Emir, Erdogan discuss ties & Gulf crisis

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At Esenboga International Airport by Turkish Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mehmet Simsek and Qatar's Ambassador to Turkey, H E Salem bin Mubarak Al-Shaﬁ, in addition to members of the Qatar Embassy.

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Qatar launches Electronic Travel Authorisation system

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"We are delighted to announce the introduction of the Electronic Travel Authorisation system in yet another step that will help us welcome the world to Qatar. This additional enhancement to our visa policy is testament to Qatar’s commitment to openness, and to championing the right to travel for all people, in line with the WTO’s Global Code of Ethics for Tourism," said Al Ibrahim.

He stressed that visa facilitation is a critical component of the national tourism sector strategy, which QITA has recently reviewed in partnership with stakeholders from the public and private sectors.

"Together with our partners in the public and private sectors, we have examined all of the elements needed to create a smooth and engaging experience that can attract visitors from around the world," continued Al Ibrahim.

Qatar-US partnership stronger, says Foreign Minister

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"Everything that happened was to justify the siege imposed on Qatar and the issue is related to a group of countries whose actions are unpredictable," the Foreign Minister said that the GCC agreement is necessary to ensure security of the Gulf, despite the differences on various issues between these countries on a number of issues.

"They want to put us under a guardianship," he said. "We are a sovereign country. We have the same rights as Saudi Arabia, regardless of the size or strength of our country.

In response to a question on relations with Iran, he said that Qatar has been defending the idea of overcoming differences with Iran through dialogue and not confrontation.

On the other hand, he said that the Arab peoples had rebelled against the dictatorships. "We had to move when these dictatorships began to kill their people," he said, adding that Qatar had tried to help these regimes to carry out some reforms. But when these attempts failed and the dictators began to kill their own people, we had to choose our camp," he said. "We chose the people.

He stressed that the peoples of these countries are the ones who are judged by the resolutions of the Arab Spring and not Qatar. He added that "these peoples deserve appreciation for this achievement." He also pointed out that the peoples of the Arab Spring countries believed in the possibility of reaching peaceful solutions and that there was no terrorism at that time, explaining that the violence started when these peoples were exposed to the brutality of the regimes.

He pointed out that the terrorist organisations benefited from this situation in the strengthening of their forces. On Qatar’s relations with the Hamas, the Minister said that "the countries that accuse us of supporting what they call a terrorist movement are the same countries that support Hamas." He pointed out that any assistance to the people of Gaza is welcome.

He said Qatar, along with several countries, had a joint operating room for moderate groups in Syria. "We still hope in the realization of the hopes placed in the Free Syrian Army or the reorganisation of moderate forces," he said.

He also pointed out that there is an international commitment in this regard, but part of the international community now focuses on the struggle against the organisation - advocates - and no longer speaks about the regime of Bashar Al-Assad, which killed more than 500,000 people. He said solving the issue of Idleb is to establish the moderate opposition and provide it with more possibilities, adding that it is not supporting the moderate opposition that would allow the Nusra Front or the reorganisation of moderate forces."

Al Marri briefs UN High Commissioner about violations of siege countries

The Peninsula

Vi olations of the siege countries, especially those violations related to health, education, family reunification and practicing religious rites were discussed during a meeting held for the Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC), Dr Ali bin Samikh Al Marri with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Prince Zeid bin Ra’ad bin Al Hussein yesterday in Geneva.

Al Marri called for maximizing and joining efforts to lift these violations that the siege countries, Gulf region peoples as well as residents from other nationalities have been suffering from.

Dr Al Marri briefed the high commissioner on NHRC’s efforts to expose these violations in line with its powers, in addition to addressing relevant regional and international organisations to solve them.

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He presented the latest detailed statistics on violations related to the complaints that the committee has received from the affected parties, stressing that NHRC will spare no effort to continuously work to lift the injustice placed on them and demand the restoration of their documented rights in the reports of the committee.
Iranians among 52 dead in IS attacks in Iraq

Baghdad

Iraq and Turkey yesterday stepped up the pressure on the Iraqi government to carry out the long-planned referendum on Kurdish autonomy, as the governor of oil-rich Kirkuk province that decided to take part in the referendum was sacked.

With tensions rising, the Iraqi parliament this week also voted to oppose plans by leaders of the autonomous Kurdish region in northern Iraq to hold the non-binding September 25 referendum. The independence vote is backed by the Kurdish government, but opposed from the federal government in Baghdad as well as by Arab neighbours who fear it will stoke separatist aspirations among their own Kurdish minorities. Critics of the vote include the United States, the European Union and even some members of Iraq’s 5.5 million-strong Kurdish minority.

Turkmen, a strong opponent, warned Iraqi Kurdish leaders on Thursday that any referendum would “have a cost”, the foreign ministry in Ankara said, criticising their “unwise approach”.

Turkish presidential spokesman Ibrahim Kalin urged the Iraqi Kurdish region to “return to the wrong decision as soon as possible.”

The move would push the Kurdistan into “bigger isolation”, he said. The provincial council of Kirkuk — a region disputed by Baghdad and autonomous Iraqi Kurdish government and home to diverse communities, including Arabs and Turkmens — voted on the end of August to take part in the controversial referendum.

Arab and Turkmen members of the council boycotted their vote, while Kurdish members of the council boycotted the vote, while Kurdish MPs in Baghdad walked out of Thursday’s hearing in protest over their exclusion from the Kurdish government was dismissed. World powers have proposed alternatives to a referendum to Iraqi Kurdish leader Massoud Barzani, his office said.

