Vaccination dates for eligible people via SMS

The Ministry of Public Health issued a statement that doses eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine will be delivered on the 14th of the month. During the current phase, the Ministry of Public Health will receive one million doses for the second round of the vaccination to be administered to those aged 30 and above. The ministry will receive the doses through the COVAX program, and the second round of the vaccination is expected to begin in the coming days. The ministry also announced that the second dose of the vaccine will be administered 21 days after the first dose.

Non-citizens can enter Kuwait from Feb 21

Government officials have announced that entry for non-citizens starting from Feb 21 will be allowed under certain conditions. The announcement was made at a cabinet meeting, and the conditions include obtaining a visa and having a negative COVID-19 test. The meeting also decided to allow the entry of non-citizens through the air, sea, and land routes. The entry conditions include obtaining a negative COVID-19 test before departure and having a valid visa. The entry conditions will be reviewed every two weeks during the phase of easing measures to deal with the coronavirus.

National Service Academy cadets’ exercise begins

A national exercise was conducted by the National Service Academy to test its readiness and to ensure that it is ready to face any sudden developments. The exercise was conducted in the presence of the ministry's officials and the national service academy's officials. The exercise aimed to test the academy's capabilities and readiness to face any sudden developments.

Unesco: pandemic was biggest educational disruption in history

Unesco's latest report on education in the world highlights that the pandemic was the biggest educational disruption in history. The report states that education systems have been strained and overwhelmed by the pandemic, and that the recovery process will be challenging. The report also highlights the need for equitable access to education and the importance of investing in education systems.

Pfizer seeks to store vaccine at higher temperatures

Pfizer Inc and BioNTech SE have asked the US Food and Drug Administration to allow them to store the COVID-19 vaccine at higher temperatures. The companies argue that this will make it easier to distribute the vaccine and reduce the need for cold storage. The companies have submitted new data to the FDA, which is reviewing the request. The FDA is likely to make a decision on the request soon.

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QF to host World Math Team Championship in Nov

QF, the Qatar Foundation, announced that it will host the World Math Team Championship in November. The event will bring together teams from around the world to compete in mathematics. The championship is expected to attract teams from over 50 countries and will feature a variety of mathematical challenges.

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QU highlights beauty, treasures, and history of Arabic language

Qatar University (QU) has organized Arabic Language Week to raise awareness about the language and its beauty, treasures, and history. The event is part of the larger celebration of World Arabic Language Day 2021, aiming to promote the language and its rich cultural heritage. The Arabic language is a key component of the country’s cultural identity and plays a crucial role in education, communication, and daily life.

With the theme “Arabic Language Week: The Language of Beauty, Treasure, and History,” QU organized a series of activities from November 19 to December 4 to highlight the importance of Arabic language worldwide. The week-long event included workshops, recitation sessions, and discussions on the significance of Arabic in Qatar and beyond.

Qatar’s Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoE) has been a strong advocate for the preservation and promotion of Arabic language. In his welcoming remarks, HE Minister of Education and Higher Education, Dr. Mohamed Al-Mahmoud, emphasized the importance of Arabic language in fostering cultural identity and maintaining the country’s heritage.

The event also featured a special session on the role of Arabic in fields such as literature, science, and technology, underscoring its widespread influence and the need for continued support and investment in its development.

QCS drive spreads awareness on cervical cancer

Qatar Cancer Association (QCA) has launched a cervical cancer awareness campaign titled “QU: QCS Drive,” emphasizing the importance of early detection and preventive measures for women. The campaign is aimed at raising awareness among women about the signs, symptoms, and risk factors associated with cervical cancer, as well as encouraging them to undergo regular screening.

QCA’s Executive Director, Dr. Seoud Al-Khater, said, “Cervical cancer is the most common cancer affecting women in Qatar and the region. Early detection through regular screening can significantly reduce the mortality and morbidity rates associated with this disease.”

The campaign includes educational resources, virtual workshops, and interactive sessions designed to empower women with knowledge about cervical cancer. It aims to break down barriers to screening by providing accessible information and encouraging women to take control of their health.

MoPH reports 465 new Covid-19 cases

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) reported 465 new confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) on Monday. The total number of cases in the country now stands at 105,928. The new cases were detected through contact tracing and testing in line with the government’s guidelines. The MoPH has emphasized the need for continued vigilance and adherence to health protocols to control the spread of the virus.

