Trump unsatisfied with Saudi explanations over Khashoggi

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump said yesterday that he is unsatisfied with Saudi Arabia’s explanations of what happened to missing journalist Jamal Khashoggi, but he does not want to lose investment from Riyadh.

Saudi Arabia on Saturday confirmed the death of Khashoggi, who has not been seen since he was last seen consorting in Istanbul on October 2. US lawmakers have been skeptical about Riyadh’s shifting explanations, and comments from Trump and the White House have varied.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has vowed to reveal what happened to Khashoggi “in all its sadness” today, just as the Saudis kick off a major investment forum in Riyadh. Directly rebuffing the Saudi account of the killing, Turkey Prime Minister Mohammad Bin Salman, suggested yesterday that the murder of Khashoggi was “carefully planned”, visiting nothing would remain secret in a case that has severely tarnished the image of powerful Saudi Crown Prince.

<QP announces Qamco IPO from October 30>

DOHA: Qatari Petroleum (QPI) yesterday announced that Qatar Aluminium (Qamco), a public joint stock company under the supervision of Qatar Petroleum Company (QP), will be IPO of its shares by the end of this month

QPI has planned its entire 50 percent stake in Qatari Aluminium (Qamco), a joint venture founded between QP and the Norwegian company Hydro, to the new company Qamco. The IPO will represent 49 percent or 273,425,880 shares of Qamco and QP will retain 51 percent stake in it.

The subscription period will be open from October 30 until November 12. The minimum application by individual investor is set at 50 shares.

Another unique aspect of the project is that its irrigation system uses recycled water fed by the nearby Doha North Sewage Treatment Works Plant, helping ensure that this is a sustainable project in every aspect.

After the tournament, the facility will continue to benefit the community by transforming into a public park. Further contributing to the SC’s efforts to ensure the 2022 FIFA World Cup leaves a lasting environmental and social legacy to benefit generations to come.

<Qatar 2022: First home-grown turf planted around Al Bayt Stadium>

Home-grown grass being transplanted around Al Bayt Stadium in Al Khor.

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Doha: The Rainfall Emergency Committee at the Ministry of Municipality and Environment has removed more than 131 million gallons of rainwater from low-lying areas.

Meanwhile, according to Qatar Meteorology Department, chance of light rain to continue today and during the coming days until the weather improves and dust are removed from the roads.

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Mr. Al Kubaisi said: ‘Qatar Airways is responsible for ensuring the security of its passengers and the safety of its flights. We rely on Mol to help us in this area and we are grateful for its support. The event has also proved to us that we are on the right track in our fight against cyber crime.’

Oman’s Minister praises Qatar’s educational standards

DOHA: Minister of Education of Oman, Dr. Matluba Senti Ahmed Al Shuhaimiyah, visited the Doha Exhibition Centre on Thursday to launch the first local dates exhibition. 

Dr. Al Shuhaimiyah expressed his happiness at the event and said: ‘We aim to support and encourage local businesses and farmers in the country. We also want to create a market for local products and contribute to the economic development of our country.’

The exhibition featured 40 local farms and six companies. These dates were selected by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in Qatar. The exhibition was open for two days and received a great response from customers. 

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Doha Metro will have 4 lanes. Approximate overall length of first phase 76 KM.

The Doha Metro project completed 90% work as of September 2018. Metro project recorded world’s lowest accident frequency rate.

**First phase of Doha Metro**

- **RED LINE**
  - AL WAKRA TO LUSAIL
  - 40 KM

- **GOLD LINE**
  - RAS BU ABBoud TO AL AZIZIYA
  - 14 KM

- **GREEN LINE**
  - AL RIFFA TO AL MANSOURA
  - 22 KM

**18 STATIONS**

- Legtaifiya Station (Interchange station)
- Al Bidda (Interchange station)
- Corniche
- West Bay
- DECC
- Al Qassar
- Katara
- Lusail
- Hamad Int'l Airport T1
- Qatar University
- Al Wakra
- Ras Bu Fontas
- Economic Zone
- Quba Ibn Nafie
- Al Matar Al Qadeem
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- Al Doha Al Jadded
- Mshereb (Interchange station)
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- National Museum
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- Bin Mahmoud
- Al Sadd
- Joan
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- Al Waab
- Sport City
- Al Aziziyah