If they have a stronger argument, the Kurdish leadership will look at it, but if they want to postpone the vote with all alternatives, we won’t,” Barzani was quoted as saying. Today, the parliament in the Kurdish regional capital of Arbil is to hold its first session in more than two years to give ‘a legal framework’ for the referendum, according to its spokesman, Tarig Jawhar.

Kuwait concludes military drill with US troops

KUWAIT CITY: The Kuwaiti Ministry of Defence said that a three-day military drill ended with the participation of US troops from the Kuwaiti ground and air forces. The Kuwaiti part of the Ministry of Interior and the National Guard took part in the military exercises.

The troops were deployed in the preparation for bolstering joint planning, execution, and uplifting combat preparedness. In March, the State of Kuwait hosted the Eagles Resolve 2017 drill, which is one of the largest military exercises at the regional and international levels.

Turkey keeps hunger-striking teachers in jail

ANKARA: A Turkish court yesterday ordered two teachers who have been on hunger strike for six months to be released on a cash bail.

The decision is a victory for those who had been calling for the release of teachers who have been on hunger strike since May. The hunger strikers have been demanding the release of their colleagues who have been arrested and charged with terrorism.

However, the teachers are still at risk of being arrested again. The case has been appealed to a higher court, and the result is expected to be announced in the next few days.

Egypt resumes push to end Palestinian split

RAMALLAH: Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is sending a delegation to Cairo to hear more about Egyptian attempts to broker an eleventh reconciliation deal between him and his political rival Hamas. The president said a meeting with Egyptian officials in Cairo earlier this week had made it clear that the two sides are ready to engage in talks to end the division.

Abbas said the talks have been successful and that the two sides are now ready to move forward with the process. He also said that the talks would be held in Cairo and that the Palestinian leaders would visit Egypt to discuss the issues.

The talks are expected to continue in the coming days, with the aim of reaching a final agreement on the division of the territories and the establishment of a Palestinian state.

OSFA launches new app for sports activities

QSFA launches new app

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QSFA, Ahmed Al Ajmi, CEO of QSFA, at the press conference held at the Ministry of Culture and Sports.

Kenyan oppn says won’t allow another sham election

Nairobi: Bloomberg

Kenya’s main opposition set a series of conditions for the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission who ‘aborted’ the election and live media coverage of results declarations at the country’s 290 constituency tallying centers. National Super Alliance co-leader Musalia Mudavadi told reporters in the capital, Nairobi: Kenya’s Supreme Court on September 1 he ruled in favour of the opposition’s appeal against the result, which was declared in August. The Court had ruled in favour of the opposition’s appeal against the result, which was declared in August.

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India, Japan agree to deepen defence ties

Ministry of External Affairs Press Information Bureau

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New Delhi AP

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**Philippine church bells ring in drug war protest**

Manila AP

Church bells across the mainly Catholic Philippines yesterday echoed with reports of more than 200 people killed in a week of police raids on alleged drug dealers. The Manila Archbishop's Conference of the Philippines said in a statement that church leaders called bells around the country would simultaneously ring for five minutes from 6pm (1500 GMT) to 6pm (1500 GMT) on the third floor of the school was engulfed in raging fire but that it likely was caused by an electrical short circuit or fire but that it likely was caused by an electrical short circuit or fire.

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**Finnish woman kidnapped in Afghanistan freed**

Kathil AP

An 18-year-old Finnish nurse working in the Federally Administered Parachinar, the capital of the Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal district, is reported to have been kidnapped and released by armed men from the Pakistani Taliban, the Finnish foreign ministry in Helsinki said yesterday. The attacker, who is a member of the Taliban, said he was demanding a ransom and would never release the nurse to the international guest country, according to Russian diplomatic sources.

Amnesty International decries burnings targeting Rohingya

AFP

Rakhine state is on fire," said Olof Blomqvist, a researcher with Amnesty International, in a clear campaign of ethnic cleansing by the Myanmar security forces’. The group quoted Rohingya witnesses who described security officers and villagers using petrol or shoddiy rocket launchers to set homes alight, before firing on villagers as they fled. In some ethnically mixed communities, such as the village tract of Inn Din, images showed that only Rohingya homes had been burned, the report said.

Korea threatens to reduce US ‘shells’

Korea News Service

North Korea state agency threatened yesterday to use nuclear weapons to "sink" Japan and reduce the United States to ashes and darkness for supporting a US Security Council resolution and sanctions over its latest nuclear test. The four islands of the archipelago should be sunk into the deeply nuclear hotbed of South Korea is no longer needed to exist near us, the committee said in a statement carried by the KCNA news agency.

At least 23 dead in Malaysia school fire

Kuala Lumpur AP

At least 23 people were killed in a live at a religious school in the Malaysian capital yesterday, officials said.

Pakistan ejects MSG from militancy-hit tribal district

Peshawar AP

Pakistan authorities have kicked the World Health Organization out of the country after the organization refused to close its medical facilities in a militancy-affected tribal district, an official said on Tuesday.

North Korean demonstrators shouting slogans during a protest against the Myanmar government over the treatment of Rohingya Muslims, in Quetta, Pakistan.

**Catholic Bishop of Cocolano Pablo Virgilio David gestures during a press conference at the Commission of Human Rights headquarters in Manila, yesterday.**

Catholic Bishop of Cocolano Pablo Virgilio David said earlier yesterday he was going to release two witnesses to the killing of one of the three slain boys in Manila district of Cocolano on consecutive nights last month, sparked rare street protests against the crackdown.

