Qatar upholds humanitarian law principles

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Qatar will remain a safe haven and supporter of the oppressed as emphasised by HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, said Minister of Justice HH Dr Hassan bin Jassim bin Jabor Al Thani yesterday, noting Qatar’s adherence to this principle since the era of the founder Sheikh Jassim bin Mohammad bin Thani.

Qatar’s national institutions and national committees have always upheld the principle of rule of law and continue their efforts to increase community awareness of this principle, said the Minister of Justice during his speech at the inauguration of the international humanitarian law symposium.

The event was organised by the national committee for international humanitarian law in cooperation with its counterpart in Morocco to draw attention to the great legal risks and serious violations that have become prevalent in some countries, in disregard of the conventions and treaties which fall under the umbrella of international humanitarian law, the Minister stressed.

He added that this symposium comes at the heart of the mission of the national committee for international humanitarian law established in order to embody this approach of Qatar under the leadership of HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

Qatar’s wise leadership believes in the principle of conflict prevention, maintenance of peace, security and peaceful resolution of disputes.

The Minister said participation of the Moroccan delegation in this symposium underlines Morocco’s seriousness in respect of international laws and its firm commitment to the principles of international humanitarian law.

**Move to strengthen cyber security**

Fazeeza Saleem

I n a major move to further strengthen the country’s cybersecurity, a joint initiative between the Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF) and Turkey’s leading research agency was launched yesterday.

The research collaboration aims at developing innovative solutions to Qatar’s cyber security needs. The programme “Academia-Industry Cooperation on Cyber Security” has been developed by QNRF, as part of Qatar Foundation Research and Development (QF RD&I) and the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey.

It also aims to build knowledge, expertise and resources in tackling cyber-safety priorities of Qatar and Turkey.”

Academia-Industry Cooperation on Cyber Security” was launched at the Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC) in the presence of Fikret Ozturk, Ambassador of Turkey to Qatar, representatives from the Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Transport and Communications and several other dignitaries.

The strategic importance of cybersecurity is the need for wider awareness on the subject, the role of research and innovation in safeguarding Qatar’s cybersecurity and critical infrastructures.

The Minister of Justice noted that international humanitarian law today faces serious challenges, especially in situations of armed conflict.

**QTA & Qatar Airways extend ‘free’ stopover offer**

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Qatar Airways announced yesterday that they would continue offering their attractive stopover package until the end of the year, following excellent results from phase one.

The enticing offer — part of Qatar Airways’ target to increase tourist arrivals to the country — will continue offering free stopovers for all passengers up to and including December 31.

During the initial phase, 34 percent more transit passengers compared to the same period in 2016.

**Mobile phone prices go down as new models emerge**

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Prices of existing mobile models have fallen significantly after the launch of new models by phone makers, giving consumers chance to own cell phones at lower rates.

Prices of existing models have fallen up to 20 percent in the last few months.

Tech giants Apple and Samsung had recently announced the launch of their latest models last month. Apple announced it had launched iPhone 8 and iPhone X while Samsung launched its Note 8.

Prices of existing models iPhone 6 and 7 and Samsung Galaxy S7 and S8 declined, after these new models reached the local market.

iPhone 7 plus with 128GB internal memory was being sold at QR3,099 in March this year, but now the same model is available at QR2,899, showing a decline of 10 percent. Some retailer are even offering freebies such as free cover with it. iPhone 6 Plus with internal 64GB internal memory was trading at QR2,500 in September last year, but now the customer can get hold of the same model at QR1,699, a fall of 35 percent.

Samsung M4 with 4GB internal memory was being sold at QR2,599 in June this year but now it is available at QR2,499. Similarly, Samsung M5 with 32GB internal memory was being sold at around QR1,200 but it is now available at QR849, showing a fall of 30 percent. Other models have also witnessed the same trend.
Qatar Airways extends new Pre-Select Dining service

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive Akbar Al Baker said: “Following its highly successful introduction in August, we have decided to extend our popular Pre-Select Dining service for passengers flying long-haul to Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. This bespoke service enables First and Business Class passengers to have even more choice and freedom to create their own personalised dining experience while travelling on select long-haul flights.

The extension of the Pre-Select Dining service follows its highly successful introduction by Qatar Airways in August. Passengers travelling in First and Business Class are able to pre-select one main course from the à la carte on-board menu, as far as 14 days in advance and up to 24 hours before take-off. This is in addition to the existing and field of human rights. He noted Qatar’s commitment to human rights and its important role in terms of providing the potentials and favorable environments for human rights activities to most, consult and work together to promote and protect human rights in the region and the world. He said that the Office of the UNHCHR welcomes, as all these efforts show that Qatar is moving in the right direction in a positive and progressive manner.

Emir greets President of Uganda

EMIRI HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani sent a cable expressing his condolences to the Republic of Uganda, on the death of his brother Mouinddine Rashom. Sheikh Khalifa conveyed the condolences at the Presidential Palace in Dushmabe yesterday.

Hassan Food exports despite siege

Hassan Food, Qatar’s premier investor in food and agri-business sector, announced the company’s steady progress in exporting to India for the first time despite the blockade on the State of Qatar, and noted that the first shipment arrived on Friday.

