Amir congratulates sultan of Oman

Haitham bin Tariq of Oman on the occasion of the birthday of the Amir, His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, and the National Day of the Emirate of Qatar.

Egypt move to remove travel ban on Qatar

Egypt has officially updated its NCCCR list of countries that are allowed to remove its travel ban on Qatar, removing a consular ban. The Egyptian list now includes Qatar as one of the countries exempt from travel restrictions, marking the end of the entire air traffic sanctions.

Qatar Airways resumes flights to Riyadh

Qatar Airways recently resumed flights to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, with a daily service, marking the end of the entire air traffic sanctions. The airline said in a post on Twitter that it is the only airline to have been awarded the "Skytrax Award of the Year" for its efforts to support the achievement of high-quality care in Qatar.

Mental health professionals work 2017-2022

Mental health professionals work 2017-2022, aimed at providing comprehensive multidisciplinary psycho-oncology services to help patients and their families overcome the many challenges brought on by cancer, and the new model is another milestone in both the patients and their families. This is achieved through a multidisciplinary approach including comprehensive multidisciplinary psycho-oncology services to support the mental well-being of

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Emotional scenes at Riyadh airport

Qatar Airways passengers were greeted at HIA upon arrival in Doha, Qatar, following a Gulf_optimized three-way travel agreement.

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The Shura Council welcomed the Gulf summit under the chairmanship of HE Al-Shura Council Speaker Abdullatif bin Zaid al-Muallem. At the beginning of its session, the Council welcomed the outcome of the meeting between the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Nawaf al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah and the GCC Secretary-General Abdullatif bin Rashid al-Zayani, which was attended by HE the Speaker. The meeting lauded the Gulf summit and praised for the efforts exerted by the GCC countries and its countries.

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QRIB, Qatar Post partner for cashless postal delivery

Qatar Islamic Bank (QIB) has launched the first QRIB-Qatar Post "cashless delivery" pilot program in cooperation with Qatar Post and with QRPay, the leading Qatar-based financial company offering a wide portfolio of electronic payment solutions. Using the new, state-of-the-art QRIB PoS device, the new QRPay payment method will provide customers with an efficient and secure way to settle their delivery payment. The new system will enable the users to pay for their delivery simply by scanning the item using the QRIB device, which has been fully-integrated with QRPay and QIB's financial system. Customers will have the option to pay by simply tapping their contactless bank card on the QRIB PoS device.

Trust Fund, QRIB's Wholesale Banking acting group head, said: "We are very proud to announce the successful launch of the device as it will enable a more convenient and efficient retail solution for our customers. Our QRIB PoS device will now allow customers to enjoy a seamless and convenient service experience, while also streamlining the payment process for our retailers.

The Trust Fund system, which was designed in collaboration with QRPay, allows customers to tap their contactless bank card on the QRIB PoS device to make their payments. This system will enable customers to enjoy a faster and more convenient service, while also reducing the amount of time spent on handling cash.

QRIB's QRPay partnership will also allow for the convenient and secure payment of goods and services, as well as the transfer of funds between bank accounts. This will help to reduce the need for cash, which is often used as a means of payment in the Middle East.

QRIB is committed to providing its customers with the most secure and efficient payment solutions, and this partnership with QRPay and Qatar Post will enable us to offer our customers a convenient and secure way to settle their delivery payments.

QCRS concludes two general surgery programs in Somalia

The initiative of Tikrout Al-Fay (Basho Challenges) Sports Teams on January 20 was very well received by many. The programs are being held in cooperation with Qatar Charity, the Ministry of Health, and other organizations.

The campaign involved 40 physicians, including 36 doctors and four nurses, in addition to 14 medical assistants, who are happy to add their contribution to the success of the campaign.

The campaign aims to address the need for medical services in Somalia, with a view to relieving the people of Somalia, with a view to relieving the people of their suffering.

