**Amir receives message from Saudi king**

King Salman invites Amir to visit Saudi Arabia

Despite the tension of war, the Saudi king has decided to invite His Highness the Amir of Qatar to visit Saudi Arabia. The message was conveyed through a message from the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz, to His Highness the Amir, expressing his appreciation of the relationship between the two countries. The invitation is expected to be accepted by His Highness, with the aim of strengthening ties and promoting peace in the region.

**Growing Oscar recognition for Arab female filmmakers**

By Mohamed Abdu Ullah

The Academy Awards, also known as the Oscars, are considered the highest honor in the film industry, recognizing excellence in filmmaking. This year, Arab female filmmakers have made significant strides in the Academy Awards, with several nominations and wins. The success is a testament to their hard work and talent, as well as the growing acceptance of Arab cinema on the global stage.

**Mandatory 10-day hotel quarantine for all travellers from six countries**

- No more home quarantine to people coming from India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Philippines
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**Supermoon a celestial spectacle**

Ramadan appeared approximately 14% larger than the usual full moon, and 30% more luminous, yesterday as the ‘supermoon’. The full moon of the holy month of Ramadan provided a rare celestial spectacle as it rose above Ras Abu Aboud Stadium, one of the venues of the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

**Shura Council approval for Investment and Trade Court**

The Shura Council has approved a draft law establishing the Investment and Trade Court to settle disputes between foreign investors and the State of Qatar. The draft law aims to streamline the dispute resolution process and provide a more efficient and effective mechanism for resolving investment disputes.

**Amhara regional forces in the Tigray conflict**

Amhara regional forces have been withdrawing from Tigray demanded yesterday from Tigray requested withdrawal of Eritreans from Tigray. This demand follows the recent tension in the region and the need for peace and stability.

**Turkey announces new lockdown orders for 12 provinces**

Turkey will be imposing a lockdown in 12 provinces starting from April 29. This comes as part of the country's efforts to control the spread of COVID-19.

**Ami of the Year: Tunisian filmmaker Kaouther Ben Hania**

There are seven women filmmakers from the Arab world who have received an Oscar nod to date. Lacking in the long journey of Oscars and the Academy’s platform to Arab female filmmakers their time to reach the screen worldwide.

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**Turkey presses Ethiopian Prime Minister to withdraw forces**

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has pressed Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed to withdraw his forces from Tigray, demanding compliance with the demilitarized zone agreement.

**Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan calls on Biden to consult with Ban Ki-moon to find solution for Cyprus**

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan yesterday pressed US President Joe Biden to consult with Ban Ki-moon to find a solution for the Cyprus problem. Erdogan is expected to discuss the situation with Biden during their meeting in the United States.

**The Arab championship is a test for Qatar 2021**

The Arab championship will be held today, the draw for the FIFA Arab Cup Qatar 2021, organised by FIFA in the Middle East. The championship is expected to be a test for Qatar 2021, with the participating teams officially invited by FIFA.

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1. Middle East Business Development represented by Sheikh Khalidia Jaatim M Al-Thani – Non-Independent Candidate
2. Al Mana Capital Real Estate represented by Mr. Nawaf Ibrahim A Al-Mana – Non-Independent Candidate
3. Al Mana Capital Holding represented by Mr. Abdulaziz Mohamed II Al-Thani – Non-Independent Candidate
5. Mr. Nasser Sulaiman M. Alhaidar – Non-Independent Candidate
6. Sheikh Meshal Fahad A Al-Thani – Non-Independent Candidate
7. Mr. Faisal Mohammad II A Al-Naeer – Independent Candidate
8. Mr. Mohd Ahmad M Alshiabidy – Independent Candidate
9. Mr. Abdulla Ahmad A Al-Jehani – Independent Candidate

As for the rest of the General Assembly agenda items for year 2019 and per the request of Company’s External Auditor and Ministry of Commerce & Industry, the Company will announce final voting on each agenda items once reviewed and approved by the External Auditor and the Ministry.

Doha Municipality closes shops during Ramadan inspections

The Health Control Department at the Municipal Supervision Department of Doha Municipality carried out 1,433 daily inspections on food establishments in various areas of Doha and the Industrial Area since the beginning of Ramadan. A statement by the Ministry of Municipality and Environment yesterday explained that 65 notices for violations were issued while 10 food establishments were closed. The department is currently carrying out inspections on all companies and shops packing and selling sweets and nuts for Garangao celebrations. The objective is to ensure the validity of the foodstuffs used, storage and display conditions, and their conformity with standard specifications. The checks resulted in seizing 34kg of expired sweets that were immediately destroyed and a report issued for apprehending the violator.