Mohamed Bayd Al Saadah (Managing Hassan Food CEO) said: “It is our pleasure to open bridges of business cooperation with our friendly country India. This move demonstrates the strength and stability of Qatar’s economy as Hassad was able to begin exporting in the food sector despite the ongoing blockade on Qatar.”

He added: “We plan to increase the number of future shipments to India and other countries around the world.”

Hassan Food supports the local farmers through purchasing their dates produce with the aim of increasing the local production.

Condomences conveyed to Tajikistan President

H E Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani conveyed the condolences of Emir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and Deputy Emir H H Sheikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Thani to President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Emomali Rahmon, on the death of his brother Mouinddine Rashom. Sheikh Khalifa conveyed the condolences at the Presidential Palace in Dushmabe yesterday.

MEC detects 28 violations in commercial stores

The Ministry of Economy and Commerce has decided to adopt a surprise inspection campaign on number of different commercial stores in the country.

The campaign resulted in the seizure of 28 violations, which varied from not advertising in Arabic, not delivering an invoice in Arabic, not adhering to the terms and conditions of the sale license or promotional offer and not specifying the date of issue.

The Ministry said in a statement that this type of practice contravenes the provisions of Law No. 9 of 2006 on consumer protection, and the ministerial decision No. 35 of 1994 on sale through discounts, where the value of the single offense ranges from QR 5000 and 6000.
Congratulations
to the Class of 2017

Today, the Class of 2017 graduates reap the fruits of their hard work. They will start their professional journey and join the labor market. They are equipped with the necessary knowledge and with the academic, practical and personal skills that enable them to become leaders who are capable of being innovators, critical thinkers, problem solvers, and team workers. They are role models with a high standard of excellence.

We extend our sincere congratulations to them on their success and to the State of Qatar which will benefit from their achievements.
Qatar committed to uphold rules of humanitarian laws

Sanaullah Attaullah

Kahramaa Awareness Park (KAP) received more than 11,000 visitors during past five months, said Fatma Al Moheb, Head of Community Awareness and Development Department at Qatar General Electricity and Water Corporation (Kahramaa).

KPA is an ambitious initiative of Kahramaa to promote the culture of conservation of electricity and water among community especially the children.

Al Moheb was speaking on the sidelines of an event organized by Kahramaa’s National Program for Conservation and Energy Efficiency ‘Tarchesh’ in collaboration with Q-Post yesterday at KPA to mark World Post Day which falls on October 9.

This is the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in BTW in the Swiss capital, Berne.

It was declared World Post Day by the CPU Congress held places of conflict and the hotbeds of tension and conflict. He also highlighted that Ministry of Justice presented an initiative to form experts network in the legal and legislative fields to enhance the exchange of experiences in the fields of training and qualification.

The two-day symposium touches on different topics related to international humanitarian law, the categories protected by law, the scope of the law, its principles and the mechanisms of implementing the international humanitarian law on a national and global level.

Sultan bin Abdullatif Al Suwaidi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Justice and President of National Committee for International Humanitarian Law, and Dr Farida El Khamlichi, President of the Moroccan National Committee for International Humanitarian Law addressed the event.

Sultan bin Abdullatif Al Suwaidi said the multiple armed conflicts in Libya, Palestine, Syria, Yemen and Iraq have had a destructive impact on people and belongings.

He added that Qatar establishes the National Committee on International Humanitarian Law due to its eagerness to effectively adhere to its global commitments, where the emirate has been spreading awareness online through symposiums targeting government employees and those working in relevant companies.

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Minister of Justice HE Dr Hassan Lahn Al Mohannadi and other dignitaries at the event.

Over 11,000 visit Kahramaa Awareness Park

Hessa Al Marisi, Head of Leadership Development at Qatar Post at the event.

In Tokyo, Japan in 1969, the event aims at educating school students and employees of Q-Post about reducing wastage of paper to protect the environment and preserve the natural resources and trees.

Hessa Al Marisi, Head of Leadership Development at Qatar Post, expressed the efforts of Q-Post for protecting natural resources and environment in a presentation at the event.

Q-Post has issued various types of postage stamps carrying pictures of wildlife of Qatar.

The KAP that opened by the end of April was visited by a total of 11,390 school students, participants of summer camps and employees from public and private sectors, said Al Marisi. Q-Post invited an institution. Q-Post is adhering to the sustainable development and working on to preserve the resources.

Hessa said that Q-Post has signed a contract with a local company for recycling paper and installed control printer that helped reduce paper consumption about 40 percent. The management of Q-Post also became paperless after switching Human Resources Department to online system and Q-Post is using PDAs in place of paper work required for delivery.

Dr Mohammed Al Muhammadi, Environment Specialist in the Ministry of Health, Safety and Environment Department at Kahramaa delivered a lecture on ‘Paper Use and Environment’.

Al Muhammadi discussed in details about the harms of paper waste on economy and environment and gave many tips to save it. ‘Paper production involves mechanical and chemical pulping to convert raw materials into various paper products,’ said Al Muhammadi. “These processes consume large amounts of energy and are valuable natural resources including trees and water.”

He said that trees are the main resource in the paper production. A tonne of paper consumes approximately 20 full grown trees. To make just one tonne of paper out of the virgin materials, over 90,000 litres of precious water are used.