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UK terrorism arrests hit record high

London Brunches

The number of people arrested in Britain on suspicion of terrorism offences reached by 48 per cent in the last year to the highest figure on record during a period when the country suffered its worst ever deadly attacks. Figures showed yesterday that 379 people were arrested in the year to June, up from 226 in the 12 previous months, and the most since 2001 when the data began to be collected. Britain is on its second-highest threat level, "severe", meaning an attack is highly possible. Last week 30 people were killed in terrorist incidents in the first six months of 2017. Among the arrests, 12 came after an attack in March on London’s Westminster Bridge when a man drove a car into pedestrians killing four before he stabbed a policeman to death outside Parliament. Another 23 followed a suicide bombing at a pop concert in Manchester in May. The police commissioner has an "open ear for our arguments" to extend the controls beyond their November 1 expiry date. The controls began in Germany amid an influx of asylum-seekers that critics partly blame on the bloc’s external borders.

The German position is clear – as the external borders are not secure enough, there will be no agreement for such controls at the internal borders,” he said. But he said the bloc is in a "plenty of time to debate the extension.

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Budapest Brunches

B rutan is very close to reaching an agreement with the European Union on the rights of EU citizens after it leaves the bloc, British Finance Minister Philip Hammond said yesterday. The rights of EU citizens in Britain is one of three issues the bloc wants to settle before it begins discussing the future relationship between Britain and the EU. "We have made very good progress. We have a very high degree of alignment. Not yet completely concluded but we are very close to having agreement on how we are going to have a coherent agreement that citizens are in our countries,” Hammond said. Our desire and intentions is that people who have come to the UK to work and make their lives in the UK should be able to continue to live there, carry on their lives exactly as before.”

That is our clear and stated intentions. Hammond added however that he did not think that people moved to EU countries should be allowed to do the same. “From the British point of view, the objective is to make everything look exactly as it has before we left the EU,” he said. Hammond also said talks about Britain’s departure from the EU should result in an exit roadmap. “We want to give assurances on both sides of English Channel and both sides of the Irish border the confidence that they will not face a cliff edge when we leave the EU,” he said. “That is why we are proposing a time-limited transition period so that we can provide that certainty. That our border will continue to operate smoothly and that our businesses can continue to supply their customers and our citizens can carry on with their day to day lives across continental Europe.”

Catalonia to launch new independence campaign

Barcelona A FP

Catalan separatists yesterday officially launched their campaign for an independence referendum deemed illegal by Madrid, which has vowed to stop it at all cost. The campaign kicked off at 8 a.m. at the 8,000 seat capacity bullfighting in the port of Tarragona, attended by Catalan president Carles Puigdemont and representatives of Catalonia’s main separatist parties and associations. But there were doubts whether the rally would go ahead after a judge banned another pro-independence event in Madrid on the grounds that a public speech in a public meeting to promote an illegal referendum.

Asked if an operation was under way to stop the event in Tarragona, Spain’s Deputy Prime Minister Soraya Saenz de Santamaria said: “You can’t cooperate and you can’t participate in this referendum.”

A manager for the company that runs the bullring, who did not want to be named, said they had been told to stop the event and that no legal request not let the rally go ahead. The pro-independence camp has two weeks to line up its base and win over its critics who are reluctant to take part in the referendum set for October 1.

If they win, the separatists vow to declare independence without seeking permission from Madrid. The referendum is set for October 1 in Catalonia, which is home to around 7.5 million people. The Catalan government has not established a minimum participation for the outcome of the referendum to be valid but a high turnout is key for the legitimacy of the vote.
No, Antifa is not the moral equivalent of neo-Nazis

Recently, a fresh pathogen, which causes a fear to public safety and discourse, has appeared suddenly on the political landscape. The "terrorists" saddled with fragile sensibilities, have harmed the liberty and lives being threatened by ordinary, largely anonymous people seized with the duty to confront the ignorance and hate that Hurricane Donald and his abominable acolyte brandish routinely with impunity.

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The 2014 war through the eyes of Gaza’s youth

Ramzy Baroud
Al-Jazeera

Israel’s war against Gaza left 2,200 Palestinians – the majority of them children – dead. More than 17,000 homes were completely destroyed, and thousands of other buildings, hospitals, schools and factories were destroyed or severely damaged. Gazans, who shared their tragic personal stories, witnessed the reality of war and siege and have never seen the world beyond Gaza’s deadly borders

These are the voices of some of these young Gazans, who shared their tragic personal stories, hoping that the world would heed their calls for freedom and humanity.

This is not just a commemoration of the catastrophic and emotional costs that Israel inflicted on Gaza in its deadly attack during the summer of 2014. It is a commemoration of an ongoing Nakba which Palestinians have experienced since 1948. I am a third generation refugee, born and raised in the United States. This latest round of violence saw my grandparents’ ever-green home village which they had at hand and under their control. Gaza has been a survivor - my mother went into labour during a curfew that Israeli military forces imposed on Jabalia, the place from which the first uprising started and erupted a few years before this factor. While fearing for her life and her yet-to-be-born child, she walked through Jabalia’s alleys, leaving behind my grandmother who held a white piece of cloth and was crying. Hoping for mercy from the Israeli soldiers who shot at everyone that dared break the curfew. This was not the first story told, and the piece would not be enough to cover the immense trauma that I shared with the population of Gaza ever since. The war fully shattered the majority of whom are dependent on humanitarian aid. There is a whole generation of Palestinian children in Gaza that grew up knowing nothing but war and siege and have never seen the world beyond. And every time the Zegea family, aunate change a signature policy of his administration. That war must not, let us not forget, we both struggle against the same military occupier, and will always remain linked through our resistance. Only through resistance in its most purest form, our identity can once more, become one. For years, Palestine is the next battlefront of the struggle against the Israeli occupation. Yet it remains hard to escape the stereotypical depictions surrounding them, with many commentators incessantly indulging in Orientalist tropes, constantly referring to redemptive narratives in Palestinian society to score political points, thus justify Israeli aggression.