935 children take part in Katara’s Qur’an memorisation competition

Katara launched the annual competition of ‘Juz’u Amma’ via electronic registration, during the period from the first of Ramadan to the 10th of Ramadan, explaining that the participants will be contacted by phone and through visual communication technology from II-19 Ramadan for evaluations. The Cultural Village Foundation allocated valuable prizes to the first three winners, as the first prize winner will receive a cash amount of QAR10,000, the second prize winner an amount of QAR8,000, and the third prize winner an amount of QAR5,000. This competition comes within the package of various competitions and activities held by Katara remotely via its platforms on the social networks, in line with the State’s precautionary policy to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Al-Muraikhi receives copy of credentials of Nigeria’s envoy

HE the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sultan bin Saad Al-Muraikhi received yesterday a copy of the credentials of ambassador of Nigeria to Qatar Yakubu Abdullah Ahmed. HE the minister wished the new ambassador success in his duties, assuring him of providing all support to advance bilateral relations between the two countries in various fields.

FM holds discussions with visiting Saudi counterpart

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People urged to follow coronavirus norms during Garangao festivities

Garangao event held in Berlin

The celebration featured several Ramadan competitions and entertainment activities

Qatar's Covid-19 vaccination coverage has reached 63.5% of the population. Health authorities said that the weekly reports establish Qatar's position as a leader in the region for the uptake of Covid-19 vaccines.

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ers at Qatar University (QU) during

the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, sev-

eral students are managing their time
difficultly. Due to the lockdown, many
students are finding it hard to focus on

their studies and also to adapt to the

new normal lifestyle. Afaf Ibrahim Al-Dha'en,
a student at the College of Science, shared her

experience of dealing with the lockdown.

“I have been working from home and I face
problems in focusing on my studies. I have
to focus on my tasks without any interrup-

tion, so it’s hard to start doing new things.

Among the things I’ve been trying to deal

with is online learning. I have had many

challenges during this lockdown, at home,

we have a family, we do studies at QU as well

as承担 in our health. Things have been

difficult, I have to keep up with all my

homework and try to organize my time.

I used to be a very busy student, but this

situation has forced me to adapt my time

management. “I have faced many

challenges and I feel that I have learned

a lot from this experience. I have had to

learn how to handle my time properly, how

I can focus on my studies, and I can focus

on my studies and things like that.”

I have a daily schedule that I fol-


d by. I love the Quran, so I try to

Recite verses of the Quran every day,

I also enjoy studying in pairs with

friends to boost each other’s morale and to

organize my time. There are many

students who have faced a similar situ-

ation and I feel great about this achieve-

ment. I have attended online sessions at

home and I have had 25 clients so far.

Afaf Al-Dha'en is a senior student at QU

University campus.

Oman endowment to light up Islamic history

The Sultanate of Oman discussed the role of

endowment in the flourishing of the Islamic
civilisation, which lighted the great role of

endowment in the formation of the Islamic

society, which included all life activities, and

in various forms. It provided endowment in

many fields, either religious or

moral, and others, pointing out that it was able
to achieve the development of Islamic

teaching, the development of Islamic

education, and the possibility of the imper-

ative making of awareness. If these

challenges are addressed and a

series of strategies are formulated that

addressed the advanced platforms that

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Through this partnership, every QR Salam Stores Reward Card points can be converted into QR, allowing members to enjoy a range of exclusive benefits and rewards through Privilege Club, including flight rewards, Gold and Platinum membership, and much more. The world continues to overcome the global Covid-19 pandemic, and Qatar Airways is planning to travel and now is the time to start thinking about collecting as many QR as possible for future travel plans. One of the easiest ways to build up QR is through converting Salam Stores reward card points to QR. This partnership between Qatar Airways Privilege Club and Salam Stores helps our members reach their future travel goals and return the QR even sooner. ''Salam International Commercial Director Abdal Salih Abu has said, "We are proud to announce the new partnership between Qatar Airways Privilege Club and Salam Stores. This collaboration is another pillar for Qatar Airways and comes within our direction of extending our offer to our customers through a range of premium services and rewards. Last year, Qatar Airways' Privilege Club became one of the first loyalty programmes in the world to introduce a tier extension offer of up to 12 months to its members and, earlier this year, Privilege Club executed a further extension of the tier validity offer till November 30, 2021. Over the past year, Privilege Club continued to invest in enhancing the programme, including cutting the number of QR required to book award flights by up to 45% percent and rewarding our valued members through a tier extension offer of up to 12 months. Qatar Airways has announced it will operate three weekly flights to Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire via Accra from June 16, becoming the fourth new destination in Africa announced since the start of the pandemic. In a statement, the airline said: ‘‘At Qatar Airways, we are thankful to the Cote d’Ivoire Government for their support to launch these flights. We look forward to working closely with our partners in Cote d’Ivoire to steadily grow this route and support the recovery of tourism and business in the region. Qatar Airways also offers strong connectivity to Abidjan from Africa. Qatar Airways travellers from Africa can now enjoy new baggage allowances ranging from 40kg for Economy Class split over two pieces and edge split over two pieces for Business Class. This initiative is designed to offer passengers increased flexibility and comfort when travelling on board Qatar Airways. For more information please visit https://www.qatarairways.com/en-us/fly-safe/safety-matters.html. The Covid-19 pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for the aviation industry and, despite this, Qatar Airways never ceased operations. 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The young researchers were challenged to present their research through 3MT contest, which is a platform for our scientists’ and researchers to express their work and enthusiasm and the exceptional quality of their research.