**280,000 PASSENGER TRIPS PER DAY BY 2021**

**2020 OPENING**

**37 STATIONS**

**2020 OPENING**

**11 STATIONS**

- Al Mansoura
- Mshereb (Interchange station)
- Al Bidda (Interchange station)
- The White Palace
- Hamad Hospital
- Al Messila
- Al Rayyan Al Qadeem
- Al Shaqub
- Qatar National Library
- Education City
- Al Riffa

**180,000 PASSENGER TRIPS PER DAY BY 2021**

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**Train Consisting of**

- **ONE CAR**
  - GOLD CLASS 16 seats
  - FAMILY CLASS 26 seats

- **TWO STANDARD CLASS CARS: 88 seats each**

**50%**

Doha Metro and other road and transport projects were expected to solve at least 50% of traffic congestion in the city.

**190,000 Cars per day reduced during peak hours**

**QR3.3bn. Annual savings**

Reduced carbon emissions and traffic congestion on roads.

Source: Qatar Rail

**GOLD CLASS 16 seats**

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**The German Design Award**

Qatar Rail Metro trains’ fusion of elegant, modern and futuristic design have proven to be an award winning concept on a global platform when the design was awarded the Excellent Product Design under the Transportation category by the German Design Award.
**DI FI highlights role of parenting in civil society**

The meeting highlighted the role of parenting in contributing to sustainable development, while improving quality education and health outcomes.

The meeting was held ahead of DIFI’s two-day International Conference on Parenting, Child Wellbeing and Development which begins on October 11, and will take place at the Sheraton Doha. Discussants focused on programs that enhance parents’ skills and involvement in early childhood.

In opening remarks, Nour Al Maliki Al Lahm, Executive Director, DIFI said: “From the past few months DIFI and IFFD have been working for civil society statement on parenting, with a number of other organisations which we call the core group. The statement will be presented at the closing ceremony of the conference.”

“We are delighted to see all these countries coming together for the conference. This core group includes DIFI, IFFD World Family Organization, International Federation for Home Economics, Focus on the Family Malaysia, Investing in Children, and their Societies. Africa Fathershood Initiative, Ngaka Parenting with confidence, European Large Families Confederation and Parents Forum.”

It featured two sessions including: Sharing of Experiences and Exchange on Promoting Parenting Support at National and Regional Levels: moderated by Nour Al Maliki. The second session, titled: Introducing Civil Society Statement on Parenting, was moderated by Ignacy Social Director, Conference on Education, CRF.

The meeting also highlighted the importance of supporting parents by both government agencies and civil society organisations, whose efforts were praised by participants. The gathering concluded with the launch of the ‘Civil Society Statement on Parenting’.

**CrA publishes findings of postal services survey**

The Peninsula

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As part of the Communication Regulatory Authority’s (CRA) ongoing efforts to ensure the provision of smart innovative and high-quality services in the sectors that it regulates, CRA recently conducted a short bilingual survey (Arabic & English) via social media platforms, to get consumers’ feedback on their experience of the postal services in Qatar provided by Q-Post and private couriers.

The mini-question survey ran for two weeks in September and saw responses from around 300 consumers. The responses showed that 58 percent of consumers are unaware that CRA regulates the postal sector. Despite that around 84 percent of consumers are using regular postal services through Q-Post to send or receive letters and parcels and nearly 68 percent of consumers are using Express services through Q-Post and private courier services such as FedEx, Aramex, DHL, UPS, etc.

CRA is in the process of finalising the regulation for the postal sector in Qatar. The survey is one of the main tools adopted by CRA to help receiving consumers’ feedback on the postal services and to better understand their needs and concerns,” said Salem Al Juma, Consumer Affairs Department Manager, CRA.

The survey showed that consumers have used both Q-Post and private couriers highly in terms of service of regular and express services. Private courier services were rated by 76 percent of consumers as free or above out of 10 and in terms of prices around 65 percent of consumers rated it as free or above out of 10.

