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Cabinet reviews roadmap for integrated waste management

H.H. the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa al-Thani on Wednesday presided over a meeting held at his Doha city residence to review the strategic framework for integrated waste management in Qatar.

At the outset of the meeting, the Cabinet reviewed the strategic framework for integrated waste management in Qatar, which was prepared in accordance with the National Vision 2030, the National Development Strategy, the Hashmabala (Development Goals of the United Nations) and the responsibility concerning global management of waste.

Sheikh Abdullah also stressed the need for the government to continually review and update the strategic framework for integrated waste management with the aim of ensuring that it is in line with Qatar’s development priorities and aligns with the country’s national and international commitments.

He also commended the efforts made by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change to address the challenges of waste management, including the implementation of recycling and composting programs, and the establishment of a waste-to-energy plant.

The Prime Minister urged all government agencies and stakeholders to cooperate and work together to achieve the vision of a sustainable and environmentally-friendly waste management system in Qatar.

Fana conference concludes in Riyadh

The General Assembly of the Federation of Arab News Agencies (Fana) concluded today in Riyadh with the participation of delegates from Arab and non-Arab countries.

The conference, which was attended by representatives from 46 Arab countries and 10 non-Arab countries, was held under the chairmanship of the Secretary-General of the General Assembly of Arab News Agencies.

In his opening remarks, the Secretary-General emphasized the importance of fostering cooperation among Arab news agencies to enhance their credibility and effectiveness.

He also underscored the need for news agencies to adapt to the rapidly changing media landscape and to utilize new technologies to reach a wider audience.

The conference discussed a range of issues, including the role of news agencies in promoting peace and stability in the Arab region, the challenges faced by news agencies in covering conflict zones, and the need for news agencies to adopt a neutral and balanced approach in their reporting.

Shura Council attends dialogue on combating violence against women

The Shura Council attended the second dialogue on combating violence against women, held as part of the 20th Arab Summit in Riyadh.

The dialogue was organized by the Arab League and the Government of Saudi Arabia, with the participation of representatives from 15 Arab countries.

The dialogue aimed to discuss the challenges faced by women in the Arab region and to identify strategies for combating violence against women.

The participants highlighted the need for increased awareness, education, and legal protection to combat violence against women.

They also called for the establishment of national councils to address violence against women and to ensure that women have access to legal aid and support services.

The dialogue concluded with the adoption of a declaration that outlines the steps to be taken to combat violence against women in the Arab region.
Qatar has allowed its residents to return to a normal lifestyle, and the government has encouraged businesses and individuals to continue their normal activities. However, the government has also advised against large gatherings and has increased testing and vaccination efforts. The recent decline in cases is believed to be due to herd immunity, although vaccination rates are still low. The government continues to monitor the situation closely and has warned against complacency. The future of the country's health and economic recovery depends on continued vigilance and adherence to health guidelines.
Qatar Charity and Orbs commit to future partnership

The announcement on collaboration during a meeting with the DoH

Qatar Charity (QC) and the International Disability Foundation (IDF) are pleased to announce that the Qatar Foundation and Orbs have entered into an agreement for collaboration in the field of disability. This agreement was signed by H.E. Akbar Al-Baker, CEO of Qatar Charity, and H.E. Ahmad Al-Attal, CEO of Orbs, during the meeting of Qatar Charity and Orbs in Doha.

Qatar Charity and Orbs have collaborated on a previous successful program following eye care initiatives in Bangladesh, thanks to the generosity of donors from across the world. This initiative has helped to save 130,000 lives, and has shown that a fully of-eye people can access health and eye care services, and that these services can change their lives. The current program under discussion between Qatar Charity and Orbs has the potential to treat more than 250,000 people with cataracts, with the goal of providing access to eye care services in the region.

Al-Kuwari meets Countess of Wessex
At the Ministry of Health, Dr. Hamad Al-Sayed Al-Ali, the director of the ministry, welcomed Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, to the ministry. During the visit, the two leaders discussed the strengthening of cooperation with Qatar Charity to combat blindness. In addition to discussing the positive impact of the program, the two leaders also took the opportunity to launch a new project that will help to provide medical care and support to patients in need.

Peruvian FM meets Qatar’s ambassador

Peruvian Foreign Minister Mario Abdo Benitez met with His Excellency Akbar Al-Baker, Qatar’s ambassador to Peru, during the visit. The meeting was held in the Peruvian Foreign Ministry, and was attended by the two ambassadors.

