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Voronkov was speaking during his presentation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy at the Permanent Committee on Peace and International Security held yesterday within the 140th General Assembly of the International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (ICRC).

The Committees discussed a draft resolution entitled the modifiability of the use of mercenaries as a tool for underminding peace and violating human rights. Voronkov stressed that cooperation of parliamentarians is invaluable for strengthening counter-terrorism efforts, which need support and assistance from parliaments by enacting national legislation that enhances the effectiveness of combating terrorism.

He said that the phenomenon of terrorism has become political and many of the victims of terrorism are women and children. “Many countries refuse to accept returnees from terrorist organisations to their hometown. We must look for the best ways to address this because it is a complicated matter,” said Voronkov.

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The Governing Council elected H E Ahmed bin Abdullah bin Zaid Al Mahmood Speaker of the Qatar’s Shura Council as President of the 140th General Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and related meetings which began on Saturday and will conclude on April 12.

The meeting which began with a minute of silence for the Talib victims of violence in the Republic of Bangladesh, on the occasion of the International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in the African countries also agreed to grant the parliament of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines membership of the IPU with which its membership has reached 179 parliament.

Martin Chungong, Secretary-General of the IPU, said during a session yesterday, the presence of Gabriele Cauthys Barron, President of the IPU, Martin Chungong, Secretary-General of the IPU, and a number of speakers of international parliaments and parliamentarians.

H E the Shura Council Speaker said in his remarks to reporters: “We in Qatar have adopted a theme for the general debate for this session, entitled “Parliaments as platforms for promoting education for peace, security and the rule of law”.

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The Shura Council Speaker, H E Ahmed bin Abdullah bin Zaid Al Mahmoud, stressed the decisive and effective role of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) in disseminating science, knowledge and correcting the corruptions that threaten the principles of peace, security and the rule of law.

That most of the countries where conflicts, wars and instability are rampant, poverty and famine are widespread, and the absence of development we as parliamentarians have a great responsibility to promote education and make it a means to achieve peace and security and the rule of law in these countries. Al Mahmoud said.

He chaired 140th General Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) that is taking place in Doha and discussing parliaments as platforms to enhance education for peace, security and the rule of law.

In a televised message addressed to the plenary session, the Minister said that the issues addressed to the plenary session, will be coordinated by all parliamentarians together from such a diverse number of countries, with different backgrounds, different ideologies, different religion, diverse thoughts, different customs and histories and allows them the opportunity to say freely what they want to say about most of important issues of the day.

Al Mahmoud also pointed out that Amir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani in his speech addressing the opening of the 140th Assembly of the IPU referred to the subject of education and what Qatar had done not only at national level but also around the world in cooperation with United Nations organisations for promotion of education.

“We hope that the discussions in our meetings will lead to the development of a plan of action that will be coordinated by all parliamentarians to assess progress in achieving the agreed objectives and develop periodic measures to address the problems.”

For her part, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador and President of the 73rd Ordinary Session of the United Nations General Assembly, María Fernanda Espinosa Garces, hailed the work of the General Assembly of the IPU and the presence of hundreds of parliamentarians representing parliaments from around the world at an international forum that underlines the importance of concerted efforts to achieve the principles of peace and security through education.

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The Prime Minister also met with the President of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Bukola Saraki, the Speaker of the Parliament of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ali Larijani, the Speaker of the Council of Representatives of the Republic of Iraq, Mohammed Iskand Hadeed Al Halfouz, the Chairman of the Assembly of Representatives of the Republic of Tajikistan, Shakhzorjon Zuhurov.

The meetings focused on reviewing cooperation ties between the State of Qatar and the aforementioned countries, and ways to enhance them.

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“In preparatory meetings of Asian Parliamentary Group (APG) and Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation Member States (OIC), Turkey suggests an emergency item on Islamophobia, xenophobia, and colonialism, especially for the countries that have such terms in their constitutions. These are serious problems therefore they should be discussed in the IPU Assembly and related meetings,” Sentop said that Palestinian people were facing religious racism.

Current human rights violation in Palestine should also be discussed in the Assembly,” he added.

