Doha Corniche closed for development project

A Hi-speed temporary traffic closure on the Corniche Street in Doha begins today. The Corniche Street in Al Bidda and Al Gharrafa areas will be closed to traffic for development purposes. The Corniche Sport City is currently under construction and the closure will facilitate the development process.

The closure will start on August 15 and be implemented by the Public Works Authority (Ashghal) in cooperation with the General Directorate of Traffic of the Ministry of Interior.

The development project includes the construction of temporary pedestrian ramps linking the pedestrian bridge in the neighborhood and construction of three lanes such as Al Duhail Bridge, Corniche Road and Al Bidda Road. In addition, it involves other infrastructure development works in public utility areas.

The corniche is part of a district considered a potential business and tourist destination, and the Corniches’ development project is expected to contribute significantly to the local economy.

Experts approve key UN climate science report

The world's top climate scientists have approved a key United Nations report that warns that the world is on track to miss climate targets set in the Paris Agreement and that natural and man-made changes in climate must be reversed to avoid the worst effects of global warming.

The report, which is expected to be released next year, is based on work by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and is a summary of the latest scientific findings.

The report also highlights the urgent need for immediate and significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, particularly in the energy, transport, and agriculture sectors.

A Taliban takes control of first provincial capital

The Taliban yesterday captured their first provincial capital in a major blow to the Afghan government, as the insurgents took control of the capital of Farah in the country's west. The capture of Kandahar, the Taliban's stronghold, is a significant blow to the Afghan forces and is likely to prompt a major military response.

The capture of Kandahar, a key strategic location, comes just days after the Taliban seized control of the capital of Helmand in the south, where they now have a stronghold.

The Taliban's advances have put pressure on the Afghan government and its Western allies, who have been battling to prevent the Taliban from taking control of other major cities.

Turkish blaze approaches power plant

A larger forest fire has been raging near a power plant in the Mediterranean region, with about 100 people and vehicles fighting the blaze. The fire, which has already consumed thousands of acres of land, is threatening to approach the power plant, which provides electricity to nearby towns.

The fire has prompted authorities to evacuate residents from surrounding areas and to warn of potential power outages.

The fire is the latest in a series of forest fires that have occurred in the region in recent weeks, due to the combination of hot weather and a lack of rainfall.
Amir greets Jamaica’s governor-general

Amir greets the Prime Minister of Jamaica, Andrew Holness, and the Deputy Prime Minister, Audley Shaw. He also met with the Governor-General of Jamaica, Dean Barrow. The meeting took place on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of Jamaica’s Independence Day. His Highness also visited the Montego Bay Zoo and the National Museum of Jamaica.

Amir congratulates Bolivian president

Amir greets the President of Bolivia, Luis Arce, and the Prime Minister, Robusti. The meeting took place on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of Bolivia’s Independence Day. His Highness also visited the Presidential Palace in La Paz.

Shura Council polls a huge responsibility for candidates and voters

The Shura Council polls will take place on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the Council’s establishment. The polls will be held on 20 November and 21 November. The candidates will be evaluated based on their qualifications and their commitment to the principles of the Constitution.

Cultural Forum felicitated for helping fight Covid-19

The Cultural Forum, an important cultural organization in Afghanistan, has been recognized for its efforts in helping fight Covid-19. The forum was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the UNICEF Afghanistan office. The certificate recognizes the forum’s efforts in promoting awareness and providing psychological support to the community.

Total Covid recoveries rise to 224,530: MoPH

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) reported that the number of recoveries from Covid-19 has increased to 224,530. The recovery rate is currently at 97.6%, which is the highest in the country. The MoPH also announced that the number of active cases has decreased to 1,530.

Food inspections in Al Shamal

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of Qatar conducted a routine inspection of a food establishment in Al Shamal. The inspection was conducted by a team of inspectors who checked the food safety and hygiene practices. The establishment was found to be compliant with all the food safety regulations.

Compliance with preventive and precautionary measures in Mosques

The Ministry of Islamic Affairs and endowment announced that all mosques in Qatar would follow preventive and precautionary measures to ensure the safety of worshippers. The measures include mandatory佩戴 of masks, social distancing, and regular disinfection of surfaces.

In the matter of the exempted partnership

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 132(2) of the Exempted Partnership Act 1992 of Bermuda, and in the matter of PricewaterhouseCoopers (L.L.C.)...
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By Fathi

The demonstrations represented a wave of anger that had built over years of economic stagnation and politically dysfunction, sharpened by a Covid-19 surge.

