French President Emmanuel Macron, who was in Saudi Arabia for talks with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman as part of a Gulf tour, told reporters: "We are therefore now going to work together between the two of us."

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Hamilton on Saudi pole

Lewis Hamilton grabbed pole position for the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix yesterday, as championship leader Max Verstappen crashed into a wall and could only manage third place. Verstappen’s hopes were extinguished when his Red Bull third place. Verstappen’s hopes were extinguished when his Red Bull into a wall and could only manage third place. Verstappen’s hopes were extinguished when his Red Bull third place. Verstappen’s hopes were extinguished when his Red Bull into a wall and could only manage third place. Verstappen’s hopes were extinguished when his Red Bull into a wall and could only manage third place. Verstappen’s hopes were extinguished when his Red Bull into a wall and could only manage third place.
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The merger brings together the key strengths of both the banks, especially in retail and private banking, corporate banking and trade finance as well as capital markets and wealth & asset management. This will, in turn, offer an unparalleled value proposition for the clientele of both the banks, and will ensure that the bank has the financial strength and liquidity to partner with the nation’s economic objectives in line with QNV 2030. More importantly, we are proud to be a leading Shari’a-compliant bank in the region.
Qatar confirms surprise attack on oil facility

Al-Ghazali, the head of the Qatar national security council, said the attack was carried out by a large number of unidentified individuals. He added that the attack targeted a gas pipeline, which supplies gas to Qatar’s power plants.

Al-Ghazali also said that the attack was carried out by a group of individuals who were not associated with any known terrorist group. He added that the attack was carried out in coordination with other attacks that took place in the region.

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The visit was part of the French president’s efforts to strengthen ties with Qatar and to promote the French language and culture in the Gulf state.

Macron met with Qatar’s emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, and other officials to discuss a range of issues, including trade, investment, and security.

In his speech to the press, Macron praised Qatar’s role in supporting the French language and culture. He said that Qatar is an important partner in the French language and that the French government is committed to strengthening ties with the Gulf state.

The president also met with French business leaders in Doha to discuss the potential for increased trade and investment between the two countries.

Macron said that the visit was an important step in the relationship between France and Qatar and that he looked forward to continuing to work with the Qatari government to further strengthen ties.

Qatar's deputy prime minister and foreign minister, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, thanked the French president for his visit and said that the two countries would continue to work together to promote peace and stability in the region.

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The Ministry of Public Health confirmed that more than 5mn Covid-19 shots have been given so far in Qatar, with the total number of doses given to date since the start of the National Covid-19 vaccination programme reaching 127,211, as of December 16.

There are currently 127,211 Covid-19 booster vaccine doses given to date, while 104,692 doses have been given since the start of the National Covid-19 vaccination programme. The second booster dose is due in February 2023.

The ministry confirmed that those eligible for booster doses were given in the past month. The total population are now fully vaccinated with two doses, while 127,211 doses have been given to date. The 50% of the population have received their booster dose.

Anyone suffering from Covid-19 symptoms should get in touch with the PHCC hotline on 80000 or visit www.hfc.qa for regular updates and new information.

More than 5mn Covid-19 vaccine doses have been given in Qatar since the start of the National Covid-19 Vaccination Programme. Vaccinated people are encouraged to keep wearing masks and maintaining social distancing.

Top researchers discuss latest research, innovation at Sidra

Sidra Medicine launched the fifth edition of its flagship conference, Sidra Medicine Innovation and Industry Showcase. The conference is the region’s largest platform for sharing research and innovation, bringing together the global research and medical communities.

Top researchers discussed the latest advances in research, innovation, and patient care. The conference provided a unique opportunity for healthcare professionals, researchers, and industry leaders to explore cutting-edge technologies and share insights on the future of medicine.

Dr Khalid Fakhro and Functional Genomics Conference were featured at a special event held at Safari Inn, in collaboration with Thalassa Group, to discuss the latest advances in research and innovation in functional genomics.

Dukhan Bank announces eco-friendly prepaid card

In celebration of Qatar National Day 2021, Dukhan Bank has launched the first environmentally-friendly prepaid card that is made from biodegradable materials and is part of a four-stage plan for always-on users. It provides innovative features with multiple icons and an edge-driven, and a critical new edge for users who expect superior quality and affordable performance from their smartphones.

Dukhan Bank continues to enhance customer experience through product and service innovations.

Celebrating the most-anticipated football event of the year, Qatar 2022, Ooredoo Qatar has announced that it will offer portable Wi-Fi to its customers. Ooredoo Qatar has recently launched as part of its ‘Digital Transformation’ strategy, including the launch of the Dukhan Bank edition eco-friendly prepaid card in Qatar in celebration of Qatar National Day 2021.