Medical teams from Qatar Charity came to participate in the campaign, which is being held in cooperation with local medical professionals, and patients are benefiting from the services.

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Qatar Charity launches 'warmth and peace' campaign to aid displaced refugees in winter

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QAC launches all-new Mitsubishi Xpander SUV

New Attrage and Mito compact cars also unveiled

Qatar Automobiles Company (QAC), the authorized general distributor of Mitsubishi Motors in Qatar, launched the all-new Mitsubishi Xpander SUV model alongside the new Attrage and Mito compact cars along with a new wave of major enhancements to its dealer network. The launch was held on Sunday, January 2, 2022 along with the new 2022 models of the Mitsubishi Attrage and Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution, coinciding with the Qatar Motor Show held this year. The event was attended by Sheikh Faleh bin Ali Thani Al-Thani, managing director and CEO of Qatar Automobiles Company, and Monir, marketing manager, and VIP guests. The launch of the all-new Mitsubishi Xpander, a compact MPV, is a testament to QAC’s commitment to serve our customers in the best of circumstances and continued work with Qatar Automobiles (Company) and Mitsubishi in Qatar.

‘Together, we overcome various challenges – whether economic or natural – and continue working hard to serve our customers in the best possible way’

Sheikh Faleh explained that QAC continues to provide the best and latest Mitsubishi cars as soon as they are launched globally. The Mitsubishi Xpander in a seven-seat SUV that offers comfort, functionality, quality and value for money. “The new Mitsubishi Xpander provides the best of both worlds, making sure the drivers can enjoy both the spaciousness and convenience of a car and the practicality and versatility of an SUV at the same time,” he said. This is made possible through a 1.5-liter engine that is extremely efficient, both in terms of fuel consumption and performance. The Xpander’s engine is powerful enough to provide sufficient power for four passengers and their luggage. In addition, the Xpander’s ability to provide a level of comfort that is comparable to both Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

Doors with a Fingerprint Reader

E. Sahn, general manager, Qatar Automobiles Company, said: “With the launch of the all-new Mitsubishi Xpander, we are committed to providing our customers with the latest and greatest in terms of modern and advanced features. The Xpander’s fingerprint reader is a powerful tool that allows for quick and easy access to the vehicle, ensuring convenience and security. Furthermore, the vehicle’s intelligent air conditioning system is designed to maintain a cool and refreshing environment inside the vehicle, providing ultimate comfort for all the passengers. Additionally, the Xpander provides a wide range of advanced features to enhance the driving experience. These include an advanced 360-degree panoramic view, which provides a comprehensive view of the surroundings, ensuring enhanced safety while driving. The Xpander also comes equipped with an advanced parking assistant system that assists in parking, making it easier for the driver. Furthermore, the Xpander’s smart entry and smart start system provides a convenient and secure way to access and start the vehicle. Overall, the all-new Mitsubishi Xpander is designed to meet the highest standards of comfort, convenience, and safety, making it an ideal choice for customers looking for a versatile and reliable vehicle.”

In the same vein, Hisham El-Sahn, general manager, Qatar Automobiles Company, said: “The all-new Mitsubishi Xpander SUV model is a reflection of Mitsubishi Motor’s commitment to providing customers with innovative and reliable vehicles. The Xpander is designed to meet the needs of modern families, offering a spacious interior, advanced safety features, and superior performance. Additionally, the Xpander is equipped with a variety of advanced technologies, including the latest in infotainment systems, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable driving experience. The Xpander is an excellent choice for families looking for a practical and reliable vehicle that can meet the demands of modern life.”

Expanding hospital capacity, Qatar’s young population

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) has reported yesterday, 124,827 total Covid recoveries. The MoPH also reported 112 new cases from the virus during the past 24 hours, bringing the total number of cases that have occurred in Qatar so far to 142,277. All new cases have been introduced to isolation and are receiving medical follow-up according to their health status.

