Sheikh Hamad hospital in Gaza damaged in Israeli ‘bomber’s’, suspends services

Qatar’s rower Tala Abujbara qualifies for Tokyo Olympics

By Joseph Varghese

Qatar’s rower Tala Abujbara has qualified for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, as the regional rowing body confirmed her place in the women’s lightweight double sculls (under 62 kg) at the 2020 Olympic Games, which will be held in Japan this summer.

Abujbara, who is currently studying at the University of Qatar, has been training extensively for the Olympic Games and has been representing Qatar in international rowing competitions for several years.

Abujbara is the first Qatari rower to qualify for the Olympic Games, and she will be representing her country in the women’s lightweight double sculls, which is a new event for the Olympics. She will be joined by her teammate Omaima Al-Hassan, who has also qualified for the event.

Abujbara has been a consistent performer in regional and international competitions, and she has won several medals and awards for her achievements in the sport.

“I am very proud and happy to represent Qatar in the Olympic Games,” Abujbara said. “I have been working very hard for this moment, and I am looking forward to giving my best performance in Tokyo.”

Abujbara’s qualification comes as a boost for Qatar’s rowing team, which has been making strides in recent years. The team has been training under the guidance of experienced coaches and has been receiving support from the Qatari Olympic Committee.

Abujbara’s qualification will also be a significant achievement for Qatar’s sports fraternity, which has been working hard to develop the sport in the country. The Olympic qualification is a testament to the hard work and dedication of Abujbara and her team, and it is a source of pride for Qatari sports fans.

Qatar’s rowing team will be hoping to perform well in the Olympic Games and to make the country proud with their performances. The team will face stiff competition from other nations, but Abujbara and her teammates are determined to give their best in the Olympic Games.

Abujbara’s qualification is a significant milestone for Qatar’s rowing team and for the country as a whole. It is a confirmation of the hard work and dedication of the team and a testament to the potential of Qatari athletes. The team will be looking forward to the Olympic Games and to making the country proud with their performances.
Ministry reports 370 new Covid cases; 818 recoveries

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The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) reported 370 new confirmed cases of Covid-19 on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. Of these, 304 were from indoor and outdoor gatherings, 33 from hotels, 19 from work places, and 14 from institutions and local bodies or national organisations, media reports indicated.

Vaccination data

2,098,998 Covid-19 vaccine doses have been administered so far, which is equivalent to 8.9% of the total population. The rate of daily vaccination has remained consistent, with around 14,000 doses being administered per day.

**Qatar reiterates pledge to collective security, respect for international law**

Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Thamer al-Thani has reaffirmed Qatar’s commitment to respecting international law, supporting states based on the UN Charter, and adhering to the UN global compact for the protection of the environment.

Sheikh Abdullah, also the Chair of the Board of Governors of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, made the remarks in his speech at the opening ceremony of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly on Sep 21.

The Premier said the UN Charter, which is the foundation on which the international system is based, is accompanied by two important covenants and to promote security, respect for human rights, the rule of law, preventing terrorism, combating extremism, and achieving development.

Sheikh Abdullah said in the general debate that Qatar had continued its efforts to promote the principle of the responsibility to protect civilians and the account-ability of perpetrators of mass atrocities, and achieving development.

“Being among the countries that submitted the draft resolution presented by the General Assembly and adopted in 2013, Qatar continues to respect the responsibility to protect civilians and to promote the principle of the responsibility to protect, and the important role of the General Assembly in the protection of civilians, especially during armed conflicts, in order to protect the most vulnerable and comply with the provisions of international humanitarian law,” he said.

“Qatar has always called for protection for humanitarian workers, as their natural right to protection and respect for international humanitarian law, and their pivotal role in the protection of civilians and the account-ability of perpetrators of mass atrocities, including atrocity crimes, which are stipulated in the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols,” he said.

“Qatar reaffirms its commitment to the UN Charter, the principles of the Responsibility to Protect for a period of three years, and in line with its belief in international humanitarian law, human rights and the rule of law, and achieving development, Qatar continues to call on other states, in line with the principles of the Responsibility to Protect, to implement their obligations to protect populations exposed to atrocities, as a result of taking the right of the unity of the states to respect human rights, and to protect the unity of the states to respect the rule of law, and protect the unity of the states to protect the environment,” he said.