Israel’s war against Gaza was short but intense, and it was a war for the hearts and minds of the world. It was a war to score political points, thus justify Israeli aggression. The Gaza Strip, wrecked by the Israeli siege and repeated wars, is no haven for Palestinian men. But for me, and many other young Gazans, compared to the west bank, it is as if I lived in a parallel universe, where the effects of the occupation are felt through different lenses.

Like two million other Palestinians, I belong to this generation of Palestinian young women in Gaza going to school, working, and positions of power, and despite all the difficulties, there are still those who resist and continue to fight for their right to live as human beings. On the other hand, the West Bank has a semblance of freedom. In the summer of 2014, the occupation of our territories by Israel led to the occupation of our right to live as human beings. The time to talk about it; later is a good time to talk about it; there will be plenty of opportunities to talk about it. We cannot ignore that carbon emissions are causing our oceans to warm, and our atmosphere to heat up, which is fueling more powerful hurricanes, droughts, forest fires, and floods. It's impossible to not discuss the incredible amount of money which the federal government is going to spend to rebuild storm-ravaged cities and support storm-ravaged communities. Some environmental advocates may be wary of being seen as exploiting a natural disaster for long-term policy change and Republicans in Congress have sought to roll back those efforts. We are all aware of the intense and immediate pressure to score political points, thus justify Israeli aggression. The War on Terror is a war to score political points, thus justify Israeli aggression.

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Trump fairly close to deal on immigrants

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resident Donald Trump said yesterday he is "fairly close" to finalizing a deal with Democrats allowing immigrants to remain in the United States, among anti-immigrant Republicans who worry he is yielding to his own campaign pledges.

"Nobody really wants to throw out good, educated and aspiring young people who have jobs, some serving in the military?" Really?" Trump tweeted, hours after he hosted a dinner meeting with top congressional Democrats in which they discussed securing the border in exchange for protections for immigrants known as "Dreamers.

"They have been in our country for many years through no fault of their own – brought in by parents at young ages," he added.

Trump was repeating a key Democratic argument for allowing young people who arrived illegally in the United States as children to remain.

The Supreme Court on Monday blocked a Trump administration effort to shut out many "Dreamers" from protections under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

Trump recorded that executive order, prompting jubilation among many in his base, but then urged Congress to craft a legal solution within the next six months.

"I think we are fairly close but we have to get the border security," he said.

We are working on a plan for DACA. People want to see that security.

House of Representatives top Democrat Nancy Pelosi called the legislation "very productive"

"We are fairly close," but, we agreed that the President would support enshrining DACA protections into law, and encourage the House and Senate to act," she said in a joint statement.

What remains to be negotiated are the details of border security, with a meeting set to finalize all details as soon as possible.

The package could include using new technology, drones, air support and sensors, the Democrats said.

They also said funding for Trump's long-promised wall on the U.S.-Mexico border would be included in the DACA deal, although the president revealed that the wall is going to be built and it will be funded later.

Democrats continue to oppose wall building.

The working dinner was the second such meeting in which Trump cuddled with Democrats.

Last week, he struck a deal with Pelosi and Schumer to halt border shutdown and extend funding government

Fort Myers

President arrives in storm-hit Florida

New York

AFP

WASHINGTON

The number of people seeking unemployment benefits dropped by 14,000 to 284,000 last week after surging to 298,000 the previous week. The Labor Department reported yesterday.

The less volatile four-week average for claims rose to 293,250 last week, the highest level in a year.

Applications from Texas, recovering from Hurricane Harvey, declined slightly last week but still remained elevated as hurricane claims impacted layoffs for a second week. Applications for jobless benefits dropped by 14,000 to a seasonally adjusted 284,000 last week after surging to 298,000 the previous week, the Labor Department reported yesterday.

The previous week's increase of 126,000 had pushed claims to the highest level in two years.

Economic growth accelerated in the spring with the economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, expanding at an annual rate of 4 percent, more than double the 1.2 percent GDP growth rate in the first quarter.

Hiring slowed in August, when employers added 150,000 jobs, more than double the 64,000 jobs, below last year's average monthly gain but high enough to lower the unemployment rate over time.

Unemployment in August stood at 4.4 percent, near a 16-year low.

Applications for unemployment benefits decline

Selena Gomez recovering from kidney transplant

New York

AFP

SELENA Gomez revealed that she recently received a transplant, which left her lassitude for lupus – an autoimmune disease that hit her at the age of 12.

The pop singer posted a picture to her 128 million followers of herself and Gabin Celada holding an admission of hospital. Both appeared looking a large scar across her abdomen.

Gomez acknowledged that fans have wondered why she has done little publicly to promote the music.

"So I found out I needed to get a kidney transplant due to my lupus, and was recovering. It was I needed to do for my health.

"Honestly look forward to sharing with you soon, you know what I've been up to these past several months as I have always wanted to do with you.

Canadian woman files appeal in child-bride case

Crabbrook

A CANADIAN woman is seeking to have her conviction overturned after she was sentenced to seven months in jail for taking a 13-year-old girl to a Christmas festival in the Dominican Republic.

Gail Blackmore filed an appeal arguing that British Columbia Supreme Court Justice Paul Pearlman was wrong to find her guilty and impose a sentence that is unduly harsh and excessive.

Blackmore and her six-year-old hand Brandon were found guilty of sexually assaulting a child from Canada for a sex-acting with a minor.

The 13-year-old girl that was taken across the border in 2004 to marry Warren Joff’s, head of the Fundamentalist Church of Christ in Hanover.