MoPH has updated the list of the public healthcare facilities in Qatar where patients receive the medical care for the disease of Coronavirus (COVID-19). The list includes 38 facilities in the country to contain the spread of the disease and hospital admissions in continuing to decrease each week. Qatar’s proactive and extensive testing of suspected cases has enabled us to identity a high number of new cases, which have contributed to the reduction in the number of Covid-19 deaths in the country.

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Mitsubishi Xpander Pushes Forward New Features and Other Innovations at Launch Event

At the launch event, the new Mitsubishi Xpander was revealed with a number of innovations and features that are designed to enhance the driving experience. The Xpander is equipped with a 7-inch touch screen display that provides access to various functions, including navigation, entertainment, and safety features. The touch screen display is user-friendly and can be operated using voice commands, ensuring a hands-free operation. Additionally, the touch screen display can be used to control various features such as the climate control, radio, and Android Auto.

The Xpander also enjoys a variety of advanced safety features, including a Smart Braking System (SBS), which automatically applies the brakes in the event of a collision. The Xpander also comes equipped with a front and rear parking assistant system, which provides a comprehensive view of the surrounding area, ensuring enhanced safety while parking.

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For more information, please visit the Mitsubishi website for regular updates and information.
ONL in pact with Qatar Football Association

Qatar National Library (QNL) and the Qatar Football Association (QFA) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in the lead-up to the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, aiming to construct a bridge between the QFA and the QNL, to benefit from the exchange of knowledge and expertise to enhance collection quality, outreach and technical services.

The MoU aligns co-operation between the two institutions in various areas, especially those related to the documentation process in the field of football.

According to HE Dr Hamad bin Abdulaziz al-Kawari, the Minister of Culture, Sports and Transportation, and President of the Qatar National Library, Qatar is constructing an honourable history and preserving it in all its major events, especially such as the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 and the following events.

HE Dr Hamad bin Abdulaziz al-Kawari and Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, President of the Qatar Football Association, said: “We are proud to sign an MoU with Qatar National Library, to work together to document the history of Qatar football. There is no doubt that co-operating with a pioneering and specialised library will have a positive impact on sports in general and football in particular.”

“While we started the documentation process of Qatar football, the Qatar National Library is the appropriate authority to consider the documentation process in an ideal scenario and in line with the goals and aspirations of the two parties,” he added.

Dr Hamad bin Abdulaziz al-Kawari, President of the Qatar Football Association, said: “We are happy to sign this MoU with Qatar National Library and the Qatar Football Association, in order to conduct an inspection campaign to crack down on such practices. Any party that violates laws and regulations will not be tolerated. We have issued several resolutions against several street vendors in Al Mukaynis, as well as in compliance with the Qatar National Library in Al Mukaynis.”

By Stalin Aligal

Qatar Beautification and Our Kids Planting Trees’ drive sees good response

The Qatar Beautification and Our Kids Planting Trees campaign within the ‘Million Trees Initiative’ is receiving exuberant support from students and educational institutions joining.

As per the latest figures, 489 schools have participated in the campaign in co-ordination with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoE) and the Supervisory Committee for the ‘Qatar Beautification and Our Kids Planting Trees’ campaign. The committee has received the information from Ashghal, the Ministry of Environment and Water and Ministry of Municipality and Environment (MME), in co-ordination with several ministries and other entities such as the Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Culture and Sports, Qatar Museums Authority, Qatar Rail, Private Environment Office among others.

The campaign has been launched in co-ordination with various ministries and continuous follow-up of the campaign’s activities. Up to date, 300,000 trees were planted. Lebanese and Belgian embassies participated in the tree-planting by planting 1,500 trees. Additionally, the Department assistant of the Belgian embassy charge d'affaires Farhad Berni, Belgian Ambassador Bart De Crevoisier and Lebanese charge d'affaires Farhad Berni planted trees.