“When paper goes to landfill it produces dangerous green house gases during decomposition. Production of paper emits 46 tonnes of greenhouse gases per tonne,” said Al Muhammadi.

He said the average office worker bins around 50kg of high grade paper a year, a staggering 10,000 sheets of A4 size.

Each tonne of paper that is recycled saves almost 13 trees, 2.5 barrels of oil, 1400 KW of electricity, 17 cubic metres of landfill and 37,800 litres of water being used.

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Qatar Airways & Vietjet Air in partnership

Qatar Airways yesterday announced its first flights to Vietnam as its own team of dedicated staff will offer a seamless travel experience for its passengers to Vietnam’s largest city.

The new Qatar Airways VJM network will offer a more seamless travel experience from and to Vietnam’s largest city.

Access to nearly 1 million collections at new QNL building

Qatar National Library (QNL) officially opened on November 7, giving residents access to a million books, periodicals, and special collections.

The new QNL building, designed by renowned Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas and located in Education City, is the first national library to open anywhere in the world in this region.

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Al Mirqab Real Estate to launch commercial tower in Lusail City

Real estate company Al Mirqab Real Estate has recently announced its plans to launch three residential towers and one international hotel.

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Qatar Airways first commercial operations to Ho Chi Minh City.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive Akbar Al Baker said: "We are delighted to welcome the award-winning airline recently launched to the Vietnamese market and to have a chance to expand our footprint in this promising market, which has huge growth potential."
Sanadlah Ataullah
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To protect the species of endangered animals, birds and plants, the Ministry of Municipality and Environment has asked the nation’s people to consult with the department concerned before bringing any gift made of wildlife to Qatar.

If you are not sure whether you need to obtain a permit to bring a tourist souvenir from abroad, you must consult CITES office at the Ministry before you purchase such items, said a post shared on the Ministry’s social media platform.

CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) is a multilateral treaty to protect endangered plants and animals. The convention was opened for signatures in 1973 and CITES entered into force on 1 July 1975.

The Ministry of Municipality and Environment is waging a massive campaign to protect the endangered species of animals, birds and plants and has taken several measures to increase their population.

In a major move, the Ministry is also breeding an endangered bird, the Hulafa Bustard (Black-headed Bustard), at various farms and bird sanctuaries across the country, said a report published on the website of the Ministry.

To increase the population of Hulafa, the Ministry also opened multiple farms in Qatar and abroad. "The farms of the Ministry in Qatar, Iran, Morocco and China produce between 1,300 to 1,600 Hulafa Bustard every year," a report quoted Mohammad Al Mansouri, in charge of the Hulafa Breeding Farm run by the Ministry in Qatar, as saying.

Al Mansouri said that once the birds grow up, the farms release them to grassland for environment purposes.

Al Mansouri said that two types of Hulafa - Asian and African - are being bred at the farms of the ministry separately without being hybridised. Certain inland and coastal birds living mainly in dry grassland areas. They range in length from 40 to 150 cm. Bustards eat leaves, buds, seeds, fruit, small vertebrates, and invertebrates.

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The State of Qatar continues its efforts to address challenges and promote sustainable development, occupying a priority in the State of Qatar, which sees the development process as a shared approach that respects all human rights and is based on joint efforts among all components of society. "In the framework of our constant endeavor to work globally in a spirit of cooperation to meet challenges and promote sustainable development efforts, the State of Qatar hosted the 13th session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in 2012," said the State of Qatar will also host a high-level meeting to prepare for ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow up in 2018 on November 18 and 19. She noted that hosting the meeting reflects Qatar's continued efforts as an active member of the international community in order to achieve prosperity for peoples. "In this direction, we remain committed to working with the international community to address challenges in all areas of common concern," Al Shammari concluded.

The inspectors from Health Monitoring Unit at Al Shuhaimiyah Municipality in Doha have caught several vendors for violating the provisions of the law regulating business at the farms in Al Shuhaimiyah. The inspection drive was launched in collaboration with authorities from the Ministry of Economy and Commerce and police personnel from the Ministry of Interior in a bid to monitor the markets to ensure the public interests, according to a statement provided.

Amma Pervez Rao
The Peninsula

Despite the blockade, the entity within the country's growing stronger as recently local and expatriate readers came together to celebrate the release of 'Pearls of the Past'.

The fiction series features a diverse cast of characters including young locals as well as other residents of Qatar. In the second novel, a university student, Luisana, tries to ensure harmony among the various branches of her family.

The story is a novel in a series about modern life in Qatar at the turn of the Pearl. Talking to The Peninsula, Dr. Mohannad Alrabban, author of Pearls of the Past, said: "I started writing fiction set here because I want people to know what it is like to really live in the Middle East - not the reports they see on television. There is a third title planned in the series, due out in 2020."

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**Qatar National Vision 2030**

"Qatar National Vision 2030 is an important element in Qatar's continuous progress, and it is designed to create a positive impact on the lives of residents and visitors alike. The vision aims to ensure a sustainable future, focusing on development and growth. Qatar is committed to achieving its goals through a series of strategic initiatives and partnerships."

**A winner of the 'SeeMyDoha' photography competition, receives prize at an award ceremony at Art 29 in W Doha on Sunday.**

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"There are two set of customers: the first one, which has high disposable income, is always eager to buy the latest models. They are mostly men in their 20s and 30s. The second group is another category of customers who buy new models. They focus more on savings and less on features."