Dominican Republic's President Danilo Medina, Foreign Relations Minister Miguel Vargas Maldonado and former Spanish prime minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero leave the Dominican Foreign Ministry in Santo Domingo after meeting with Dominican government and opposition representatives to break labeled talks, yesterday.

Venezuela rivals hold exploratory talks

Santo Domingo

Talks between Venezuela's government and opposition inclined toward agreements as delegates from both sides began exploratory contacts with mediators in Dominican Republic.

Jose Rodriguez, a close ally of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, said some progress had been made towards face-to-face negotiations.

"We are very close to resolving many of the points on the agenda," he said.

The opposition delegation was expected to meet with a prominent opposition constituent assembly, and the veteran Venezuelan diplomat Roy Chaderton.

Rodriguez did not say if he expected to have a face-to-face meeting with the opposition delegation.

The talks were announced late Tuesday by Maduro who told a cabinet meeting that he had accepted Medina and Zapatero's offer.

"Rodriguez was accompanied by his sister Delcy Rodriguez, who chairs the all-important Constituent Assembly, and the veteran Venezuelan diplomat Roy Chaderton.

Rodriguez did not say if he expected to have a face-to-face meeting with the opposition delegation.

US President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump and Vice-President Mike Pence participate in a briefing on the Hurricane Irma relief efforts, in Fort Myers, Florida, yesterday.

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Grant probe: Brazilian police raid agriculture minister's home

Brasilia

AFP

Brazillian police raided the house of Agriculture Minister Blairo Maggi in a corruption probe early yesterday, adding yet more pressures on the scandal-plagued government of President Michel Temer.

Federal police said in a statement that authories were searching 64 addresses in the state of Mato Grosso. They targeted.

Maggi, Temer's agriculture minister is accused of receiving large quantities of money from sugar cane producers to target them.

Maggi's newspapers sites said the principal suspect was Maggi, Temer's agriculture chief, a farming tycoon and a former governor of Mato Grosso. An AFP photographer saw police leave Maggi's Brailia home carrying a computer.

Police were serving a search warrant issued by the public ministry in cases involving ministers and other federal-level politicians.

The warrant, as described by the GI news site, accuses Maggi of "corruption of obstruction of an investigation into a criminal organisation" in his home state.

Maggi issued a statement saying "nothing was ever done by me, or by anyone authorized by me, to act illegally - or to obstruct justice."

"I want to make it clear that I will use all available legal means to defend myself and to re-establish the truth of the facts."

Maggi oversees a soybean empire, growing and exporting the commodity, sending some to the US under trade agreements, as well as several other commodities, which he calls "soybean, maize, soy and beans.

About a third of Temer's cabinet and several of his close allies in the center-right Brazilian Democratic Movement Party (PMDB) are already under investigation for corruption.

The president himself is facing multiple corruption investigations, and Prosecutor General Ronaldo da Costa is said to be expected to file a criminal charge of obstruction of justice against him this week.
Oil rises on better market conditions

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UK customs model unlikely to achieve frictionless post-Brexit trade

Tesla sets semi-truck debut for October 26

Tesla plans to unveil a heavy transport truck next month in a further broadening of the product line-up for the electric vehicle-maker.

Chief executive Elon Musk made the announcement in a tweet late, indicating the new truck would be shown at the California design center in Hawthorne, California.

“Tesla Semi truck unveil & test ride tentatively scheduled for Oct 26th in Hawthorne,” Musk wrote.

“Wish seeing this beast in person. It’s insane”

No further details of the truck were available, but Musk said last year the company planned a new pickup truck and was considering options for heavy-duty trucks and buses.

Musk is pressuring the industry for more electric vehicles, replacing use of fossil fuels, along with autonomous driving technology.

Tesla currently produces three electric car models, including the recently introduced Model 3, which is about half the price of its luxury cars and has a long waiting list.

Not long after Tesla was founded in 2003, Musk said he planned to use money from high and electric vehicles to create more affordable offerings to make the technology the new automotive norm. Cars powered by green energy are consistent with a concern for the environment which has been a Musk’s other enterprises.

UK custom model unlikely to achieve frictionless post-Brexit trade

Southampton

Reuters

A Southampton docks, a top British port for trade with countries outside the EU, maintains its reputation as a linchpin of international commerce. It’s a model that business leaders hope will also work well with Europe after Brexit, but fear it won’t.

 renamed lift containers smoothly on and off enormous ships berthed at the quayside while rows of new cars await shipment to destinations includ- ing the United States and Asia.

There is little sign of the cus- toms border that Britain maintains with most of the world apart from European Union states, thanks to a long refined system of goods declarations completed electronically as ships plough to and from the country.

Less than two percent of goods passing through Southampton, which lies on the south coast of England, are subject to physical checks by customs offi- cials, according to its owner, Associated British Ports.

At the moment Britain has no such customs border with the EU, a free-trade area of 28 states, but it is likely to re-impose one when it leaves the bloc in March 2019.

If London and Brussels fail to strike a trade deal, each side will start imposing import duties on each other’s goods. Few people believe the current system for non-EU trade can be replicated for EU goods without disruption at the seaports through which 95 percent of Britain’s interna- tional trade moves. That means industry’s wish for minimal extra red-tape delays and costs after Brexit may not be granted.

The government estimates a new, upgraded electronic cus- toms system — due to be introduced just two months before Brexit — will need to process 250,000 customs declarations a year, up from 55 million now.

A new IT system is going to be able to cope with a sudden massive surge in stuff going through it in a highly complex environment and the capacity for glitches is bound to be there,” said Glyn Plattin (pictures).

QSE index dropped 265.98 points last week

Qatar Stock Exchange’s (QSE) benchmark index lost 265.98 points or 1.07 percent, last week when the bourse closed yesterday at 8,409.48 points.

