Amir crowns winners of His Highness Sword Equestrian Racing and Equestrian Festival

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IMC treats all patients equally
Hamed Medical Corporation (IMC) provided emergency medical services to all patients irrespective of their religion or profession and in accordance with the highest international standards, Dr. Hamad Nasser al-Qadi (rear, left) finished second and Saeed Nasser al-Qadi (rear, right) was third. GULF TIMES

Amir gets message from Chinese president
His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani received a verbal message from Chinese President Xi Jinping to express gratitude for the strategic bilateral relations and to enhance them, as well as regional and international issues of mutual concern. The message was conveyed by Yang Jiechi, member of the Political Bureau and Director of the Office of the State Council Commission of the Communist Party of China. The meeting was held at Al Bahr Palace yesterday morning.

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HE the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman al-Thani, met yesterday with Yang Jiechi, member of the Chinese Political Bureau, and the accompanying delegation currently visiting the country. During the meeting, they reviewed bilateral relations and issues of common concern. HE the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs congratulated the member of the Chinese Political Bureau on the 32nd anniversary of the relations between Qatar and China. He also noted the distinguished and advanced relations between the two friendly countries, especially in economics, affairs, and energy, which contributes to increasing trade exchanges between the two countries.

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**FM meets member of Chinese Political Bureau**

**HMC felicitates embassies, ICBF for patient support**

**HMC provides treatment to all patients irrespective of nationality**

Doha, 21 February 2021

Hamad al-Attal, Qatar’s national health strategist, for Healthy Aging and Medical Director of Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC), has, in hiscapacity, recognized the achievements of Bangladesh and Nepal and the Indian Community Association (ICA) for their efforts in providing social and psychological support to patients of Covid-19.

In a statement yesterday, Hamad al-Attal said: “HMC works alongside a co-operator with the embassies of Bangladesh and Nepal and the ICA to facilitate access for patients of these countries to healthcare services at the right time and place, including rehabilitation, long-term care services, by addressing language challenges and speeding up the processing of official documents.”

Hamad al-Attal said HMC provides technical and rehabilitation services to all patients irrespective of their nationality or profession and to accord with the highest international standards. He explained that patients who require rehabilitation are cared for by HMC Rehabilitation Institute, while those with acute conditions that require long-term care receive care at the Doha Charity Hospital. HMC, in addition, offers all rehabilitation services, treatment and rehabilitation equipment they require.

The HMC community-based programme offers rehabilitation services to patients and provides them with support to return to their work and daily life while facilitating follow-up care for their rehabilitation needs.

The HMC’s Dr Hanadi al-Hamad, Qatar’s National Health Strategist for Healthy Aging, co-ordinates with the the embassies of various nationalities and provides support to all patients irrespective of their nationality or profession and in accordance with the highest international standards. She explained that HMC Rehabilitation Institute provides rehabilitation services to all patients irrespective of their nationality or profession and to accord with the highest international standards. HMC’s programme offers rehabilitation services to patients and provides them with support to return to their work and daily life while facilitating follow-up care for their rehabilitation needs.

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**MoPH reports 449 new Covid-19 cases**

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) reported yesterday 449 new cases of coronavirus (Covid-19), of which 421 were from returnees who came from countries where they are mandatory, while 28 were from returnees who came from countries where they are optional. The competent authorities referred 437 people to the Public Prosecution for violating the Covid-19 precautionary and preventive measures enforced by the Ministry of Interior (MoI) on social media platforms, according to figures released by the Ministry of Interior (MoI) on social media platforms.

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**Qatar calls for calm, dialogue in Somalia**

Qatar has voiced its grave concern about developments in the Horn of Africa, Mogadishu, following the announcement by President Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo of his intention not to seek re-election, which has sparked violent demonstrations in the country. The statement stressed the need for governments and the international community to maintain their efforts through political dialogue and confidence-building measures to ensure the safety and security of the Somali people for stability and development.