**Free stopover offer extended**

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**Awareness initiative launched to bring youth and girls up**

**Telephone**

"Qatar Airways is offering a free stopover city tour, which can be booked on arrival at Hamad International Airport. According to Qatar Airways, Chief Marketing and Promotion Officer at Qatar Airways, the country's leadership's commitment to creating a stopover city tour is also a demonstration of the platform's strength and importance of respecting these initiatives."

**Jaidah Automotive, Cheverolet’s exclusive dealer in Qatar, and the official distributor of the 'SeeMyDoha' photography competition announced the winners of the third and final edition of the competition at an award ceremony at Art 29 in W Doha on Sunday. The event also saw the opening of an exhibition showcasing all nominated pictures and will run until October 18. Qatar Scouts & Guides Chief of Staff, H.E. Sheikh Hamed bin Khalifa Al Thani, and the second runner up, Imran Haquey were each awarded a cash voucher of QR5,000 at the ceremony. We are very pleased with the amount of entries we received in this year’s competition from Qatar nationals and expats alike, and delighted to see a record number of remarkable images portraying Doha in an outstanding light for the world to see."

This year marks our final competition! I would like to thank Marianne Hope and SeeMyCity for helping in making this competition a success since its inception in 2013. We hope to continue organizing events that reflect our continuous commitment to providing meaningful social contributions to this wonderful city," he added.
President of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdogan (right), receives Crisman Tatar leader Mustafa Abdulkadir Dzhemilev at Government Guest House in Kiev, Ukraine, yesterday.

The Heyriyet daily reported that the individual wanted by prosecutors has taken sanctuary at the US consulate in Istanbul. “It definitely wasn’t a good idea,” said Cemal Guney, Director of the Turkish Research Project at the London University, adding that the US move to suspend all visa applications is “wholly without merit.”

Last week an Istanbul court confirmed in the Anadolu report a warrant had been issued for the Turkish employee, though this was not described as the worst escalation.

Ankara hit back at the US decision over the issuing of non-immigrant visas – a move described by President Tayyip Erdogan as “very, very saddening” – with a tit-for-tat response by summoning the US embassy’s deputy chief of mission yesterday, urging Washington to reverse its visa decision.

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Turkish officials had expressed hope of a new page in Turkey-US Washington relations after President Donald Trump, and had pressed Washington for the extradition of the Pennsylvania-based Gulen, who denies any link to the coup bid.

The lack of movement on the issue has further strained ties already fraying over Washington’s support for a Syrian Kurdish militia Ankara deems a terror group.

Meanwhile, members of Erdogan’s security detail were indicted by US authorities after clashes with protesters during an official visit to the US last October in support of the Turkish president.

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Erdogan said last month that Turkey would retaliate in exchange for Gulen but there was no official promise.

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Nudging the market

The Nobel Prize in Economics this year has gone to US economist Richard Thaler for what the Nobel jury said was "making economics more human." It called Thaler a pioneer in integrating economics and psychology. The Chicago University professor has made major inroads into behavioural economics. The definition of economics as propounded by Lionel Robbins as the "science that studies human behaviour as a relationship between ends and scarce means" comes closer to the aspect of the subject the Thaler has been awarded for.

Not since Indian Economist Amartya Sen won the Economics Nobel in the last century that the Prize has been awarded for something that sounds less esoteric and which comes closer to understanding the economic and financial vagaries of daily life. The award to Thaler would go a long way in understanding how people make purchase decisions that involve the apportioning of one's income between sustenance and luxuries, to put it simply.

A founder of nudge theory in economics, Thaler argues that economic decision making is led by behaviour or emotion rather than reasoned choices. Man may be a rational animal, but according to the American economist who has acted in a movie about the 2008 financial crisis, human decisions are not necessarily based on rational choices.

The fields of marketing and consumer behaviour deal majorly with choices consumers make. The Nobel jury's choice this year has projected the decision into another dimension. Consumer Behaviour has been defined as the study of decision making units and the processes they use to select, secure, use, dispose of products, services, experiences, or ideas to satisfy needs and the impacts that these processes have on the consumer and society. The behaviour of consumer and consumer psychology on the premise that irrationality is an acceptable choice, it is what once made youth in the US city of Boston throw a shoe at a plane that was meant to be launched as a tree that was 'christened' for the purpose.

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Qatar University... 40 years of creativity

Qatar University (QU) will celebrate today and tomorrow the graduation of its 4th batch of male and female students at Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC).The batch comprises 4000 students. Of the total number of graduating students, 1,000 are males and 3,000 are females.

The QU has opened up a wide range of sciences and knowledge for graduating students and provided the country with the competencies that occupy prestigious positions in all workplaces in the country in line with the comprehensive renaissance of the Qatar society and to achieve Qatar National Vision 2030 which was adopted by the Emir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani since its inception in 1973. QU has succeeded in graduating students and qualified leaders capable of making the future of their homeland and nation. The number of graduating male and female has so far reached more than 41,000 students. The QU has become the country’s national and major determinant for higher education. It provides quality education with global standards and it is the fastest growing university in the region.

Today, Qatar University offers about 79 undergraduate and postgraduate programs and comprises nine colleges namely Arts and Sciences; Business and Economics; Education; Engineering; Law; Pharmacy; Sharjah and Islamic Studies. Medicine and Health Sciences.

