Hong Kong protesters storm government HQ
Anti-government protesters attempt to break into the government headquarters in Hong Kong yesterday, on the 22nd anniversary of the city’s handover from Britain to China. **P14**

**Prime Minister meets Kenyan Minister of Transport**

Prime Minister and Interior Minister H E Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani with the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development of the Republic of Kenya, James Macharia, in Doha yesterday. They reviewed relations of cooperation and ways of developing and strengthening them, in addition to a number of issues of common concern.

**Agreement signed to increase flights between Doha and Mombasa**

Prime Minister and Interior Minister H E Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani with the Minister of Transport, Communications and Infrastructure, James Macharia, and Kenyan Minister of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, James Macharia, yesterday signed agreement on increasing the number of Qatar Airways flights between Doha and Mombasa by two flights a week. This comes within the framework of boosting business, trade and investment opportunities between the two friendly countries.

Mombasa is the principal seaport and the second largest city in Kenya behind the capital city Nairobi with a major economic and touristic significance. The two sides also agreed on signing a cooperation agreement before the end of this year between Hamad Port and Lamu Port. This will be in addition to a joint working committees for enhancing all aspects of cooperation between the two countries in the fields of transportation and ports. The signing ceremony was attended by Kenya’s Ambassador to Qatar, Paddy C. Ahmed. **P9**

**Qatar wins six awards at Arab Radio & TV Festival in Tunis**

Qatar won six awards at the conclusion of the 20th session of the Arab Radio and Television Festival, which was held in Tunisia from June 27 to 30, 2020. Qatar won two awards in the highly competitive Arabic radio drama and the comedy drama categories. They were the first prize in the radio documentary category and the second prize in the comedy drama category. The ceremony was held in the framework of exchange with Arab radio stations. **P2**

**Thousands benefit from QM Culture Pass programme**

Around 27,000 people are now availing of Qatar Museums (QM) Culture Pass membership programme’s many benefits which have been expanded this summer in partnership with Qatar National Tourism Council’s Summer in Qatar (MIQ) programme.

We have around 27,000 members from all categories of public in Qatar, from CEOs to ambassadors to teachers to housewives. Our members are very much engaged with our tours. They attend our exhibitions, participate in workshops and special events, and take advantage of special offers and discounts in cafés. Fahad Al Obaidly, Membership Coordinator, told The Peninsula that the programme offers a wide range of benefits to its members, as well as access to many of its events and activities. With the rollout of Culture Pass Plus and Culture Pass Family membership in March, the scope of the benefits has been made wider and more inclusive.

**Basic facilities**

Basically we want to get Qataris and residents even closer to all the beautiful things Qatar has to offer; from archaeological sites to public art tours in art museums, and the Culture Pass is the way to get closer to these. "Culture Pass has become channel for Qatar to promote culture and heritage and engage the public with what we do," said Al Obaidly. **P9**

**Planning & Statistics Authority launches census 2020**

The Planning and Statistics Authority (Psa) has launched the General Census of Population, Housing and Establishments 2020 which seeks to provide a comprehensive database through the extensive use of administrative records in statistical operations.

At the launch event, President of Planning and Statistics Authority Dr. Salch bin Mohammed Al Naih said the importance of the census stems from the fact that it is the only statistical process that is conducted through an all-inclusive survey. It is an integrated image of the community at a specified moment. The census data represents a key basis for population, housing and establishment statistics that concern planners, researchers and decision makers.

He added that the aim of the census is to create a high quality national register of population, housing and establishments data, with more comprehensive coverage and connected to a system for the continuous and simultaneous updating of this data.

He said the importance of the census 2020 comes from its support to the development plans which serve as a basis for all planning levels, related to population, housing and establishments. It also assesses the availability of basic services for families, to identify areas in need of such services and to prioritize their projects. In addition, it is considered to be the main source of information related to the size of labor force in its characteristics, his Excellency added.

He said census data is still represent a qualitative leap in the methodology of censuses. It will be implemented mainly through the extensive use of administrative records from the country’s data source. The methodology of the work depends on the implementation of a comprehensive electronic link with a number of source agencies related to population and linking them to data from field work.

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**Housing sector records huge growth in 10 years**

The housing sector in Qatar has grown significantly in the last 10 years, which reflects the great economic growth witnessed by the state.

The census data for the buildings and facilities implemented by the Planning and Statistics Authority in 2019 as part of preparations for the census 2020 revealed huge growth in housing and facilities in the country during the last decade.

During the inauguration ceremony of the census 2020, the data showed that the number of buildings in Qatar increased, under construction, and under demolition went to 258,740 this year, compared with 148,904 in the 2010 census, an increase of 69.6 percent. The number of completed buildings in 2019, according to the census, amounted to 200,417 buildings, compared to 135,078 in 2010, an increase of 48.6 percent. Residential and commercial buildings and other buildings.

The number of housing units reached 554,349 units, based on the census this year, compared to 259,067 units in 2010, an increase of 36.9 percent.