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Qatar Charity and Orbis commit to future partnership at meeting with HRH The Countess of Wessex

Qatar Charity and the international blindness prevention organisation Orbis have committed to collaborating on future eye care projects during a meeting with Her Royal Highness the Countess of Wessex, Qatar Charity’s senior management team and representatives from Orbis. Her Royal Highness is currently in Doha visiting organisations who are championing eye care programmes in support of the SDGs 2030 in light of the global approach to creating eye care rehabilitation facilities accessible to everyone who needs them, wherever they are in the world.

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There are 108 million people globally who are blind or are living with moderate or severe visual impairment, yet 76% of this is avoidable. With the pandemic, the ability to treat people has slowed, creating a backlog of vital eye treatments and surgeries. The media’s community has adapted and support for services is more crucial now than ever before to ensure that no one goes needlessly blind.

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Orbis and Qatar Charity have collaborated on a previous successful programme delivering eye care initiatives in Bangladesh, thanks to the generosity of donors from across the country. As a result, between 2019 and 2020, more than 1 million people accessed eye care facilities to receive the care they needed, with 100% of surgeons treated and trained and almost 50% of women in rural areas have completed their eye care and training programme. This led to the number of surgeries performed each year increasing, reaching more than 35,000.

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Orbis and Qatar Charity are looking forward to working together again. The new fundraising campaign will support Orbis and partners to ensure the local health population and the Rohingya community in Bangladesh have continued access to eye care. Plans for 2022 focus on

health workers and 32 community eye health workers to be equipped, trained and supported and teams to carry out 160,000 screenings, leading to 18,000 treatments over the next two years.

Qatar Charity’s CEO, Mr. Yousef bin Ahmed Al Maktoum, said: “Qatar Charity and Orbis have built a solid partnership in support of eye health care for marginalized and vulnerable populations. Today, we look forward to building on a successful track record with Orbis and expand our cooperation to more hard-to-reach areas to ensure a sustainable, inclusive, quality vision care for all.”

Rebecca Orbeba, Orbis UK CEO said: “Your previous programme with Qatar Charity provided many with access to quality eye care services. Without treatments, people’s livelihoods and education can be in jeopardy. With this new programme, we can continue working with our partners to provide care to many people who have never had access to eye health services. We are thankful for Qatar Charity’s continued commitment to support our work in bringing services closer to those who need it most.”

During the meeting, Qatar Charity also discussed with The Countess, the many development areas they support in addition to eye care, including their work in Afghanistan and their Spirit for Peace initiative.
Certificates distributed to Al Zaeem Air Academy’s ninth batch

The Primary Health Care Corporation (PHCC) has distributed the necessary equipment, uniforms, and training to the newly recruited 100 PHCC employees for the Al Zaeem Air Academy’s ninth batch of 2019. The recruits will undergo a 12-month training program to prepare them for their future roles at PHCC. The PHCC emphasizes the importance of continuous training for new employees to ensure they are well-equipped to handle their responsibilities.

ORCS, OCHA support life-saving therapeutic, preventive nutrition services in Syria

With support from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Qatar has contributed to the United Nations Office of the Coordinator for Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in providing the necessary support for the second half of a project to support Martabat Microfinance and prevent malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies in internally displaced persons from the northeastern parts of the country, the eastern Mediterranean, or other parts of the region.

The project focuses on the 35,000 direct beneficiaries in 38 villages, more than 12,000 of whom are internally displaced persons (IDPs), with the goal of providing necessary support to help communities learn how to respond to the needs of vulnerable populations in the region. The project includes the distribution of vitamin A to children aged six to 59 months, prevention of vitamin A deficiency, and promoting breastfeeding and complementary feeding for children.

The project also aims to support women and girls in the region, focusing on nutrition, health, and education. In addition, the project assists in the provision of mixed nutrition services to 12,000 preschool-aged children in 350 preschools in northeast Syria, providing 800,000 children with a daily supply of 750 calories, ensuring that these children receive adequate nutrition for their growth and development.

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Temporary closure on part of Nunja Junction from tonight

Arighan announced that today, the Nunja Junction on the Ring Road, leading from Al-Ashdash to Nunja, will be closed until 6am to allow the Nunja Improvement Work to proceed. Night traffic lanes will remain open at Nunja, with the road closure affecting the outer lanes of the Nunja ring road, thus alleviating the burden on Nunja and improving traffic flow on the Ring Road.

The project aims to improve the Nunja area by providing better road infrastructure, facilitating easier access for residents, and promoting safety for all road users.

