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Waste management methods kick off today

The Arctic Institute of North America, the Municipality and Environment Committee, will hold off talks with the participation of representatives of government bodies and institutions, and regional and national experts and scientists to organize a conference on waste management and disposal.

Sadiya Al-Falasi, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, announced yesterday that the conference will be held on March 30-31 in collaboration with Ministry of Public Health (MPH) and Charity and Solidarity Section (CSS). The conference aims to discuss waste management, the importance of the conference and to solve problems and challenges in implementation of its sustainability and implementation of the conference objectives.

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**QIB customers can now use Absher reward points to pay for Uber, Qatar and Talabat**

Qatar Islamic Bank (QIB) announced further enhancements to its digital products, offering QIB customers more options to restructure the reward programme, adding leading transportation operators - Uber, Qatar Airways and Talabat - to its list of merchants. The initiative is part of the bank’s strategy to provide customers with flexibility and convenience, and to enhance their digital experience with the bank.

With the new update, QIB customers can use Absher rewards to pay for rides on Uber, Qatar Airways and Talabat. QIB customers can now accumulate Absher reward points by participating in various promotions run by partner merchants, and in addition to the rewards points that they have already accumulated. Customers can choose to use their reward points for travel, dining, shopping and entertainment, as well as to pay for these services.

**QRCS delivers medical supplies for paediatric cardiac catheterisations to Sudan hospitals**

Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) recently delivered medical consumables to Sudan’s civil hospitals, including the Ahmed Al-Khateeb Hospital in The Sudan Social Security Organization’s West Darfur Provincial Hospital, which is served by the ministry’s Health Department. The shipment included paediatric cardiac catheterisation materials.

Hamed, the hospital’s general manager, thanked QRCS for its contribution, indicating that the shipment has provided an important support for the hospital’s medical services. QRCS delivers medical consumables to hospitals across different categories, mapping areas of need and working to ensure that medical aid is available to those who need it most.

**Fourth Qatar Forum for Authors begins**

The fourth edition of the annual Qatar Forum for Authors has kicked off on April 5, 2021 at the Ahmed Al-Khateeb Hospital in the city of Omdurman, as part of the Egyptian government's efforts to support the literary and artistic scene in the Arab world. The forum aims to create a platform for authors, students and researchers to exchange experiences and ideas in the field of literary arts, with a focus on promoting Arab identity and culture.

Addressing the opening session, the forum's director, Dr. Anand, denounced the role of the media in promoting the Arab-Islamic identity, adding that the forum seeks to promote the role of the media in creating a platform for the exchange of ideas and experiences, with a focus on promoting Arab identity and culture.

The forum also includes a panel discussion on the role of the media in promoting the Arab-Islamic identity, with participation from prominent media figures and experts in the field of literary arts.

Dr. Anand also praised the role of Qatar’s Ministry of Culture and Tourism in promoting the literary and artistic scene in the Arab world, adding that the forum aims to create a platform for authors, students and researchers to exchange experiences and ideas in the field of literary arts, with a focus on promoting Arab identity and culture.
No visitors allowed at seven Covid-19 facilities: HMC

Strict visitor policy implemented at Covid-19 and other facilities

HMC has said it is implementing a strict visitor policy at all HMC facilities due to increased cases of Covid-19 in the community. The ban on visitors was approved by the country’s National Covid-19 Vaccination Programme. HMC has designated seven facilities to provide care for patients with Covid-19 and other patients. These visits are allowed in the following facilities:

- Al Wakra Hospital
- Al-Sheba Hospital
- Al-Shifa Hospital
- Doha Children’s Hospital
- Al Khor Hospital
- Al Gharrafa Hospital
- Al Khor Hospital

HMC said that, according to the latest weekly report on the number of Covid-19 cases, there is a significant rise in the number of Covid-19 cases in the community. The report stated that the number of Covid-19 cases in Qatar has increased in recent weeks, and the spread of the virus is expected to continue. HMC emphasized the importance of following preventive measures, such as wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, and getting vaccinated. The report highlighted the importance of vaccinating people to protect themselves and others from the virus. HMC encouraged people to get vaccinated and to follow the preventive measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in the community.

Swab tests at 44 health facilities

According to the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MoPH), swab tests have been conducted at 44 health facilities in Qatar. These tests were conducted as part of the country’s ongoing efforts to contain the spread of Covid-19. The MoPH has urged all Qatar residents to follow the preventive measures to prevent the spread of the virus. The MoPH also emphasized the importance of getting vaccinated to protect themselves and others from the virus.