As of Monday, there were 16 deaths reported in Qatar, bringing the total death toll to 1,203. The number of active cases is also high, with 11,302 cases currently under medical supervision. The MoPH has appealed to the public to maintain social distancing and follow the guidelines to prevent the spread of the virus.

No new cases were recorded in the Middle East region, with the exception of the United Arab Emirates, which reported 1,368 new cases. The global cumulative cases have surpassed 60 million, with over 1.4 million deaths reported worldwide. Qatar remains committed to ensuring public health and well-being, and the government continues to prioritize the health and safety of its citizens.

Court orders compensation for medical error during surgery

The Court of First Instance has ruled in favor of a patient who suffered medical complications during a surgery, ordering a local medical facility to pay compensatory damages. The patient’s case highlighted the importance of informed consent and the need for transparent communication between patients and healthcare providers.

The patient, who underwent a surgical procedure, experienced serious complications post-operation, leading to prolonged hospitalization and additional medical expenses. The court ruled that the medical facility failed to provide adequate medical advice and informed consent, thereby violating the patient’s rights.

In its decision, the court stated, “The patient had the right to be informed about the risks and potential outcomes of the surgery, and the medical facility failed to fulfill this obligation. The patient suffered undue harm as a result of the negligence, and the medical facility is liable for compensatory damages.”

The ruling underscores the critical role of healthcare providers in ensuring patient safety and well-being. The patient was awarded compensation to cover medical expenses and non-economic damages, highlighting the importance of upholding ethical standards and patient rights in healthcare settings.
Iran renews call to US to lift all sanctions

**Cold spell**

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Washington has renounced threats of military action against Iran, with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo saying that the threats were meant to “make clear that this is a real issue.”

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US reaffirms Saudi Arabia ‘Defence partnership’

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US reaffirms Saudi Arabia’s defence partnership with the US.

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Lebanon names new lead investigator in port blast probe

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Algeria releases first democracy activists after presidential pardons

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Algeria’s new president, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, has pardoned 13 people, including democracy activists and journalists, as well as former political prisoners, after a wave of protests against Bouteflika’s presidency.

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Gunfire in Mogadishu as political tensions soar

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At least 10 people have been killed and 20 wounded in an attack on a Mogadishu restaurant.

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Gunfire breaks out in unstable southern Somalia, killing at least 10 people in an attack on a restaurant in the Somali capital.

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The government has been facing increasing pressure to end the conflict and has been trying to negotiate a peaceful solution.

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In addition to the violence, the government has also been facing economic and political challenges, including a severe drought and a lack of international support.

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Attaining glory with perseverance

Kenyan bodybuilding and fitness star Christopher Oketch shares his journey of becoming a six-time Qatar Strongest Man titleist.

By Abay Agpalar

While the Covid-19 pandemic posed a host of challenges for bodybuilders and fitness aficionados, the Qatar Strongest Man competition’s main winner Christopher Oketch took it as a means to build both his physique and self-confidence.

As a two-time titleist of Qatar’s Strongest Man competition, Oketch credits a combination of hard work and the support of his family and friends for his success. “It’s been a really tough journey, but I’ve been able to maintain my focus and stay motivated.”

Oketch, a 23-year-old born in Kenya, started his journey into fitness at the age of 17. “I was always into sports and fitness, but it was only when I started training seriously that I realized my potential.”

In 2019, he participated in the first edition of Qatar Strongest Man and won the title. Since then, he has been in a constant training cycle, aiming to improve his performance in the next edition of the competition. “I’m training hard every day, focusing on my weaknesses and working on my technique.”

Oketch has been able to sustain his strength and fitness while maintaining his eligibility to participate in the competition. “I’m very mindful of my diet and training regimen. I make sure I’m consistently pushing myself to new limits.”

The competition is not just about physical strength, but also about mental toughness. “I’ve learned to stay focused and disciplined, even when things get difficult.”

Oketch’s journey so far has been a testament to his determination and hard work. “I’ve always believed in myself and my abilities. And I’m glad to see that paying off.”

He is now looking ahead to the next edition of the competition, aiming to defend his title and create more memories. “I’m excited to see what’s next and where my journey takes me.”

In the meantime, Oketch is also focusing on his personal and professional development, both on and off the competition stage. “I’m constantly learning and growing, both as a person and as an athlete.”

With a strong performance in this year’s competition, Oketch continues to be a shining example of perseverance and determination in the world of fitness and bodybuilding. “I’m grateful for the support I’ve received and I’m looking forward to what’s next.”