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**The Housing sector in Qatar**

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The Authority Dr Saleh bin Mahdi, Director of Planning and Statistics, His Excellency added. “The main aim of the census is to create a high-level image of the entire country’s data source. The methodology of the work depends on administrative records from the relevant authorities after they have received their full legal rights.” **P9**

The census is the main source of information related to population and linking them to data from field work. It is an integrated image, His Excellency added. **P9**

**MOI service office at Search and Follow-up Department**

The Search and Follow-up Department (SFD) has launched its new service office in order to expedite the completion of the procedures at the Department in the shortest time through its integrated staff count. This is part of the Ministry’s efforts to reduce time and effort of the visitors.

“The opening of this office comes as another step in facilitating the access of the citizens and residents to the services provided by the Department,” said Brigadier Abdullah Jaber Al Lobaid, SFD Director. He added that it is an effort to reduce the time and effort of the visitors in avail the services while ensuring the highest standards of service delivery.

The Department implements the Law of the Cabinet and residence of expatriates in the country and works on the run-away and illegal workers and on maintaining the country if required by the relevant authorities after they have received their full legal rights. **P9**

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Doha to host CAPA Qatar Aviation Summit in February next year

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Qatar Airways in partnership with CAPA — Centre for Aviation, announced the return of the CAPA Qatar Aviation Aeropolitical and Regulatory Summit to Doha on February 5-6, 2020.

As the first aeropolitical gathering of its kind in the Middle East, the inaugural summit in February 2019 was a resounding success, concluding with agreement on the ‘Doha Declaration’, a manifesto that calls for a political commitment to the principles of liberalisation to foster a more flexible regulatory framework for international air transport. The summit counted over 1,000 local and international delegates to hear from more than 50 expert speakers across the aviation, legal and government sectors.

The 2020 summit will again invite senior aviation and transport executives, regional and national regulatory authorities, ambassadors, officials and members of academia to tap into the latest developments in aviation regulation and policy over two days of meaningful discussions. The forum will examine key issues such as regional and global aviation policy trends, institutional and regional challenges to liberalisation, EU’s complementary agreements, the increasing role of politics in aviation and the role of ICAO in the 21st century.

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Qatar also won the second prize in the public documentary category, with a programme produced by AlRayyan TV Channel, jointly with a programme produced by the Arabic section of China Global Television Network.

Over 140 works participated in the radio competitions from 30 public broadcasting organisations and 16 private radio organisations. The competitions for Arab private radio stations, Arab-speaking international stations, production companies and Arab news agencies included talk shows, public service awareness flashes, news briefs, radio news, programme introductions and endings. As for the main television competitions, they included the television drama television programmes, represented in the documentary on the Palestinian cause, the public documentary program, entertainment programmes, children’s programs, as well as the main TV news (news and talk shows).
The Qatari Aeronautical College (QAC) celebrated yesterday the graduation of its class of the 2018-2019 academic year, which exceeded a total of 100 graduates spread over different specialisations.

The Minister of Transport and Communications HE Jassem bin Saif Al Sulaiti, with graduates of the Qatari Aeronautical College of its class of the 2018-2019 academic year during the ceremony.

The Minister of Transport and Communications HE Jassem bin Saif Al Sulaiti congratulated the graduates, stressing that the Ministry of Interior is working to keep up with the global race and is making sure that its students have a role in maintaining security and stability in a modern and sophisticated manner.
Malabar Gold & Diamonds names raffle draw winners

The Executive Director of Qatar Computing Research Institute (QCRI), Dr. Ahmed K Elmagarmid (pictured), received the SIGMOD Contribution Award. He was recognised for his dedicated service to the database research and development community in North America and Mideast, in his capacity as the founder and editor of the Distributed and Parallel Database journal, and Chair for the Association for Computing Machinery Special Interest Group on Management of Data. The award honours significant contributions to database systems through research funding, education, and professional service.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds announced the first Raffle Draw winners of the 'Sparkling Summer - Win up to 100 grams of gold each' camp. The winners are Vijay Chougale, (Coupon No-56681), P D'silva, Accounts Relationship Manager, and other management team members of Malabar Gold & Diamonds. The winners are Mariam Riyaz Bakali and Mahnoor Imran received the ‘Overall Top Achiever Award’ for achieving the highest number of ‘A’s in IGCSE and making outstanding contributions to the school. Academic Excellence Awards were also given to students who scored ‘A’ in their IGCSE Examinations. As an educational institute, TNG encourages all stakeholders, especially its students, to adopt, assimilate and reflect its organizational values in their behaviour. Therefore, along with the Academic Awards, the students also received values-based awards.

Class of 2019 shines as TNG hosts first graduation ceremony

The Next Generation (TNG) school recently hosted its first graduation ceremony to celebrate the success and achievements of the graduating students of grades 11 and 12 – the class of 2019. Established in 2009 to bridge the gap of quality education in the emerging State of Qatar, TNG aims to provide quality education which develops confidence, encourages leadership, independent thinking and inspires students to become responsible global citizens.