Katara delays Senayan Festival

The Qatar National Council has decided to postpone the Senayan Festival due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The festival was scheduled to take place on 11-12 March. The festival is one of the most popular events in Qatar, attracting thousands of visitors from all over the country. The festival was postponed to a later date due to the ongoing pandemic, and the organizers have not yet announced a new date for the festival.

Windy conditions forecast

The Ministry of Municipality and Environment (MME) has issued a warning due to the strong winds expected in Qatar. The winds are expected to last for up to 24 hours, and the ministry has urged all Qatar residents to follow the preventive measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19. The ministry also emphasized the importance of getting vaccinated to protect themselves and others from the virus.

Fish farming looks up

The private sector in the country has a good potential for fish farming as fresh shrimp import to Qatar is 450,000 a year with an adequate Local production: current, locally, local, locally grown, and reported.

The official point out that fish farming in Qatar has a very good potential as they are exposed to excessive fishing. It explained that this is considered an excellent outcome as most fishermen in the country use traditional fishing vessels that target certain species of fish.

In the meantime, the country takes various measures to protect the fish projects that fall under the supervision of the Qatar Ministry of Municipality and Environment. These measures include the implementation of a plan to reduce fishing activities, the implementation of a plan to reduce the number of vessels, and the implementation of a plan to reduce the number of fishermen.

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Full range of Mazda sedans, SUVs earn IIHS safety award

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) has bestowed the highest safety accolades on eight Mazda vehicles. These accolades include advanced or superior ratings for front small overlap, headlight, side small overlap and side impact protection, demonstrated in IIHS crash tests.

IIHS is an independent, nonprofit safety-testing organization, funded by the insurance industry.

To qualify for the 2022 Top Safety Pick Plus award, Mazda vehicles earned good ratings in each of the six criteria for IIHS crashworthiness: moderate overlap frontal crash protection, headlight, side small overlap frontal, driver-side small overlap frontal, side impact, and pre-crash safety technologies.

Mazda vehicles also earned advanced or superior ratings for front small overlap, headlight, side small overlap frontal, driver-side small overlap frontal, side impact, and advanced or superior ratings for IIHS’s pre-crash safety technologies that support safer driving by helping drivers to recognize potential hazards and avoid or mitigate safety technologies that help to overcome collisions or reduce their severity in situations where they cannot be avoided.

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“The IIHS safety awards are a testament to Mazda’s commitment to safety and innovation. Mazda is dedicated to providing our customers with the safest and most advanced vehicles possible. We are proud to have earned these safety awards for our models, and we continue to strive for excellence in all aspects of our vehicles.”

The IIHS Top Safety Pick Plus award is the highest safety accolade that IIHS can bestow on a vehicle. It is given to vehicles that meet advanced or superior ratings in all six crashworthiness criteria and advanced or superior ratings for pre-crash safety technologies. Mazda has earned this award for the second year in a row, establishing itself as a leader in safety innovation and commitment.

Some models of the First Assalam School Project received training and video tutorials on the use of Microsoft Project and Google Classroom or Canvas, or LeapEd training, ensuring that the IT department was well prepared to support the educational transition to distance learning.

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The First Assalam School Project has expanded educational access for more than 2,187 children.
Hyatt Regency Oryx Doha

The hotel offers a wide range of dining options, from casual to fine dining, with a variety of international and local cuisines available.

Qatar Arabic Language Centre opens in Moscow

The programme will help each of you enhance and fine-tune your professional skills, prepare you for leadership initiatives with confidence, and to more effectively tackle the global challenges of the current times. This year the conference will focus on “Digital Innovation in Higher Education, and well-being. Keynote addresses and a rich conference programme extend to the design, development, and evaluation of these technologies, and will enable participants to interact with leading researchers in the field. The conference scope extends to the design, development, and evaluation of these technologies, and will enable participants to interact with leading researchers in the field.”

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Libya takes delivery of first Covid vaccines

Libya's interim prime minister announced yesterday that the country had reached an agreement with the UN that allowed the World Health Organization to deliver vaccines against the coronavirus in a show of international unity.

The move came after a year of conflict between the rival military factions that control much of the country.

The WHO said the vaccines had arrived in the capital, Tripoli, and that they would be distributed to health facilities across the country.

The country had been unable to access vaccines due to the ongoing conflict.

The delivery of the vaccines is seen as a positive development in the country's efforts to overcome the pandemic.

EU's Michel vows support to Libya's interim govt

European Council President Charles Michel offered his support to Libya's interim government today in a visit to the country.

He said he would work with the authorities to ensure that Libya was able to move forward in a peaceful manner.

