19 billion. The order is expected to be delivered within the next three years. The company's record-breaking order comes amid growing demand for high-quality gas cylinders in the country, driven by the increasing use of liquefied natural gas and the need for more efficient and safer storage solutions. The order is likely to boost the company's revenue and profitability, and will contribute to the country's efforts to improve energy security and reduce emissions. The company is also expected to benefit from the growing international demand for high-quality gas cylinders.
Doctors protest in New Delhi

India’s lower castes take cinematic centre stage

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Time to overhaul the global financial system

By A.J. Leccese
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lthough CitiGroup’s $535 million tally of climate change-related deals that they have helped to make in 2021 suggests that the world’s financial sector truly understands that climate change is the future, hundreds of billions of dollars can be invested in ways that could reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Indeed, the International Monetary Fund has called for “meaningful financial regulation” to support the transition to a low-carbon economy.

In the past decade, financial institutions have increasingly been asked to provide financial products and services that support renewable energy projects. This has led to an increased focus on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors in investment decisions. However, the lack of standardized reporting and measurement can make it difficult to accurately assess the impact of these investments.

One way to address this issue is through the development of climate stress testing. This involves analyzing how financial institutions would be affected by climate-related risks, such as changes in temperature or sea level.

In November, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) released a report on climate stress testing. The report highlights the need for more rigorous testing of financial institutions’ climate-related risks and recommends that they develop comprehensive strategies for addressing these risks.

In addition to stress testing, financial institutions can also support the transition to a low-carbon economy by investing in renewable energy projects. This can be done through a variety of mechanisms, such as providing financing for renewable energy projects or investing in green bonds.

As the world moves towards a low-carbon future, it is important for financial institutions to be at the forefront of this transition. By adopting the recommendations of the IMF and other organizations, financial institutions can help to ensure that their investments support a sustainable and resilient future for all.

Gulf Times

Madagascar’s food crisis: don’t blame it on climate change

By Abdullah Bin Khalfi Al Athiyah

Climate change is not the only factor contributing to Madagascar’s food crisis. In fact, the country’s severe drought, which has led to a significant reduction in crop yields, is primarily caused by natural factors such as low rainfall and soil degradation.

In addition to the drought, Madagascar is also facing other challenges, such as poverty and inequality, which can have a significant impact on food security. To address these challenges, it is important to implement a range of strategies, including improving access to education and health care, strengthening social safety nets, and promoting sustainable agriculture.

The government of Madagascar has already taken steps to address the food crisis, including increasing food aid and providing support to small-scale farmers. In addition, it has launched a number of initiatives to increase food production, such as promoting irrigation and providing access to seeds and fertilizers.

However, more needs to be done to ensure that Madagascar’s food security is protected in the long term. This requires a comprehensive approach that addresses the underlying factors contributing to the crisis, including poverty, inequality, and climate change.

Gulf Times

Buckling up for new variant Omicron

By William Allison

The emergence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 has raised concerns about the potential for it to evade current vaccines and treatments. However, there is evidence that Omicron may be less virulent than previous variants, and that it may be more transmissible but less severe.

In addition, there is evidence that Omicron may be more susceptible to treatment with existing antiviral drugs, such as remdesivir and interferon. This suggests that current treatments may still be effective against Omicron.

It is important to continue monitoring the spread of Omicron and to be prepared to develop and deploy new treatments as needed. This will require ongoing research and collaboration between scientists, governments, and industry.

It is also important to ensure that equitable access to vaccines and treatments is maintained. This will require increased investment in research and development, as well as efforts to increase the production and distribution of vaccines and treatments globally.

In conclusion, while the emergence of Omicron has raised concerns, there is reason to be hopeful that current treatments may still be effective against this variant. However, it is important to remain vigilant and to continue working towards the development of new treatments as needed.
US govt shutdown averted one day ahead of deadline

WHO says no Omicron deaths yet as variant spreads globally

European surges 75mm coronavirus cases

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**Pope slams ‘slavery’, ‘torture’ in migrant camps**

**Taliban leader decrees Afghan women’s rights must be ‘enforced’**
Flower power creating a buzz at Souq Waqif

By Hebaa Aljagal
Staff Reporter

The fourth edition of the Flower Festival at Souq Waqif continues to draw crowds. Visitors, including flower, plants, seed and agricultural equipment, the steel white roses until December 11 at the West Plaza of Souq Waqif popular landmark, is organized by Souq Waqif Management to co-operate with the Ministry of Agriculture.

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Souq Waqif director general, Ali Al-Ali, said: "In a statement to local Arabic daily Al-Thawra, said that during winter, flowers are being decorated to enhance the beauty of the street." A statement said that the festival is organized to encourage the culture of flower gardening and to promote the awareness of the importance of flowers for the environment.

The festival includes a large number of flowers, seeds and plants. The festival is open from 10 am to 10 pm on Friday. On Friday, the flowers are open from 10 am to 10 pm.

A journey back in time, here and dhow

The 10th edition of the Katara International Dhow Festival, launched last week, continues to attract tourists to the cultural village. The festival is open until December 11. The festival is open until December 11.

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The festival is open until December 11. A thematic interpretation of the "Kath Al Khali" trip is available on the official website. You can also enjoy the food and drinks offered by traditional food stalls.

The festival is also accompanied by shows and a series of workshops related to handicrafts that highlight the country’s heritage and traditions of Qatar. Visitors will be able to access the cafe via the sea beach located by the beach. The festival is open from 10 am to 10 pm. On Friday, the festival is open from 10 am to 10 pm. On Friday, the festival is open from 10 am to 10 pm.