Sheikh Abdullah continued: “The principle of Responsibility to Protect is an important principle that supports the protection of citizens in line with international law. In this context, Qatar has renewed its call for respecting the principle of Responsibility to Protect, as they are a strategic principle that underpins the protection of mankind, especially during armed conflicts, in order to protect the most vulnerable and comply with the provisions of international humanitarian law, and their pivotal role in the protection of civilians and the account-ability of perpetrators of mass atrocities, including atrocity crimes, which are stipulated in the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols, which is why Qatar has always called for protection for humanitarian workers, as their natural right to protection and respect for international humanitarian law, human rights and the rule of law, and achieving development?”

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AAB promo for pre-owned Toyota vehicle owners

AAB (Abbadi Abdulghani & Bros Co (AAB)), sole agents for Toyota vehicles in Qatar, has started a special promotion for pre-owned Toyota vehicle owners.

Any person or organisation who has purchased a pre-owned Toyota vehicle from anyone, between April 15 and June 30, can enjoy AAB’s Express Lube service for only QR33. The Express Lube Service includes oil and filter change along with a 25-point checkup.

Customers can also enjoy a receipt from the Traffic Department, or a receipt from Metrorash2 or the Traffic Department, or have to show an SMS from Metalabe to avail this benefit. A customer will have to show an error-free QR code from Metalabe to visit the vehicle service centres – Al Wakra, Al Najad, Abu Hamour and Salmi – to avail maintenance facilities where vehicles are old, “the statement adds.

“AAB Toyota always believes in giving the best ownership experience to customers irrespective of the model year of the vehicle you own. AAB believes in long-term relationships and always strives to keep their vehicle in good condition even if they are old,” the statement noted.

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Lulu Hypermarket donates oxygen cylinders for India Covid relief

Leading retailer Lulu Hypermarket Group has joined the relief work initiated by the Indian Community Benevolent Fund (ICBF) under the ‘India initiative’ by donating oxygen cylinders and other essential supplies to meet the urgent medical requirements in the wake of the surge in Covid-19 cases across the country.

Lulu Hypermarket has always been in the front-line to contribute towards the cause of charity and upliftment of the society. It was explained in a statement yesterday.

“As a responsible retailer with strong CSR policies, we have made remarkable efforts to build the community family together during tough circumstances passed by the pandemic across the region. Recently Lulu Group has made a substantial contribution towards the Goan Chief Minister’s relief fund to extend relief to the needy and underprivileged brethren in distress by way of financial and medical assistance. With 14 state-of-the-art stores spread over various strategic locations in Qatar, Lulu Hypermarket is identified as one of the major market players in the total retail market.

Putin lauds close ties with Qatar as envoy presents credentials

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In a speech during an official ceremony held in the Kremlin yesterday, the Russian president said: “Our country is closely cooperating with Qatar on the organisation and hosting of the 2022 FIFA World Cup, adding: “Our agenda of interaction with the State of Qatar is quite rich. It includes promoting investment partnerships and joint efforts to develop the potential of cooperation in various fields.”

He pointed out that a representative Qatari delegation will take part in the 14th International Economic Forum in June 2021.

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Lebanon's president said yesterday critical comments made by the foreign minister about Gulf states did not reflect official comments made by the foreign minister and that Lebanon's alliances and donors were not enough to save the country. He said Lebanon's foreign minister was not alone and that he too would make the comments about the Gulf. The United Arab Emirates' foreign minister said Lebanon's comments were misinterpreted and that the Gulf states did not reflect official comments made by the foreign minister and that Lebanon's alliances and donors were not enough to save the country. He said Lebanon's foreign minister was not alone and that he too would make the comments about the Gulf.
Qantas changes India Covid test laboratory

**School China Sea maritime patrols to continue: Duterte**

President Rodrigo Duterte yesterday said the Philippines would not stop its maritime patrols near the South China Sea, even though he had raised tensions with China after he revoked all joint naval exercises with the Asian giant.

Duterte said, however, that the Philippines would refrain from discussing the issue publicly.

"We at the president’s office are monitoring the situation and we are prepared to do what has to be done," he said in a press conference in Manila.

When asked if the Philippines was really breaking off all diplomatic relations with China, Duterte said that it was not the case.