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UCQ hosts virtual open house for prospective nursing students

The University of Calgary (UCalgary) in Qatar, Qatar Foundation, announced on February 11 that the university will be hosting a virtual open house for prospective nursing students on February 19.

The event, which will be held online, is designed to provide prospective students with an opportunity to learn more about the Bachelor of Nursing program offered at the university. The open house will feature presentations on the program’s curriculum, career opportunities, and student life.

The event will be facilitated by the University of Calgary in Qatar’s Nursing program, which is accredited by the Canadian Nurses Association. The program aims to prepare students for a career in nursing and provide them with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in the field.

The open house is open to all interested students and their families. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with current students, faculty members, and alumni, and ask questions about the program.

To register for the event, interested students can visit the University of Calgary in Qatar’s website or contact the admissions office directly.

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ICC conducts first association organisations’ meeting

The Indian Cultural Centre (ICC) conducted its first association organisations’ meeting on February 11. The meeting was attended by representatives from various organisations, including the Indian Community Board of Consultants (ICBC) and Indian Community Board of Commerce (ICBC).

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Saurabh Seth, President of the Indian Community Board of Consultants (ICBC). The meeting aimed to discuss and address the various challenges faced by the Indian community in Qatar.

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Indian expat’s passion for painting instant portraits

By Joseph D’Souza

A n expatriate in Qatar is offering to paint portraits of people who are interested in having a painting done on-the-spot.

Indian expatriate Kripal Patel, who works with Indian Telephone Industries Ltd, a division of Indian Telephone Industries Limited, in the Middle East and North Africa region, offers instant portraits.

Mr Patel said, “I have always been interested in art and have been painting for over 25 years. I have been in Qatar for the past two years and have been offered work here.

I bring various types of paper with me and usually carry my own paints with me. I use different techniques to create a portrait, which can be done quickly.

‘I use a variety of techniques to create a portrait, which can be done quickly. People usually come up to me to request a portrait, and I accept requests if I have the time. I usually paint portraits in a variety of styles, such as realistic, abstract, and impressionistic, depending on the request. I have also painted portraits of famous people and events, such as the opening of the new stadium in Doha.’

Mr Patel said that he has been very successful in Qatar and has received many requests for portraits.

His studio is located in Al Sadd and he is available for commissions at any time. He charges QR30 for a simple portrait and QR40 for a more complex one.

Mr Patel’s work has been featured in several exhibitions and he has won many awards for his art. He says that he is looking forward to more commissions in Qatar.

Blood donation campaign

By Dheenendra Konakala

A s part of the efforts to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation, a blood donation campaign was held in February.

The campaign was organized by the Qatar Red Crescent Society and was held in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health and the Ministry of Education.

The campaign was a success and a total of 150 units of blood were collected.

Area 23 completes annual speech contest online

A rea 23, the English Department of the Qatar American International School, completed its annual speech contest online on February 25.

The contest was held to encourage students to improve their public speaking skills and to increase their confidence.

The contest received a total of 129 entries, with students from all grades participating.

The winners were announced on March 5, with the top three being awarded certificates and prizes.

ICAI Doha Chapter conducts AGM

The ICAI Doha Chapter conducted its annual general meeting on February 24.

The meeting was held at the Four Points by Sheraton Doha, and was attended by members and guests.

The keynote speaker was Mr. Mubarak Al-Majid, who discussed the importance of professional ethics and the role of the accounting profession in today's society.

The meeting also included a presentation on the latest developments in the field of accounting and finance, as well as a panel discussion on the challenges faced by the profession.

The members voted to renew the charter of the chapter for another year.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks and appreciation to the members for their active participation.

Organic farming success in Qatar

By Theresa Al-Agha

T he first organic farm in Qatar is now open for business, providing organic produce to the local market.

The farm, located in the outskirts of Doha, is owned and operated by Mr. Ali Al-Amoudi, a local farmer who is passionate about sustainable agriculture.

Mr Al-Amoudi said, “I have been farming in Qatar for over 10 years, and I have always been interested in organic farming. I have been growing organic vegetables for several years, and I am now expanding my operation to include fruits and vegetables.

My farm produces a variety of organic produce, including tomatoes, cucumbers, and bell peppers. I use organic methods and non-toxic pesticides to keep my produce free of chemicals.

I am very happy to be able to provide organic produce to the local market. I believe that organic farming is the future, and I am proud to be part of this movement.”

Mr Al-Amoudi’s farm is open daily from 7 AM to 5 PM, and he offers a variety of organic produce for sale.