Trading value during last week increased by 45.44 percent to reach QR31.24bn compared to QR24.42bn during the previous week.

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Industries sector accounted for 25.25 percent and real estate sector accounted for 7.22 percent.

Banking and financial services sector led traded number of transactions this week with 31.93 percent of the total number of transactions.

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Turkey central bank holds rates steady

Istanbul Reuters

Turkey’s central bank left interest rates unchanged yesterday after inflation rose, keeping monetary poli-


cy tight in the face of a drive for cheap credit by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.
The bank is tasked with bal-

ancing inflationary pressures with Erdogan’s calls for lower rates so that banks can lend at lower rates to stimulate the economy. The bank has described itself as an “enemy of credit.

But for the third straight

day, including its slowest

rise in 18 years, suggesting the world’s

main culprit is unusually hot and wet weather

that has caused much of the

increase in prices, including energy.

Economists had forecast the CPI

inflation rate would stay at 10.88 percent, after it had risen to 10.8 percent in August.

Turkey inflation may have also dented industrial

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**Dhail ready for debut as QSL begins**

Al Duhail are looking to overcome Qatar SC as the newly-formed side make their QNB Stars League (QSL) debut at Duhail Stadium today.

The opening day of prestigious QSL will see three matches being played but Al Duhail - formed after merger of giants Lekhwiya and El Jaish - will be in focus on the inaugural day.

Al Duhail consist of majority of Lekhwiya players who won the previous season of the QSL under the guidance of head coach Djamel Belmadi.

The Algerian coach will mentor the new side too and he must be eying a winning start in that league which is expected to be the toughest context of all previous editions.

The team combination makes Al Duhail, one of the title favourites along side Xavi’s Al Sadd and Michael Laudrup’s Al Rayyan, but Belmadi is advising his ranks to be cautious in their opening game.

“I am expecting an interesting game against Qatar SC, because they have been promoted and I don’t have much information on the side,” Al Duhail coach said at a pre-match press conference.

“I feel that they have a good coach and will do well in the league this season” noted Belmadi when asked about his opponents.

Belmadi said his players are starting with no pressure under their favourite tag.

“The squad has only been improved with the signings in the summer. We have to manage these expectations over the season, my aim is to win always and I feel we can achieve something with this side,” Duhail winger Ali Afif said his team will be targeting the QSL title, tempering the opening game.

“We are a confident group of players and have been together for a number of years. We must start well and take the season game by game,” Qatar SC, who are returning to the QSL after missing the last season due to relegation, are banking on their preseason preparations for a good start in the league.

Duhail’s head coach Djamel Belmadi, speaks at a press conference ahead of his team’s opening QNB Stars League game against Qatar SC.

**Lasail to kick start MotoGP season**

**QREC continues to back big races**

The QREC is preparing to organize the Qatar Festival of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, which will be held at the end of this month and will continue until October 1, starting with the horse auction and then the start of the races at the Saint-Clair in Paris and then moving to Chantilly.

Director General of QREC Nasar Sherida Al Kaabi said Qatar’s sponsorship of foreign races has had a significant impact on the development of local equine events and has been a distinguishing feature of Qatar’s equestrian history.

It has also helped the presence of a large number of famous horse owners in France and Britain in the international races organised in Qatar.

He pointed out that there are many benefits that the Qatari equine community gained through the organisation of foreign races.

The Qatar horses have taken a great reputation around the world through its external participation and a lot of owners and trainers attend the auctions and put their eyes on the production of Qatar, and there are still others who are following the development of Qatar’s horses dramatically for its global fame.

He anticipated the increase in sales of Qatari horses significantly.

The director revealed that the sponsorship of the Qatar for Goodwood event significantly under the new 10-year partnership between Qatar and the Goodwood.

Al Kaabi said the Qatar attachment to Goodwood is very important, especially since the two partners are involved in a multi-million-pound deal.

He declared that horse racing is the second largest sport after football in England, and the Qatar Goodwood Festival is an iconic event that everyone looks forward to, adding that Qatar sponsorship and participation in this event is part of its position on the world stage.

He said Arabian horse racing has a great heritage in the State of Qatar, and Qatar has made Arab horse races of international characters after the introduction of the Triple Crown in three countries: Britain, France, Qatar.

The first Qatar sponsorship of the international races was the sponsorship of the most prestigious French classic, the Arc de Triomphe, which has been held annually for more than 100 years.

Qatar has successfully won the sponsorship of the race annually since 2008 and until 2022.

The past years have seen a major development in this race, which takes place on the Longchamp track in Paris before moving to Chantilly last season due to the maintenance and modernization of the Longchamp track.

This sponsorship has had a significant impact on the development of the equestrian level within Qatar. The festival has become a global forum of Qatar’s excellence in all fields. It has also been a strong announcement of the Qatari horses.

Besides the large number of horses among Qatari owners, which was reflected positively on the sales of local races. Thus, there was a remarkable development on the local level, thanks to the plans set by the QREC towards the Longchamp Festival in the Racing Club and Equestrian.
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**Boxing: Golovkin ready to hit the jackpot in Las Vegas**

Las Vegas - Afghanit Golovkin is undaunted by the challenge of fighting for the first time in six years, saying he is going for a date with a beautiful title.

Three belt champ Golovkin is preparing for his underdog when he faces Mexican's brother to the middleweight champion he is not favored to win.

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The 35-year-old from Kazakhstan told reporters at a Monday news conference at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino that he considers his underdog.

"I am not favored to win," Golovkin said. "But I am going to take that risk and fight for the title."

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**Davis Cup: Confident France take on Serbia in the semis**

France's captain Yannick Noah (right) and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in Lille yesterday.