More than 300 trees are planted in the Al Wakra area and 250 trees in Al Khor. The Supervisory Committee, according to the data, realized that the number of trees planted throughout the campaign so far by students and educational institutions is close to 300,000.

The Ministry of Municipality and Environment and the Environment Protection Department, Qatar Parks and Qatar Wildlife Conservation Authority presented the initiative to encourage citizens and students to plant trees.

The tree-planting campaign is part of the ‘Qatar Beautification and Our Kids Planting Trees’ campaign within the ‘Million Trees Initiative’, with the participation of the embassies of Lebanon and Belgium, the Ministry of Municipality and Environment and private institutions.

TheDoha Corniche and Al Dafna Embankment will also be planted. Lebanese and Belgian ambassadors’ embassies and students from various educational institutions participated in tree-planting, which was supervised by the Supervisory Committee.

As a result of the inspection campaign, three violations were recorded against street vendors in Al Mukaynis. In Law No 5 of 2015 on Commercial, Industrial and Similar Public Activity, and Street Vendors, as well as their commitment to Ministerial Resolution No 243 of 2016 on the licensing requirements to engage in street vendor activities, the MoCI said in an inspection statement that the inspection team found that the street vendors are in defiance of the public order and commercial restrictions in Al Mukaynis.

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The Ministry of Economy and Commerce, Ministry of Development and Tourism, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, and the Qatar Islamic Bank’s Department of Consumer Protection and Banking Affairs presented the initiative to encourage citizens and students to plant trees.

The Department’s activities included meetings with students and educational institutions, inviting them to participate in the campaign. The campaign was organized by the Department of Consumer Protection and Banking Affairs.

The education and awareness campaign activities are designed to be in line with the preventive and protective measures against the novel coronavirus. Two teams are following up on the campaign’s activities and supervising the process of planting trees in the city’s parks, squares, residential neighborhoods, and other places of public gatherings.

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Facebook shuts Uganda accounts ahead of vote

A worker wears a face mask, amid concerns of Covid-19 surge, as she waits for customers at the main entrance of a clothing shop in Jakarta, Indonesia. Indonesia has stepped up its hunt for a ‘black box’ from the plane that crashed into the Java Sea, Australia’s prime minister said on Monday, as the country’s leaders prepared to expand the state of emergency over the virus.

Prime Minister Yoshide Suga’s government on Thursday declared a limited state of emergency in the capital, Tokyo, and three neighbouring prefectures. The measure covers roughly 10% of Japan’s population. It will be in place for 28 days, until February 7, and includes measures such as encouraging residents to work from home and avoid going outside.

A hospital emergency department in Sydney was overpowered on Monday when a suspected patient in labour tested positive for the virus, officials said. The patient was being treated at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, a major teaching hospital in Sydney, where the virus has been confirmed in several cases in recent days.

Tough times

The health ministry of the Palestinian Authority has issued a strong warning that the country’s healthcare system is reaching its limit. Overcrowding in hospitals, especially in the West Bank, is a serious concern, the ministry said. The ministry has asked all healthcare providers to work closely with local authorities to ensure that the system can handle the demand.

In the occupied territories, the Ministry of Health has announced that it will close all emergency units over coronavirus concerns. The decision affects hospitals across the region, including in the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza. Health officials said that, due to the high number of cases, emergency units are reaching their limits and cannot handle the demand.

Russia approves vaccine

The Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) has approved the main Russian vaccine against Covid-19, its chief executive officer, Alexei Mussatov, announced on Monday. Mussatov said that the vaccine, named Sputnik V, has been approved for use in connection with the emergency use of the vaccine in Russia. The move comes as the country faces a growing surge of cases, with daily infections reaching record levels.

The RDIF did not disclose how many doses the vaccine would cover, but said it was scheduled to be administered to the population. Mussatov also said the RDIF is working with the government to supply the vaccine to other countries, including those in the developing world.

