Summer: work in the open not allowed from 10am-3.30pm

Amir directs allocation of $500mn grant for reconstruction of Gaza

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Explained: Lifting of first phase of Covid-19 curbs from tomorrow

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Cabinet approves regulation on SC auctions

Al-Sulaiti receives message from Iran minister

FM meets Ethiopian minister

Cabinet calls for stopping by precautionary steps

In view of the updated COVID-19 precautionary measures starting May 28, 2021, Doha Metro, metroLink, and metroExpress will operate as follows:

- Services operating at a 30% capacity
- Services resume on Fridays and Saturdays
Al-Khalil calls for abiding by Covid norms despite easing of restrictions

Over 60% of eligible residents get at least one dose of vaccine

Qatar is leading in terms of the Corona vaccination scheme...
Ministry set to implement regulations on summer outdoor working hours

Qatar attends virtual meeting of envoys of Asian Group to OPCW

Kahramaa launches 2021 customer satisfaction survey

Qatar attends meeting on water management

LuLu eyes launch of Qatar’s ‘largest green store’: official

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shops in Downtown Souq, located at Al Khor City, next to Safari Hypermarket, which is fully air-conditioned and suitable for all commercial purposes. There are restaurants including one with big terrace for outdoor seating, also fast food outlets are available at the top floor of the Souq. Amenagement and play area also available.
Praise for Qatar’s role in improving status of women

Qatar participates in opening session of G20-320 meeting

Qatar participates in the official opening session held by Singapore’s foreign minister that was headed by Qatar’s foreign minister Al-Mazrouei, as well as the heads of ministers of the various status of Qatar’s foreign relations. Qatar’s foreign relations is a focus of international co-operation to achieve a peaceful and sustainable future for all nations of the world. We are united in our commitment to work towards achieving peace and stability.

16,000 inspections at Doha food outlets

The Doha Municipality’s Health Control Section carried out a comprehensive inspection of the various food outlets and businesses in Doha during a three-week period. A total of 16,000 inspections were conducted during this period, which focused on food safety, hygiene, and other related issues. The annual report said that inspections continued during the period and amounted to 16,000 inspections, compared to 9,597 during the same period last year.

Real estate trading volume exceeds QR4.47bn last week

The total value of real estate transactions in Qatar exceeded QR4.47bn last week. The total number of real estate transactions amounted to 1,847, including residential, commercial, and land properties. The average price per property was QR2.46m, with residential properties accounting for the highest proportion.

Qatar Fertiliser Company (Qfco) will launch the following tender

INVITATION TO TENDER

QFACO will launch the following tender:

- Technical and Commercial Enquiries are to be addressed to Mr. Tawfik Haq, the Tendering Manager.
- Only complete tenders will be accepted.
- The company reserves the right to accept or reject any tender, in whole or in part, without assigning any reason.
- The tender documents are available at the tendering office or online.
- The tender documents will be available for inspection and purchase from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Sunday to Thursday.
- The tender closing date is 27th April 2023.

QATARGAS OPERATING COMPANY LTD

Tender Invitation

QATARGAS OPERATING COMPANY LTD invites firms and organizations to submit their tender for the following: Stationary Gas Distribution and Supply Services.

Tenders will be submitted to QNOC, PO Box 1318, Doha, Qatar.

NOMINEES: Qatar Fertiliser Company (Qfco)

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Form for Tender Incorporation and 3 Bids Submission

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QC announces the winners of ‘Initiatives Challenge’

Qatar Charity (QC) has announced the winners of the ‘Initiatives Challenge,’ a competition for youth volunteers in Qatar. QC has also announced the winners of the ‘Youth Volunteers Initiative Challenge.’

QC said the winners of the ‘Initiatives Challenge’ were chosen based on their creativity, innovation, and impact on society. The winners were selected from a pool of 150 projects submitted by youth volunteers across Qatar.

The ‘Youth Volunteers Initiative Challenge’ was launched in 2015 to encourage young people to become volunteers and make a positive impact on their communities.

Some of the youth volunteers initiatives

TCF announces Qatari youth’s initiatives

TCF (Together for Change) has announced the winners of its ‘Qatari Youth Initiative Challenge.’

The challenge aimed to identify and support young people who are making a positive impact in their communities. The winners were announced during a ceremony held in Doha.

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Turtle project seeing good progress

The Ministry of Environment and Agricultural Development has announced that the turtle project is making good progress.

The project, which aims to protect turtle populations in Qatar, has seen an increase in the number of nests and hatchlings in recent years.

The project is a joint effort between the Ministry of Environment and Agricultural Development and the Qatar Environment and Wildlife Society.

Recall orders for Porsche vehicles and Ilek products

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) has issued a recall order for Porsche vehicles and Ilek products.