In the capital Tunis, massive protests against the government have been occurring almost daily since July 25, with thousands of people joining rallies across the country. The demonstrations have been peaceful, but there have been occasional clashes with security forces.

The protesters are demanding the resignation of President Kais Saied and the end of corruption and economic hardship.

Saied has promised to hold early elections, but many Tunisians are skeptical that this will be a genuine opportunity for change.

**ENNAHDA OFFICIAL UNDER HOUSE ARREST**

A Tunisian interior ministry official was arrested yesterday on charges of corruption and money laundering.

The official, Rached Bouchel, was detained on Sunday following a raid on his home in the capital. The raid was carried out by the National Anti-Corruption Authority, which is investigating allegations of corruption and money laundering.

Bouchel was a former member of the ruling Ennahda party, which has faced criticism for its failure to address the country’s economic problems.

Israel carries out air strikes in Lebanon border territory

**ARAB JOURNEY**

A year after the 2020-2021 Lebanese civil war, Israel is reportedly carrying out air strikes in the Lebanon border territory.

The Israeli military has confirmed that it carried out air strikes against targets in the Lebanese border region, but has not provided details.

The strikes follow a series of tension-building incidents along the border, including recent rocket and drone attacks from Lebanon.

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Palestinian killed by Israeli gunfire

By Zuhair Mansour

A Palestinian was killed by Israeli gunfire in the southern Gaza Strip, according to the health ministry.

The Israeli military later confirmed that a Palestinian had been killed in an exchange of fire with Israeli forces.

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PICPA holds meet for officers’ induction, general assembly

IDEAL records 100% success rate in CBSE grade X exams

Ideal Indian School recorded excellent results in the CBSE board exam 2019. Out of 170 students, the school registered 100% results with 93 students scoring 95% and above. The top performers included Sharan Nath J, who scored 99.5%, followed by Alif Ahmad M and Mohit Mehta, both scoring 99%. Alif Ahmad M topped in Mathematics with 99.6%, followed by Sharan Nath J in Science with 99.5% and Mohit Mehta in English with 99.6%. The school also congratulated the students for their hard work and dedication.

Excellence award for Ideal School principal

The school principal, Mr. Shashikant Bhande, received an Excellence award for his outstanding leadership and contribution to the school. The award was presented by the district education officer during the annual function. The principal is highly regarded for his dedication and commitment to the school’s academic and extracurricular programs.

Bravery award for Kerala expat

K Balachandran, a retired naval officer from Kerala, has been awarded the Bravery award by the Qatar Emiri Forces. Balachandran, who served in the Indian Navy for more than 30 years, has been living in Qatar for the past few years. He was honored for his exceptional service in the navy and his contribution to the community. Balachandran has been involved in various community service projects in Qatar and has been a vocal advocate for the rights of soldiers and veterans.

ICBF bids farewell to Indian official

The Indian Community Business Forum (ICBF) recently bid farewell to its Indian official, Mr. Suresh Kumar, who has completed his term of service. Kumar has been a valuable asset to the forum, providing valuable insights and guidance on business matters. The forum expressed its gratitude for his service and wishes him all the best in his future endeavors.
Zuma taken to hospital days before graft trial

JULIET WATSON

Zuma, said to be suffering from an unspecified medical condition, was charged with corruption

A picture shows a sign reading "No smoking" in front of the court where former South African President Jacob Zuma is scheduled to appear on charges of corruption. Zuma, who was recently convicted of corruption, faces multiple charges, including fraud, money laundering, and racketeering. His trial is expected to last several months, and he faces a potential sentence of up to 15 years in prison. Zuma and his allies have denied all charges.

Tigray rebels force rejections calls to leave neighboring regions

Tigray Regional President Abiy Ahmed Ali has said the Ethiopian government of Tigray will not leave the region without an agreement to end the conflict. The Tigray region has been fighting against the federal government since November 2020, and the situation has escalated significantly in recent weeks. The Tigray conflict has drawn international attention, with concerns raised about the humanitarian situation and the risk of further violence. The Ethiopian government has accused the Tigray region of launching attacks on federal government positions, while the Tigray region has accused the government of supporting rebels in the region.

Nigerian officials say kidnap gang train with militants

The Nigerian government has described the activities of the kidnap gangs as a threat to national security. The government has warned that it will take all necessary steps to tackle the issue. The kidnap gangs have been linked to militant groups, and there have been reports of training and recruitment activities in the area. The government has called on the international community to support its efforts to combat the problem.