Michel said he would also work to ensure that Libya was able to access the necessary financial support to help it overcome the coronavirus pandemic.

Libyan officials have welcomed the visit, saying it would help to bring international support to the country.

The visit comes as the country faces a political crisis, with a new government yet to be formed.

The country has been divided for years, with rival factions battling for control.

Michel said he was hopeful that the country would be able to move forward in a peaceful manner.
Biden ready to push through his $2tn infrastructure plan

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United States

For months, Joe Biden was building the case for a large-scale infrastructure bill. But the White House was facing an uphill battle to secure the necessary votes in Congress. The Senate had already passed a $1tn infrastructure bill, but it was unclear if the House of Representatives would follow suit. The administration was pushing hard to get the bill passed before the summer recess, but it remained to be seen if they could secure the necessary support. (Image: AP)

Leaking wastewater reservoir threatens Florida community

Michael/AM

Florida

An environmental group called for the US government to order a “complete evacuation” of a leaking wastewater reservoir in Florida. The group said the reservoir was at risk of breaching, which could cause widespread flooding in the surrounding area. (Image: AP)

Brazil seeks $1bn in foreign aid to reduce Amazon deforestation

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Brazil

The Brazilian government has appealed to international donors for $1bn in aid to help reduce deforestation in the Amazon rainforest. The move comes as the region faces a third wave of infections, with more than 1.5mn recorded infections and 52,625 total fatalities. The agency has suffered budget cuts under Bolsonaro. The ultra-light aircraft had a planned flight duration of approximately 30 minutes. It was designed to be used in that way to light deforestation, so we can commit to a reduction of between 10% and 15% in 2021. (Image: AP)

Charged bodies of three police officers found in Mexico

O Estado de Sao Paulo

The charged bodies of three police officers were found in the state of Oaxaca, Mexico. The officers were attacked in their patrol car on a rural road in southern Oaxaca state. The area is plagued by violence between rival gangs. (Image: O Estado de Sao Paulo)

Canada surpasses India in Covid-19 cases

O Estado de Sao Paulo

Canada has surpassed India in Covid-19 cases as the country faces a third wave of infections, forcing governments to re-impose restrictions. With 2,000 new cases of Covid-19 announced in British Columbia on Saturday evening, Canada topped 1mn cases since the start of the pandemic, according to figures reported by Canada’s infectious disease experts. (Image: O Estado de Sao Paulo)

Peru sees highest daily Covid-19 toll

O Estado de Sao Paulo

President Pedro Castillo announced a record daily 24,700 coronavirus cases in the country’s worst wave of infections so far. A government minister said that up to 60% of the population of 32mn people is expected to be infected. In the county, health workers are being attacked in their homes and on the street, according to a union leader. (Image: O Estado de Sao Paulo)
Restrictions imposed around Mumbai as Covid cases surge

**Mumbai**

Reuters

a meeting with the chief minister.

Traffic, cinema, bars, restaurants and places of worship were closed.

Authorities will also impose a complete lockdown at week-

end from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m., state Home Minister Uddhav Thackeray told a cabinet meeting.

Mumbai, the financial capital, would impose a complete lockdown after a cabinet meeting.

India’s richest state, Maharashtra, accounts for about 16% of India’s economic output. Mahar-

ashtra’s chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray met the in-

terior minister on Thursday.

India’s longest state, Mahar-

ashtra, which accounts for 16% of India’s economic output, has imposed a complete lockdown.

India is behind the United States in reported Covid cases.

Several states have imposed lockdowns as Covid cases surge, coinciding with Easter Sunday.

At least 11 killed in China weekend bus crash

**At least 11 people were killed after a truck col-

lided with a passenger bus on a highway near Shanghai in eastern China, during a holiday weekend, a state media reported yesterday.**

The truck driver was killed and 11 passengers including four children were killed, according to Xinhua.

The crash killed 11 people, including five children, according to China’s Ministry of Public Security.

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The death toll was the worst in a string of terror attacks in India last year.

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Sea-level rise: New study sheds light on responsible ice sheets

Although it is well known that climate-induced sea level rise is a major threat, new research has found that previous ice loss error estimates have been underestimated by 10% over the past 15 years. This offers vital clues as to what lies ahead should climate change continue at its current rate, led by researchers from Durham University, used geological records of past sea-level data and 3D models to estimate how much the major ice sheets in the Northern Hemisphere. The new study uses detailed geological sea-level data and 3D models to predict the impact of ice sheets on the world’s oceans. The findings are expected to help improve models that are used to predict changes in the ocean circulation, thereby improving the accuracy of climate predictions.