The RDIF also did not reveal the financial details of the vaccine, which is expected to be paid for by manufacturing partners. Mussatov said the RDIF is seeking to market the vaccine abroad, and that it is in talks with several countries, including India, China, and South Korea.

In a statement, the RDIF said: “Today’s decision is a major milestone in the global effort to combat Covid-19.” It added that the vaccine had been approved for use in emergency situations, and that it was “ready for immediate use.”

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Climate change blamed for a third of US flood losses in past 30 years

Reuters

Climate change has boosted the risk of US floods by 28% over the past three decades, according to research published on Wednesday by Nature Geoscience. The study, led by scientists from the United States and Australia, analyzed data from more than 400,000 US flood events between 1990 and 2020.

The researchers found that climate change has increased the frequency of floods, with extreme floods becoming more common. They also found that the severity of floods has increased, with the average flood size increasing by 10% over the past three decades.

The study highlights the need for increased preparedness and resilience in flood-prone areas, particularly in the face of climate change. The authors call for increased investment in flood preparedness and adaptation measures, as well as improved data collection and analysis.

They also call for more research into the impacts of climate change on flood risk, and the development of tools and technologies to help communities adapt to changing flood conditions.
A "war" of words has broken out between Ankara and Athens over their eastern Mediterranean territorial waters. Relations between the two historic rivals have been deteriorating for months, with both sides accusing the other offlouting international law.

Turkey and Greece have been at odds since the summer of 2020, when Turkey resumed gas exploration in waters claimed by Athens. Ankara rejected Athens’ claims and backed up its position with new geological surveys, raising the stakes in a long-running dispute.

The latest tensions came after Greece announced plans to develop a new natural gas pipeline connecting the Greek mainland to the island of Crete, with a possible extension to Turkey. This move was seen as a direct challenge to Turkey’s offshore gas projects.

Athens also accused Turkey of backing Israeli provocations in the region, particularly after the annexation of the Golan Heights by Israel.

The Greek government, led by Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis, has vowed to stand firm in the face of Ankara’s aggressive stance.

In contrast, the Turkish government, led by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, has termed the Greek actions as "provocative" and has threatened to retaliate.

The situation remains tense, with both sides vowing to continue their efforts to assert their legal rights in the region. The risk of a clash appears to be rising, although a diplomatic solution remains a possibility, given the strategic importance of the area.

For now, the focus is on finding a way to de-escalate tensions and avoid military confrontations, as the region is home to several major powers and has strategic significance.

**EUROPE**

**Madrid in rush to remove snow ahead of cold snap**

Spain’s capital city is facing a major cleanup operation as a snow storm hits the region, with authorities working to clear roads and public spaces before temperatures drop.

The snowfall has caused significant disruptions, with flights and trains delayed, and many people stranded in their homes. Emergency services are on high alert, with more than 10,000 people living in areas affected by the storm.

The government has declared a state of emergency in some areas, and has called for people to stay indoors if possible. Schools and universities have been closed, and public transport services have been reduced.

However, the authorities are working tirelessly to clear the snow and ensure that people are safe and well. The goal is to have the capital back to normal within the next few days.

**Vatican talks with Azeri, Armenian leaders**

Pope Francis has held talks with leaders from Azerbaijan and Armenia, in an attempt to ease tensions between the two countries.

The talks took place in Rome on November 30, and were part of the Pope’s efforts to promote peace and unity in the region.

Azeri President Ilham Aliyev and Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan were both present at the meeting, which focused on ways to improve bilateral relations and address the ongoing conflict over the Nagorno-Karabakh region.

The Pope expressed his concern about the situation in Nagorno-Karabakh, and called for a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

**Billionaire Georgia party leader ‘quitting politics’**

Georgian Dream, the party that made Georgian President Salome Zurabishvili’s name household, announced that Zurabishvili is stepping down from her position as leader of the party. The move comes after Zurabishvili had faced criticism for her handling of the country’s political affairs.