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Ramaphosa pressed to step up the fight against party 'rot'

South Africa’s embattled health minister has called for increased efforts to tackle corruption within the party. The minister, who is also the leader of the opposition Democratic Alliance, recently called for the party to address its internal problems, including corruption, which he said were affecting its ability to govern effectively. The minister’s call comes as the country faces a growing crisis, with the economy struggling and the pandemic continuing to take a toll. The ANC, South Africa’s ruling party, has been hit by a series of scandals and allegations of corruption in recent years, and the minister has called for the party to take urgent action to address the situation.
Manila locks down as Philippines’ virus cases near-four month high

Daily Covid-19 cases, deaths highest since April as Delta variant cases detected but sequencing capacity limited. Manila to vaccinate 4mn people during lockdown: officials

Australia’s ‘Covid zero’ days may be numbered

South Korea to compensate nurse paralysed after Covid-19 shot

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Duterte has promised to introduce a new constitution that would limit the president to two six-year terms. Duterte, who is up for re-election in May, clerked in a courthouse in his hometown of Davao. Duterte won in 2016 on an anti-corruption platform and has won international praise for his handling of the war on drugs and his attempt to eradicate corruption. Duterte’s human rights record has been widely criticized.

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US ‘starts flying migrant families into Mexico’

Biden heads home

US President Joe Biden will return to Washington, D.C., after visiting Texas, where he has been warned that storming the US border could lead to a humanitarian crisis.

The White House has been given final approval by Congress to start flying migrants from the southern border to Texas, with plans to start operations within a few days.

The move was prompted by the growing numbers of migrants entering the US, with thousands of families and individuals making the trek across the border.

Biden visited the border earlier this week, where he met with local officials and toured facilities to get a firsthand look at the situation.

In a statement, the White House said the president has decided to send aid to the area and to increase border security.

‘We are doing everything we can to ensure that we are prepared to handle this situation safely and responsibly. We will continue to work with our partners in Mexico to address the root causes of migration and to help ensure that those who seek refuge here are treated with dignity and respect,’ the statement said.

Biden also announced that he will be convening a task force to address the issue.

The move comes as the administration faces growing criticism over its handling of the migration crisis, with some saying it is not doing enough to address the root causes of the issue.

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UK premier flagged for coal mining closure

Opposition leader Narendra Modi's government is expected to take a decisive step in its coal mining policy, with a announcement on the closure of some coal mines. The government has been under pressure to reduce its dependence on coal, a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. The announcement is likely to have significant economic implications, affecting not only the coal industry but also the wider energy sector.

UK launches insurance scheme for live events

The UK government has launched an insurance scheme to support live events, which have been hit by the ongoing pandemic. The scheme will provide financial protection for event organisers, helping to cover costs associated with unexpected events. The scheme is expected to provide much-needed support to the live events industry, which has been struggling in recent months.

Thousands sign up to condemns alpaca

Thousands of people have signed a petition against the use of alpacas in the government's new anti-poaching strategy. The petition claims that alpacas are being mistreated and that their use is unnecessary. The government has responded by explaining that alpacas are being used as a cost-effective alternative to traditional methods of anti-poaching.

1.61 seeks nod for Covid vaccine in India

Said, the government has sought approval for the use of a Covid vaccine in India. The government has been under pressure to expedite the approval process, with several countries already administering the vaccine to their populations. The government has responded by explaining that the approval process is taking longer due to regulatory requirements.

Gearing up for India's Independence Day

India is preparing for Independence Day, which is celebrated on 15 August. The country is expected to hold a grand celebration, with events such as parades, fireworks, and cultural performances. The government has also announced a series of initiatives to mark the occasion, including a cleanliness drive and a campaign to promote Indian手工艺品.

Millions of Britons face energy price hike

Millions of British households are facing increased energy prices, with the cost of living crisis expected to continue. The government has been under pressure to take action to help households cope with rising energy bills, but so far has not announced any significant measures.

India, China pull back from part of border clash

India and China have pulled back from a border clash, which was sparked by differences over territory. The two countries have agreed to withdraw their troops and remove their forces from the area. The agreement is seen as a positive development, as it could help ease tensions between the two major economies.

India scraps tax rule that spooked foreign firms

India has scrapped a tax rule that had been causing concern for foreign firms. The rule, which required companies to pay tax on the profits of their Indian subsidiaries, was seen as a major barrier to investment. The government has explained that the rule was being removed to attract foreign investment.

Indian nurses protest

Nurses have been protesting against new government policies, with several hospitals reporting a shortage of nurses. The nurses have been demanding better working conditions and higher wages. The government has responded by explaining that it is working to address the shortage.