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Qatar Debate to explore public art’s role in shaping culture

I am a 25-year-old Law graduate from Al-Wakrah University in Qatar. My main area of interest is International Law and I am particularly interested in the role of the United Nations in peacekeeping and conflict resolution. I have extensive experience in research and writing, having contributed to several academic journals and conference papers. My passion lies in using my legal expertise to contribute to the betterment of society. I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead in this field and look forward to making a positive impact.
Doha Toastmasters Club takes part in tree-planting campaign

QRCS delivers food aid to more than 42,000 refugees in Bangladesh
Tehran ‘confident about lifting of US sanctions despite wrangling’

Reuters

Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Abbas Araghchi said yesterday, following a meeting with foreign ministry officials, that Tehran was ‘confident’ about lifting of US economic sanctions. Araghchi said that the US government had been ‘deceived’ over the lifting of sanctions, which was provided to Iran as an international agreement. He added that the lifting of sanctions was conditional on Iran’s cooperation in the nuclear program. Araghchi said that Iran had ‘sufficient confidence’ that the US government would lift sanctions. He also reiterated that Iran would continue to cooperate in the nuclear program, but that the lifting of sanctions was dependent on the US government’s actions. Araghchi said that Iran would not engage in any talks with the US government unless sanctions were lifted.

Sudan and Ethiopia trade accusations in border row

Reuters

S udan and Ethiopia traded accusations yesterday over a border row that could escalate tensions between the two countries. Sudan said it was confrontational with Ethiopia over the construction of the Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, which could affect Sudan's water resources. Ethiopia, for its part, said that Sudan was obstructing the construction of the dam, which it considers vital for its energy security. The two countries have had ongoing border disputes over issues such as the Blue Nile River, which flows through both countries.

Neither country specified the third parties to which the others were referring in their statements. However, statements from both sides suggest that the third parties are probably the Sudanese government and regional organizations such as the African Union.

The Sudanese government has called for calm and dialogue between the two countries to avoid escalating tensions. It has also emphasized its commitment to the ongoing negotiations with Ethiopia over the dam.

In a statement released in Khartoum, Sudan’s foreign ministry said: “The Sudanese government is committed to resolving the disputes with Ethiopia in a peaceful manner, through dialogue and cooperation rather than confrontation.”

The Ethiopian government has also called for calm and dialogue. It has reiterated its commitment to the ongoing negotiations with Sudan over the dam.

The construction of the Ethiopian Renaissance Dam has been a source of tension between Sudan and Ethiopia. Sudan is concerned that the dam will affect its water resources and raise its electricity bills. Ethiopia is more concerned about energy security and the potential for conflict over the dam's construction.

The dam is currently under construction and is expected to be completed in 2022. Sudan has expressed concerns over the dam's impact on its water resources and has called for more engagement in the negotiations.

Ethiopian military spokesman Col. Fikre Gabrial Girma said yesterday that Ethiopia had been able to prevent the third parties from causing any damage to the dam. He added that the dam was a vital resource for Ethiopia and that it was committed to its construction.

The Sudanese government has denied any involvement in the border row and has emphasized its commitment to peaceful negotiations. The Ethiopian government has also denied any involvement in the border row and has reiterated its commitment to the ongoing negotiations with Sudan over the dam.

The border row between Sudan and Ethiopia is a long-standing issue and has been a source of tension between the two countries. The two countries have had ongoing border disputes over issues such as the Blue Nile River, which flows through both countries.
President Biden, PM Trudeau to meet virtually on Tuesday

Thunberg tweets for detained Indian activist Disha

Myanmar police open fire on protesters, two killed

Snow maze from a placard as people rally against the military coup in Yangon

Most of the protesters have been arrested, including students and activists who had been calling for the government's resignation.

Two people were killed while hundreds were injured during a protest against the military coup in Myanmar. The police used tear gas, rubber bullets, and water cannon to disperse the crowds.

Argentina health minister resigns in vaccine row

Two senior officials in the health ministry have quit over a row over the procurement of coronavirus vaccines. The deputy health minister and the director of the vaccines program resigned following a congressional hearing.

Gina's Thunberg tweeted her support for an Indian activist jailed after participating in a protest against the arrest of a Kansas activist who participated in a climate protest.

Two young women have been arrested in Myanmar on charges of sedition after attending a rally against the military coup.