For express services provided by Q-Post and private couriers, around 78 percent of consumers rated the service as free or above out of 10, and around 68 percent of consumers rated the price of it as five or above out of 10 in terms of prices.

Consumers highlighted a number of issues they faced when using postal services. The most common issues were 29 percent for the delay in sending or receiving letters or parcels, nearly 26 percent for the unreasonable cost of using postal services, and around nine percent of consumers mentioned that their letter or parcel was returned to the original address. Despite this over 55 percent of consumers said they were able to track their parcel, while 43 percent said they could not and almost 46 percent were not sure or did not know.

Only 25.73 percent of consumers registered a complaint in the last one year in terms of Q-Post (35.77 percent) or the private courier (19.36 percent) and out of the total percentage (62.73 percent) once 63 percent of consumers were not satisfied with the resolution of their complaint.
Doha, Qatar - Qatar Charity has been honored by Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in recognition of its efforts in the implementation of different projects in various fields and its impact on improving the lives of beneficiaries.

On this occasion, NDMA has also honored Mr. Shafqat Mahmoud, program officer at Qatar Charity’s office in Pakistan, with a certificate of excellence and the shield of honor to Mohammed Waqas, program officer at QC’s office in Pakistan. The honor also shows the government’s appreciation for QC’s efforts in the implementation of different projects in various fields and its impact on improving the lives of beneficiaries.

The annual event, a highlight on Doha Golf Club’s agenda played in Greensomes format over two days, is a charity for the Qatar Cancer Society. According to Andreas Pfister, Director of Operations Northern Gulf and General Manager at InterContinental Doha, the tournament attracts 200 top class players worldwide and the second organizers of excellence and the shield of honor by NDMA during a ceremony, which was attended by government officials and representatives of UN agencies, international organizations and donors.

The tournament will start in the early morning of November 9. The tournament attracts 200 top class amateur golfers (100 couples) from the region competing in a two-day gala-agenda played in Greensomes format over the Championship Course at the exclusive Doha Golf Club.

The main event, a highlight on Doha Golf Club’s schedule, also allowed the golfers to have the opportunity to play on a world-class, Peter Harradine designed Championship Golf Course.

As part of our responsible business, we organize a charity auction on the awarding night where the collected funds will be donated to two important organizations in Qatar as "the best pose couple", the longest drive and the second organization in Qatar which pledges to work towards increasing public awareness about cancer and cancer prevention, commented Andreas Pfister, Director of Operations Northern Gulf and General Manager at InterContinental Doha.

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InterContinental Hotels Group Qatar launches 17th annual pairs Open

Doha: The 17th IHG Qatar Open, represented by InterContinental Doha, Crowne Plaza Doha The Business Park, Holiday Inn Doha The Business Park, Crowne Plaza Doha and the Shorkot region, with joint funding from both sides, and was last held for two years starting from last year.

The number of branch offices in Qatar during this period reached four field offices located in Swat, Rajapur, Tarolo, Muhammad Khan, Mitgar Khans, in addition to an office in the Shorkot region for a project implemented in cooperation with UNICEF. Qatar Charity also sponsors more than 2,000 people in the Kashmir region.

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DOHA: Under the patronage of Amr H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Qatar University (QU) will hold the male students’ graduation ceremony. Class of 2018 on November 18, 2018. The distinguished female students’ ceremony will be held on November 12 under the patronage of H H Sheikha Jelainah bin Hamad bin Sulaiman Al Thani, wife of H H the Emir. The graduation ceremony for the female students of each college will be held in the new Sports and Events Complex at Qatar University.

This year, around 3,362 students (2,562 females and 800 males) from fall 2017, winter 2018, spring 2018 and summer 2018 will be graduating from all colleges. This is the 41st batch of QU students to graduate from QU.

Qatar University’s new strategy emphasizes on elevating students’ experiences through placing Qatar University as a pioneer and a leading educational institution in the higher education sector in Qatar and abroad.

Dr Khalid Al-Akhbar, QU’s V-P for Student Affairs said: “I extend my appreciation and gratitude to Amr H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani for his continuous support for Qatar University and for education in general.”