The College of Arts and Sciences is one of the largest faculties of the university and offered Bachelor of Science (BSc) programs and six graduate programs. The College has seven programs that have international academic recognition from international bodies.

Business and Economics is a leading academic college with four academic departments, two bachelor’s programs and two graduate programs in addition to an executive program. It has partnerships with major business organizations in the State of Qatar. The Center for Entrepreneurship at the College offers a variety of entrepreneurial research where the Center focuses largely on involving the university in studying various aspects of commercial and economic activities.

QU’s College of Education is the first institution of higher education in Qatar and the only institution for teacher preparation. It has two academic departments, two bachelor’s programs, each with its own specializations, and two graduate programs in addition to four Post Bachelor Diploma programs.

The college has received academic accreditation from the International Agency for Teacher Education (IAITE) a year ago. The College works to address important educational issues and contributes to the achievement of Qatar National Vision 2030 goals and principles, and to establish a knowledge-based economy of the highest international quality standards.

One of Qatar University’s colleges is the College of Engineering, which is one of the leading colleges offering excellent opportunities for innovative learning and research. It seeks to educate its students and develop their abilities to succeed as engineers in the engineering world and in postgraduate colleges. The College includes seven academic departments, nine bachelors’ programs and eight graduate programs. It has received academic accreditation for seven of its programs by the US Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). Its faculty members, students and research conduct a wide range of researches in many areas.

The QU includes the College of Health Sciences (CHS), which was founded in 2005. It is the national provider of quality health education and research in Qatar. It also offers undergraduate programs in Biomedical Sciences; Public Health, as well as postgraduate programs in Biomedical Sciences and Master in Public Health.

Qatar University College of Law is committed to providing students with a distinctive legal education that helps them to achieve unparalleled professional success. The College offers a Bachelor degree in law (LLB) as well as a Master degree in Public and Private Law.

Among the faculties of the university is the College of Medicine, which is QU’s eighth college and was founded in October 2014. It admitted its first cohort of students in Fall 2015. The College was established to meet the basic needs of Qatar society. It is also fully aligned with Qatar’s national strategic goals in Education and Health.

The College of Pharmacy is the first and only pharmacy degree program in the State of Qatar. The College currently has three accredited academic programs in pharmacy with the degree that provide the necessary knowledge and skills to pursue a successful career in pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences. It has been awarded the status of Full Accreditation for its Bachelor of Science program in Pharmacy for the six year term 2012 – 2018 and the status of Full Accreditation for its Doctor of Pharmacy program in Pharmacy for the four year term January 2014 - December 2018. The mission of the College is to create and disseminate a knowledge that is related to pharmaceutical institutions and products in order to improve health outcomes and quality of life.

The College of Sharia and Islamic Studies aims at achieving a distinctive model in Islamic studies that are still related to modern curricula through the development of emerging disciplines. The college consists of two academic departments, two bachelor’s programs and two postgraduate programs.

Qatar University has a number of research centers including the Center for Advanced Materials (CAM), Environmental and Science Center (ESO) and Gas Processing and Safety Studies Center (QGSSC). Social and Political Sciences Center (SPSC), Laboratory Animal Research Center (LARC), KINCE Research Center, National Center for Education and Practice (NCED), Early Childhood Center, Center for Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS), Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE), the Gulf Studies Center and the Center for Energy and Sustainability.

QU has changed the landscape of higher education in the State in recent years, as competition among outstanding students and their requirements have been increased. Accordingly, it is imperative for QU University to keep pace with this development, not only in response to these demands, but also in order to achieve excellence in various fields.

As Qatar University celebrates the graduation of the 4th batch of students, the University continues to enhance its national and regional capacity, setting the general orientation of the country, which is represented towards a knowledge-based economy in accordance with the Qatar National Vision 2030. In line with the overall scientific research and providing all the disciplines and programs needed by the growing labor market.

The graduation of the 4th batch is an evidence of a long record of achievements and years of hard work done by the university which achieved distinguished positions among universities internationally and regionally and many of its colleges and programs obtained academic accreditation.

Qatar University’s laboratories and departments also obtained the certificate of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) which was reflected positively on the level and efficiency of the university’s graduates.

QU has also ranked 349 in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2018 improving on its 2017 performance by 44 places. The QU ranks 4th in the GCC and 5th in the Arab region. It is also ranked 27 in the ‘QS Top 50 Under 50 2018’ ranking among the world’s leading young universities founded less than 50 years ago.

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Spain’s effective but expensive antidote to secession

Beatrice Debut

Spain is no longer the flashpoint of secession it once was. In Catalonia and in the Basque Country, the region where secessionism was once rife, the majority of the electorate has voted against independence. Spain should be able to breathe a sigh of relief. Yet the Spanish government has been under pressure from its European neighbors to press ahead with the plan for a referendum on the issue. The Spanish government has announced that it will hold a referendum on the issue, but the terms of the referendum are still being debated. The referendum is expected to be held in 2018.

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The Catalan referendum on November 9th is expected to be the first step in a process of self-determination for Catalonia. The referendum is being seen as a test case for other regions in Spain, such as the Basque Country and Galicia, which have also expressed interest in holding similar referendums. The Catalan referendum is expected to be held in 2017. The Spanish government has announced that it will hold a referendum on the issue, but the terms of the referendum are still being debated. The referendum is expected to be held in 2018.