Rising sea levels due to warming climate pose a great risk to society, improving the quality of life for all women and ending violence against women.

The solution to this will not occur by chance: we need proactive positive action. We need data disaggregated by sex and age so we can see the full picture and address the root cause.

**Sea level rise and the “shadow pandemic” of violence against women**

The Covid-19 crisis has a disproportionate impact on women and girls, who are often the first and worst affected. The “shadow pandemic” of violence against women and girls during the pandemic requires urgent and decisive action.

The “shadow pandemic” refers to the unprecedented rise in violence against women and girls globally. Women and girls have faced increased levels of violence, including domestic violence, intimate partner violence, school violence, and online harassment, among others.

Recent research on the impacts of the pandemic suggests that women’s vulnerability to violence has increased, and that women and girls are at greater risk of experiencing violence during and after the pandemic. Women who lack access to support services or who are unable to leave abusive environments are particularly vulnerable.

Policy recommendations include strengthening positive legal frameworks, increasing access to support services, and promoting economic empowerment for women and girls. Policies should also address the root causes of violence and provide women and girls with the means to protect themselves.

Millennials, global consumers push US firms to get political

As young and politically active consumers, millennials are expected to be more engaged in politics and willing to speak out against injustices. They are increasingly demanding that companies address political issues and take a stand on social and environmental issues.

Recent studies show that millennials are more likely to support companies that align with their values and are actively involved in civic and social issues. They are also more likely to boycott brands that support policies they disagree with.

**Pushing for change**

Millennials are pushing companies to take a more active role in political and social issues. They are demanding that companies pledge to support policies that promote equality, diversity, and social justice.

**The views of global customers**

The views of global customers matter more to many firms, especially in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. As consumers become more aware of social and environmental issues, they are increasingly looking for companies that align with their values.

**Gender and investor relations**

As global investors increasingly prioritize gender responsiveness in their investment decision-making, it is crucial for companies to proactively address gender issues. This includes prioritizing gender equality in their policies and practices, and ensuring that women are represented at all levels of the organization.

**Climate change and environmental sustainability**

Climate change and environmental sustainability are key issues for global consumers, and companies are increasingly being held accountable for their impact on the environment.

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Pakistanis rush to buy Russian vaccine as private sales open

T he number of people in Karachi waiting for the Russian Sputnik V vaccine has reached 3,568, the highest since the pandemic started, a cabinet minister, Asad Umar, said.

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In 2012 he also became a member of the European Central Bank. She was previously found guilty of

Popes slams spending on weapons in pandemic

The Pope slams the Catholic Church and its leaders for failing to

Surge in French Covid intensive care patients amid lockdown

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Bulgarian PM under threat, exit polls poll

B ulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borissov will have difficulty upholding his power, after being badly weakened Saturday by an election victory for the opposition that tapped into growing discontent over corruption and the power of oligarchs.

France's top football league.

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The West Bay North Beach project, as it provides public access to the coastline, will open in August next year.

The beach project, which is part of the Ruwad Artist in Residence programme, will continue to support local artists to create new work, with the first phase including six artists-

- Fadi Al-Mulla
- Buya Hassan
- Ameera Al-Sneeh
- Ali Al-Nuaimi
- Ali Al-Suwaidi
- Wafika Sultan al-Essa

The dedicated studio space will enable us to focus on completing our artworks and artistic projects during my stay, said the artist. Al-Mulla is a pioneer in the plastic art movement in Qatar.

The total length of the sandy beach is 2.3km and it is divided into three main parts, including designated places for practising beach and marine sports, and beach hair area.

The project includes children’s play areas, and beach play areas operated by well-trained staff. It also includes changing rooms and shower facilities. The West Bay North Beach project is characterized by the presence of an advanced lighting system, and nine open swimming pools.

The area includes a public beach and 15 private beaches operated by a number of hotel companies and private businesses.

The beach project includes a number of features designed to attract visitors, including a range of facilities and services.

- Public transport service to and from the beach through bus stops, where there will be stops even 20 minutes from dawn to every part of the beach.
- The beach project is scheduled to open by August 2021.
- The committee works under the Ministry of Municipality and Environment (MME) in coordination with several ministries and other entities, such as the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the Ministry of Culture and Sports, the Qatar Museums Authority, Qatar Rail, and Private Engineering Office.
- The committee is responsible for five major tasks, including the construction of public beach, port, and hotel projects.
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- It will also focus on the provision of more public transport options.
- It is also intended to ensure a healthy environment within residential neighborhoods and places of public gatherings through increased afforestation and landscaping, which will greatly help in reducing the temperature of cities.

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