The Chief Guest of the ceremony, Dr. Hamda Hassan Al Sulaiti, Secretary-General of Qatar National Commission for Education, Culture and Science, motivated the students and praised their academic efforts. She shared Qatar’s vision of 2030 and emphasised the importance of education for personal development. She expressed that she wants to see these graduates as a part of Qatar’s workforce, working to help Qatar grow.

Addressing the young leaders at the ceremony, Ailia Rizvi, Principal TNG, said: “Continue to read, study hard and try your education allow you to touch hearts and be the voice of those who are vulnerable, give you the courage to question state assumptions and empower you to create a better world.”

To recognise the graduates’ accomplishments, several awards were announced. The Valexcellor awards for Commerce and Science stream were awarded to Mariam Riyaz Bakali and Mahnoor Imran, respectively. Mahnoor Imran received the ‘Emerging Leader Award’ for achieving the highest number of ‘A’s in IGCSE and making outstanding contributions to the school. Academic Excellence Awards were also given to students who scored ‘A’ in their IGCSE Examinations. As an educational institute, TNG encourages all stakeholders, especially its students, to adopt, assimilate and reflect its organizational values in their behaviour. Therefore, along with the Academic Awards, the students also received values-based awards.

QDA holds diabetes prevention camp

Halil Junaid Amir Saul, Defence Attaché of Embassy of Pakistan, and Nimrod Garry D’Silva, Accounts Relationship Manager at British Council, were also invited as the Guest of Honour. The students also received professional service.

The Qatar Diabetes Association (QDA), a member of Qatar Foundation, hosted the 10th Diabetes Prevention Camp for 25 overweight teenage boys with a first-degree family history of diabetes. The Eat Healthy, Move More and Take control™ camp has kicked off yesterday and will continue till July 5 at the Education City. The camp will educate the adolescents about diabetes prevention through positive lifestyle changes. Aimed at introducing the young population at risk of diabetes to healthy living, the camp is designed to be an interactive educational experience. Throughout the three days, campers will attend educational sessions on healthy, reduced calorie diet aimed at initiating weight loss, counselling sessions to accompany the adolescents in their difficulties in maintaining positive behavioural changes. In addition, the program consists of an active exercise schedule, which includes swimming, volleyball, football, bowling and aerobics classes.

Dr. Abdulrah Al Hamaq, Executive Director of QDA, said, “QDA prevention efforts target those at risk in order to avoid the onset of Type 2 Diabetes. And our diabetes prevention camps deliver significant returns in quality of life for our youth at high risk of diabetes - I believe that it is an investment in the long term. The aim of the camp is to empower and equip our youth of tomorrow with the practical tools to reduce their risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes to live a healthy, happy and productive life.”

All participants were assessed on weight, health and nutrition status prior the camp to get an individual diet plan. A follow up sheet committing the young at risk to a regular follow up with QDA will be signed at the end of the camp.

Riaz Abu Bakar, Founder Director of TNG School, with guests and graduates of Class of 2019.
Texas A&M at Qatar, STEM school in science & engineering innovation

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Texas A&M University at Qatar spent 16 weeks over two semesters working with the Qatar Science and Technology Secondary School for Boys to build a wireless communication system. It was designed for science and engineering exploration and innovation in young high school students.

The open-source project, TalkiePi, is a single-button, push-to-talk, Wi-Fi walkie-talkie that allows users to talk with their friends easily over WiFi. Beginning in September 2018, STEM experts from Texas A&M at Qatar’s Qatar Science and Technology Secondary School for Boys to build a STEM school program. The academic school program includes university programs that are based on the provision of workshops, training programs and educational courses.

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Sidra Water extends support to Qatar Cancer Society

Sidra Water has extended its support to Qatar Cancer Society (QCS) for its awareness programmes on cancer prevention methods and emphasis on early detection of disease and treatment. The initiative comes within the framework of the Sidra Water’s responsibility programme to promote public health especially cancer prevention.
Qatar highlights important role of women in development

The State of Qatar stressed yesterday the role of women in achieving development and their active contribution to the renaissance of society.

This came in the speech delivered by Second Secretary at Qatar’s Permanent Mission to the U.N. Office in Geneva, Meshura Mohammed Al Rumaihi, at the 41st session of the Human Rights Council day two of the Annual Full-Day Discussion on the Human Rights of Women. She highlighted the important role of women in general, and older women in particular, in ensuring the stability of society and maintaining values and social traditions. She added that women also play an important role in development and economic progress. She noted that Qatar has adopted a number of institutional and legislative measures to ensure the access of the elderly and women to social services that they need. The Qatar constitution in article 21 focused on protecting the elderly as well as the families and society. The state also established an old people’s center, which is dedicated to providing the elderly with their basic needs. She stressed that Qatar is focused on empowering women and building their capabilities to contribute to the country’s comprehensive renaissance.

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Saudi crown prince ordered Khashoggi murder: US senator

There is no doubt in my mind that he (Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman) ordered the killing of Mr. Khashoggi, that he knew about it, that he’s done things like that to other people and that he’s been a disruptive force throughout the region,” Graham told CBS News, adding that he has led the effort to sanction the prince.