The recall is due to a defect in the airbag system that could pose a risk to the driver and passengers. Porsche has been asked to inspect and repair affected vehicles.

The recall affects around 3,000 Porsche vehicles in Qatar.

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VCUArts Qatar physicist’s research placed second in QNRF competition

Qatar-based Sadarah, winner of Agro Organic Farm, and Vamos, a smart irrigation system, have been awarded second place each in the 2023 Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF)STER competition.

Sadarah partners with iFarm to advance next generation of sustainable vertical farming in Qatar

Multi-year partnership will optimise indoor growing of leafy greens, strawberries and edible flowers, contributing to implementation of Qatar’s national food security strategy

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An image of a sandstorm near Qatar's Doha International Airport. (Supplied)

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QFFD financed $530mn projects in 2020

Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) funded projects worth $530 million in 2020 that were chosen for their transformative impact on women through humanitarian and gender-responsive aid. The projects were delivered in more than 30 countries and included several essential sectors, such as education, health, social protection, infrastructure, and climate change. The report, released on March 23, 2021, is the third of its kind and covers all QFFD projects in 2020, which it reviews in a 360-degree view of its support in development and relief efforts. The report said QFFD has continued to focus its efforts on humanitarian assistance and gender-responsive aid initiatives, particularly in the Middle East and North Africa, to help women and girls in times of crisis and provide support for their education and development.

"QFFD is committed to delivering projects that are transformative and have a significant impact on women and girls," said Najat Rochdi, QFFD's Deputy Director-General. "The projects we fund are not just aimed at providing immediate relief and support, but also at empowering women and girls to play a more active role in building a better future." The report added that QFFD continues to work with the UN and other partners to ensure that projects are designed and implemented with the participation of women and girls.

"QFFD's continued support for education and gender equality initiatives is crucial to empowering women and girls and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals," Rochdi said. "We are committed to ensuring that our projects are designed and implemented in a way that is inclusive and responsive to the needs of women and girls.

Crackdown on dumping

Qatar's Customs Department has launched a crackdown on dumping, a practice that refers to selling goods at prices below their production cost in the exporting country, in order to gain market share at the expense of local producers.

"Qatar is committed to protecting its domestic market from unfair competition through dumping practices," said the Customs Department's Director General, Mohamed Al-Khayyat. "Dumping can severely harm local industries and workers, and it is against international trade rules. We are taking strong measures to combat dumping and ensure a level playing field for all businesses in Qatar.

"QFF student's graduation project supports physical distancing

A QFF-funded student's graduation project aims to support physical distancing in crowded environments. The project, developed by a QFF-funded student at the University of Qatar, uses innovative technology to create a system that can automatically adjust the distance between people based on their movement.

"The project is designed to help people maintain safe distances in crowded environments, such as lifts, elevators, and public areas," said the student. "Our system uses sensors to detect the movement and location of people, and it adjusts the distance between them accordingly.

Vegetable yards ‘last day of season to be Saturday’

Vegetable growers in Al Khor and Al Daayen have marked the last day of the vegetable season to be Saturday, as the residents of the area have shown an increasing interest in growing their own vegetables.

"Vegetables are now seen as a healthy and nutritious alternative to processed food," said a local farmer. "People are looking for ways to improve their diet, and growing their own vegetables is a popular choice.

"The vegetable season starts in January and ends in June, and we usually have a variety of vegetables available throughout the season," said another farmer. "However, the vegetable season is now ending, and we are looking forward to the next season starting in July.

QNL lines up exciting learning opportunities online in June

Qatar National Library (QNL) will offer a total of 23 learning opportunities in June to promote lifelong learning and continued education, with a focus on Arabic and English literature, cultural thinking, sustainability, leadership, and other areas. The "QNL Learning Series" is a comprehensive program that aims to provide a wide range of learning opportunities for residents of all ages, including children, teenagers, adults, and seniors. The program includes a variety of events, such as online workshops, webinars, and sessions with guest speakers.

"QNL is committed to promoting the love of reading and learning in Qatar," said Dr. Abeer Al-Arabi, QNL's Acting Director General. "Our goal is to provide residents with the opportunity to engage with literature and culture, and to foster a love of learning and discovery."
Nauseous throughout your entire pregnancy?

By Dr. Isra Diab-Al-Mohamadi

A lot of people assume that one thing a pregnant woman notices during her first trimester is the fact that her body is " upstairs " or " downstairs " or " soaping your hands with warm water and then rubbing your hands together until they are dry."