"We are engaging China but we are also taking a new approach," he said.

Duterte also said that the Philippines would continue its patrols near the South China Sea.

"We are not asking for a war, but we are prepared to defend ourselves," he said.

**Shoppers flee as China skyscraper wobbles**

Shoppers fled in panic yesterday as one of China’s tallest skyscrapers began to shake.

The SEG Plaza, rising 300m in the southern city of Shenzhen, began to shake at around 1pm, prompting alarms to sound and people to run for safety.

Emergency management officials said that everyone in the city was safe and that no one received the wrong set of paperwork.

**Journalist arrested**

Australian PM spurns pleas to reopen border

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese yesterday refused to allow fully-vaccinated citizens and permanent residents to come to the country, even though many Australians and Australians living abroad are desperate to return home.

Albanese said the government would not reverse its decision to keep the border closed until the end of the year.

"We believe that the current situation in Australia is very serious, and we cannot afford to take any risks," he said.

Albanese said that the government would continue to monitor the situation and that it would make a decision on the border closure at the end of the year.

**Workers in Wuhan**

Workers in the southern city of Wuhan yesterday were seen wearing face masks and practicing social distancing.

The city has been under lockdown since January, and authorities have reported more than 4,000 new cases of the coronavirus in the past few days.

"We need to be very careful," said a worker in Wuhan.

"We can’t let our guard down, especially with the return of cases in the city."
Indian mosque bulldozed in defiance of court order

The Indian mosque bulldozed in defiance of court order was the Badaulabagh mosque in Uttar Pradesh, which was bulldozed by authorities despite a court order.

The mosque, the city of Lucknow, was bulldozed by Uttar Pradesh authorities for alleged illegal construction. The government of Uttar Pradesh is controlled by the Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP), which is opposed to the mosque.

The mosque was built on land that the government of Uttar Pradesh had declared as a public utility area, but the mosque committee had refused to vacate the land. The mosque was a symbol of the city's rich cultural heritage.

The demolition was met with outrage and condemnation from various quarters, including the United Nations and the government of India. The mosque was a popular tourist attraction and a landmark in Lucknow.

The demolition came in the wake of a court order that had prohibited the demolition of the mosque, but the government ignored the order, citing the need to prevent illegal constructions.

The mosque committee had been given a deadline to vacate the land by May 31, but they refused to do so. The government then decided to bulldoze the mosque to clear the land.

The demolition was widely condemned by the international community, including the United Nations and the government of India. It was a violation of the right to freedom of religion and the expression of culture.

The demolition also led to a backlash from the Indian government, which was seen as a violation of the country's secular principles. The government was accused of attempting to suppress religious groups and their right to practice their religion.

The demolition of the Badaulabagh mosque was a major setback for the efforts of the government to promote religious harmony and interfaith understanding.

Major Covid vaccine exports from India ‘not likely before Oct’

The government of India has confirmed that it is unlikely to resume major Covid vaccine exports from the country before October.

The decision comes in the wake of a global shortage of vaccines, with many countries struggling to vaccinate their populations against the virus.

India has been a major exporter of Covid vaccines, with pharmaceutical companies based in the country producing millions of doses of vaccines.

The government has stated that it is unlikely to resume major exports before October, as it needs to prioritize the vaccination drive at home. The government has been accused of prioritizing domestic vaccination over exports.

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US seeing fewest Covid deaths since start of pandemic

The US has seen its fewest Covid deaths in eight months, with 679 reported on Wednesday, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The number is a stark contrast to the winter peak of more than 3,400 deaths on January 23. The US has reported a total of 813,855 Covid deaths, including more than 1,000 in the latest 24-hour period.

Fragnance expert helps Covid patients learn to smell again

A new study has shown that a perfume called “Professor’s Perfume” can help patients with anosmia, a condition that affects more than 100,000 people in the UK. The study, led by the University of Sheffield, found that patients who received the perfume were able to smell the aroma, which contains 11 key notes, including a sweet cinnamon scent.
UK jobless rate drops as firms hire amid easing Covid system

Long Covid symptoms ease after shots: survey

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Central banks looking to go green in climate change fight

No longer is climate change a debatable problem. With some research models suggesting up to a quarter of global GDP could be at risk, central banks are now more than ever keen to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

Across the world, central banks, policymakers, and investors are waking up to the compelling reality. For central banks, the risk of rising temperatures to loan portfolios.