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Iran bristles at US threat to label Guards as terrorist

Iran promised yesterday to give a “crushing” response to the United States’ designation of its Revolutionary Guards as a terrorist group. The US move came a week before President Donald Trump announced that he was pulling out of the nuclear deal with Iran. He expects to roll out a broader US strategy on Iran “as soon as possible”.

The US move is also expected to designate Iran’s most powerful security force, the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist organisation, as he rolls out a broader US strategy on Iran.

The White House said last week that the US government would end the sanctions that had been imposed on the Guards if it is pulled from the list. The announcement came as the US accused Iran of funding terrorist organisations, but the rest of the world, including the European Union, maintains that the Guards are not a terrorist organisation.

The US move is likely to trigger a series of retaliatory actions, including economic sanctions and military action, against Iran. The US has already blacklisted several Iranian officials and firms, including the IRGC’s missile program, and has also imposed travel sanctions on senior Iranian officials.

The US move is likely to be seen as a sign of growing US-Iran tensions, which have escalated in recent months. The US has accused Iran of violating the terms of the 2015 nuclear deal, which the US left in 2018. Iran has rejected the US claims, saying that it is complying with the terms of the deal.

Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri gestures as he talks to former prime minister Fouad Siniora during a parliament session in Beirut, yesterday.

Syria fighters preparing for final push in Raqqa

US-backed fighters in northern Syria are preparing for a final offensive on IS-held territory. The Kurdish-led group in the city of Raqqa, a battle for Raqqa is now approaching its last phase. The Kurdish-led group has captured 80 percent of the city, leaving IS in control of parts of the Raqqa city centre and north. The Syrian Democratic Forces are reinforcing positions ahead of the final attack on the city of Raqqa. Ball said by telephone yesterday, speaking from northern Syria.

He added that no time has yet been set for the attack, dismissing reports in some media that the “final offensive” had started.

Ball said the main battles are expected to take place around the Al-Azima football stadium, where IS fighters used to hold positions.

Bratt McGarry, the top US envoy for the anti-Islamic State coalition, said the Raqqa battle was approaching its last phase, with IS fighters advancing “room by room through the city centre.” He added in a tweet that 75 coalition airstrikes in the last 48 hours prepared the ground for the SDF assault on remaining IS-held territory.

Fights of Syrian Democratic Forces in Raqqa

The loss of Raqqa would be yet another major defeat for IS, which has suffered significant setbacks over the past year, including the loss in July of Mosul, Iraq’s second largest city and the biggest that the extremis ever held.

The battles have been ongoing for weeks in Raqqa, which IS took over in 2014.

Ethnic land dispute forces farmers to flee in Ivory Coast

An ethnic-fueded land war has driven thousands of farmers from their plantations in Ivory Coast’s main cocoa belt, threatening the start of the harvest in the world’s top producer.

Humanitarian workers and local government officials said at least 3,000 people had already been displaced by the violence, after the government said last week that it had come to an end. The two people had been killed in clashes and soldiers had been sent to the area.

Ivory Coast’s main production area has for decades been subject to ethnic disputes over land ownership between native groups in the area and migrants from neighboring countries and other parts of Ivory Coast.

The latest dispute broke out last week between members of the We alliance from the Nanay and Wobe ethnic groups, who control the Goro and Gouti-De forest reserves in western Ivory Coast and threatened ethnic Basois and migrants from Bonon Borkina Faso farming them.
India's top court ordered a temporary ban on the sale of firecrackers in New Delhi yesterday, ahead of Diwali festivities, as doctors reported a wave of accidents linked to the festival.

The court was responding to a petition filed by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee, which cited medical reports showing an increase in the number of accidents and injuries linked to the use of firecrackers.

The court also took note of a recent study by the Indian Council of Medical Research which found that the use of firecrackers was linked to an increase in respiratory and cardiac diseases.

The court ordered the Delhi government to come up with a detailed plan for the sale and distribution of firecrackers in the city, and to ensure that the sale of firecrackers was regulated.

Police said they were prepared to enforce the ban, but added that they would also ensure that other festive activities, such as fireworks displays, were not affected.

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Philippines apologises to China over Taiwan logo

Manila Asia

The Philippines apologised to China yesterday, days after it embarrassingly used the logo of rival Taiwan in a defence deal with Canberra, to accept a Chinese donation of rifles and ammunition that coincided with the logos of the Philippines and Taiwan’s defence ministries hanging above the heads of Philippine Defence Secretary Delfin Lorenzana and Chinese ambassador Zhao Jianhua as they sat together to inspect the weapons turnover.

"Military assistance grants from the Ministry of National Defence of the People’s Republic of China," said the Philippines Defence Secretary in a joint statement with the Chinese ambassador.

"We have issued an official apology to the government and the people of the People’s Republic of China," it said, adding that Chinese Defence authorities and the military “strictly adhere” to Manila’s “One China Policy.”

The Philippines has no diplomatic ties with Taiwan.

"The Philippines has no diplomatic ties with the Republic of China," a Chinese military official confirmed.

