Prime Minister inaugurates 31st DIBF

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Culture Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulrahman al-Thani inaugurated the 31st edition of the Doha International Book Fair yesterday in the presence of HE the Minister of Culture Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa and other dignitaries.

The event, held under the slogan "Knowledge is Light", featured various exhibitions of works of national, regional and international importance; graphic novels; animations and publications from 170 countries across the globe, organized by the Ministry of Culture and Sports Cultural Heritage Department.

"The fair is a platform that brings the world to us and represents the publishers," said HE the Minister of Culture Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa.

This year's edition is the largest to date in terms of visitors, with a record number of attendees expected to attend the fair.

The Ministry of Culture and Sports Cultural Heritage Department announced that the fair would feature a variety of exhibitions and events, including a national pavilion, a children's pavilion, and a section dedicated to women's issues.

The event is being held in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, and is expected to attract thousands of visitors from around the world.

Defence Minister opens new Armed Forces Technical Institute facilities

HE the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence Affairs Dr. Khalid bin Mohamed al-Attiyah inaugurated the new facilities of the Armed Forces Technical Institute (AFTI) in the presence of HE the Minister of Culture Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa, the Prime Minister and other dignitaries.

The new facilities are part of the AFTI's modernization efforts to enhance its capabilities and meet the changing needs of the Armed Forces.

The events were attended by a high-level delegation of ministers, officials, and military personnel from various countries, including Bahrain, Egypt, and the United States.

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Recent Covid deaths were of unvaccinated people: official

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The recent death of a 12-year-old girl has sparked a nationwide vaccination campaign, with health officials urging all residents to get vaccinated to prevent further fatalities. The government has also announced that those who have received both doses of the vaccine will be exempted from the new restrictions.

The move comes as the number of Covid-19 cases in Qatar continues to rise, with the country recording over 1,000 new cases per day. The government has also announced that it will be introducing a new mask mandate in public places to prevent the spread of the virus.

Minister of Health and Population Dr Hanan Mohamed Al-Kuwari said that the new measures were introduced to prevent the further spread of the virus and protect the health and safety of all residents.

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Doha Book Fair is great opportunity to promote reading: Culture minister

The United States of America is the guest of honour for the current edition, on the occasion of Qatar-USA Year of Culture 2021. This allows visitors to discover different aspects of American culture at the book fair

Ministry lauds role of private associations and institutions

Films screening in Doha this week

Doha Institute extends admission date for MBA
Doha International Book Fair opens

The 31st edition of the Doha International Book Fair (DIBF) under the patronage of His Excellency Lieutenant Colonel Tammam bin Hamad Al-Thani, was inaugurated yesterday by HRH the Prime Minister and the Head of the Qatari Diwan, Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al-Thani. The event, which marks the 45th anniversary of the establishment of the Doha International Book Fair, features literary works of local, regional, and international authors and publishers from 37 countries across the globe. Organised by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism Qatar, the fair will run until January 22. Apart from books, the fair also hosts several sections for events to explore such as the Children’s Creativity Garden, Mercedes Benz, Youth Innovation Centre, and the Visual Arts Centre, among others. The fair also features a range of seminars and lectures in the coming days. The fair is the grand opening of the activities under the theme of the 2023 Qatar Year of Culture.

PICTURES: Doha International Book Fair
Glimpses from 31st Doha International Book Fair at DECC

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QU College of Pharmacy holds its first student leaders’ forum

The Qatar University College of Pharmacy (QUCP) Student Affairs Office, in collaboration with the first-year (FY) student leaders’ Forum, successfully organized the first ever Forum for Student Leaders held at the College of Pharmacy on Tuesday, September 26. The Forum was attended by 120 students and academics. The goal of the forum was to provide an opportunity for students to discuss and express their thoughts and opinions on several topics related to their studies and the College.
Futuristic city silhouette

A silhouette slice of the upsurge from the major district of Luqai, against the setting sun and water into a futurist. The futuristic city poised to be a key destination in Qatar, embarks across a series of Muscat, and India's core suburban islands and 7 major commercial, residential, industrial, entertainment and commercial districts. The city will be home to more than 200,000 residents, 70,000 professionals in its 19 districts and 80,000 intends its entertainment, recreation, retail and hospitality facilities, a population of nearly 400,000 people, according to the operator Qatar Real Estate Investment Company's website. Each of Lydus district features an area of residential, commercial, hospitality and retail destinations, integrating commercial lining in a substructure model, compacts with schools, mosques, medical facilities, as well as sport, entertainment and shopping centers. Lush greenery and pedestrian paths across Luqai's neighborhoods, as well as open spaces and recreational areas, as well as large parks and networks, the Crescent Park and the Wood Park. The new Luqai city grew sustainable living methodologies, creating ample space for workshops, sports fields and sports venues as well as open access to marine promenades and water breaks. (Photos by Qatari Times editor Suresh Janardan)

PSS conducts teacher orientation session

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Principal Nidhi Kaushik organised the event on student empowerment and student learning evaluation. The session aimed to equip teachers with the skills and strategies to enhance student learning and engagement. Kaushik began with an overview of the importance of student empowerment, highlighting the role of teachers in fostering a positive learning environment. The session covered various strategies to promote student engagement, including the use of technology, collaboration, and project-based learning.