The Speaker said that the Christchurch massacre where 50 Muslims were massacred in a mosque was the reflection of a mindset. “The mentality behind racism, Islamophobia, xenophobia should be addressed. We should not only focus on an individual incident but should fight the mindset behind such incidents,” he observed.

In a separate statement to QNA, Mustafa Sentop said that the speech of Anne H E H Sheik Hammam Al Thani at the opening of the 140th Assembly of IPU was very important and extraordinary in terms of the current issues and topics touched by HH the Amir.

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The past 20 years have witnessed an increase in casualties as a result of both armed conflicts and terrorist attacks. From 2001 to 2014, the number of deaths from armed conflict rose by 316 percent, while the number of deaths from terrorism rose by 353 percent.

They highlighted that children and young people have become the main recruiting target for terrorists. In fact, with the development of technology, recruiting methods are becoming increasingly complex, and so the fight against recruitment and its methods must be strengthened at the national and international levels. They said that since 2010, some 50 countries around the world have enacted laws and regulations to prevent their citizens from joining extremist armed groups such as ISIS. Most of these measures have been taken in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 2178 of 2014 for the prevention of international terrorist organisation.

Studies confirmed that 30,000 people joined extremist terrorist organisation, mostly women and children. “It is a very dangerous signal which requires the parliamentarians to play an important role to take measures to prevent the aggravation of this phenomenon.”
Qatar takes part in 25th anniversary of Rwanda genocide commemoration

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Media team of Sheikh Hamad Award concludes tour of Kerala

The media team of the Sheikh Hamad International College for Translation and Understanding concluded the cultural and informative tour of the Award in southern Indian state of Kerala on April 5.

The three-day tour included several events and meetings with translators and media professionals. Malayalam language is one of the languages of the Achievement Award for this year after the Urdu language was selected in a previous edition of the Indian language.

The President of the Islamic University explained that the number of students on scholarship at Qatar University is increasing annually. In the same context, the team of the Sheikh Hamad Award met with a number of professors of the Faculty of Language and Translation in which they discussed the role of Qatar women in serving their society, religion and language.

Dr. Hanan Al Fayadh, media consultant of Sheikh Hamad Award, and Dr. Eminent Al Samadi, a member of the media team with translators and academics during their visit to Kerala to promote the award.

The team also visited the Tamilnad University, one of the most famous university in India. The team met with a number of translators in similar procedures and languages added for the forthcoming edition. The team also held an important meeting about the Award as the Malayalam language is added within the language of the Award team to broadcast a special conference held annually by the Arab and International Relations Forum to name the winners of the Award.

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The Youth Forum discussed yesterday the activities of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) to support the participation of young people and discussed future activities planned for 2019. Good practices were also discussed to promote youth participation in politics.

50% of parliamentarians in the world are aged under 45

The participating young parliamentarians in 140th Assembly of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) have discussed the progress achieved by young people in taking part in parliaments and the challenges for the participation of young people.

They also made some suggestions that could help young people to join parliaments and represent their people. Zainab Haid, Chairperson of the Youth Participation Programme at the IPU, pointed out that studies have shown that there are major financial challenges that encounter young people when trying to join parliaments around the world.

The participating young parliamentarians also faced other cultural challenges, which they face when they try to represent their people at the parliaments.

"The most prominent challenge is to convince the older generation of parliamentarians to involve young people in debates and decision making. Some parliaments have committees to be held," he said, adding it is important on the grounds that during the passage of time particularly on the International Pakistan-Arab country, termed it a historic session. Asad Qaiser said, "I am proud over the fact that Pakistan has been invited to all sessions of the IPU and this step will bolster tourism and investment in Pakistan."

He also urged Qatari investors to take benefit from multi-billion dollar China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and become part of this ambitious project.

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Parliamentarians also discussed its work plan and activities for 2018-2019 aimed at supporting youth participation in parliamentary life. The most prominent activities of the past year and activities planned for the year were presented.

The Youth Forum discussed yesterday the activities of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) to support the participation of young people and discussed future activities planned for 2019. Good practices were also discussed to promote youth participation in politics.
EDITORIAL

Expanding economy

Qatar’s economy is progressing ahead swiftly, helped by strong momentum in economic activ- ities. Qatar Financial Centre’s (QFC) latest Purchas- ing Managers’ Index (PMI) survey of Qatar’s non- hydrocarbon private sector businesses, released last week, has highlighted a marked increase in the volume of new business.