“Trump has previously claimed, just weeks after a botched rendition by rogue agents. Khashoggi was killed and dismembered by a group of Saudi operatives shortly after he entered the country’s consulate in Istanbul last October. Riyadh offered various, conflicting narratives to explain the disappearance before acknowledging Khashoggi was killed in the diplomatic building while trying to shift blame for his death on a botched rendition by rogue agents.

Khashoggi’s body has not been recovered, and the kingdom has remained silent on its whereabouts. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based war monitor, said six commanders were among the slain jihadists linked group in Aleppo province. The US has targeted jihadists in Syria’s northwest, but the strikes appear to have petered out since 2017. In March 2019, the Observatory said a US strike on a mosque in the north of Aleppo province killed 49 people, most of them civilians. The Pentagon conceded that large numbers of civilians were killed or that it had targeted the religious building, acknowledging only one possible civilian death.

The United States said yesterday it carried out a strike in north-western Syria a day earlier that a monitor reported had killed eight jihadists, including commanders, from an Al Qaeda-linked group.

US forces conducted a strike against Al-Qaeda in Syria (AQ-S) leadership at a training facility near Aleppo Province, Syria, June 30, 2019”. US Central Command said in a statement.

“Coalition targets AQ-S operatives responsible for plotting external attacks threatening US citizens, our partners, and innocent civilians,” it said, using an acronym for Al-Qaeda in Syria.

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The world today produced 300 million tons of plastic waste every year – nearly equivalent to the weight of the entire human population.

“Current trends continue, our oceans could contain more plastic than fish by 2050,” the statement added.

The UN Designated this year’s World Environment Day slogan, which is celebrated every year on the June 5, as “Beat Plastic Pollution” to raise awareness on the rising threats and dangers of plastic pollution to human life and the environment.

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Iran says it has breached nuclear deal stockpile limit

AP  
Istanbul

Iran acknowledged yesterday it had crossed the limit set on its stockpile of low-enriched uranium under the 2015 nuclear deal, marking its first major departure from the multilateral agreement a year after the US unilaterally withdrew from the accord.

Iran had been expected for days to announce it breached the limit after earlier warning it publicly making an announcement as European leaders met on Friday in Vienna to discuss ways to save the accord.

Iran said it had threatened to increase its enrichment of uranium down to weapons-grade levels by July 7.

The announcement comes as tensions remain in place between Iran and the US in recent weeks, the latter of which has seen Iran shoot down a US military surveillance drone earlier this month.

The US targeted a rocket attack on Yemeni territory which it blamed on Iran. The move came a day after Iran launched ballistic missiles targeting the US military base in Iraq, which Iran denied.

The statement by Iran is the most recent development in the ongoing crisis between Iran and the US. Iran and the US have both been threatening to escalate tensions.

The announcement comes just a week after Iran released a video showing it had launched a new missile with a range of 200 kilometers. The move came after the US had threatened to impose sanctions on Iran for its alleged non-compliance with the nuclear deal.

The US has accused Iran of violating the nuclear deal, saying it is working to develop nuclear weapons. Iran, on the other hand, has always denied the charge, saying its nuclear program is purely for peaceful purposes.

The nuclear deal, also known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), was signed in 2015 by Iran, the US, the European Union, Russia, China, and others. The deal aims to limit Iran's nuclear program in exchange for the lifting of international sanctions.

The deal has been a source of contention, with the US withdrawing from the agreement in 2018 under then-President Donald Trump, who claimed it was not strong enough to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

The US has since reimposed all sanctions that were lifted under the deal, while Iran has continued to violate some of its terms. The US has threatened to further ramp up its sanctions, while Iran has warned it could break the remaining commitments if it feels the US is not complying with the deal.

Turkey, Russia pressuring Syria summit

AP  
Ankara

Turkey and Russia are stepping up their efforts to save the Syria summit, which is set to take place next week.

The summit, which aims to end the conflict in Syria, was scheduled to take place in Moscow next week, but was postponed to next month due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Turkey and Russia have been particularly keen to see a resolution to the conflict in Syria, which has been ongoing for more than a decade.

Turkey has been a major player in the Syrian conflict, and has been one of the main backers of the Syrian opposition. Russia, on the other hand, has been a key ally of the Syrian government.

The postponement of the summit has raised concerns about the prospects for a political solution in Syria.

The talks are expected to focus on the situation in the north-western Idlib province, which is controlled by the Syrian government.

The talks will also discuss the issue of refugees and displaced persons, as well as the possibility of a political transition in Syria.

The meeting will be attended by the leaders of Turkey and Russia, as well as the leaders of the Syrian opposition and the Syrian government.

The talks are seen as crucial for the prospects of a political solution to the conflict in Syria.

The talks are expected to be held in Astana, Kazakhstan, which has been a key venue for past talks on the conflict.

Mauritania poll body confirms Ghouzouani as winner

AP  
Nouakchott

The official election body in Mauritania has announced that former army chief Mohamed Ould Ghazouani has won the presidential election.

Ghazouani, who is a former army chief, defeated incumbent president Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz in the runoff election.

The announcement came after the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) announced that Ghazouani had won by a narrow margin.