PECC reveals WhatsApp numbers for medicines’ home delivery service

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The Ministry of Education and Higher Education in Qatar (MOE) has announced a protocol for screening and for quarantine of students with confirmed Covid-19 cases in schools. In a circular sent to all schools, the Ministry has stated that the steps are to ensure the health and safety of all students.

Among the students who test positive for Covid-19 in the school, the Ministry has outlined a protocol for quarantine.

All students who test positive for Covid-19 will be isolated until two negative tests are obtained.

For students who test positive for Covid-19, the following protocol will be followed:

1. The student will be isolated until two negative tests are obtained.
2. The student will be provided with a quarantine kit that includes a mask, gloves, hand sanitizer, and a thermometer.

3. Students will be provided with food and meals.
4. Students will be monitored for any symptoms of Covid-19.

5. Students will be provided with entertainment options such as books, games, and music.

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Tragedy three dead in Nigeria church collapse

Wealthy people were burnt to death in a church collapse in a remote area of the country. The incident took place in a church in the town of Kano, in Nigeria, on Sunday, according to police. The cause of the fire was not immediately clear, but it is believed to have been caused by an electrical fault. The fire started at around 4 p.m. and quickly spread, engulfing the building in flames. The exact number of casualties is not yet known, but reports suggest that at least three people were killed. The church is situated in a densely populated area, and the fire spread rapidly due to limited access to water and other firefighting resources. The police have launched an investigation to determine the cause of the fire and to identify any potential criminal suspects.
Kim urges ‘more military muscle’ after missile test

Kim Jong-un observed the intermediate bullet test at an undisclosed location in North Korea.

Kim Jong-un's latest show of force is believed to be in response to the recent missile test conducted by the United States. The test was seen as a threat to North Korea's nuclear program, which had been under international sanctions.

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The need to fight deforestation on the ground

The protection and conservation of forests, especially tropical forests, are critical to our planet’s health. In recent years, monitoring data has shown a significant increase in deforestation activities in many parts of the world. This trend must be reversed.

In October 2021, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) reported that global deforestation rates had increased by four percent in 2020, which is the highest increase in more than a decade. The increase is primarily due to deforestation for agricultural purposes and urban expansion.

To combat deforestation, various initiatives have been launched, including reforestation programs, sustainable forest management, and community-based conservation efforts. These initiatives require international collaboration and cooperation to be effective.

Without structural changes, the destruction of Earth’s most important forest homes will continue to impact our planet. The health and biodiversity of our forests are crucial to maintaining a sustainable future for all.

By Salahuddin Abdul

How to prevent famine in Afghanistan

By Eric Barnes

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n Afghanistan and the countries neighboring it, the world faces a crisis that could lead to a full-scale famine. A country-wide drought is the primary cause of this crisis, which has led to a decrease in agricultural production and a rise in food prices. This has resulted in a significant increase in the number of people facing food insecurity.

The United Nations World Food Programme has estimated that over 23 million people in Afghanistan are facing food insecurity, with 9 million of them facing acute levels of hunger. The situation is expected to worsen as the summer season approaches, with the onset of the rainy season, which is crucial for the growth of crops.

With Afghanistan being a major source of agricultural produce for the region, the situation poses a significant challenge for the entire region. Countries neighboring Afghanistan, such as Pakistan, Iran, and Tajikistan, rely heavily on imports of Afghan agricultural produce. A lack of food availability in Afghanistan could have a significant impact on the food security of these countries.

The international community has responded to the crisis, with various organizations providing aid and assistance. However, more needs to be done to address the root causes of the crisis, such as the ongoing conflict and political instability. The international community must work together to ensure that the needs of the Afghan people are met and that the situation does not escalate.

In conclusion, the situation in Afghanistan is critical and requires immediate attention. The international community must come together to provide the necessary support and assistance to help the Afghan people. The world cannot afford to ignore this crisis and must act now to prevent a full-scale famine.
Kazakh president vows to rebuild city hit by deadly clashes

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Wide-ranging talks that began with peaceful protesters and ended with bloodshed in this Central Asian state have ended in a new round of sanctions and a threat to roll back the clock in politics and relations with the West. Kazakhstan President Kurmanbek Bakiyev vowed Saturday to begin rebuilding the capital city of Almaty, which was plunged into chaos by fighting that left dozens of people dead.

"The task now is to rebuild this city, the city of Almaty," Bakiyev told a joint session of government, parliament and workers. "I do not have the time to be fighting for the country. ... It is important to make the meeting, according to a representative of the opposition website.

Nato has called on the US president to allow talks to begin with Russia over the possibility of a new arms control treaty, after the US imposed sanctions on North Korea over its nuclear program.

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