Covid-19 imprints on world of words

The year 2020 was marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, which brought about significant changes in the world of language. The pandemic's impact was reflected in the language used, with new terms and phrases entering the vocabulary as the world navigated through the challenges of the outbreak. Some of the most notable words included in the Oxford English Dictionary's Word of the Year list in 2020 include:

2. *Quarantine*: The period of confinement or isolation during which a person is kept away from others to prevent the spread of infectious disease.
3. *PPE*: Personal protective equipment, including masks, gloves, and gowns, used to protect against the spread of COVID-19.
4. *Vaccination*: The process of inoculating against a disease to provide immunity.
6. *Super-spreader*: A person who has infected a large number of people with the disease.
7. *Furlough*: The temporary layoff of employees due to reduced work hours or business closure.
8. *PPE shortage*: The shortage of PPE due to increased demand.
9. *Hybrid*: A combination of remote and in-person learning or working.

These words reflect the unprecedented changes in daily life, work, and education during the pandemic.
Johnson fights for survival after partying mea culpa

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson was forced to resign Thursday after admitting to breaking lockdown restrictions during the coronavirus pandemic. The scandal, which has dominated the UK political scene for months, culminated in Johnson’s decision to step down following a vote of no confidence by his own Conservative Party. The resignation of Britain’s longest-serving prime minister comes after months of revelations about his误导ing and manipulating the public about the severity of the pandemic and his own behavior.

Johnson had initially maintained that he did not break lockdown rules, but he was forced to admit to breaking the rules after a series of leaked pictures and videos emerged showing him partying and socializing with friends despite the ongoing crisis.

The scandal has prompted calls for Johnson’s resignation from within his own party and from opposition leaders. UK opposition Labour Party leader Keir Starmer has called for Johnson to step down, saying “the British people deserve better.”

Johnson’s resignation will likely trigger a leadership contest within the Conservative Party, with several high-profile politicians already announced as candidates. The new leader will be chosen in a process that will involve a series of votes among party members and perhaps other stakeholders.

The resignation of Johnson, who has been a prominent figure in UK politics for many years, marks the end of a long and controversial tenure. Johnson has been criticized for his handling of the pandemic, his controversial policies, and his lack of transparency. His resignation is likely to prompt further soul-searching within the Conservative Party and beyond.

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England cuts Covid isolation period

The UK government announced on Wednesday that it will cut the period that people have to isolate after testing positive for Covid-19 from seven days to five days. The change is intended to reduce the spread of the virus and improve public health. The UK government has also introduced new restrictions, including the requirement to wear face masks in public and to work from home when possible. These measures are expected to help control the spread of the virus and prevent a further surge in cases.

The change in isolation period follows weeks of pressure from the medical community and government experts. A number of countries, including the US, Canada, and Switzerland, have already reduced their isolation periods to five days. The UK government is expected to continue reviewing its isolation policies as the situation evolves.

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Indonesia allows 37 coal ships to leave as export ban eased

Indonesia said Wednesday it would begin allowing 37 coal ships to leave after imposing an export ban on the fuel to strengthen the country’s coal reserves. The ban, which was put in place in June last year, has led to a sharp increase in coal prices and shortages in some countries, forcing Indonesia to relax its restrictions.

The ban was imposed in response to concerns about coal prices and shortages, particularly in Asian countries. Indonesia is the world’s largest producer of coal, and the ban was intended to help safeguard the country’s coal reserves and maintain domestic supplies.

The move to allow the ships to leave is expected to ease tensions with trading partners and reduce the risk of shortages in the global market. It is also expected to help boost the country’s economy and attract foreign investment.

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India’s big cities could see Covid cases peak next week

India’s big cities could see a peak in Covid cases next week, according to models released by the government. The models predict a peak in late July or early August, with the pandemic surging in major cities like Mumbai, New Delhi, and Chennai.

The models, which are based on the number of cases reported, suggest that the peak will be followed by a sharp decline, with cases dropping significantly in the subsequent weeks. The models also predict a gradual decline in cases in the coming months, with a peak in August or early September.

The government has been facing criticism for its handling of the pandemic, particularly for its slow response to the outbreak and its failure to adequately prepare for a potential surge. The models are expected to help guide the government’s response to the pandemic and inform decisions about lockdowns and restrictions.

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No 'van, no go' on Manila buses, trains

Anyone planning to travel in the Philippines must now take a Covid test before boarding public transport, such as buses and trains. The new rule, which took effect on Monday, is designed to curb the spread of the virus and ensure safe travel for passengers.

The rule applies to all public transport, including buses, trains, and ferries. Anyone who fails to show a negative test result will not be allowed to board public transport.

The rule comes as the country is experiencing a surge in cases, with daily infections reaching record levels. The government has been stepping up measures to control the spread of the virus and prevent a further surge in cases.

The rule is expected to be enforced strictly, with penalties for those who violate the regulations. The government has also urged the public to continue following safety protocols and to stay home when possible.