A teen faced a placard as people rally against the military coup in Yangon.
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Russia’s Princess Eugenie names her son August

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World tops 200mn Covid vaccine doses

Prince Charles visits father Prince Philip in hospital

Pakistan among nations most exposed to infection risk

World Covid vaccine diplomacy is gaining traction

Britain pushes at UN for rich states to share coronavirus vaccines with poor

Flashpoint for Pak’sнималки

Mobile vaccination teams have visited schools in several towns including the capital over the past few days.

More than 1.38 million people across the world have received a first vaccine dose and 244 have been vaccinated.

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Even as countries move further with vaccinations, the death toll is rising upwards, with an AFP tally reaching more than 2.4mn worldwide by 12 GMT yesterday, with almost 75mn cases.

Despite the disturbing figure, it could vitally be an opportunity for countries to reform.

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, who will soon be celebrating eight years of marriage, announced this week that they will focus on their “independence” but that “there will always be a place for Harry and Meghan in the family.”

It now remains for the couple to decide on the title and role of Harry and Meghan within the royal family.

Prince Charles arrived at the back of the hospital on Wednesday to visit his father, the 99-year-old husband of Princess Diana, Prince Philip, who is in hospital receiving medical care for ailing lungs.

Charles was at the hospital for the first time since his father was transferred from the King Edward VII hospital in central London to the private King Edward VII hospital in the Knightsbridge district of London last Thursday with a lung infection.

The Duke of Edin- burgh, who is under medical supervision and measures after being rushed with an allowed that he is not related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine.

The number of coronavirus (COVID-19) infections globally has topped 154 mn, according to data collated by Johns Hopkins University.

The resolution, submitted on Thursday by Britain to the UN Security Council, expresses concern that the availability of vaccines “is diminished” and that the Morrison government had presented a $7.5bn academic. The bill, which includes $7.5mn for a World War II veteran who was married to the queen.

Navalny responded sarcastically to the view, saying that “I am back because I am confident. The vaccine is, of course, a key element in that confidence. It paves the way for Navalny to return to a prison camp outside the Kremlin after 2024 if he wants. The court found him guilty of embezzlement and sentenced him to three years in jail.

Navalny’s response was met with a,and “We won’t be able to reach our goal if we don’t have the Covid-19 vaccine,” said virologist Alexander Chumakov, citing a World Health Organisa-

The initiative is “brilliant and essential,” said Britain’s Prince Charles, heir to the throne.

The couple have been touched by the well wishes they have received on the birth of their first child.!

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Tariqi provides financial support to students who demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence. “Launching in 2016, the Tariqi programme – meaning ‘my programme’ – is the manifestation of our vision to advocate for broader opportunities, and access of the next generation,” Omar Hussain Alfardan, president and chief executive of Alfardan Group, told Gulf Times.

“There are currently 15 students from a variety of disciplines, and our mission is to develop a workforce that is ready, will- ing and able to not only absorb, but also take charge of constant change,” he said.

“We believe in using the strength of our legacy to advocate for broader positive change, and make a difference in our community,” he added.

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As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities, the group has also partnered with the Qatar Cancer Society and the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani and Qatar National Bank in an initiative called ‘Earth Hour’.

The Baraka Group’s Tariqi scholarship programme – which is open to both citizens and residents who meet eligibility requirements – has been helping students since 2016. By Joseph Varghese Staff Reporter

With the aim of empowering youth in the country, the Alfardan Group’s scholarship programme Tariqi, covering various fields of study, offers financial support to students who demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence.

"Launching in 2016, the Tariqi programme – meaning ‘my programme’ – is the manifestation of our vision to advocate for broader opportunities, and access of the next generation,” Omar Hussain Alfardan, president and chief executive of Alfardan Group, told Gulf Times.

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The Qatar Met department has also issued a warning for the first time in the country in the early hours of the day for strong winds, heavy showers and hail.

The temperature is forecast to range from 17-24°C in Doha today.

Yesterday, cloudy conditions and northwesterly winds were reported from different places along with scat- tered rain, which became thundery at times.

The department tweeted last night that cold weather was seen across the country with the temperature ranging from 9°C-20°C. The "temperatures were not as cold as expected due to the influence of northwesterly winds."

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