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Lagoona Mall creates ‘exceptional dining and viewing experience’

On this occasion, Lagoona Mall has renewed its commitment to providing an exceptional dining and viewing experience for its visitors. At Lagoona Mall, football fans can support their national teams taking part in the upcoming FIFA Arab Cup Qatar 2022. Those interested can reserve their seats by contacting 800 8555, visiting www.dukhanbank.com, or by downloading the Dukhan Bank edition eco-friendly prepaid card app.

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Catering to the region’s growing demand for a high-quality dining and viewing experience, Lagoona Mall has introduced a new concept that combines exceptional dining and viewing experiences for football fans.

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The stadium’s unique features will transform into a heroic panorama where fans can watch the games of the two giant screens and enjoy their favourite food from specially designed menus in an atmosphere that evokes the ambiance of stadiums, complete with state-of-the-art sound and lighting systems.

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WCM-Q launches new series to explore issues related to women’s healthcare

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) and health sector partners, including Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC), Primary Health Care Corporation (PHCC) and Education and Training Institute, mark International Day for Persons with Disabilities (IDPWD). This year Qatar was hosting the theme of ‘Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities’ for IDPWD. Dr Abdul Hadi, said work is needed to address barriers and increase participation of persons who have disabilities in society, work collectively to make things better and be included and supported."  

By Joseph Varghese

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AFG College with University of Aberdeen marks graduation of 2020, 2021 classes

W C M-Q has recently launched a new webinar series titled ‘Women and Mental Health’ to explore issues related to women’s health, and discuss matters pertinent to women healthcare professionals in the clinical, educational, research and academic fields.

The groundbreaking four-module series covers the role and importance of women in the context of clinical care, education, research and academic life, and is directed by Dr Aisha Hilal Al Zubair, assistant professor of clinical psychology, and Dr Krymaya Gokhale, professor of English. The series is offered in an online format.

Dr Thamyra Khnoj, professor of clinical medicine and vice dean for academic and curriculum affairs said: ‘The aim for this series was to throw light upon some of the medical issues affecting women that are often overlooked or misunderstood, especially in the hard times of pandemic. Some of the key focal points of the series off ers participants a deeper and wider understanding of women and their health, safety and well-being.’

The first of the four modules, entitled ‘Clinical Module 1: Women and Mental Health’, was presented recently and examined the social determinants of women’s mental health, the opportunities to engage primary care workers and communities in mental healthcare work, and evidence-based methods for handling mental health problems due to traumatic stress. The expert speakers for the module were Professors Elizabeth Lean, professor of psychiatry at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuroscience, Bangalore, India, and Dr Jesse Fisher, holder of global health at Monkab University in Melbourne, Australia. Dr Khnoj serves as president of the World Psychiatric Association from 2017-2020, and is currently director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Mental Health in Melbourne.

In her keynote address, Dr Khnoj highlighted the importance of women’s mental health and the role of healthcare professionals in addressing the needs of women seeking mental health services. She emphasized the need for healthcare professionals to be aware of the social determinants of women’s mental health, including cultural, economic, and political factors that may influence mental health outcomes.

The webinar series aims to raise awareness and promote understanding of women’s mental health, as well as to provide practical guidance for healthcare professionals working with women. The series is designed for healthcare professionals, including psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, and other mental health professionals.

The webinar series is part of a broader effort to improve mental health services for women and to promote better outcomes for women seeking mental health care. The series is funded by the Qatar National Health Strategy 2018-2022, Health and Wellbeing for People with Special Needs, and is offered as a collaborative effort between WCM-Q and the Ministry of Public Health.

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WISE announces key speakers for global summit from Dec 7

H e's the first Arab woman to be elected Rector of the University of Edinburgh; and for Australian Aboriginals, Nobel Prize Laureate in Economics, Dr. Yvonne Mokolo. Dr. Mokolo, along with many other stakeholders at the National Service Academy (NSA), following the completion of a two-month training on Peace and Security, and the role of leadership in education. Among them are two members of football’s World Cup team, with their famous Alfredo Prattem for Prince Bayrou, a 19-year-old FIFA Golden Boot, and footballer Malek Jandali, a 19-year-old FIFA Young shield. Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at CNA-Q is among the speakers. The event, scheduled to continue at Katara – the cultural village, will be celebrated during a special plenary session on day two. It celebrates World Peace Day and the New Year.

The agreement between both nations covers “often global transfers greater stocks, seats, part and connect” and provides an opportunity for Qatar Airways passengers to travel to more than 25 destinations across Qatar Airways and RwandAir. The airlines served at HIA; an airport in the Middle East, “Best Airport in the world at Skytrax’s 2021 World Airport Awards,” will provide a protective travel experience for its passengers. This agreement is also beneficial to HIA’s customers, who will be able to choose from three weekly flights on Rwandan Airlines to Qatar Airways.

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Msheireb Museums hosts art expo on combating human trafficking

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sessions through art and raise awareness on human trafficking and its effects on combating slavery and human trafficking, including forced labor and sexual exploitation. With this, Msheireb Museums continues to contribute to the AlHosh Foundation Organisation's efforts towards eradicating human trafficking.