The result is a major victory for Ghazouani, who is expected to be sworn in as the country's new president on August 3.

It marks the end of a decade of rule by the ruling party, which has been under the leadership of Ould Abdel Aziz since 2008.

Ghazouani, who is a former army chief, has promised to bring stability to the country and to tackle issues such as corruption and economic development.

The election was seen as a key test for the country's democratic transition, which was established after the fall of the long-time leader Cheikh Modouba Barrow in 2016.

The election was also marked by controversies, with allegations of fraud and irregularities.

The CENI said that the result was a clear victory for Ghazouani, who won with a margin of 55.7% to 44.3%.

The result was welcomed by many in the country and abroad, who see it as a sign of the country's political stability.

It also marks a significant step forward for the country's democratic transition, which was established after the fall of the long-time leader Cheikh Modouba Barrow in 2016.
35 dead as bus plunges into gorge in J&K

Two disgruntled Congress MLAs resigns from Karnataka Assembly

Two incidents of dangerous landings by commercial planes carrying more than 200 passengers were being investi- gated. Indian officials said yesterday. A state-owned Air India Express flight skidded off the runway and ended up in a muddy grass patch in the southern city of Mangalore late on Sunday. No one onboard the plane was injured, an official said. Officials in the western city of Surat said, meanwhile, they were also investigating a private aircraft that overshot the runway on Sunday. The SpiceJet plane was carrying almost 50 passengers and crew. No injuries were reported.

Elated or desolate: the two faces of Gaurab Roy.

Two planes overshoot runways

A man was electrocuted in Mumbai and three others were killed in Solapur in a lightning strike on rains-disturbed parts of Maharashtra for the fourth time in the past five years, disrupting normal life across parts of the state on Sunday morning.
Six dead, 100 injured in Taliban attack on Kabul

Reuters KABUL, AFGHANISTAN
Taliban fighters killed six people and wounded 105 others by bringing a heavy gun to a market in a poor neighborhood of Kabul at morning rush hour near an Afghan government compound in Kabul yesterday.

After the blast, five gunmen took up positions in an unfinished building nearby, shooting at police and others with security forces for seven hours before being killed.

“The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack,” a police spokesman, Interior Ministry’s technical installation, said.

Taliban Interior Ministry spokesman鹞 said in a statement: “Clashes ended with the death of all five attackers,” said Interior Ministry spokesman Haji Noorullah Sidiqzada.

Attacks were carried out in two police stations and two police precincts were killed.

So far during the year, at least 11 police officers were killed in different parts of the country.

About 100 wounded people were taken to hospital, the health ministry said.

Five-year-old in the school near the blast site were burnt by the blast.

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The blast hit a police station in the city, which officials said was being used as a transit point.

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Nepal protester shot dead after boy dies in mining pit

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Senior PML-N leader arrested

Another arrest warrant issued for jailed Zardari

Zardari has denied the charges.

The development came days after Zardari, the son of the slain former prime minister Benazir Bhutto, and Chairman of the centre-left Pakistan People’s Party was arrested by the National Anti-Corruption Bureau.

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President of the country from 2008 to 2013, is already in the custody of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), a corruption watchdog, to investigate allegations of corruption.

Zardari, who was arrested on corruption charges two weeks ago, is expected to face several other cases.

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New Zealand bans single-use plastic bags

AFP WELLINGTON

New Zealand officially banned single-use plastic bags yesterday, introducing hefty fines for businesses that continue to sell them.

Plastic pollution has become a global concern, with a million birds and millions of marine mammals injured or killed every year worldwide.

The government had warned of an impending crackdown, and just after midnight officers moved in from several directions. Irving tear gas and water cannons as they charged and sent plumes of smoke drifting across the city. Huge crowds of democracy activists earlier staged a march calling for Beijing's stepping down on the city's freedom and culture with the help of undecided leaders. But the increasingly hardline tactics from some protesters have led to a counter rally in support of the police taking place on Saturday.

Although Hong Kong returned from Britain to Chinese rule on July 1, 1997, it is still administered separately under an arrangement known as "one country, two systems". The city enjoys rights and liberties unheard of on the authoritarian mainland, but many residents fear Beijing is making inroads. On that deal, Activists have organised a march every handover anniversary, calling for greater democratic freedoms such as the right to elect the city's leader.

Tokyo restricts exports to Seoul over wartime labour row

AFP

Japan yesterday imposed restrictions on exports of some products and smartphone companies, ramping up long-running trade friction between the US allies over the use of forced labour during World War Two. Seoul quickly hit back, saying the measures violated international law and threatening to raise the issue at the World Trade Organization.

Japan's trade minister, Toshimitsu Motegi, said he would attend the WTO hearing on Sunday. The move makes the stakes in a protracted dispute over compensation for wartime forced labour more acute.

More Manilla water shortages ahead as reservoir dries up

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Fishermen now pick their catch from the shallow, muddy slopes of the depleted reservoir which feeds the Philippine capital, as drought once again leaves Manila residents with up to 17-hour-a-day water shortages.

