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Ministry hosts webinar on World Day for Health and Safety at Work

The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) in Qatar, in collaboration with the National Health Security Office (NHSO) and the National Health and Safety Authority, organized a webinar on Friday, April 29, to mark the World Day for Health and Safety at Work. The theme of the webinar was "Healthy and Safe Environment, "aimed at raising awareness and promoting the importance of health and safety in workplaces. The webinar was broadcast on MOPH's YouTube channel and was also available on the MOPH’s official website.

The event was held in line with the UN’s World Day for Health and Safety at Work initiative, which aims to raise awareness about the importance of safety and health in the workplace. The webinar was attended by a large number of participants who engaged in discussions on the importance of health and safety in the workplace, and how they can be improved.

The webinar featured a series of presentations by experts in the field of health and safety, who shared their insights on the topic. The presentations covered various aspects of workplace health and safety, including the implementation of safety measures, the importance of risk assessment, and the role of management in promoting a healthy and safe working environment.

The webinar concluded with a question-and-answer session, where participants had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss their concerns. A representative from the MOPH's Health and Safety Authority answered the questions and provided guidance on how to improve workplace health and safety.

The Ministry of Public Health is committed to ensuring a safe and healthy working environment for all workers in Qatar. The webinar was an important step towards achieving this goal and raising awareness about the importance of health and safety in the workplace.

OFFD signs trilateral education agreement

Qatar Development Fund (OFFD) has signed a trilateral education agreement with the National University of Singapore (NUS) and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education of Malaysia (MOE) to promote higher education and research collaboration in the region.

The agreement aims to strengthen academic partnerships and enhance the quality of education and research in the tripartite region. It will provide opportunities for students from Qatar, Malaysia, and Singapore to study abroad and pursue advanced degrees in the region.

Under the agreement, students from Qatar, Singapore, and Malaysia will be eligible to apply for exchange programs and study abroad opportunities in the other countries. The agreement will also facilitate joint research projects and academic collaborations between the three institutions.

The trilateral education agreement is expected to contribute to the development of a knowledge-based economy in the region, which will help attract international students and enhance the quality of education and research in the tripartite region.

The agreement was signed by Ibrahim Al-Sulaiti, the Secretary-General of Qatar Development Fund, Tan Sri Dr. Lam Khim Yong, the President of National University of Singapore, and Tan Sri Dr. Shafie Mohd. Sapuan, the Minister of Education and Higher Education of Malaysia.

The agreement will provide students with opportunities to gain exposure to different cultural and educational systems, which will help them develop a global perspective and enhance their academic and professional skills.

The agreement is expected to benefit students, universities, and the region as a whole. It will contribute to the development of a knowledge-based economy and help attract international students and enhance the quality of education and research in the tripartite region.

For more information, visit OFFD’s official website at www.offd.qa.
QRCS distributes gifts for children as part of ‘Draw a Smile’ initiative

Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) has launched a series of gift sets for children under the Care of Sick Children Program. The initiative is part of the Society’s efforts to support vulnerable children in Qatar.

Some of the gifts will be given to children from needy families and those with special needs. “We value this Initiative from QRCS as it is a more important segment of society, the sick children and those with special needs. We hope it will bring a smile to their faces,” said a representative of the organization.

The initiative is part of the ‘Draw a Smile’ Initiative, which aims to raise awareness and encourage children to draw and paint pictures of their dreams and wishes.

Ministry invites youth to join membership of Akkar Center

The Ministry of Culture and Youth has extended an invitation to join the Akkar Center, which was established under the Ministry’s Cultural Development Department. The center is aimed at fostering cultural and social activities among youth.

The ministry noted that those interested in joining the center can contact the Akkar Center office or visit the center’s website for more information.

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Asad Afzal, a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, has become the first Qatari to receive a Master of Arts degree in Sport Administration. Afzal is currently working as a sports administrator at the Qatar Olympic Committee.

Liquidation Announcement

BULBUL STREET FOOD RESTAURANT W.L.L. (a Limited Liability Company) (under Voluntary Liquidation)

The Liquidator — Rami Mohammad Ali Qudah
Deloitte & Touche – Qatar Branch

Announce the commencement of the liquidation of the company BULBUL STREET FOOD RESTAURANT W.L.L.