The rate of expansion was the fastest since August 2018, and sharper than the trend pace indicated since the survey began in April 2017. The latest findings also show output expectations were the second-stongest on record. The highest input price pressures in a year.

The PMI survey is compiled for the Qatar Financial Centre’s (QFC) Macro-Markets and has been conducted since April 2017. The report provides an early indication of operating conditions in Qatar. The headline figure derived from the survey is the Purchasing Managers’ Index, readings of above 50 signal an improvement in business conditions on the previous month, while readings below 50 show a tightening.

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The stand-out figure from the latest survey was a sharp rise in employment. Companies in the non-hydro- carbon private sector increased headcounts at the strongest rate since the survey began in April 2017. Companies have increased staff levels substantially in prepara- tion for launching new manufacturing, retail and other non-oil activities.

Qatar Government has budgeted 17 percent year- on-year higher expenditure in 2019. S 150bn planned expenditure, QR48bn is related to project roll- out. Qatar’s infrastructure will boost economic activity in the country.

Economist, James Mackie, says spending heavily over the past few years on infrastructure will be a key driver for the economy. Qatar’s infrastructure spending is planned expenditure, QR48bn is related to project roll-out, a strong indication that Qatar is committed to the development and sustainable growth, which requires the development of the educational system for more just and equi- table society.

In their speeches the ministers applauded the plas- ments as platform to enhance education for Qatar’s youth and the role of law they critic- ized the policies of some coun-tries in terms of violating interna- tional law, creating chaos and increasing respect for human rights and the role of law. Qatar has been one of the countries that has been vigilant about the rights of children from the very beginning.

Volodin said the most important thing of parlia- mentarians in their role to achieve the goals of the international community in security, peace, the rule of law.

In Chairman of the State Duma of Russian Federation Vladimir Volodin noted the importance of enacting education legislation and adopting best practices to promote. He added that the Russian Federation requires knowledge, technology, expertise, vocational training, and the development and enhancement of skills, especially for children from childhood.

He stressed the need to protect the rights and freedom of speech, stressing, Qatar has a clear view to fight terrorism, achieving, terrorism, combating terrorism, achieving, economic development and improving people’s lives.

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**How the courage of a few Rwandan women changed the world**

A decade ago, today marks the start of the Rwandan genocide. Over a few short months in 1994, up to a million people were killed, nearly 1.5 million remained homeless, and tens of thousands died of disease. Though only a few hundred died in a war crime, it had never been prosecuted. For years, survivor Chandra Rukundo, 42, considered a spate of violence. It was accepted as inevitable and not recognized as the weapon of war it was. That was about to change.

In 1995, when I arrived in Kigali as a legal Monitor for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), I was determined to address the atrocities in Rwanda, it marked the beginning of a new chapter in the process for landmark court decisions. This is the story of how the courage of a few women, the courage of a few women, changed the world.

**Thailand’s first general election since a 2014 army coup has been touted as the ruling military junta’s first move towards preserving its power. But critics say the election is an irregularity that reflects an imbalance of power between the military-backed party and the former opposition parties.**

The leading opposition Phue Thai party, made up of loyalists to army-ousted Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, sees the delays and legal actions as an attempt to deny the “democratic front” enough seats in the House. The Election Commission has yet to award Thaksin credit us,” the party's deputy spokesman Thanathorn Wonghoncharoen told Reuters. But critics say the time gap allows the military establishment to block the opposition parties and the pro-military party.

Thaksin was deemed ineligible for the Senate, the 250-seat upper body, by the ICTR in 2008 after he was sentenced to a 20-year prison term. He has appealed against the conviction, but the government has not granted him bail. Thaksin has not been able to meet a previously described threshold required to earn one seat. The violent clashes and two military coups.

The military also stripped Thaksin of his office. Our investigation revealed that the government, Thaksin had a change of heart and ordered all Tutsis to be killed. Within two days, 2,000 Tutsis in the area were massacred by their neighbors. Women and children sought safety in front of the barracks where a woman had her office.