The water levels dropped to critical levels last week at the Angat dam in Bulacan, north of the capital.

The dam provides 97 percent of the city's water and hydrologists say it will take two or three years to adequately replenish the reservoir and restore supply to the capital's 12 million people.

"Losses are faced by all levels of government, including the national government, and we urge them to come together to find a way to address this issue," Interior Minister Christopher de Guevara said.

A video shared on Twitter and since widely broadcast on news channels shows at least two officers spraying protesters at close range with cans of tear gas during a sit-in returned to the city's central square.

Protesters were also seen dragging the protesters off the street by their hair. One demonstrator, who gave her name as Flora, said the police used tear gas against some protesters who had donated bottles of water from the sit-in to return to the scene, while the police spray tear gas.

The Paris police had warned of an impending crackdown, and just after midnight officers moved in from several directions. Irving tear gas and water cannons as they charged and sent plumes of smoke drifting across the city. Huge crowds of democracy activists earlier staged a march calling for Beijing's stepping down on the city's freedom and culture with the help of undecided leaders. But the increasingly hardline tactics from some protesters have led to a counter rally in support of the police taking place on Saturday.

Although Hong Kong returned from Britain to Chinese rule on July 1, 1997, it is still administered separately under an arrangement known as "one country, two systems". The city enjoys rights and liberties unheard of on the authoritarian mainland, but many residents fear Beijing is making inroads. On that deal, Activists have organised a march every handover anniversary, calling for greater democratic freedoms such as the right to elect the city's leader.
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It is temporary support, but it allows them to change their business models.

But finance minister Philip Hammond who oversaw much of those cuts immediately dismissed the plan.

"The 'fiscal firepower' we have built up because of a no-deal Brexit will only be available for extra spending if we leave with an order of magnitude. Hammond wrote on Twitter. "If not, all the measures will have to be plugged to hold the no-deal Brexit will make in the public finances.

"I urge our equals in the EU to keep up their support for the industries that are affected.

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European leaders will continue their meeting on Tuesday, before the assembly returns from its European elections recess.

At the outset of its Summit, Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borissov and Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic had noted that no deal for Brexit was a "serious threat of a no-deal, and said he would only ask for an extension to the current October 31 deadline if a deal was about to be struck.

Hunt made a thinly-veiled jibe at Johnson over his more pragmatic approach to Brexit. "We spent just over £1 trillion bailing out the banks after Brexit. "We can say that the economic shock, it is just basic economics that you need to have a fiscal buffer to have a Brexit.

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WASHINGTON

Top aides in President Donald Trump’s White House, including his daughter Ivanka Trump and son-in-law Jared Kushner, will undergo increased scrutiny for their use of personal e-mails and other unofficial messaging in violation of federal rules, according to three House committee’s lawyers said in papers filed with the Washington, D.C., federal appeals court yesterday.

“Mr. Trump and his campaign’s personal business records held by his accounting firm, attorneys for a Democrat-led House committee told a US appeals court yesterday.

BLOOMBERG
WASHINGTON

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Ten dead as plane crashes in Texas

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DALLAS

Ten people were killed when their private turboprop airplane crashed into a hangar during and took off at about 9am local time. Nobody on the ground was reported hurt.

The twin-engine Beechcraft BE-350 King Air was destroyed by fire from the crash, according to Dani Rovinj, deputy director of Addison Airport.

A lower court judge rejected that argument in May, prompting then-House Speaker’s private attorneys to appeal.

A three-judge panel composed of two Democratic and one Trump-appointed judge, determined that House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal, a Democrat, had satisfied the requirements.

The Oversight Committee’s demand that Mazars USA LLP turn over Trump’s business records parallels a separate

House Financial Services Committee request for records from Deutsche Bank AG and Capital One Financial Corp. The president has appealed a New York federal judge’s order to turn over those subpoenas. A hearing hasn’t been scheduled in that case.

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MEXICO CITY

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QFZA to create new free zone in Msheireb Downtown

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Qatar Free Zones Authority (QFZA) has granted a new free zone in Msheireb Downtown Doha which will be home to the upcoming Msheireb Media City and retail-class IT companies. This was announced by HE Al Saeed, Minister of State and Chairman of QFZA.

The Media City, being established under the Law No. 11 of 2019, aims at managing and developing a thriving economy in Qatar, and enhancing its position as a major destination for international media, technology companies, research and training institutions. It will attract media and digital media in addition to supporting and generating digital and telecommunications media projects, and provide a framework for professional integration. Global IT giant Microsoft has already got a cabinet approval for establishing a new headquarters in Qatar called "Azure Cloud Computing."

"We are identifying the third free zone area in Msheireb Downtown which will be dedicated to creative offices to provide platform to top tech companies," Minister Al Saeed told DVZ, a leading German media, technology companies, "Minister Al Sayed added.

The PwC noted that Qatar has been giving a growing emphasis on harnessing the latest technologies as an engine for growth. The government has already handed over control it has shared equity companies, such as Ooredoo, to private partners. From the industrial sector, although Qatar has maintained control it has shared equity ownership through IPOs, most recently of Qatar Aluminum-Manama Holding, by the GTL (Gas-to-Liquid) initiative, a new round of digitalisation - supported by the launch of 5G networks, new governmen platforms and technology ranging from blockchain to AI - offers growth potential in many sectors.