The graduation of the 41st batch of students comes after years of dedication and hard work during which QU has accomplished many achievements in regional and international university rankings. The University has been successful in its accreditation initiatives, the endorsement of numerous leading international accreditation bodies for its colleges and academic programs, he added.

Additionally, QU has reached a number of 50 certifications for its research labs and management systems; he said. "This had a positive impact on the level of competitiveness of QU graduates, and reflects the University’s commitment to graduate high-quality students who meet the labor market’s expectations.” Since its inception in 1971, QU has served as Qatar’s primary institution of higher education.

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Recall of Suzuki GSX-R1000 models of 2017-18

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The ministry said that it will coordinate with dealers to follow up on the maintenance and service work and will communicate with customers to ensure that the necessary repairs are carried out.

Qatar Solar Technologies (QSTec) announces the following Tender:

DOHA: Sheikh Faisal bint Qassim Al Thani (FBQ) Museum is organising Russian Festival dates coming Friday and Saturday featuring performances, exhibitions, films and food.

"Under the theme of multicultural exchange, a remarkable art and photography exhibition will display work by young and established Russian and foreign artists, aiming at the current collection of the National Museum of FBQ’s Russian collection. The festival will also feature a variety of Russian foods will be available during the festival. The opening ceremony will start at 5 pm on Friday. This festival is sponsored by the International Centre for Music and Gastronomy, in collaboration with the Embassy of the Russian Federation to the State of Qatar, the Organisation of Russian Comparatives in Qatar and Qatar University’s FBQ Museum under the Qatar Russian 2018 Year of Culture, which is a year-long program aimed to deepen understanding between cultures through mutual exchanges of culture, music, art, science and sport. Organisers are expecting huge turn out of public.

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British PM May calls for ‘truth’

**LONDON:** British Prime Minister Theresa May yesterday called for the “whole truth” to be known about the murder of dissident journalist Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul.

Speaking on the day Khashoggi was last seen, Ms May said that the killing had to be treated as “a catastrophe” for free speech and a “tragedy” for journalism. She added that “it will have enormous implications for the future of journalism in the Middle East”.

Ms May went on to say that she was “absolutely clear” that Saudi Arabia must co-operate fully with any investigation into the murder.

She also said that Britain would seek to suspend arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

Ms May told parliament: “I am sure the whole House will join me in condemning the killing of Jamal Khashoggi in the strongest possible terms. We must get to the truth of what happened.”

May added that the killing of Jamal Khashoggi “was a political assassination”.

The Istanbul Consulate general said on Saturday that a Saudi team was there to collect the body of the writer from Turkey, which it would return to Saudi Arabia.

**ANALYSIS**

On Saturday, Turkey said the killing of Khashoggi was a “political assassination”, as it prepared to start its own investigation into his death.

**The Istanbul government**

The Istanbul government has stated that it is investigating the killing of Jamal Khashoggi.

**Hatice Cengiz receives police protection**

**ANATOLA**

**ISTANBUL:** Istanbul’s governorate has announced that Khashoggi’s fiancée Hatice Cengiz has been named as a victim of political assassination.

The Office of the Governor of Istanbul said in a statement that Cengiz had been named as a victim of political assassination.

Khashoggi’s fiancée Hatice Cengiz, who was last seen on October 8, has not been seen since. The Istanbul governorate has named her as a victim of political assassination.

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Erdogan ranked world’s top influential Muslim

AFP

Suleymaniya: A year after a controversial independence vote, the Kurdish referendum was a major setback for the Iraqi Kurdish autonomous region. The referendum, which sought to determine whether the Kurdish region should have its own government and flag, was held on September 25, 2014. The vote was 94% in favor of independence.

The UN says the situation has been tense since the referendum, with multiple rival governments and political parties jockeying for power. The Kurdish Regional Government (KRG) has declared an independent homeland for Kurds in Iraq, called the Kurdistan Region, and has since been recognized as a de facto state by several countries.

Barzani makes comeback on both Kurdish, Iraq fronts

AFP

In the 2019 election, the KDP won 45 seats, while the rival Islamic National Alliance (INA) won 20 seats. The KDP, led by Barham Salih, has been in power in Iraq since 2005.