The People’s Alliance for Democracy (PAD) had been repeatedly thrown from bungler to dustbin and tax on upstream rubbish cans. The court in Kigali. Tanzania was still under communist and revolutionary parties were hardy under way when we got a rare call on the one invariable phone extension in the office that was the Zambian government let us know they had arrested several people from our ‘most wanted’ list. Since we did not have any such list, the call was quite a surprise.

One of them was Jean-Paul Akayesu, the mayor of a commune in the Kicukiro province. He was arrested in Gikongoro, a dozen miles from the border but was released in April 1994. It was not until a witness testified during the trial that the abuses we realized that he was able to be held accountable for the fatalities.

Several women at Tutsi had been following the trial closely on the radio. When they heard the testimony about the abuses, they decided to tell their stories too. One of them, Victoire Mukambanda, sought shelter with her sister and young children in front of the bureau communal where they were systematically abused.

While she was being abused, Akayesu told her assailant. "Never again ask me what a Tutsi woman likes like." Despite having just given birth, and being feverish with malaria, she determined to give evidence.

Mukambanda, her surviving sister, and several other women overcame their fear of flying and the daunting prospect of appearing in a foreign court before herded foreign judges who did not speak the same language. She said of her decision ‘In speaking out, I hoped to restore my dignity and that of other women in my community who had suffered as I had.’

At the time, she did not realise that abuses had happened throughout Rwanda and that she was a weapon of war in many conflicts. She did not know her testimony would help.
Iran will retaliate if US designates Guards as terrorists

The United States is expected to designate the Revolutionary Guards as a foreign terrorist organization (FTO), according to IRNA, Iran's semi-official news agency. The British Foreign Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, along with the EU policies chief, Federica Mogherini, on Thursday, called for de-escalation and called for an end to attacks in the region. Mogherini stressed the need for a diplomatic solution to the crisis.

The US decision, which came three days after the US withdrawal from the Iran nuclear deal, has raised concerns over the possibility of a military conflict between the US and Iran. The US had previously threatened to designate the Guards as a terrorist organization if Iran continued to support the Houthis in Yemen and to interfere in the region's affairs.

The US decision comes as tensions between the US and Iran have escalated in recent weeks, with the US imposing new sanctions on Iran and increasing its military presence in the region. The US has also threatened to use force if Iran continues to support the Houthis and to interfere in the region's affairs.

The US diplomat said that the decision was a result of Iran's continued support for the Houthis and its interference in the region's affairs. The US diplomat added that the decision would send a strong message to Iran that it will face consequences if it continues to support the Houthis and to interfere in the region's affairs.

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The BGB said it was an "auto-pilot" situation that threatened to drag the "decisive, full" majority government.

"The work to strengthen our democratic institutions to make them strong against all the attacks, whether it is Ahmadiyya, Ahmadi’s scheme and other minority connections,” he added.

It could be the first time a major government moved out the border terror attack in India and Pakistan.

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Maldives President’s party declares victory in elections – AFS MAL

Maldives President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih’s party declared a sweeping parliamentary election victory yesterday that could give him a free hand in efforts to restore political freedoms and tackle corruption.

Internal and external observers were surprised late yesterday. It is unprecedented in the country’s post-colonial era.

The BGB said the troop deployment was part of "regular exercises" to "curry border pro- tection and curb drug trafficking.

Bangladesh has accused Malaysia of protecting terrorist groups against the Rohingya, who share some cultural and lin- garistic similarities with Bangla- deshi in the country’s southwest.

The election commission yesterday told the Central government that all enforcement actions to curb election-related violence should be neutral, impartial and non- discriminatory.

The deployment comes after the latest electricity, Income Tax Department teams yesterday carried out raids at over 50 places in Madhya Pradesh’s Ujjain district, said a senior Bhopal police official.

BGB’s campaign theme: ‘Phir Ek Baar Modi Sarkar’ – IANS

BJP’s campaign theme: ‘Phir Ek Baar Modi Sarkar’

Narendra Modi will also have regional advertisements. The party will also deploy large contact teams with the slogan ‘Ab Hoga Nyay’ which will travel across the country. The trucks will carry panels on both sides, which will be 40 feet in height and 6 feet in broad height. The Congress campaign will also have regional advertisements. The Congress is aiming to cover all the vernacular languages.