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Paxlovid shipment arrives in Vietnam

Vietnam has received its first shipment of Paxlovid, the antiviral drug that is effective against Covid-19. The drug, manufactured by Pfizer, is expected to help treat Covid-19 patients in Vietnam and other countries in the region.

The shipment contains 10,000 doses of Paxlovid, which is expected to be distributed to hospitals and healthcare facilities in Vietnam. The drug is expected to be used to treat mild to moderate Covid-19 cases, especially in the elderly and those with underlying health conditions.

The arrival of Paxlovid marks a significant step in the country’s efforts to combat the pandemic. Vietnam has been working to increase its vaccination rate and to expand its treatment capacity.

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New Covid-19 infections in India soar as surge continues

India has recorded a sharp increase in Covid-19 infections in recent days, with daily cases climbing to record levels. The country is facing a surge in cases, with the government imposing lockdowns in some areas to try to control the spread.

The latest data from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare shows that India recorded 425,891 new cases and 4,761 deaths on Saturday. The country has reported a total of 35.6 million cases and 426,320 deaths since the start of the pandemic.

The surge in cases is expected to continue in the coming weeks, with experts warning that India could see a peak in cases in the next few weeks. The government is expected to continue reviewing its lockdown policies and to take further measures to control the spread of the virus.
North Korea looks to trigger pre-ruled missiles to reduce the launch time

North Korea’s recent claim of firing hypersonic weapons seems to have surpassed the potential of a previously tested rocket that launched last month on April 13, but analysts say it could allow the nuclear-armed state to deploy and launch missiles faster during a war.

Most of the country’s largest heavy missiles use liquid fuel, which is more powerful than solid fuel rockets. But the hypersonic missile’s liquid fuel could potentially allow it to be launched with a much smaller warhead than before, making it a more effective weapon. In addition, most of these engines have been used on smaller, short range missiles.

Recent tests suggest that the use of hypersonic missiles can increase the time before an enemy can retaliate, giving the North Korean military a tactical advantage. The country’s nuclear policy and other military threats have made it a priority for the US to work on ways to counteract such threats.

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Liquid-propellant ballistic missiles are fired at a longer range than that of an all-solid-fuel rocket, as stated in North, a Washington-based organization that跟踪 the development of missile and rocket programs. The country’s new solid-fueled weapon with an aluminum warhead may be a significant advance, but it is not known how the new warhead would be deployed.

North Korea’s hypersonic capabilities are of concern to the US and other Western governments, which have long feared that the country could use such weapons in its missile arsenal.

As pandemic bites, US cities use data to fight race and income gaps

By Carole K. Ben

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dults in cities like New York and Los Angeles are more likely to have been born or get sick in a city with a higher percentage of black residents, according to a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. The study found that adults in cities with a higher percentage of black residents were more likely to have been born or get sick in a city with a higher percentage of black residents.

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Avoiding innovations in religion.

Many Muslims today have been influenced by positions and ideas that are not consistent with the core beliefs of Islam, which has led to a decline in the number of Muslims who practice their faith. In this context, some Muslims are concerned about the need to avoid innovations in religion, which they believe can lead to a loss of identity and a decline in the number of Muslims who practice their faith. Others, however, argue that innovations can be beneficial and can help to strengthen the faith. Ultimately, the debate about whether to avoid innovations in religion continues to this day.

Through Josephine

The story of Josephine is told in the Quran (Al-Hujjat al-Wadud) and relates to the life and teachings of Prophet Joseph (peace be upon him). Joseph was born to Zul-Qarnayn and his wife Mahira, and he was raised by his father's brother, Zakariya, who was a wise and learned man. Joseph was known for his wisdom and his understanding of the Quran, and he was appointed as a ruler by his father to govern the land.

In describing Josephine, the Quran says that she was a woman who was destined to be the wife of Joseph, who was a respected and learned man. Joseph and Josephine were both devoted to their faith, and they worked together to spread the teachings of Islam. Josephine is remembered for her wisdom and her dedication to the Quran, and she is an important figure in the history of Islam.

Through Zainab

The story of Zainab, the daughter of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), is told in the Quran (Al-Hujjat al-Wadud) and relates to her life and teachings. Zainab was born to the Prophet Muhammad and his wife Khadija, and she was raised by her grandmother, Zainab bint al-Khuza'i, who was a wise and learned woman.

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Italian booth dedicated to books for children

By Avni Aygül

The Italian ambassador to Qatar has set up a unique booth dedicated to children’s books and illustrations at the Doha International Book Fair (DIBF), putting a spotlight on early childhood education and creative potential.

"Our aim is to introduce children to reading, and we believe that through a number of initiatives such as this, Qatar can foster a love for reading among children," said the ambassador.

"The Italian booth at the DIBF, featuring a wide range of children’s books, illustrates, and educational materials, aims to engage and inspire children in Qatar."

The ambassador also emphasized the importance of early literacy and the role of books in nurturing a love for reading among young minds.

"Involving children in reading activities is crucial in cultivating a lifelong love for learning. By introducing them to a diverse range of books and illustrations, we aim to stimulate their curiosity and encourage a passion for reading."