Commercial Registration No. (94196)

Any party who has any claims against this company should send a registered letter including all supporting documents to P.O. Box 451, Doha – Qatar, within 75 days from the date of this publication.
talabat customers across region tip riders more than QR430,000

Qatar prides itself on the most generous launch of cashless tipping

C  onsumers who tip more than QR40,000 will receive a special cashless tipping button. The move comes as a response to the growing demand for cashless payment options, particularly among younger customers who prefer a more convenient and secure way of tipping. The initiative aims to encourage tip-giving among Qataris, who are known for their generous spirit.

In February 2021 alone, talabat riders received nearly QR40,000 in tips, which made the highest number of tips in the region. A talabat spokesperson said the move was designed to increase the tip amount, which is currently fixed at QR20, but the new system will allow customers to tip more if they wish. The spokesperson added that talabat is committed to providing a seamless experience for its customers and to ensuring that its riders are financially rewarded for their hard work.

Al Asmakh and Barwala Plaza malls announce midnight shopping festival

A  ll shoppers will be open for 24 hours as a part of Ramadan Night Shopping Festival

At 12:01 AM on the night of the festival, Al Asmakh Mall and Barwala Plaza malls will open their doors to shoppers, offering a unique shopping experience for those who want to continue their festivities after the iftar meal.

Mathaf’s Visual Arts Studies Third Annual Conference concludes

Mathaf’s Visual Arts Studies Third Annual Conference took place from April 12 to 14, 2023, bringing together scholars, artists, and cultural professionals from across the Arab world and beyond. The conference, titled "Visual Arts Studies: Past, Present, and Future,“ explored the role of visual arts in shaping contemporary Arab societies.

The conference featured a range of panel discussions, workshops, and exhibitions, showcasing a diverse range of artistic expressions and cultural perspectives. It aimed to provide a platform for interdisciplinary dialogue and to encourage the development of new avenues for research and knowledge exchange.

The final day of the conference was marked by a panel discussion titled "The Future of the Visual Arts in the Arab World: Challenges and Opportunities." The panelists, who included scholars, artists, and cultural professionals, discussed the challenges facing the Arab art scene and the opportunities for growth and innovation.

The conference was organized by Mathaf, Qatar’s National Museum of Modern Arab Art, in partnership with the Qatar Foundation and the Qatar Academy for Art, Design and Architecture. It was attended by a diverse audience of artists, scholars, and cultural practitioners, highlighting the growing interest in visual arts studies in the Arab world.
Supplication on the Night of Al-Qadr

A supplication on the Night of Al-Qadr is an important part of the Muslim community. It is believed that on this night, the gates of heaven are open, and the angels are descend to write the fate of the Muslims. Muslims are encouraged to recite supplications during this night to seek forgiveness and guidance from Allah. Here is a simple method to recite supplications on the Night of Al-Qadr:

1. Sit on the floor or on a comfortable surface, facing the Qibla (the direction of Mecca).
2. Lay your hands on your laps or on your chest, depending on your comfort.
3. Begin reciting the supplications, either in Arabic or in your native language.
4. Maintain a steady pace and a calm demeanor.
5. Continue reciting until you feel satisfied or until the end of the night.

Supplications for Peace and Guidance:

- سلامًا ورحمة الله وبركاته
- لسانك أتمنى أن يكون صادقًا
- يا ربي إنك أنت السميع الحكيم
- أشهد أن لا إله إلا أنت

These supplications are a simple yet effective way to connect with Allah on the Night of Al-Qadr. They are designed to seek peace and guidance, asking Allah for pardon and protection.

Officially Inaugurates the New Showroom at Souk Al-Maktoum at Shika Road

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Techno Blue opens new showroom in Qatar

Techno Blue, a leading retailer of electronics, appliances, furniture, lighting, and home decor solutions, has opened its new showroom in Qatar. The showroom, located at Souk Al-Maktoum in Shika Road, offers a wide range of products from top brands, including Samsung, LG, and Sony.

The showroom is designed to provide a unique shopping experience, with dedicated sections for each category. Visitors can explore the latest technology trends, discover innovative home solutions, and experience the company’s commitment to quality and customer satisfaction.

The management of Techno Blue expresses its gratitude to the Qatar government and its officials for their support and encouragement. The opening marks a significant milestone for the company, as it aims to expand its reach and provide exceptional service to Qatar’s growing market.