"Qatar’s economy has recovered from a period of low energy prices and the impact of the regional blocklade and is looking ahead to new opportunities. On the privatisation front, Qatar has been giving a strong emphasis on harmonising the business environment with the need for growth. The government has introduced dedicated PPP laws and regulations. This will define a clear governance regime for delivering PPP projects, sending a strong market signal that the government intends to ensure that the projects are bankable and are executed in a way that delivers social and economic benefits. Qatar has a low tax environment, outside of the hydrocarbon sectors, which is proving attractive to the Financial Centre QFC, the one-stop-shop for financial and legal environment for certain financial and business services firms. The state has recently allo- cated $36 million in tax rebates and tax holidays to attract new industries to Qatar. In addition, Qatar has been ranked among the countries with the lowest rates of tax for both tax and social security payments.

The same factors have led to the creation of such an environment, including through fulfilling 50% of the total tax revenue by the 2022 World Cup, which is set to be held in Msheireb Downtown. Other important developments to look out for in 2019 include opening of new free zones, and structural improvements such as the ongoing rollout of Metro services and the launch of 5G networks, said Baxsam Hamad, director of QFZA’s Talent Hunt Programme. "PwC has been vetted.. Thanks to our AI-enabled recruiting landscape for the top talent pool, we are actively looking for jobs, or open roles to top talent who are looking for the right opportunity, that they’ve sourced and pro- cessed. Thanks to our Al-driven platform, we can help provide a recruiting landscape for the better. We provide assistance from beginning to end, from sourcing, qualifying, AI-enabled opportunity matching and scheduling," he said.

Qatar-based startup to disrupt Mena hiring ecosystem

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Doha Bank participates in ‘Majd Qatar’ launch

Doha Bank, one of the largest commercial banks in Qatar, participated in the launching ceremony of the “Majd Qatar” campaign and celebrated the publication of its third book edition, which documents the success stories of the governmental and private institutions in recent years that form part of the economic, social and scientific renaissance in Qatar.

Hanzab said: “Doha Bank, one of Qatar's largest private commercial banks, recognizes the participation of Sheikh Fahd bin Mohammed bin Jabor Al Thani, Chairman of Doha Bank, and Sheikh Abdul Rahmann bin Mohammed Al Jabor Al Thani, Managing Director of the Bank, as part of the bank's commitment to supporting the vision of the country's wise leadership and raising awareness of the investment opportunities in Qatar's economy.”

Al-Hanadi, Head of Administration and Property, represented Doha Bank in the ceremony. He delivered the closing speech, in which he stressed the importance of Doha Bank’s role in developing local banking and its keenness to fulfill its social and economic responsibilities towards the citizens and residents of Qatar.

In his speech, Al Hanadi reviewed the most important social, charitable and environmental projects undertaken by Doha Bank each year to develop Qatar’s communities and support the national economy.

In honouring Doha Bank in the ceremony, Al Hanadi said: “Doha Bank, one of Qatar’s largest private commercial banks, recognizes the fact that no business can succeed if the community in falling apart, this realization, which forms today the core of our mission, is the main motivation being one of the supporters of the initiatives that contribute to the development of the community since its inception in 1979 up to date.”

Qatar’s Tawasul Center has launched the book “Majd Qatar” (Qatar Glory) at a ceremony held at the Museum of Islamic Art on Tuesday, June 25. The book aims to reveal the pillars of the Qatari leadership’s vision and to honor those who contributed to building this blessed country and to highlight and document their achievements.

Qatargas recognises employees at Long Service Award Ceremony

Qatar Gas Company Qatargas, which is the largest LNG project in the world and achieves 100 percent liquefaction reliability, recently recognized more than 1,200 employees at its annual Long Service Award Ceremony. The ceremony of the “Majd Qatar” took place under the guidance of Sheikh Fahd bin Mohammed bin Jabor Al Thani, Chairman of Qatargas Operating Company Limited (Qatargas). Arabian News cited the company’s chairman as saying: “The Long Service Award recognises the long-term contribution of Qatargas employees and the crucial role they play in the success of the company. Their commitment enables Qatargas to reliably supply LNG to our global customer portfolio, and reinforce our position as the market’s World’s Premier LNG Company.”

Qatargas has developed a structured programme to train, recognize, acknowledge and reward the accomplishments of its employees. Attracting, developing, retaining and motivating a high-calibre, diverse workforce forms the basis of the Company’s human capital strategy.

Qatargas uses its diverse workforce, and the knowledge and expertise of its work-force and shareholders. In particular, Qatargas is committed to developing its National workforce with its Qatarization development plan, which prepares National employees with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in key roles in the Company.

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Asia’s factories falter in June

FACTORY activity shrank in most Asian countries in June as the simmering US-China trade conflict put further strains on the region’s manufacturing sector, keeping policymakers under pressure to deploy stronger steps to avert a global recession.