Slogan ‘Ab Hoga Nyay’ - a new strategy

"Simplicity, genuineness and honesty are the best description for the Congress. As we are here empty slogans and false promises are not the approach the Congress public- ity campaign of Loch Sharma."

"The Congress is keen to punish the middle class people who belong to the middle class and had not mentioned them in their manifesto. "The Congress wants to bring back the licence raj. When the BJP gov- ernment is trying to reduce the tax burden of the people, the Congress is eager to raise it," he said.

"He accused the Congress of planning to burden the middle class with more taxes and said the manifesto had nothing for them. "With more tax burden, the Congress wants to bring back the licence raj. When the BJP government is trying to reduce the tax burden of the people, the Congress is eager to raise it," he said.

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Interpol rejects request for Hussain Nawaz's extradition

The Interpol refused to issue Red Warrant for the arrest and extradition of Hussain Nawaz Sharif in the application of Pakistani government, dealing a big blow to the international efforts made by the current government against the family of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

Official papers confirmed the decision to reject the application against Hussain Nawaz Sharif, Maryam Nawaz and Captian (retired) Siddar, but it failed to come across the Interpol in response.

The papers show that the Pakistani government has made several requests to the Interpol in response to the requests from the Western countries, the family of the 82-year-old president has submitted the relevant documents to the Interpol from their side as well.

Pakistan, IMF to hold talks, Pakistan IMF to hold talks

Pakistan is likely to hold crucial talks this week on a bailout package this week while new Prime Minister Imran Khan arrives in Washington to discuss the bailout package, according to the World Bank group, which includes five billion dollars in the IMF budget.

A report said at a news briefing in Islamabad on Friday that he hoped his discussions with Washington would be fruitful and Pakistan would be able to select the bailout package by the end of this month.

He said in Washington on Tuesday, a day after criticizing meetings of IMF and G-20 formally begin. An IMF mission will be visiting Pakistan later this month to formally conclude the package.

In October, Pakistan formally requested the IMF for an economic assistance package and backed it up with a series of meetings on Sunday, which had been widely anticipated:

Sunday was a most important choice if Morrison were to opt for the first of three dates available to him - May 11, May 12 and May 20. While commentaries have previously pointed toward May 11 the most likely election date, May 12 would give the ruling coalition another week to use government money to advertise its policies and achievements.

Once an election is called, the coalition becomes a caretaker government and would need the approval of the caretaker left Labour Party Opposition if taxpayers were to be paid for the cost of the election.

Morrison yesterday defended his government’s spending and accused Labour of using government coffers to pay for its own advertising while it was a caretaker administration ahead of its defeat in the 2013 election.

He gave no clue yesterday to the likely date.

Facing similar criticism, the Labour opposition said: “We’re not doing this with the election. But doing that would mean sacrificing all the special deals, squandering the cash as part of a mysterious deal with the Ministry.”

The government has been under pressure to release the significant portion of the money due to the election.

Pakistan released 100 Indian fishermen

Pakistan yesterday released 100 Indian fishermen languishing in jail for trespassing into its territorial waters as a goodwill gesture.

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UK holds out hope for Brexit compromise

UK nerve agent victim ‘meets’ Russia’s envoy in London

EU on fake news alert as continent prepares to vote

Austria extends border checks for Hungary and Slovenia

French President proposes April 7 to be memorial day of Rwanda genocide

People take part in a silent walk to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide, in Paris yesterday.

The start of commemoration some activists for failing to attend since the massacres of the Rwandan genocide as the PARIS seeking — openly or secretly — wave officials believe skewed the formation will fuel the populist political landscape ahead of May’s continent-wide election? combination to poison Europe’s social media giants and opponents May’s continent-wide legislation. Some go as far as to call the democracies or EU institutions. Some go as far as to call the democracies or EU institutions. "There is strong evidence linking Russia’s Ministry of Defence’s media campaigns across Europe."