Big win for Amazon in battle with Reliance

Amazon has won a significant victory in its legal battle with Reliance. The court has ruled in favor of Amazon, which had been fighting a legal battle against Reliance over alleged antitrust violations. The ruling is seen as a major win for Amazon, which is seeking to expand its presence in India's e-commerce market.
**The political lessons of Covid-19 pandemic**

By Lalita Singhal

I f you tell someone how you feel about 1968, they will probably say, "That was a great year — the last time we had political change!" But that doesn't mean we didn't have political change. We had a lot of political change in 2020. But we had a lot of political change in 1968. So the question is, what is the political context of the Covid-19 pandemic?

**That old time anti-vaxx feeling**

By Daniel News

V accination is the best protection against Covid-19. The United States has lagged behind many countries in its vaccination campaign, and its vaccination rate is significantly lower than in other countries. The United States needs to ramp up its vaccination campaign to protect its citizens and the world from further outbreaks of Covid-19.

**Keeping Earth cool: Is the 1.5°C target mission impossible?**

By P. S. Wijesuriya

C onsumers have a responsibility to reduce their carbon footprint. We all need to make changes to our daily habits to reduce our carbon emissions and help protect the planet.

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Turkey govt under fire as Greece fires claim first deaths

In logging in Greece, five of the first four buses the previous day in a devastating fire-shedding fire. The blaze had left the animals without food or water, with smoke and ash choking the highway-like dust bowl.

Greece and Turkey have been battling each other over access to the border area since late 2020, after Turkey signed a deal with Greece to ease tensions in the eastern Mediterranean and open up the border. The blaze is the latest in a series of incidents that have escalated tensions between the two countries.

The fire, which started in a forest area in Greece, spread rapidly, fueled by strong winds and high temperatures. The Greek government has deployed firefighters and helicopters to try to contain the blaze, but the situation remains critical.


circle economy

Belgian collects treasure trove of 60,000 vintage tin boxes

Belgium

The Belgian government has launched a treasure hunt for vintage tin boxes, hoping to uncover a hidden fortune for collectors. The search, which will take place over the next three months, is part of a larger initiative to promote the country's cultural heritage.

Mediterranean faces fiercer heatwaves, droughts, and fires: UN draft report

The Mediterranean faces a range of challenges, including intense heatwaves, droughts, and fires, which are expected to increase in frequency and intensity due to climate change.

The draft report, presented at the UN climate conference in Glasgow, highlights the region's vulnerability to climate change and the need for urgent action to mitigate its impacts.

The report also emphasizes the importance of protecting vulnerable communities and ecosystems, as well as the need for international cooperation to address the global issue of climate change.
**Corniche St upgrade**

A 10-hour traffic closure of the Corniche Street in Doha began yesterday. The closure and 6am on August 10. Cassid’s is implemented by the Public Works Authority (Mopad) in coordination with the General Director of Traffic of the Ministry of Interior (Mwio). Doha Metro has announced that parts of 31 stations will be open and accessible during the road closures. There are seven Doha Metro stations along the Corniche Street: QMCC, West Bay, Corniche, Al Bidda, Souq Waqif, Muharraq, and Qatar National Museum. Additionally, there are six public transportation stations at various locations: Doha Park, City Center, QMCC, Metro Station, Watat Park, and Souq Waqif. Parking in the Corniche Street area is free. Photographs with credit: 

**Qatar Airways launches new service to Lusaka and Harare**

Qatar Airways has launched a new service to Lusaka in Zambia and Harare in Zimbabwe, bringing its award-winning service to two important inward tourist destinations. The new service to Lusaka and Harare will connect passengers in Zambia and Zimbabwe with Qatar Airways’ global network of more than 50 destinations. With the addition of the new services, the carrier will operate over 320 weekly flights to 27 destinations in Africa. The focus on Lusaka and Harare follows a significant increase in demand for travel between Zambia and Zimbabwe and destinations on the Qatar Airways network, such as London, Frankfurt and New York, and from multiple points in China. The three new weekly Qatar Airways flights from Doha to Lusaka and Harare will arrive on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. The schedule of service: 

- Doha (DOH) to Lusaka (LZN): QR4318 departs 13:20 arrives 16:40
- Doha (DOH) to Harare (HRE): QR4317 departs 15:00 arrives 18:25
- Lusaka (LZN) to Doha (DOH): QR4316 departs 21:00 arrives 10:30 (next day)