The party’s political council said that Zurabishvili was stepping down "in recognition of the fact that the time has come for a new page in Georgia’s politics, for a new leader with different skills and a different vision for the country’s future."

**Flooding in Kosovo and Albania off access to villages, damage buildings**

Floods caused by heavy rains and snow have stranded thousands of people in Kosovo and Albania, with many homes and buildings damaged.

The heavy rainfall and snowfall have caused widespread flooding in both countries, with rivers and streams overflowing their banks. The situation is particularly critical in rural areas, where many people rely on traditional farming and fishing for their livelihoods.

The emergency services in both countries are working tirelessly to rescue people and clear the affected areas. However, the situation is expected to worsen as more rain is forecasted.

**More than 50 migrants rescued in Channel**

A rescue operation has taken place in the English Channel, where a boat carrying 50 migrants was spotted by French authorities. The migrants were rescued and brought to safety.

The operation is part of an ongoing effort to prevent migrants from reaching the United Kingdom by sea. The French government has been under pressure to crackdown on migrant crossings.

**Turkey and Greece to resume talks**

Turkey and Greece have agreed to resume talks on their disputed maritime borders, a move that could ease tensions between the two countries.

The talks are expected to take place in the coming days, and will focus on issues such as fishing rights and the exploitation of natural resources.

The two countries have been at odds over their maritime boundaries for years, with both sides accusing the other of violating international law.

The talks are seen as a positive development, as they could pave the way for a resolution to the long-running dispute.

**Billionaire Saudi investor faces new corruption charges in Turkey**

Saudi businessman Adnan Oktar has been arrested in Turkey, following charges of corruption and money laundering.

Oktar, who has been accused of using his wealth to fund political campaigns and influence elections, had been living in Turkey for some time.

The arrest comes after Oktar was investigated in a corruption case, which has come under scrutiny due to allegations of money laundering and the funding of political parties.

**Malta flight turns back after passenger refuses to wear mask**

A flight from Malta to Catania was forced to turn back after a passenger refused to wear a face mask, leading to a confrontation with crew members.

The incident is the latest in a series of incidents involving passengers who refuse to follow health protocols, and comes amid concerns about the spread of COVID-19.

The airline has urged passengers to follow health guidelines and to wear masks, in order to keep everyone safe and prevent further disruptions.
Minister hospitalised after road accident, wife dies

India's Supreme Court on Monday issued an order for failing to break a two-day judicial impasse in the Shripad Naik case over alleged corruption against the government of the state of Karnataka.

Three of ten thousand farmers have been arrested in the run-up to the scheduled march on February 15, and more than 100 have been injured in the protests. The police have reported that around 250 people were arrested in two days, and that the protests had ended.

The government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that it is an attempt to keep long-standing state governments from interfering with the搭配与regime, and eight roads of talks failed to bring any common ground.

According to the source, the Supreme Court has ordered the government to clarify its stance on the settlement of the dispute between the two sides. The government has assured the court that the legal issues are being addressed and that the matter is being resolved in accordance with the Supreme Court's order.

In a meeting of United Democratic Front legislators held at his residence here yesterday, Singh repeated a suggestion in the context of the current situation that the state government should consider implementing the Land Acquisition Act of 2013, which was aimed at resolving land acquisition disputes.

The government said that it is committed to implementing the act in a fair and transparent manner and that it is working towards that goal. Singh also assured the court that the state government will continue to work towards resolving the land acquisition disputes.

In the meantime, the government is working on a new bill to address the issue of land acquisition, and the bill is expected to be introduced in the state assembly soon. Singh said that the government will ensure that the new bill is implemented in a fair and transparent manner.

Chennattur to launch bid for Trump's Rolls-Royce Phantom car

Kerala-based jeweller Bobby Chemmanur, who had bought football legend Lebron James’ Magna Marquis for Kurti in 2020, is now in the running to buy a Rolls-Royce Phantom car used by US President Donald Trump.