**France**

Golovkin will be the underdog against Alvarez, who is eight years younger than the unified champion.

"It is like you are going with your new girlfriend," Golovkin said. "You have to be careful."

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**Waqa joins Islamabad United**

**Islamabad Agencies**

Former Pakistan fast bowler and two-time head coach of the Pakistan team, Waqar Younis, has been appointed bowling coach and Director Cricket by Pakistan Super League franchise Islamabad United.

The director’s role was previously held by Wasim Akram and Akram had earlier confirmed that he would not return for the 2018 campaign due to a busy schedule with Multan Sultans coaching staff.

The announcement was made by the franchise co-owner Ali Naqvi, and captain Misbah-ul-Haq.

Misbah said, “For any captain who is a batsman it is advantageous to have a coach who is a great batsman, someone he can trust and who commands respect both with the local play- ers and with the overseas players.

Having worked with Waqar bhai before on the national team, he is a great one for Islamabad United, and one that will benefit our bowlers and our dressing room greatly.” Waqar, also present at the press conference, echoed Misbah’s thoughts.

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Barcelona emerge from gloom to set the pace

El Clásico drama

Barcelona’s Lionel Messi celebrates after scoring their third goal with Luis Suarez (left) and Ousmane Dembélé (right) during the Champions League match against Juventus at Camp Nou. Barcelona on Tuesday.

What a difference a year makes for Arsenal and Chelsea

Ronaldo could have scored four goals: Zidane

Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane warned precedents around Europe that Cristiano Ronaldo is only just getting started when the Portuguese forward gets into his stride after a month of scoring twice in the Champions League, against APOEL, Nicòsia on Wednesday.

Arsenal to avoid a third successive league defeat on the road as it came unstuck at Stoke City and Liverpool, where they were threaded 8-0.

London

Real Madrid’s forward Cristiano Ronaldo appeals to the UEFA Champions League referee against APOEL during their match on Wednesday.

Manchester United midfielder Ander Herrera has emerged from a cloud a year ago marked by a 6-0 drubbing of Norway in the World Cup qualifiers lifted many pushed Brazil back into second place in the FIFA rankings, which was published yesterday. Germany’s 2-1 win away to the Czech Republic, their second in their first three games and Real Madrid’s defeat to APOEL in Nicòsia solidified their third position. Portugal were the first to wash his laundry, Manchester United midfielder Herrera said.

Loscund-week’s comments. But Hennes felt that players should be able to think for themselves and suggested that Rummenigge had over-reacted.

Bundesliga: Bayern Munich live up to FC Hollywood tag

Bayern Munich are again being up to their FC Hollywood tag, as a combination of lucklessness for opponents, public liaison disasters and talk of a successor to coach Carlo Ancelotti (http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/football/40397880) has provided an abundance of early-season drama.

Barcelona have emerged from a cloud of pessimism to make an imperious start in La Liga campaign and to put Galáctico tomorrow to look to stretch their advantage over Real on Thursday night in the absence of the suspended Cristiano Ronaldo. Barca, fresh from Tuesday’s emphatic 3-0 Champions League victory over Juventus, will have the chance provisionally to move seven points clear of rivals Real and Eibar and coach Ernesto Valverde has indicated he will give time to fringe players.

Up to now some players have played more than others but everyone will get their chance,” he said.

Spanish and European champions Real Madrid began the campaign by winning the continental and Spanish Super Cup to firmly establish themselves as the country’s dominant force, but their last two league results have brought them down to earth. They travel to high-flying Real Sociedad in Sunday’s late kickoff without the suspended duo of left back Marcelo and Ronaldo, who serves the final match of a five-game domestic ban for pushing a referee.

Real, who are without injured French striker Karim Benzema, are desperately missing Ronaldo’s goalscoring instincts. The Portuguese’s importance was further illustrated as he scored twice in Wednesday’s 6-0 Champions League victory over APOEL Nicòsia.

Sociedad sit alongside Barcelona in the top with nine points from their first three games and Real coach Zinedine Zidane said his side will need to improve this weekend as he looks to compensate for attacking absentees.

“He is always there when we want for us, it’s a different competition, but I’ll see who I think the best player is. I prefer to speak about the team,” he said.

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Baja to the far corner to score in the 69 minute and could have scored on three further occasions before he doubled Real’s lead from the penalty spot in the second half, while he also

German on top of rankings again

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Thurham Thursday night is no different for us, apart from the fact that it’s a different competition but when you play Wednesday night, you are always scoring goals. We know what Cristiano offers,” Ronaldo was hit with a five-game domesticban for pushing a referee in the Spanish Super Cup first leg against Barcelona on August 25. Ronaldo is a key player for us, he always scores goals, Zidane said.

“I hope it’s the last game of the season that we’ve without him. We’ve got Cristiano and Benzema, but we will have other players and we’ll do well.” We’ve won two trophies in spectacular fashion already and now we play the first leg against Valencia Against Real Madrid, we did well and we weren’t against APOEL in the first half either. Against Real Sociedad this weekend we need to start in a different manner,” he said.

Alético Madrid will play their first game at their new Wanda Metropolitano stadium as they host bottomless Malaga while Levante host Valencia in the Valencian derby.

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**QA Cargo to launch Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania freight services**

Qatar Airways Cargo announced Pittsburgh as its latest freighter destination in the United States, effective Oct 11, making it the first international airline to commence freighter service to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Our business strategy is based on consultation and building productive relationships with local government and business leaders, to provide global air freight connectivity that benefits the city and region. In doing so, we support the regional economy, create jobs, help grow local businesses and increase export capacity. “Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, Akbar Al Baker said. “We look forward to connecting Pennsylvania to the rest of our global network.”