The exhibition is co-organised by Msheireb Museums, AlHosh Foundation Organisation and the National Committee for Combating Human Trafficking (NCCHT).

The exhibition, which runs from 3pm to 9pm daily, is free entry. Visitors in Bin Jelmood House can celebrate an unforgettable art experience with a mesmerizing dinner at Tatler Doha. The exhibition welcomes all art enthusiasts, and we encourage everyone to come and experience this unique art exhibition.
UK tightens Covid testing for inbound travellers

Researchers question China’s population data

Thailand seizes $79m worth of drugs

Indonesia volcano eruption injures dozens

Prosecutors appeal dismissal of Philippines ferry disaster case

Promoters appeal to fearful after mass has fun of biohazard warnings

A labourer piles sandbags to protect a seawall that was washed away in the village of Curah Kerobokan, in Bali on Nov. 29, 2021. People in the village were in a state of panic after experts said an eruption of Mount Agung, the island’s highest mountain, was imminent. (AP Photo/Firdia Lisnawati)

Indonesian volcano eruption injures dozens

President Joko Widodo in front of Mt. Slamet, a volcano near the city of Semarang, Central Java, Indonesia, whose recent volcanic and seismic activities have raised concerns among residents. (AP Photo/Dita Alangkara)

A man carries his belongings after being relocated to a temporary shelter following an earthquake in Aklan, Philippines, Friday, Dec. 3, 2021. A strong earthquake jolted the central Philippines late Friday, killing at least one person and injuring dozens of others, authorities said. (AP Photo/Eloisa Lopez)

A child reacts after an earthquake in Aklan province on the island of Panay, Philippines, Friday, Dec. 3, 2021. The Philippine Institute of Geophysics and Astronomics said the quake was felt in several provinces. (AP Photo/Aaron Favila)

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Blanket travel bans place heavy burden on lives, livelihoods

The coronavirus variant Omicron has sparked a global spate of travel bans and restrictions in recent days on international arrivals from several African countries. Multiple countries have imposed travel curbs in the past two weeks.

All countries should ensure that the measures are regularly reviewed and adjusted rather than evidence becomes available on the epidemiological and clinical characteristics of Omicron or any other variant of concern. National authorities in countries of departure, transit and arrival need to apply a multi-layered risk mitigation approach to potentially facilitate international travel in the future.

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The first concerns climate change. The recent United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow produced notable new pledges by countries and alliances of private actors. But, given the failure of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s last assessment report to achieve consensus on the need to halve global greenhouse-gas emissions by 2030, the words of the UN panel on climate in 2009, as in 2015, as in 2021, and the world’s failure to address the climate crisis are closer than ever.

There is a reasonable chance that accelerated political developments in the US, China, and Europe will help to bring the world closer to a carbon-neutral future. But Europe can have a positive role in this area.

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On both climate change and new dual-use technologies, Europe’s foundational peace project should become global. The region’s devolution in two world wars has stripped it of the desire to dominate others, which makes it easier for the European Union to act as a peace broker.

It is essential we require a co-ordinated data-driven approach that finds safe alternatives to border closures and quarantine

A new approach to the end of the Cold War is debating its choices and opportunities in an increasingly dangerous world. Europe has succeeded since 1945 in halting war between old continental powers and arguably reaching a genuine “peaceful period” within the lifetime of the Union. However, many analysts attribute the continent’s collapse of 1989-1991 to the Union’s inability to control an arm race with the US and control the genie of arms race again. In the face of the Union, the end of the Second World War was the essence of the West European social market economy. And nowhere was this clearer than in the competition between West and East Germany. Crucially, West Germany - and Western Europe more generally - demonstrated that it was possible to build a more global market economy, and policies that have underpinned it.

The Union has organized surveillance and sequencing data. It has also provided comprehensive social protection. The success of Western Europe’s model of peace and the social market economy, as much as the weakness of the Soviet system, brought down communism within the Union.

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Biden, Putin to hold video call, discuss Ukraine

US President Joe Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin will hold a summit, their first in-person meeting, Monday, to discuss ways to de-escalate the conflict with Ukraine.

\* A compromise was reached that ended the attack and led to the withdrawal of Russian troops.

\* Biden wants to discuss US concerns about Russia's military buildup on the Ukrainian border.
BPS honours Kumar Mangalam Birla

By Joseph Varghese

Birla Public School (BPS) organised a reception in honour of Kumar Mangalam Birla, chairman of Aditya Birla Group, on the occasion of the 8th anniversary of BPS foundation, in the presence of the participating countries as well as the craftsman’s market, pavilions and traditions of Qatar and the region, which reflects the renowned marine heritage. The Al-Nahma competition, introducing competitions and stage shows continued throughout the festival.

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