The KDP's victory is seen as a blow to Iran's influence in Iraq, as the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has been involved in Iraqi politics and has supported the INA.

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EDITORIAL

Workers’ welfare

Since 2010 when Qatar won the bid to host World Cup 2022, migrant workers’ rights topped reports on Qatar, and the country has remained under interna- tional scrutiny, motivated by deception trying to single Qatar out of the general situation of migrant workers in the region. Qatar’s government and workers’ rights groups have long been in conflict. Workers have had to endure poor working conditions, low wages, and difficult situations. However, Qatar has made some progress in recent years, with changes in legislation and new initiatives to improve workers’ rights. In December 2016, Qatar abolished the Kafala system, which required employers to sponsor workers and be responsible for all expenses, including exit permits. In 2018, Qatar introduced the Migrant Workers’ Charter (MWC), which includes provisions for worker’s rights, including the right to unionize and to change employers. These reforms are positive developments in the region, but more work needs to be done to ensure that workers’ rights are respected and enforced.

Qatar considers migrant workers significant partners of development process and has worked hard for new partnerships and concerned bodies to ensure decent life and work environment. The reforms in Qatar have set an example for other countries in the region.

Under the Qatar’s labor law, workers have the right to work in their countries to take Qatar’s labor law reform process into account. However, despite the progress made, there are still challenges to be addressed, such as ensuring that workers have access to adequate services and that their rights are respected. Qatar’s efforts to improve workers’ rights are commendable, and other countries in the region could learn from its experiences.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I am sure the whole House will join me in congratulating the late Prince Turki of Jamal Khashoggi in and of themselves. Suffice to say that Al Awsat, and the online news portal Middle East Broadcasting Corporation its narratives. Ranging from Saudi-earlier this year concluded that the MWC’s reaction to the Jamal Khashoggi affair is not how Europe’s banking system. The market’s negative assessment of Khashoggi or even offering substability union’s rescue fund. Europe’s banks aren’t ready for the next crisis. They should require the ECB or national regulators to prepare for the next crisis. They should redouble their efforts before the European Central Bank took over responsibility for the region’s financial system in 2014. In the past few years, it has become clear that it is not enough for the banks to have enough liquidity; they must also have enough equity. The ECB has been criticized for its approach to the European banking union, and there is a need for more transparency and accountability in the decision-making process.

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The power of Ethiopia's gender-balanced cabinet

The Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has been praised for his commitment to gender equality and representation in his cabinet. This article provides an in-depth look at how Abiy's prime ministerial decisions have contributed to a gender-balanced cabinet, emphasizing the importance of diversifying leadership roles to reflect the rich tapestry of Ethiopia's society.

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British PM urges party to back Brexit strategy

British Conservative Party politicians Owen Paterson, David Trimble and Iain Duncan Smith leave a meeting with European Union chief negotiator Michel Barnier at the EU Commission headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, yesterday.

LONDON: British Prime Minister Theresa May will step up a struggle today to win support for an amendment to the Brexit bill that would back a backstop over the Irish border. The amendment, proposed by Northern Ireland’s Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), would prevent any customs barriers from being imposed between Northern Ireland and the rest of Britain. The DUP had no choice but to accept the backstop and this amendment).

A plan mooted in Brussels last week to extend the post-trump transition to resolve the matter only added to their fears. May held two cabinet calls with her cabinet ministers over the weekend in a bid to allay their concerns. But as the Brexit deal nears, the pressure is growing on her to put it to a vote or go ahead with it. May’s Northern Irish allies, the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), have already raised the stakes by threatening to vote against next week’s budget if the deal results in any special status for the province.

Up to 48 eurosceptic Conservative MPs could this week also back an attempt to endorses the pledge on Northern Ireland into law, according to their group’s whip Phillip Alexander.

An amendment to an existing bill would make it impossible to implement “any trade or regulatory barriers between Northern Ireland and the rest of Britain without agreement by the province’s layers.”

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The strategy, which he described as a national emergency and had been considered by the administration in recent days, would also call for the US to send a search warrant for the president’s place of business to get the information about the president’s financial ties to China.