Chinese embassy’s military attaches of the People’s Liberation Army inspect rifles donated by China during the Philippines-China defence equipment turnover ceremony.

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Kherson court hears case of ex-President Yanukovych

Kherson, Ukraine — A Kherson court has heard the case of ex-President Viktor Yanukovych, who is accused of corruption in connection with the construction of a sports arena in Kherson.

Yanukovych, who was in power from 2010 to 2014, is facing charges of fraud and breach of trust in relation to the construction of the arena. The case was postponed due to a shortage of evidence.

The court also heard from the Ukrainian prosecutor, who presented evidence linking Yanukovych to the construction of the arena. The prosecutor said that the ex-President had received a bribe in connection with the project.

Yanukovych’s lawyer, who was present at the court, said that his client had not committed any crimes and had acted in the best interests of the country.

The case will be heard again in the coming weeks, with the court expected to make a decision on whether to proceed with the prosecution.

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Punjab Anti-corruption body arrests Sharif’s son-in-law

Islamabad — The anti-corruption body has arrested Sharif’s son-in-law, Muhammad Safdar, on charges of corruption.

Safdar, the son-in-law of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, has been accused of corruption and money laundering. He was arrested by the anti-corruption body in connection with a case filed against him.

The body has also filed a lawsuit against Sharif for corruption, and he has been asked to appear before the court.

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Pakistan tribune denies involvement in anti-police protests

Islamabad — The Pakistan Tribune has denied involvement in anti-police protests that took place in the country.

The newspaper has denied reports that it was involved in protests against the police and the government. It has said that it was not involved in any protests and had not called for any.

The newspaper has also said that it had not published any articles critical of the government or the police.

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Gunmen shoot dead five ethnic Hazaras in Pakistan

Quetta — Gunmen have shot dead five ethnic Hazaras near the border with Afghanistan, according to local officials.

The officials said that the victims were ethnic Hazaras, a minority group in Pakistan and Afghanistan, who were shot dead by unidentified gunmen near the border area.

The officials said that the victims had been shot dead by unidentified gunmen near the border area and that they were members of the Hazara community.

The police have launched an investigation into the incident and have appealed for information from the public.

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Iranian regime to execute another prisoner

Tehran — The Iranian regime has sentenced another prisoner to death by hanging.

The regime has sentenced a prisoner to death for allegedly committing a crime.

The prisoner, who was convicted of murder, has been sentenced to death by hanging.

The regime has also said that it will continue to execute prisoners who are convicted of crimes.

The prisoner has denied the charges and has said that he was innocent.

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US blacklisted Pyongyang’s aviation

Washington — The US has blacklisted Pyongyang’s aviation sector, the North Korean regime’s air carrier, in order to prevent it from conducting any illegal activities.

The US has added the North Korean regime’s air carrier to its list of sanctioned entities, which means that it cannot conduct any transactions with the US or its citizens.

The US has accused the North Korean regime’s air carrier of conducting illegal activities, including smuggling and drug trafficking.

The US has said that it will continue to monitor the North Korean regime’s air carrier and will take action if it is found to be violating any sanctions.

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North Korea’s missile launch: Did you know?

A North Korean missile launch was recently reported to have failed.

The launch was reported to have been conducted from a site near the border with China.

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Theorist wins economics Nobel

Thaler’s research focuses on behavioural economics which explores the impact of psychological and social factors on decisions by individuals or groups in the economy and financial markets. He is known for co-founding the ‘nudge’ theory, which demonstrates how people can be persuaded to make decisions that leave them healthier and happier.

"By exploring the consequences of limited rationality, social preferences, and lack of self-control, he has shown how these human traits systematically affect individual decisions as well as market outcomes," the jury’s statement said. "His empirical findings and theoretical insights have been instrumental in creating the new and rapidly expanding field of behavioural economics, which has had a profound impact on many areas of economic research and policy.”

He has advocated for “sufficient progress” to allow the bloc’s executive arm to meet at a summit on 10 October, the day after Britain leaves the EU.

"I am optimistic we will warn that “miracles” would be needed to move the talks to the next stage, the ball is in their court. But I am optimistic we will see a positive response," May said. "I believe we can prove the doomsayers wrong.”

The 72-year-old takes home the prize after being named the “nudge unit” to reshape a government of limited rationality, social psychology and economics. Thaler’s research focuses on behavioural economics and psychology, which is leading the talks for the bloc's executive arm.

"This is not exactly a ball game... but I can remind you of it there is a clear sequence to these tallies and there has been no far solution found on step one which is the divorce proceedings," the commissioner's chief spokesman Martin Schulz told a press conference. "The tallies are in the UK court for the rest to happen," he said.

Thaler and his US counterpart Cass Sunstein turned “nudge” into a political buzzword with their 2008 book of the same name. In a 2008 column, the duo wrote that an economic revolution could be kept as short-term measures to stop people using their car to save for their old age or rainy days.

"We have applied our work, Thaler demonstrated how nudging – a term he coined – may help people exercise better self-control when saving for a pension as well in other contexts," the Nobel jury said.

"You cross the line when large groups of people are involved, and if the law should be upheld, the government is obliged to hold a non-binding referendum on whether the law should be likely together with municipal elections," he added.