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Prince William delves into UK’s secretive spy world

A British man poisoned along with his partner with a nerve agent amid an assassination attempt on a Russian ex-spy in England, was met in its UK envoy on Saturday, according to reports. Charlie Rowley, 44, whose partner Dawn Sturgess died after exposure to the item, had a 50-minute meeting with Ambassador Alexander Yakovenko at Russia’s embassy in London. Britains envoy, said he was along to ask them why ‘your country killed my girlfriend?’ he told the newspaper. "I didn’t really expect any answers. I just got Russian propaganda," Rowley added, saying Takovenko’s explanations of Russian innocence in the plot were ‘ridiculous."

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The prince is no stranger to the secretive spy world gathering information and whose spies work around the world for Hungary and Slovenia until as least November, Austrian news agency APA said yesterday. The duke of the far-right Freedom Party, reported. APA reported. The controls had been due to expire on May 31. Austria, Germany and other countries in Europe’s normally "These agencies are full of people from everyday backdrops, he said, at the secret Intelligence Service British. William, 38, ‘got sea-side hand help with the UK intelligence agencies or ministries as well as navigate risks in the threat landscape on effectiveness and economy.”

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Democrats will ‘never’ see President Donald Trump’s tax returns, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said, noting that the House’s impeachment investigation is focused on what she called ‘serious evidence of illegal behavior’ by the president.

A capital city in turmoil

Cuba was bracing for a possible showdown with the Trump administration as Defense Secretary Mark Esper said the US would begin taking ‘all necessary measures’ to protect US citizens in Havana.

The leader of the Venezuelan opposition, Juan Guaido, said he was prepared to ‘legally and peacefully’ return to the Caribbean nation with the support of his fellow nations, but warned that a military action to oust President Maduro would not be ‘useful’.

Trump broke with precedent when he chose not to release any tax returns as a presidential candidate.

Two opposition deputies were detained at an anti-government rally in Caracas, and opposition leaders called for similar protests to continue across the country.

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They come from a sport-loving and multilingual country – the land of the Alps and their national languages are German, French, Italian and Romansch, each one spoken in its distinctive area. There are currently 272 Swiss nationals residing here and made Qatar their second home. As highly dedicated professionals, they contribute to make Qatar thrive in the hospitality, as well as transport, education, culture, infrastructure and other industries.

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Swiss nationals residing here for short and long-term and working in different sectors attended the National Day celebrations. “We are in Doha for the past two years. Things are improving here every day and we like the multicultural society,” said Dr Andreas Peter Briner, who is working in the energy sector and living here with his two children and spouse.

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Swiss watches popular in Qatar

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Switzerland is responsible for half of the world’s production of watches. The Swiss watch industry is present on the market in Qatar.

Last year the first markets of Switzerland were Hong Kong, USA, China, Japan, and Qatar was at the 8th place. All major brands of Swiss watches in all price categories are available in Qatar through a network of authorized dealers.

Switzerland and Qatar are enjoying long-standing and friendly relations. Like Qatar, Switzerland is a small country in terms of area and population. And like Qatar again, in terms of trade, Switzerland is among the medium-sized economies and important exporters in the world. Swiss products and specially Swiss watches are renowned worldwide for their high quality. Moreover, they said, Jean-Daniel Pasche, President of the Federation of the Swiss Watch Industry FH in a message sent to the Swiss National Day celebrations.

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Funding for the programme was

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Art 29 is an exciting platform that presents the works of up and coming local, regional and international artists. The expansive gallery has previously featured prominent Qatari names including Ahmed bin Majid Al Madhoo, the artist behind the iconic ‘Tamar al Majil’ portrait.

Artists whose works are included in the exhibition are Anchanta Radey, Boehn Oudhik, Leila Elbag, Faisal Ahjan, Hareen Meehle, Ekaterina Podkobzeva, Dealina Garna de More, Juan Miguel de la Peña, Mariam Al Mull, Willy Kempen, Shazia Bhari, Lina Shehada Youssef, Aisha Jiabashi Gaffar Uzgar, Shubha Al Numan, Tamara Nouri, Rafid Tammantini, Shihab Hamza, Maria Al Baker, Patricia Koltch-Dahal, Eugene Gonzcavila, Sami Krizmy, Mahesh Kumar and Nir-malla Shunmugapandian.

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