HBKU showcases graduate research through 3MT contest

The final event was held online via Zoom, in front of a judging panel comprising professors from the College of Health and Life Sciences and external evaluators as the top three winners.

The young researchers were also introduced by Student Affairs, along with short videos explaining their research in front of a judging panel present by the three-minute talk, using one PowerPoint slide and a language suited to a non-specialised audience.

They were judged on communication, comprehension, and content.

Karin Muhle, a PhD candidate in Biology and Biomedical sciences at CHLS, won first place for her compelling presentation titled “Cerebral Cortex GABA Signaling: Gene Therapy.”

In second place, Fawzi al-Daghri, student of Biotechnology and Microbial Sciences at CHLS, presented a poster on “Understanding the genetic basis of heart disease in C. elegans”.

In third place, Samaa al-Samarrai, student of Biotechnology and Microbial Sciences at CHLS, presented a poster on “Understanding the genetic basis of heart disease in C. elegans”.

Along with cash prizes (QR5,000, QR3,000, and QR1,000 respectively), the three winners will be representing HBKU during the upcoming 3MT contest, competing against students from all over Qatar.

Future bright for Qatari chefs, says senior hotelier

By Joe Aguilar

The QRCS initiative in Bangladesh.

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With the donations of charity-papers in Qatar, more than 242,500 poor people will be helped during the holy month of Ramadan. These charity-papers are local food staples used in Iftar to break the fast during the month of fasting, the statement noted.

In order to support the campaign, one can visit QRCS official website (www.qrcs.qa), call the Donor Service (00974 453 5390) or visit the QRCS website (www.qrcs.qa) for details.

QRCS distributes food parcels to 42,516 poor in Bangladesh

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Turkish diplomacy to visit Yemen next week, will discuss Libya peace

By Asif Shawkat

Turkey will dispatch a high-level delegation to Yemen on April 14, to discuss a renewed push to end the war there, a source close to Turkish officials said on April 12.

The source said that the Turkish delegation, including Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu and his national security adviser Ibrahim Kalin, would visit the southern Yemeni port city of Aden, the de facto capital of the separatist Southern Transitional Council, and the southern city of Taiz.

Turkey has long supported the separatist Southern Transitional Council, which has been fighting against the government of Yemeni President Abdul Rabbo Mansour Hadi, who is backed by the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia.

The Turkish delegation will discuss the situation in Yemen with the separatists and the government of Yemeni President Hadi, the source said.

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**US Supreme Court to take up gun rights case**

The US Supreme Court has agreed to hear a challenge by the National Rifle Association (NRA) to the ban on carrying firearms outside of homes.

**The case will be argued before**

the Supreme Court with a 6-3 conservative majority and come against a gun control push by the Biden administration to ban the use of assault-style weapons.

**The court said it would rule**

in favor of the Senate and House of Representatives, which passed the bill to ban assault-style weapons.

**The Second Amendment to the Constitution is subject to various interpretations.**

It made "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." for the National Rifle Association (NRA) and many gun owners, it prohibits the government from enacting any law that would ban the possession of firearms.

**In a landmark case in 2010, the Supreme Court ruled that**

the Second Amendment protected the right to possess a firearm for public safety reasons and that the government could not ban the possession of firearms.

The court had previously de-

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The 17 members of the Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate (MEF) have recently established a global standard for 2050 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. That means they have the power to pull the brakes on the climate emergency.

The countries most affected by climate change bear the least responsibility for the problem. Of the megacapricious countries, ten are in Asia and five are in Africa, where millions rely on agriculture to meet their daily needs. The MEF’s work is both an attack on climate change and a safeguard for the future. It’s a powerful tool for the United Nations to use in its quest to save the planet.

The MEF’s establishment also marks a new era in global politics. The group’s recent decision to halt exports of raw cocoa reflects the governments’ growing concern about climate change. But with the costs of the necessary renewable energy solutions like decentralised renewable energy in irrigation, processing, and cold storage in Sub-Saharan Africa, it’s clear that there will be a transition to a new era in global politics.