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Trump’s decision to cut aid to Honduras and El Salvador is the latest in a series of actions by the administration to pressure the countries to stop sending migrants to the US.

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Six injured in shooting near Florida stadium

PERU: Authorities said four police officers and one private citizen were wounded in a shooting outside a football stadium, the latest in a string of violence in Lima.

The shooting broke out on Sunday afternoon when the Los Angeles Chargers played the Buffalo Bills.

The victims were hit outside on the sidewalk near a laundromat. They were in a group of five men and one woman.
Qatar reviews defence ties with Sudan, Bangladesh delegation

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A delegation from Sudan Military College led by Deputy Chief of Staff of Sudan’s Army Ground Forces for Training, Lieut. Gen. Shams Al-Din Kabbashi Ibrahim visited Joaan Bin Jassim Joint Command and Staff College yesterday.

During the visit, Commander of Joaan Bin Jassim joint Command and Staff College H E Major General Staff Mohammed Hamad Al Nuaimi discussed with the Sudanese delegation prospects of cooperation between the two countries in the military field and the exchange of expertise, and ways of promoting and developing them.

The Sudanese delegation toured the College where it was briefed on its facilities, halls, academic programs and training courses.

In the same context, a military delegation from the National Defence College of Bangladesh visited yesterday Joaan Bin Jassim Joint Command and Staff College, welcomed by H E Major General Staff Mohammed Hamad Al Nuaimi.

Scopes of cooperation between the two countries in the academic military field and the exchange of expertise regarding the training courses offered by the College were discussed during the visit.

The two sides also discussed means of developing the strategic and academic relations.

The delegation then toured the College and was briefed on its facilities, and then listened to an explanation about its academic programs and training courses.

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**Mars likely to have enough oxygen to support life**

**Reuters**

PARIS: Salty water just below the surface of Mars could hold enough oxygen to support the kind of microbial life that emerged and flourished on Earth billions of years ago, researchers reported yesterday.

In some locations, the amount of oxygen available could even keep alive a primitive, multicellular animal such as a mud puddle, they reported in the journal Nature Geosciences.

“We discovered that brines — water with high concentrations of salt — on Mars can contain enough oxygen for microbes to breathe,” said lead author Vlad Mladenov, a theoretical physicist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California. “This fully revolutionises our understanding of the potential for life on Mars today, and in the past,” he said.

Up to now, it had been assumed that the trace amounts of oxygen on Mars were insufficient to sustain even microbial life. “We never thought that oxygen could play a role for life on Mars due to its rarity in the atmosphere, about 0.14 percent,” Mladenov said.

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**Eyes disorder may have helped Da Vinci's art**

**Reuters**

LONDON: A common eye disorder may help explain Leonardo Da Vinci’s talent for three-dimensional representation and the sense of perspective in his mountain landscapes, according to research published in an academic journal.

The study looked at two sculptures, two oil paintings and two drawings by the Renaissance master which it said showed “a consistent exotropic strabismus angle of -10.3 degrees”.

Exotropic strabismus is a type of eye misalignment, and it is opposite of crossed eyes, or esotropia. A movement of 10.3 degrees would be considered a medium level.

People with strabismus often have monocular instead of binocular vision, meaning that they use only one eye at a time, essentially increasing the field of view and depth perception. “The presence of exotropia, particularly if it was intermittent, may have contributed to da Vinci’s exceptional ability to capture space on the flat canvas,” according to the research published in the JAMA Ophthalmology journal this month.

The journal said da Vinci’s condition would be particularly helpful “for depicting the 3-dimensional solidity of faces and objects in the world and the distant depth recession of mountain scenes.”

Professor Christopher Tyler, of City University of London, who conducted the research, said: “Several great artists, from Rembrandt to Picasso, are thought to have had strabismus, and it seems da Vinci had it too.” The condition is rather common for a person to view the world with one eye, Tyler continued, and is associated with a capture space on the flat image being drawn or painted,” he said.

Tyler carried out the research by filming sticks and ellipsoids to the pupill axes and viewing and measuring the relationship and distance, according to the journal.