Speaking to IANS, Chemmanur said, “Yes, we are participating in the bid. Our team has already taken the initiative to participate in the bid from the US. Mr. Trump expressed the need to sell the car as he could not keep it in the US, and we are ready to buy it.”

The Phantom car used by Trump was donated to the US government in 2018 by the company, as part of a deal to sell it to a private buyer. The car is estimated to be worth around $1 million.

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Navy to conduct coastal defence drill

Karnataka cabinet expansion tomorrow: CM Yediyurappa

The Karnataka cabinet was expanded on January 15 to include new ministers, including the state's first female health minister and the first female transport minister.

The cabinet expansion was announced by the chief minister, who said that the new ministers will be sworn in on January 16.

The new ministers are expected to be sworn in on January 16, and they will be sworn in on January 17. The cabinet expansion is expected to provide a boost to the government's efforts to improve the state's economic performance and to address the challenges facing the state.

Bird flu confirmed in 10 states: ministry

The Union Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries said on Tuesday that bird flu has been confirmed in 10 states of the country.

The ministry said that the bird flu cases have been reported from Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, and Haryana.

The ministry said that the cases were reported from poultry farms, and that the government has taken steps to control the spread of the disease. The government has also advised people to avoid contact with dead birds and to report any cases to the authorities.

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Racism goes against the very ethos of sport

The racist abuse of Indian players by fans at the third Test in Sydney is the latest in a litany of similar incidents to mar sport in Australia, with authorities struggling to stamp out the problem.

Cricket chiefs vowed tough action, including bans, fines and referral to legal authorities, to prevent players from targeting incidents reported after two incidents on separate days overshadowed the weekend.

The city on a hill besieged

By Ana Palicio

I t was, with Europe gripped by a war from which the United States remained aloof, US Pres-ident Franklin Delano Roosevelt joking that the country needed to extend its economic resources to Europe.

He meant it literally; he was agreeing to America’s ‘pay every can of effort’ into producing arms for European democracies, especially the United Kingdom, in their fight against fascism. But he also carried a moral message in his words, and it’s something Cricket Australia is now formu-

lating the US as the world’s leading democratic fashion. On January 9, that stronghold was breached by a mob of Trump’s supporters. Today, a stable democracy has been breached by a mob of America’s supporters.

Allrounder Dan Christian has also been a victim, mostly from trolls, revealing last year he was targeted for speaking up for racism. We are a tolerant country and the most multicultural nation on Earth. We are a democratic country. We are a society that has been built by migrants and refugees, by Indigenous people, by those who have been here for hundreds of years. We are a society that has been built on a foundation of democratic principles.

Cricket Australia strongly condemned the weekend incidents, as did deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack, who said: “There is no place for racism in Australia.” We are a tolerant country and the most multicultural nation on Earth. We are a democratic country. We are a society that has been built by migrants and refugees, by Indigenous people, by those who have been here for hundreds of years. We are a society that has been built on a foundation of democratic principles.

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But it remains an ongoing, albeit isolated, issue. The Australia team had formed a “hateless circle” around the four-Test series against England to demonstrate opposition to racism and celebrate Aboriginal culture.

In reality, the insurgents were seeking to prevent their duly elected representatives from doing their jobs. This was not “democracy at work.” It was a violent bid to control the world’s largest democracy, and give it back to a minority who share a vision for a future that looked much more like the past. By labelling all criticism of Trump’s presidency as unfounded, he helped to stoke and exploit people’s frustrations and rage (partly driven by legitimising grievances).

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That gesture is often credited as the catalyst to addressing racial inequalities in Australia.

It introduced policies in the 1950s that made it an offence for players or officials to insult someone due to their race, religion, ethnicity, colour, nationality or background, with the stance subsequently taken up by many other sports, including cricket.