I remember being a little girl and my mother would always tell me that if I didn't wash my hands properly, I would get sick. She said that washing your hands was important to keep germs out of your body and keep your hands clean. I've always tried to follow her advice and wash my hands regularly, especially during cold and flu season. I think that it's important to stay healthy and prevent illnesses by washing your hands properly. It's a simple habit that can make a big difference in keeping your family healthy. By washing your hands, you can help prevent the spread of germs and keep yourself and those around you healthy.
Pressure grows for sensitive Belarus air safety probe

The project is currently being opposed by a number of Belarus' designated authorities, including Belarusian officials and civil society groups, who have raised concerns about the project's potential impact on the country's aviation safety. The project is seen as a key part of Belarus' plans to expand its international aviation network, which has been subject to increased scrutiny in recent years due to concerns about the country's human rights record.

The opposition to the project has been driven by a number of factors, including concerns about the project's environmental impact, as well as concerns about the potential for the project to be used to facilitate human rights abuses in Belarus.

The Belarusian government has defended the project, arguing that it will bring significant economic benefits to the country and improve its connectivity with other parts of the world. However, the opposition has been supported by a number of international organizations, including Human Rights Watch, which has called on the Belarusian government to abandon the project and focus on improving the country's aviation safety standards in line with international best practices.
**Boeing carrying 200 people capsizes in Nigeria**

A Boeing 737 carrying about 200 passengers crashed near the city of Lagos in Nigeria. The cause of the crash is yet to be determined, but there is no report of any survivors. The crash occurred near the airport, and multiple rescue teams are on the scene.

**Pakistan sends Covid vaccines to adults**

Pakistan sent COVID-19 vaccines to adults as part of its vaccination campaign. The country has received a large number of vaccines from various sources, including international aid and donations, and is working to ensure that the vaccines are distributed equitably across the country.

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Ashghal begins installing electric charging facilities

The Public Works Authority (Ashghal) has started installing 50 electric charging points across the country. The initiative, according to an Ashghal statement, is installed at 41 charging sites under construction as part of the Public Electric Infrastructure Programmes, as part of plans set by the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

Ashghal's new initiative supports part of Qatar's strategy to shift from diesel within Qatar National Vision 2030.

Under the project, Ashghal will build national electric charging points across and will provide, as well as distribute, electric and current infrastructure to connect changes with electric transport and various power stations.

Upon completion, the Public Electric Infrastructure Programmes will build national electric charging points to give support transport operations (2022 FIFA World Cup). The programme is also aimed at increasing the number of public transport users during the next few years by halving the average price of electricity for customers with highest specifications and global technology ensuring the identity of public transport sector in Qatar.

Earlier, Ashghal signed 41 new contracts worth QR480 million for the construction of bus stations and bus depots.

The programme is implemented by the Qatar Transport and Infrastructure Projects Development Fund and includes the construction at eight main bus stations in different areas - West Bay, Msheireb, Industrial Area, Al Sadd, Al Gharrafa, Education City, Al Wakra, and Losail - with an average capacity of each to be set at 150 vehicles.

Within this contract, Ashghal also completes six new bus depots in Lusail, Al Khor, Al Khor Boulevard Area, and Al Wakra, each with an area of 12,569 square meters.

Ashghal will also set up 2,700 charging points at those depots with a grid of 270 charging points and will begin to deliver the project.

This will be given cost standard for public transport across the country.

All the sites are associated, working together to implement a strategy to shift to clean energy in order to reduce carbon emissions from traditional vehicles and improve the climate.

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This is in line with Qatar National Vision 2030 and the transformation by using semi-commercial electric vehicles widely integrating with various modes of public transport systems.

Schlumberger announced as Children's Museum of Qatar founding family member

The Children's Museum of Qatar has announced that Schlumberger is a founding family member of the museum.

The museum will focus on educating young generations on how to scientifically consider a combination of positive experiences to help children and their families with a distinctive power to be learned through facilities open-ended play, explorative investigations and imagination.

Commenting on the agreement with Schlumberger, EIB (director of the Children's Museum of Qatar (CMQ)) said: "CMQ is a company that began with two brothers, a project called Youth, and a brilliant, advanced technological innovation."

"From this basic, the company grows a plant on the international circuit, on the Arab soil, and the world, and in the heart of the Gulf States."

"This is why we are proud to welcome Schlumberger to the Children's Museum of Qatar family - because this company represents the qualities of family support, knowledge, and innovation. This means that the museum offers our project the right shape and added." Schlumberger officials Ahmad Mousa Al Sharati and "We at the CMQ welcome Schlumberger on board as a founding family member of the Children's Museum of Qatar."

"We are grateful for their support and look forward to working alongside them to launch a joyful institution that should fully commit itself to nurturing the learning and development of Qatar's public-school museums. All future family and corporations will directly contribute to the quality of an important institution.

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