HMC recognizes valuable contribution of midwives

The Qatar Ministry of Health and Community Health (HMC) has recognized the valuable contribution of midwives in the healthcare sector. Midwives play a crucial role in ensuring the health and well-being of women during pregnancy, labor, and postpartum. HMC’s recognition aims to highlight the importance of midwives and their contributions to maternal and child health.

Midwives are specially trained healthcare professionals who are responsible for the care of women during pregnancy and childbirth. They provide support, education, and guidance to expecting mothers and their families, ensuring a safe and positive birthing experience.

HMC encourages midwives to continue their professional development and support the ongoing training and education programs. This recognition serves as a testament to the importance of midwives in Qatar’s healthcare system and emphasizes the value they bring to the community.
Two arrested at protest over Jerusalem evictions

Palestinian ministry urges UN action over settlement expansion

The Palestinian Health Ministry said on Tuesday that foreign pro-Palestinian demonstrators had attempted to attack the UN building in Jerusalem, in violation of UN rules on such protests. The ministry said it had informed the UN of the incident.

UN officials confirmed that there had been no violence at the UN headquarters in Jerusalem. They said the protesters had been allowed to carry out their demonstration, which was peaceful, and that there had been no confrontation with the UN.

The UN has been a frequent target of violence in the region, with frequent protests and attacks by Palestinian and Israeli groups.

Third rocket attack in three days targets US in Iraq: army

The US military said on Tuesday that a rocket attack on a military base in Iraq had killed one American soldier and wounded four others.

The attack, which was the third in less than three days, comes amid heightened tensions between the US and Iran over the killing of a top Iranian military commander last week.

The US military said it was investigating the attack and had launched a retaliatory strike in Iraq.

Hard but sweet-smelling slog in Morocco's Valley of the Roses

Moroccan troops struggled on Tuesday to contain a large-scale anti-government protest in the country's Valley of the Roses.

The protesters, who were demanding better living conditions and an end to corruption, have been blocking roads and disrupting traffic for the past week.

The government has responded with tear gas and water cannons, but the protesters have remained determined to continue their protest.

Bashir ally prefers ICC to Sudan court for Darfur trial

Sudanese officials have backed up the ICC's decision to put Bashir on trial for war crimes, saying it is a step forward in the country's efforts to end the conflict in Darfur.

The ICC has issued an arrest warrant for Bashir, who is the country's president, for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Bashir has long opposed the ICC, saying it is a tool of Western imperialism.

The ICC has already indicted Bashir for war crimes in Darfur, but the government has refused to hand him over to the court.
India and UK sign pact on migration

British and Indian ministers signed an accord on migration, a key sticking point in London’s dealings with Beijing, officially announced on Monday.

The UK and the Indian government agreed to develop a more structured framework for bilateral migration. The framework will focus on opportunities for skilled workers and students to travel to and work in both countries.

The accord was signed by UK’s International Trade Secretary Anne-Marie Trevelyan and India’s Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar.

India has been facing criticism for its policies on skilled workers, which have been tightened in recent years. The UK, on the other hand, has been keen to increase its intake of skilled workers from India.

Trevelyan welcomed the agreement as a step forward in the bilateral relationship, saying it would provide significant economic benefits for both countries.

Jaishankar congratulated the UK government on its efforts to streamline the visa process and encourage Indian skilled workers. He also expressed hope that the agreement would lead to a more reciprocal approach to migration.

The agreement will now need to be ratified by the Indian parliament and the UK parliament. The latter has already passed a resolution in support of the pact.

The agreement is expected to boost trade and investment between the two countries, with India’s services sector expected to benefit from increased access to the UK market.

The accord also includes provisions for cooperation on education and training, with a focus on developing skills that are in demand in both countries.

The new framework is seen as a key milestone in the UK-India relationship, which has been on the upswing in recent years.

The agreement was signed during a two-day visit to London by Jaishankar. The visit was expected to focus on broadening economic and strategic partnerships between the two countries.

India’s English-speaking population and large diaspora in the UK were also expected to be discussed during the visit.

The accord is expected to bring benefits to both countries, with the UK set to benefit from increased access to India’s large and growing market, while India will benefit from access to the UK’s advanced technologies and expertise.