The farm also offers workshops and tours, and Mr Al-Amoudi is always happy to answer questions and share his knowledge with visitors.

Mr Al-Amoudi’s farm is located on the outskirts of Doha, and is easily accessible by car. For more information, please visit the farm’s website or contact Mr Al-Amoudi directly.

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**Cancer**

June 22 - July 21

The Moon is in Cancer today, which may bring a sense of comfort and security. Expect to feel more emotionally connected to your surroundings and those around you. This is a great time to focus on nurturing those relationships and expressing your feelings openly.

**Libra**

September 23 - October 22

The Sun enters Libra today, promoting balance and harmony in our lives. Libra is the sign of relationships, so it's a good time to reach out to friends, family, and loved ones to strengthen those connections. Take the time to appreciate the beauty around you and celebrate the good things in life.

**Virgo**

August 23 - September 22

The new Moon is in Virgo today, focusing on practicality and attention to detail. Use this energy to organize your life, whether it's organizing your space, planning a project, or making a to-do list. High energy now allows you to make meaningful progress.

**Scorpio**

October 23 - November 21

The Full Moon is in Scorpio today, which may bring a sense of personal transformation and the desire for change. Leverage this energy to examine your values, beliefs, and priorities, as it's a great time to let go of what no longer serves you and make room for new growth.

**Sagittarius**

November 22 - December 21

The Full Moon is in Sagittarius today, promoting adventure and exploration. Take a break from the ordinary to pursue your passions, whether it's traveling, trying a new hobby, or simply stepping out of your comfort zone. This energy is perfect for inspiration and creativity.

**Pisces**

February 19 - March 20

The New Moon is in Pisces today, which may bring a sense of compassion and empathy. Use this energy to connect with others on a deep level, offering support and understanding. Listen more than you speak and practice self-care to recharge your emotional batteries.

**Aries**

March 21 - April 19

April 18 - May 17

This full Moon in Aries marks the end of a four-month lunar cycle. It’s a time to look inward to see what needs to be released and what needs nurturing. Aries energy is strong now, so make use of this time to take action on your goals and desires. Use this energy to celebrate your unique gifts and talents.

**Taurus**

April 20 - May 20

May 18 - June 18

This New Moon in Taurus brings a fresh start and a focus on physical experiences. Use this energy to appreciate the material world and cultivate a sense of gratitude for all the blessings in your life. Pay attention to your bodily needs and daily routines to maintain your well-being.

**Gemini**

May 21 - June 20

June 19 - July 20

Today’s energy is all about getting organized and making plans. Gemini energy is light and nimble, so take advantage of this energy to plan ahead and strategize for the future. Use this energy to connect with others and share ideas, as communication is key now.

**Cancer**

June 21 - July 22

July 21 - August 22

Today is a great day to connect with nature and focus on emotional growth. Cancer energy is strong now, so make time to appreciate the beauty around you and engage in activities that nurture your soul. Use this energy to connect with your inner child and remember the magic of play.

**Leo**

July 23 - August 22

August 23 - September 22

Today’s energy is all about self-expression and creativity. Leo energy is bold and vibrant, so take advantage of this energy to shine your light and express yourself freely. Use this energy to connect with others on a deeper level and celebrate the unique beauty of human connection.

**Virgo**

August 23 - September 22

September 23 - October 23

Today’s energy is all about getting organized and making plans. Virgo energy is precise and practical, so take advantage of this energy to plan ahead and strategize for the future. Use this energy to connect with others and share ideas, as communication is key now.
**Transatlantic alliance is back, declares US President**

President Joe Biden said that the strong support for Ireland was a sign of the US’s commitment to Europe. "We're standing by our friends and allies," he said.

**Milions of Texans struggle for water after winter storm**

Texas residents have been coping with a severe winter storm that left many without power and water. Some areas have experienced blackouts and the state has declared a disaster. The storm has caused widespread power outages and some areas are still without power.

**35 officers probe face role for probe in riot**

A police investigation has been launched into the events surrounding the riot in Kenosha, Wisconsin, which saw police shoot a Black man and led to widespread civil unrest.

**Hundreds of flights canceled as 取消ج أبلاية تابعه في 10 نونيفم**

The West Virginia airport has been hit by a series of winter storms, leaving many flights canceled. The airport is now working to clear the runway and resume normal operations.

**Union says workers will strike if Boeing refuses to negotiate**

A union representing Boeing workers has announced plans to strike if the company does not agree to negotiate a new contract.