Racism goes against the very ethos of sport and therefore authorities need to introduce laws to stamp it out completely.

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Khan launches instant digital payment system

Punjab Minister Imran Khan has launched Pakistan’s first instant digital payment system "Raast" – meaning a direct payment system against load at the Guddu power plant.

Khan said that Pakistan's current account deficit has become surplus, which has reduced pressure on the reserves. The "Raast" system will be rolled out in three phases, starting in early 2022, officially from the IMF said sources.

It was developed through multiple collaboration by NAB Chairman, Dr. Muhammad Chaudhry Shibli and Ministry of Finance, to engage overseas Pakistanis and convince them to transfer their remittances digital.

He said that foreign remittances have significantly increased at a rate of three times.

He said that Pakistanis can transfer their remittances to their bank accounts in Pakistan and that overseas Pakistanis will be able to transfer their remittances through this system.

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The transmission was carrying a load of 300MW for Balochistan and because of failure of the protection system against load the Guddu power plant tripped.

Arif Khan, Chairman of the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) said yesterday that the transmission came under the realm of Pakistan to operate.

Khan said that Pakistan's electricity supply network has an area of 5,70,000 km2 and that the country has enough transmission lines to operate.

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First Saudi Airlines flight comes to Doha

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Families reunite as Qatar-Saudi flights resume

Khalid al-Qahtani stood in the arrivals hall of Riyadh’s main airport yesterday, waiting to see his sister almost four years after a diplomatic rift with Qatar split his family apart.

Other relatives from other families cheered arrivals, waiting for the passengers to get off the plane and make their way through the terminal to hug and embrace them.

“My sister has been (in Qatar) for about four years. We communicate on WhatsApp ... My feelings - me and every Gulf citizen - are indescribable,” he said.

After the civil war began in mid-2017, relatives and friends separated by the dispute had to fly to a neutral third country to meet.

Yesterday, Qatar-Saudi flights resumed after three and a half years as the neighbours normalise ties under a landmark agreement that ends a rift that started in 2017 and allows families to reunite.

The Al-Ula Declaration was signed during the GCC Summit last week for the restoration of full relations between Qatar and the four nations – Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain and Egypt – that had cut ties in 2017. This includes the reopening of borders and airspace.

Khalid - a schoolboy - greeted his aunt as the first commercial flight between Qatar and Saudi Arabia since 2017 was a Qatar Airways service, QR 1164, which left Doha’s Hamad International Airport (HIA) at 1.45pm local time yesterday and arrived in Riyadh at 3.10pm.

Qatar Airways will also resume flights to Jeddah on Thursday (QR 1188 departing Doha at 6.50pm) and to Damman on Saturday (QR 1150 departing Doha at 5.10pm).

Saudi Airlines (Saudia) had also announced the resumption of services to Doha from Riyadh and Jeddah. According to information available on the HIA website, Saudi Airlines flight SV540 from Riyadh reached Doha around 6.03pm yesterday.

In Riyadh, families hugged and laughed as they were reunited in the gleaming arrivals hall of King Khalid International Airport where two men waited holding large bunches of flowers which they gave to two women who arrived with a child.

“I am very happy! Thanks to God we have been reunited again,” said his newly arrived nephew as the family kissed and embraced.

Bahrain and the UAE have also opened their airspace to Qatari aviation under the deal.

Yesterday’s Qatar Airways flight flew straight across Bahrain, according to specialist flight tracker FlightAware.

Pictures show emotional scenes as people welcome their relatives who arrived from Doha at King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh yesterday.

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Travellers to Abu Dhabi will be required to present a valid negative Covid-19 PCR test result received within 96 hours prior to their scheduled departure. Upon entry into the emirate, all international passengers must take a PCR test at the airport and must wait for the negative result to be received. International travellers from countries, regions and territories on the UAE’s green list will no longer be required to self-isolate upon arrival.