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"The coalition of secret services and other spy agencies must not try to shut down the debate about surveillance law likely on new powers said yesterday they have met the 300,000 signature threshold. If it has, the government is obliged to hold a non-binding referendum on whether the law should be likely together with municipal elections," he added.

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Catalan leader under pressure to drop declaration

Barcelona/Madrid Reuters

The Madrid government, grappling with an armed separatist crisis since an attempted military coup in 2001, made clear yesterday it would respond immediately to any such unilateral declaration. A week on from a referendum on independence which the government did its utmost to thwart, more signs were emerging that the fraught situation was also taking its toll on the business climate of Spain's eastern region.

Catalan leader Carles Puigdemont is due to address the regional parliament today afternoon and the Madrid government is worried it will vote for a unilateral declaration of independence.

On Tuesday, Madrid repeatedly voiced its displeasure at the prospect of a unilateral declaration and Puigdemont has made clear he will keep the option open if the referendum — which was ruled illegal by the Spanish Constitutional Court — is held.

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Trump's proposals threaten ‘Dreamers’ deal

Washington

President Donald Trump has by his own admission ruled out any role for the future of 600,000 US residents brought illegally to the country as children by their parents, a bulk of hardline immigration demands as a quid-pro-quo for protecting the so-called ‘Dreamers’. A month after appearing to reach an agreement with Congressional opponents, White House aides now say Trump has alienated an ultimate if they want to shield the youngsters from deportation.

The White House said Congress it must fund a controversial border wall, as well as other immigration demands as a quid-pro-quo for protecting the so-called ‘Dreamers’ — many whom no other country but the United States has been saved from deportation under the official name for the Obama-era programme protecting the Dreamers.

Trump has made toughening immigration regulations a central part of his first year in office, also issuing several versions of a controversial border wall that has been criticized for targeting Muslim-majority countries and was up in arms wholeheartedly embraced his anti-migrant views and were up in arms about the prospect of a lasting amnesty for the Dreamers, who had been shielded from deportation under Trump’s predecessor Barack Obama.

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Donald Trump has the charm to persuade those with no interest in his campaign.

The president has been accused of sexual harassment by several women, including models and actresses. The allegations have led to calls for his resignation.

Trump's response has been to deny the accusations and to claim that they are part of a politically motivated smear campaign.

On October 10, 2017, the New York Times published an article titled "Trump is on the defensive as accusations pile up," which detailed the president's response to the sexual harassment allegations.

The article quoted a source close to Trump as saying that the president was "pleased" with his performance and that he was "not worried" about the allegations.

However, the source also noted that Trump's legal team was "very concerned" about the allegations and was "preparing to fight back."
Mohamed Bwary: The Peninsula Online

Two Qatari nationals in Variety 500

Events lined up to mark World Mental Health Day

The Peninsula

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), along with other government healthcare providers are marking today the World Mental Health Day with a series of events.

In aid of this year’s World Mental Health Day theme, which is Mental Health in the Workplace, MoPH, Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC), Primary Health Care Corporation (PHCC) and Sidra Medical and Research Center (Sidra) conducted in-house activities with staff designed to raise awareness about the value of promoting good mental health in the workplace.

The Qatar National Mental Health Strategy, launched in December 2011, identifies workplaces as one of the priority settings for effective mental health programs and raising awareness about mental health and wellbeing and reducing the likelihood of mental illness developing at work.

Dr. Saleh Al-Mari at the Ministry of Public Health explained the importance of employers engaging in constructive dialogue with employees: “Increasingly there is the realization that any well-functioning society depends on a healthy workforce, and therefore protecting our employees’ mental health is fundamental to establishing a cohesive and productive society. We have therefore collaborated with Qatar’s public sector healthcare providers to help spread this message and encourage helpful communication between managers and staff.”

Fatima Harder, Chief Human Resources Officer at HMC, outlined the importance of the need to consider well-being in holistic terms: “As an employer, Hamad Medical Corporation takes an integrated approach to workforce health, safety and well-being. Balancing physical, mental, spiritual and environmental health helps prevent work-related injuries and illness and is essential in ensuring a happy and effective workforce.”

Dr. Fatima Mohammed Mousa, Head of Service Development - Service Development - Adult Health PHCC, is committed to fostering an environment where employees feel valued, respected and supported. We recognize that addressing these topics is vital for both our employees and the patients that they work with. PHCC has ensured that mental health is integrated into the family physician's role.”

Paul Jones, Chief Human Resources Officer, Sidra Medical and Research Center: “Investing in our employees primarily through advancing their knowledge, skills and abilities, but also by improving and maintaining their health and wellbeing ensures effective patient care and safety. Care is one of our main areas at Sidra and as an employer of a diverse group of employees from 80 different nationalities, we understand the need to customize our approach to care.”

“Our goal is to ensure that we have an engaged workforce who are happy and healthy. To that end, we have implemented a range of programs including online video counseling, monthly wellbeing sessions and will be launching our occupational health strategy soon.”

Depression affects 250 million people globally and is a significant burden not only for the individual but also for their family and friends as well as employers and the healthcare sector. According to the Mental Health Foundation (British charity), mental health problems are all too common in the workplace and they are the leading cause of sickness absence. World Mental Health Day, initiated by the World Federation for Mental Health in 1992, is now observed on 10 October every year, with the overall objective of international cooperation to improve mental health issues.