**US Senate votes to pass $1.9 trillion stimulus bill**

The US Senate has passed the $1.9 trillion stimulus bill, which includes aid for small businesses and expanded unemployment benefits.
Myanmar grieves young anti-coup protester’s death

Ma Thuya Thwe Myat Kyaw No, 22, was a young teacher and a motorcyclist. She was shot dead by security forces while on her way to the neighborhood of Thame, in Yangon, on February 5. The incident has sparked outrage and grief throughout the country. According to human rights groups, over 1,000 people have been killed in the crackdown on protests since the coup on February 1. Ms. Thuya is survived by her father, mother, and two brothers.

Malaysian news portal fined by court for readers’ comments

The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) has fined The Malaysian Insider, a news portal, RM10,000 (about $2,400) for publishing an article that was deemed to be offensive and defamatory. The article in question was a commentary on sexual harassment in the armed forces, which is a sensitive issue in Malaysia. The court ruled that the portal had breached its obligations under the Electronic and Media Act 1998.

South Korea PM voices concern over AstaZeneca vaccine safety

South Korea’s Prime Minister Lee Nak-yon has expressed concern over the safety of the AstaZeneca vaccine, which is being administered to vulnerable groups like the elderly and medical workers. Lee said the government will closely monitor the vaccine’s safety and effectiveness, and work to ensure that all procedures are followed properly.

Japan finds new Covid-19 strain

A new Covid-19 strain has been found in Japan, with over 10,000 people testing positive. The strain is believed to have originated in a nearby region, and is different from the other strains currently circulating in Japan. The government is working with international partners to better understand this new variant.

Indonesia volcano eruption spews red-hot lava

The Volcano of Mount Merapi, one of the most active volcanoes in the world, has erupted again, spewing red-hot lava and ash into the sky. The volcano is located in Central Java, Indonesia, and has been active for several weeks. The government has ordered a mandatory evacuation of nearby residents, and emergency response teams are on standby.

Dozens of whales die on Indonesian beach

Dozens of whales have died on a beach on the island of Belitung in Indonesia. The cause of the mass die-off is not yet known, but experts are investigating the possibility of a natural disaster or a human-related event. The local government has set up an emergency response team to handle the situation.


**India slams UN experts over Kashmir concerns**

India has criticized UN rights experts for a report that called for greater attention to be paid to “human rights violations” in the region of Kashmir.

A delegation of UN rights experts, led by a special rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Indian-administered Kashmir region, is due to visit the region for a two-week mission that began on Monday.

The Indian government has long been critical of the UN’s role in Kashmir, saying that it is biased and that its mission is not impartial.

The UN Human Rights Council in Geneva on Monday was due to discuss the report, which was released in May.

The council has a mandate to promote and protect human rights around the world.

**Striking a pose**

Delhi court extends activist’s detention

Deeksha Seth

A Delhi court yesterday extended the detention period of political activist Deeksha Seth for 10 days under the National Security Act.

Seth was arrested on March 21 after leading a hunger strike in solidarity with farmers who have been protesting against new agricultural laws. The strike ended on April 2. Seth has been charged under the NSA for allegedly instigating violence and sedition.

The court said it had been satisfied with the prosecution’s arguments that Seth had made efforts to disrupt public order and had brought the country to a standstill.

**Reflecting on the past**

Comets and other minor planets are not just pieces of dust in space, but they can be sources of water and organic compounds that might be important for the origin of life.

A team of astronomers led by Dr. Jennifer Brown at the University of California, Berkeley, has used the Gemini North telescope in Hawaii to observe a comet known as C/2019 Y4. The team detected water vapor and carbon monoxide emissions from the comet, suggesting that it may be a potential source of organic compounds.

The findings could help researchers understand the processes that led to the formation of early Earth and the origin of life. The team plans to continue monitoring the comet in the coming years to further investigate its potential role in the origin of life.
As US rejoins Paris pact, stars align for swift climate action

Countries producing now two-thirds of global carbon pollution are on the brink of a goal of carbon neutrality by 2050

By Carlo Ratti and Richard Florida

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ear in March, a bold move through the heart of Paris, France, by two of the world’s most important nations—China and the European Union—emerged the climate agreement that will take the world in a new direction. The agreement, which was reached after months of negotiation, aims to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, meaning that the amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere will be balanced by the amount absorbed, effectively ending the net emissions of carbon dioxide.

For the first time in history, the world is facing a crisis that requires a global response. The impacts of climate change are already being felt, with increased frequency and intensity. The agreement was welcomed by scientists and policymakers alike, who see it as a crucial step in the fight against climate change.