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By Howard Davies

N ever less than five years after the Brexit referendum, and in the five months since that vote, the debate about the future of the UK’s financial centres has continued with a degree of force and intensity that is rare.

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Spain vows to restore order after influx of migrants

Thousands swim into Ceuta; half sent back, says Madrid

Spanish enclave in Morocco a magnet for migrants

Rabat recasts ambassador to Madrid for consultations

Spain moves to bar Navalny allies from parliamentary race

Dutch slavery exhibition confronts the brutal past

Police arrest dozens for trying to lynching blasphey accused

Germany opens ambassador to Morocco with tougher law

Dutch police find new slavery objects

Police in Rotterdam say a new exhibit on slavery is "the stepping stone to the next chapter," the AFP reports.

"It's a moment of contemplation," said Smeulders. "It really affected Dutch society."

The entire exhibition, previewed by AFP, is "a magnet for African migrants," says Van Rijn. 

Spain moves to bar Navalny allies from parliamentary race

The United States in December recognised Moroccan sovereignty over the Western Sahara territory.
Qatar vegetable production hits 60,000 tonnes this year, says agriculturist

T he optimism in the volume of vegetable production is expected to continue this year, with a supply of fresh produce from local agricultural farms expected to reach 60,000 tonnes this year due to the increase in the number of production (active) farms and the growing area and greenhouse production, said Nasser Ahmed al-Khalaf, vice-chair of the Institutional Community Development (HMC) and Dr Marcellina Chamseddine, the owner and managing director of Agrico, a private organic agricultural development company.

He also cited the significant contribution of advanced farming technology in growing various types of vegetables and fruits year-long. It also involved a highly sophisticated hydroponic system capable of producing excellent yields at a faster pace. "We are at the end of the summer season this year, but some types of vegetables and fruits do not last during summer. Unfortunately the production does not last during summer and the only way is using high tech greenhouses with cooling and hydropionic systems," al-Khalaf said.

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He noted that Qatar also started experimenting its hydroponics farming technology in the past years, particularly in a small scale. "This is being developed and could be made more productive next year," he added. "I'm happy to see some farms are following our path, but it is important for students to have the chance to experiment with and learn some skills acquired to continue experiments in the open space," he stressed. "It is learnt that the growing demand for fresh produce in the country prompted many non-producers local farmers to become active and adopt hydroponics farming.

Google Arts & Culture found a way for people to virtually visit museums, including MMA.

Young Cornell Stars help WCM-O students develop core skills of physicianship at annual event

S ome of the youngest medical students of one of the leading medical universities in the world, Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar (WCM-Q), students a helping hand to develop their physicianship skills in the latest instalment of the annual Cornell Stars event.

Held online for the second year running due to Covid-19 pandemic, this year’s virtual event was one of the highlights of the annual programme, which is always such a rich learning experience for students. Dr Khidir, a newly graduated medical doctor, said: “Cornell Stars is always such a rich learning experience for students. ‘It offers a great opportunity for students to develop physicianship skills through Cornell Stars programme. It is an open space for students to make their own memories that you, yourself, would share with the world. It is an opportunity for you to see for yourself our researchers and museum professionals,’" Qiatar vegetable production hits 60,000 tonnes this year, says agriculturist

"I had been spending time with them and it was an excellent opportunity in this new world of virtual interaction and learning, to have students be exposed to children of different ages, to engage with them and experience the richness of what children have to offer at different developmental stages. The children themselves were delightful, cooperative and very interesting. Class of 2023 student, Kevin Chantesindane said: ‘I had been looking forward to participating in Cornell Stars since my first year. Although virtual, the event lived up to my expectations and gave me the opportunity to engage with the children in a small, comfortable setting. The children opened up and shared many fun and interesting stories. Spending time with them helped me appreciate the great responsibility entrusted to you by the families and parents of paediatric patients.’

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"I am happy to see some farms are following our path, but it is important for students to have the chance to experiment with and learn some skills acquired to continue experiments in the open space," he stressed. "It is learnt that the growing demand for fresh produce in the country prompted many non-producers local farmers to become active and adopt hydroponics farming.