India and the UK have a long history of cooperation, dating back to the days of the British Raj. The two countries share a common language and cultural heritage.

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Farmer moves border stone - and makes Belgium bigger

By Daniel De Jonge

The boundaries between France and Belgium are usually firmly patrolled by NATO soldiers, and it is the border that defines the other side's territory. But now a Belgian farmer has found a way to make Belgium bigger by moving a stone that sits right on the border. A local mayor in France took a walk in the middle of the Belgian-French border town of Erguisigns and discovered two weeks ago that he found a border stone on his side, which he had been watching for years. It was not a stone that had been placed there by either country, but it was the kind of stone that is commonly used as a boundary marker. The farmer from France, who has lived near the border for years, had planted trees around the stone to create a natural barrier. The local mayor in France was surprised to find the stone on his side and decided to bring it back to the town of Erguisigns, where it has now been placed on a pedestal in the town center. The stone is now a tourist attraction and a symbol of the Franco-Belgian border.

G7 seeks common front on China

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The Group of Seven (G7) leaders, who meet in the UK this week, will discuss how to counter China's growing influence, with a focus on trade and technology. The leaders will also discuss how to address climate change, and will try to agree on a common position on China. The G7 has been a forum for advanced economies since 1975, but China is increasingly seen as a strategic competitor to the West. The G7 leaders will also discuss how to address the global pandemic, and will try to agree on a common position on China. The G7 leaders will also discuss how to address the global pandemic, and will try to agree on a common position on China.
VCUarts Qatar conducts online commencement for Class of 2021

VCUarts Qatar recently held an online commencement ceremony to mark the graduation of its Class of 2021 BA and MA students.

The ceremony was livestreamed on the university’s official Facebook and Instagram pages, and featured an address by the university’s president, Dr. Michelle Hamad, and a message from the Qatar Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

The Class of 2021 included 74 bachelor’s degree graduates, 65 master’s degree graduates, and 1 art history graduate.

The event was also attended by members of the university’s faculty and staff, as well as guest speakers who congratulated the graduates on their achievements.

Dr. Hamad said: “I am proud of our students and their achievements. They have demonstrated resilience and perseverance in the face of challenges and adversity. I am confident that they will continue to excel in their future endeavors.”

The ceremony included a presentation of awards and scholarships to outstanding students, as well as a virtual student exhibit showcasing their work.

The university also announced plans to hold an in-person commencement ceremony for the Class of 2021 in the fall of 2021.

QU centre begins annual monitoring of sea turtle nesting

A turtle hatching beach survey was recently conducted at the Qatar University Centre for Environment and Natural Resources (QU CENR), as part of the university’s annual sea turtle nesting monitoring program.

The survey was conducted by a team of students and faculty members from the university’s School of Marine and Environmental Science.

The team observed and recorded the number of nests, eggs, and hatchlings, as well as the size and condition of the hatchlings.

The data collected will be used to assess the health of the local sea turtle population and to inform conservation efforts.

The university’s sea turtle monitoring program is part of its broader efforts to protect and conserve the environment in Qatar.

The university has also launched a sea turtle conservation campaign to raise awareness about the importance of protecting these iconic species.

Qatar develops cost-efficient desalination technology

The Qatar University Centre for Environment and Natural Resources (QU CENR) has developed a new desalination technology that is both cost-effective and energy-efficient.

The technology, which uses solar energy and reverse osmosis, has been demonstrated to be more than 80% efficient, making it a viable alternative to traditional desalination methods.

The technology has been developed by a team of researchers from the university’s School of Marine and Environmental Science, led by Dr. Ahmed Al-Saadi.

Dr. Al-Saadi said: “Our technology is designed to be scalable and adaptable to different environments. We believe it has the potential to revolutionize the way we produce freshwater and help address the global water crisis.”

The technology has already been tested in Qatar and is being considered for further development and implementation in other countries.

Qatar-So Tome and Principe establish diplomatic ties

The governments of Qatar and So Tome and Principe have established diplomatic relations, becoming the 10th Arab country to establish full diplomatic relations with the African country.

The decision was announced by the foreign ministers of the two countries at a meeting in the Qatari capital, Doha.

The establishment of diplomatic relations comes as part of Qatar’s efforts to diversify its foreign policy and increase its influence in the region.

The two countries are expected to further strengthen their economic and trade relations in the coming years.