China, the world’s largest emitter of greenhouse gases, has committed to achieving carbon neutrality by 2060. This is a significant commitment, given that China accounts for about a quarter of global greenhouse gas emissions. The European Union, on the other hand, has set a goal of reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050, compared to 1990 levels.

The agreement was reached through a series of negotiations, involving representatives from all countries. The talks were long and difficult, but the outcome is a testament to the determination of nations to work together to address the global climate crisis.

The agreement is not without challenges, however. It will require significant investment in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and other solutions. It will also require changes in behavior, such as reducing energy consumption and increasing the use of public transportation.

Despite these challenges, the agreement is a significant step forward. It shows that nations are willing to work together to address the global climate crisis, and that meaningful progress can be made.

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EU increases Covax contribution to €1bn

The European Commission has increased its contribution to the Covax scheme, which is aimed at ensuring global access to vaccines. The move comes in response to the ongoing pandemic and the need for more vaccines to be produced.

The Commission decided to increase its contribution from €1bn to €1.4bn, which will allow for the purchase of an additional 400m doses of vaccines. The increase will help to ensure that more vulnerable groups in Europe and around the world receive the protection they need.

EU Commissioner for Internal Market Thierry Breton said: “This decision marks a significant step forward in ensuring that we can provide even more vaccines to our citizens and those around the world. We are determined to do everything we can to fight this pandemic and protect our economies.”

The move is part of a broader package of measures taken by the EU to combat the pandemic. The Commission has also launched a new programme to support vaccine production and distribution, and has announced plans to create a single digital health passport to facilitate travel.

Breton said: “This is part of our wider effort to ensure that we can provide vaccines to those who need them. We are proud to be able to support the Covax scheme with this increase, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact that it will have.”

The increase in the Covax contribution is part of the EU’s effort to ensure global access to vaccines. The Union has already contributed €2bn to the scheme, which aims to provide vaccines to up to 2 billion people worldwide.

Breton added: “We are committed to ensuring that everyone has access to vaccines, and we will continue to work with our partners to achieve this goal.”

The increase in the Covax contribution is expected to have a significant impact on the global vaccination effort. It will help to ensure that more doses are produced and distributed, and will support the production of vaccines in Europe.

Breton concluded: “This is a significant step forward in our efforts to combat the pandemic. We are proud to be able to support the Covax scheme with this increase, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact that it will have.”
Zekreet ... a welcome break from urban rush

By Jaya Apppler

Zekreet, which has a unique scenery of white limestone cliffs and rock formations - away from the hustle and bustle of urban life - has become a popular destination for many Qatar residents.

"Absolutely enjoyed our visit. A perfect place for photographers during sunset and sunrise. It has a very peaceful atmosphere or when I would go there, there were hardly any people there," explains Sarah Hafiz.

"It was great to escape from the city for some time to be free. I have been there a few times with my friends and family," she adds. "I used to bring snacks, so my family and friends could snack up as we intended to spend the whole day there."

Zekreet, spread across nearly 24 km away from Al-Rayyan north-west of Doha, is renowned for its geographical features, encircling mountains, lagoons and picturesque view, day or night. It’s a paradise for many residents.

"It is a beautiful place. My family, share the same view, visiting Zekreet often for natural beauty and described it as a perfect spot for relaxation and rocks." My husband and my children enjoyed a lot. Amazing rock formations, cliffs, Lagoons and mountains, everything was not difficult. It looks like an adventure, as well as a geographical exploration," she adds.

Apart from these words, other activities, especially during the sunsets, a new trend started in "Zekreet. Zekreet offers a rare natural beauty."

Zekreet was also held in Zekreet, attracting a large number of participants. Zekreet has also continued one of the most inspirational activities to attract more visitors during their experience on social media. Instagrammer "shadowa. (unverified) also took part in "Zekreet Zekreet". He said: "It was an excellent place and enjoyed the entire experience. It was like a real dream with the beautiful sunset.

''It was like an adventure for me, enjoying the magnificent views of rock formations, blue sky and crystal clear water along the path. It's a perfect place for the locals of Doha," she adds.

Zekreet also provides an opportunity for visitors to see "East-West/ West-East" an iconic public art installation by renowned American artist Richard Long.

The installation was unveiled by Qatar Museums in November last year. Qatar Museums has opened the park to the public as a part of its anti-vax program.

Many visitors also see Zekreet as an ideal place for stargazing and photo shoots, as well as an excellent backdrop for Keppel's."