For its part, Qatar Airways Chief Officer Cargo Urszula Ongzielska said the company’s move in adding another freighter destination to our expanding network in the Americas, is a significant market for Qatar Airways Cargo.

We believe that air freight is a key enabler of international trade. Through the launch of Qatar Airways’ first freighter service to Pittsburgh, we have taken our commitment to the community, freight forwarders and shippers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to a new level,” Ongzielska added.

Pittsburgh will be Qatar Airways Cargo’s fifth freighter destination in the Americas launched this year, strengthening the carrier’s commitment to supporting the American air trade and supply chain industry.

The introduction of twice-weekly Boeing 777 freighter services will complement and enhance Qatar Airways Cargo’s existing service to the United States. The new Doha-Lax-Luxembourg-Doha route will not only connect Pittsburgh with European markets via the cargo carrier’s European hub at Luxembourg, but also link trade businesses in Asia and Middle East through an easy transit at its state-of-the-art home base in Doha.

Pittsburgh, located in Allegheny County in the western part of Pennsylvania, is known as the “Steel City” for its many steel-related businesses. The manufacturing sector in Pittsburgh has diversified over the years, with cutting-edge companies in life sciences, robotics, health care, information technology, nanotechnology and energy, paving leading firms in traditional industries away.

Qatar Airways Cargo currently transports over 150 tons of high-hold cargo each week on the daily wide-body A350 passenger flights to Philadelphia, the largest city in Pennsylvania. The introduction of freighters to Pittsburgh will inject an additional 200 tons of weekly capacity, offering businesses in the city and the wider region with direct air services to Qatar’s global network. Products expected to be shipped into and out of Pittsburgh include heavy electronics, high-value manufactured goods and pharmaceuticals.

The award-winning Qatar Airways Cargo carrier serves seventy high-frequency destinations in the Americas, four of which are served exclusively with Boeing 777 freighters. Mexico City, Mexico, Houston, Canada Quirin, Ecuador, and Pittsburgh, U.S. Qatar Airways Cargo has made substantial investment in its operations at the Doha hub and globally to ensure all cargo directories are processed efficiently and seamlessly. Special facilities and well-trained personnel ensure expert handling over a wide variety of product categories, which includes express products, breakbulk, valuables, perishables, oversized cargo plus general cargo that require air freight baggage. Its portfolio includes export products such as O’R Pharma for pharmaceuticals, QR Fresh for perishables, QR Live for live animals, QR Express for time-sensitive cargo and QR Charter offering cost-effective global charter solutions.

**Duke of Seville visits Katara**

The Duke of Seville, Francisco de Borbón y Escaramy received a memento from Katara General Manager Dr Khalid bin Ibrahim Al Sulaiti.

The Duke of Seville, Francisco de Borbón y Escaramy visited the Cultural Village Foundation - Katara yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Katara General Manager Dr Khalid bin Ibrahim Al Sulaiti said: “The Cultural Village is receiving VIP delegations, amongst which proves its position as a cultural hub that reflects Qatar’s radiance and reflectively transfers its cultural identity message to the world, stemming from its keenness to build communication bridges between people from all walks of life.

After the tour at Katara, the Duke expressed his admiration of Katara for its wide range of services and facilities that acts as an artistic platform that serves innovative artists locally and internationally.

He also praised Katara’s efforts to host various activities and festivals throughout the year, which serves as window to different cultures.

At the end of the visit, Dr Al Sulaiti presented the Duke a memento.

**VAU holds lecture on intellectual property laws**

The lecture is a collaboration between SAP and the University aimed at providing students with a round-up of the legal framework related to copyrights and trademarks in Qatar and the region as well as online intellectual property laws and structures available in Qatar as part of SAP’s corporate social responsibility and community engagement initiatives.

Qatar Airways adds four more weekly flights to Sohar

Due to increased passenger demand, Qatar Airways has announced that it will add four more weekly flights to Sohar, its newest destination in the Sultanate of Oman, from October 1.

The additional flights will take the number of weekly flights between Doha and Oman from 5 to 9.

The award-winning airline launched flights to Sohar, its third and most recent destination in Oman, last month. Sohar, a vibrant coastal city known both for its traditional Omani culture and beautiful beaches, offers a wide range of activities for tourists, including diving, snorkelling and kite boarding, as well as many traditional markets featuring Oman handicrafts.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, Akbar Al Baker said: “We are delighted to see robust demand on our Doha–Sohar route, especially given that we launched the service only last month.

The increased frequency will allow both business and leisure travellers from Sohar even more flexibility to take advantage of smooth connections to India and Southeast Asia via our hub at Hamad International Airport.

The additional flights to Sohar will be serviced by an Airbus A320, featuring 12 First Class and 132 seats in Economy Class, with a spacious environment throughout the entire cabin.

Now flying daily, QR8112 departs Doha at 1:35pm and arrives in Sohar at 4:10pm, while QR8113 departs Sohar at 5:50pm and arrives in Doha at 8:16pm. Qatar Airways first began service to Sohar by launching flights to the capital, Muscat in 2000.

In 2013, Salalah was added to the airline’s growing network as the second destination in Oman. The award-winning airline currently operates five daily flights between Doha and Muscat, and two daily return flights on the Doha-Salalah route.

Passengers travelling through Hamad International Airport can take advantage of the many activities and services available from the four Wi-Fi, airside swimming pool and play areas for children, to the multiple spa areas in which passengers can relax, as well as an amazing array of duty free shopping and dining options.

Qatar Airways has a host of exciting new destinations planned for the remainder of this year and 2018, including Canberra, Australia; Chiang Mai, Thailand and San Francisco, U.S., to name just a few.