By convening its first-ever Food Systems Summit and its first High-Level Dialogue on Energy in 40 years, the UN has provided a platform for countries to commit to transitioning to a sustainable growth and development model. This move is necessary to support developing countries in transitioning to a sustainable growth and development model.

The period between now and the United Nations climate conference (COP27) in Glasgow in November represents a one-in-a-generation opportunity for world leaders to build a “climate-smart” framework for tackling the twin challenges of food and energy insecurity. This will be necessary to support developing countries in transitioning to a sustainable growth and development model.

Rising temperatures are already costing Africa an estimated 1.4% of GDP per year, as well as imposing adaptation costs as high as 3% of GDP per year. Because this burden falls predominantly on farmers, doubling resilience and anyway power to the world’s 500 million smallholder households, which are among the most vulnerable to climate change.

Over the past decade, the adoption of renewable energy solutions like rooftop solar panels and energy solutions like decentralised renewable energy have made many farmers more efficient and productive. But achieving these goals will require a significant increase in the use of renewable energy solutions, and make these technologies affordable for farmers. Increasing numbers of households are using without electrification for basic appliances access to greater access to clean-energy, more powerful tools that can help farmers to reduce the burden on human labour, which currently accounts for 90% of the world’s food production. But in the long term, they also must be incorporated into a more sustainable agriculture. And even countries like Malaysia and Indonesia, which are the leading sources of GHG emissions.

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Military expenditure "undermines internal stability", report says

A UN report has found that, despite the economic impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, military expenditure by the world's countries actually increased in 2020.

The report, titled "Military expenditure in 2020", was published by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and is based on data from 196 countries.

It found that military expenditure in 2020 increased by 2.4% to $1.76 trillion, compared to a 0.6% decrease in 2019 due to the pandemic.

The report also noted that military expenditure as a proportion of GDP increased in 24 countries, including some of the world's wealthiest nations.

The increase in military spending is of concern, the report said, as it could divert resources away from education, healthcare and other essential services.

"Military expenditure underpins the expectation of conflict and war," the report said. "It is a significant drain on national resources, diverting vital funds from education, healthcare, social welfare and other essential services, as well as potential solutions to the crisis of climate change and the spread of pandemics."
Oscar recognition for Arab female filmmakers

Nadine Labaki: The film was shortlisted for Best Foreign Language Film at the 92nd Academy Awards, Oscars 2021, after bagging Bafta Award for Best British Short Film, making Labaki the first Palestinian Arab female filmmaker to get an Academy nomination. This has been the 10th Oscar nomination in the past seven years for her projects funded by Doha Film Institute.

Waad al-Kateab: The film is a look at the struggle of a Syrian refugee who has been away for several years returns home with a new Syrian wife who wears the full niqab, igniting his father’s suspicions that his son has been working for the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Starring Yahya Mahayni, the film in a look at the struggle of Palestinians living under occupation.

Maysa Alsharif: The film followed Waaad al-Kateab’s life through five years in Aleppo. Stills before and during The Battle of Aleppo.

Farah Nabulsi: The film was shortlisted for the Best International Feature Film category at the 93rd Academy Awards, Oscars 2021. The film was the 24-minute film set in the occupied West Bank with his daughter, to buy a wedding anniversary gift for his wife.

Light showers forecast for today

There are chances of rain in the country today, the Qatar Meteorology Department has said. Cloudy conditions and light, scattered rain was reported from parts of Qatar yesterday. In its forecast for today, the weather office warned of expected thunderstorms along with sudden strong winds. The temperature is expected to range from 27-39C in Doha today. Pictured are overcast conditions in Doha yesterday.

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Minister visits ‘Innovation Makers Oasis’ at Qatar Scientific Club

PICTURE: Shaqi Kayamkulam

Awards 2020 for the Best Live Action Short Film category at the 93rd Academy Awards, Oscars 2021. The film was shortlisted among 24 other films including The Mole Agent, directed by Chilean Maite Alberdi, Charlotte, a Czech biographical drama film directed by B�. Neil and Sarah-Jane Feroe, Another Round, The Woman Who Left, The ‘Innovation Makers Oasis’ is an advanced technological platform in the region, was set up and is being developed since 2020 by the QSC with the support of the Ministry of Culture and Sports. It is to be launched this year and function with the aim of keeping pace with the technological developments that depend on the techniques of the fourth industrial revolution. The‘Innovation Makers Oasis’ provides an effective work environment that encourages innovators and entrepreneurs to continue developing their startup projects and the production stage while providing spaces to those with technical specialties. These include the fields of engineering design, digital fabrication, modeling and electronics, computing, robotics, artificial intelligence and production mechanics.