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The United States and China agreed at the summit to restart trade talks after President Donald Trump offered concessions including no new tariffs and an easing of restrictions on tech company Huawei, providing some relief to businesses and financial markets. But analysts doubt the truce will lead to a sustained easing of tensions while lingering uncertainties could dampen corporate spending and global growth.

“It is too early to turn optimistic. The two countries just kicked the can down the road and there’s no knowing what could happen next,” said Toshihiro Shirai, chief economist at Dai-ichi Life Research Institute in Tokyo.

“Global manufacturing activity has been weakened by US-China business confidence, particularly in China, where it has been weakening and if this continues, it may begin to affect the world.” In China, Asia’s economic engine, the Canon World Manufacturing Purchasing Managers’ Index fell to 49.4, falling short of market expectations and the worst reading since January.

It was the first time in four months that the keenly-watched index has fallen below the neutral 50-mark dividing expansion from contraction on a monthly basis. Japan also saw manufacturing activity contract in June to hit a three-month low, offering fresh evidence of an economy under the pump as global demand wanes.

Separately, a Bank of Japan (BOJ) survey showed big manufacturers confidence hit a near three-year low, keeping its central bank under pressure to maintain or even ramp up easing to boost the moribund economy.

In South Korea, factory activity shrank at the fastest pace in four months in June as the world’s sixth-largest economy, dependent on external demand and tourism, continued to be depressed, prompting companies to cut production.

Activity fell in Malaysia and Taiwan, a sign the US-China trade conflict’s impact on the rest of Asia was broadening.

In India and Indonesia, where factories are less dependent on external demand for business, activity continued to grow albeit at a slower pace. Vietnam’s factory activity expanded at faster pace although new orders rose at their slowest pace since February. The Southeast Asian economy has been a rare beneficiary of the trade war as manufacturers shift their Chinese operations to the country to sidestep US tariffs.

The US-China trade war has hurt business sentiment, threatened to disrupt supply chains and jolted financial markets, drawing warnings by policymakers over the widening fallout on the global economy.

International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde welcomed the restoration of trade talks between the two countries, but warned that more needs to be done to reverse a global economy that had already hit a “rough patch.”

Heavily weaponized global trade growth have forced some Asian central banks, such as those in Australia, New Zealand and India, to cut interest rates.

While the G20 leaders said they stand ready to take further action to prop up growth, many major economies have little fiscal and monetary space to battle another recession.

Expectations of a US Federal Reserve interest rate cut have put pressure on the European Central Bank and the BOJ to follow suit despite their damping options to arrest stalling growth.

“If the Fed cuts rates, the BOJ and the ECB do nothing to prop up growth, many major economies have little fiscal and monetary space to battle another recession,” said Sayuri Shirai, a former BOJ governor at Japan’s Keio University.

An affiliate of Brookfield Asset Management Inc, agreed by buy GoCo Group and K’Wyong Inc. for $8.4bn including debt to expand its global portfolio of rail companies with a 120-line network spanning North America, Europe and Australia.

Brookfield will pay $823 a share in cash, a 39.5 percent premium from G’W’s close on March 8, the last day of trading before Bloomberg News reported that the railroad was exploring a possible sale.

Buying G’W will hand Brookfield more than 3,000 customers, alongside a resilient cash flow. The company, which already attracted activist investor Blue Harbour Group L.P., doesn’t compete directly with the largest North American railroads such as Union Pacific Corp. CSX Corp. and Canadian National Railway Co. It also has operations in Australia, the UK and continental Europe.

“This is a rare opportunity to acquire a large-scale transport infrastructure business in North America,” said Sam Pollock (eighth), chief executive of Brookfield Infrastructures. “G&W will be a significant addition to our global rail platform and will expand our presence in this sector to five continents.”

The shares have risen 35 percent in the year to date, compared with a 17 percent gain in the Standard and Poor’s 400 Index. The stock is valued at 23 times estimated earnings, compared with the industry gauge, which is trading at 16 times. The transaction is expected to close by early 2020.

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Weirdly, McIlroy’s career may have suffered from the absence of a high profile caddie, as he was driven by the veteran caddie Harry Diamond for 12 years, McIlroy said in a press conference after finishing fourth at the US Open.

“Maybe back in the day when I wasn’t as experienced, but I’ve been on tour for four years,” McIlroy said in a recent interview. “I don’t hit the shots. I want someone out there I’m comfortable with, and foremost that the big thing for me and that’s why I have Harry on the bag.”

Reporting is expected to work for McIlroy at next week’s Scottish Open and the following week’s British Open at Royal Portrush, where McIlroy finished second with an 11-under par 63 in the 2005 North of Ireland Amateur Championship.

McIlroy 30, has not tasted victory in one of golf’s four biggest championships since 2014. He last time he won a major was the 2011 US Open at Congressional.

Nasser takes adventurous spirit to another level

Three-time Dakar Rally winner Nasser Saleh Al Attiyah took his adventurous spirit to another level as he joined co-driver Mathieu Baumel on a new adventure on the French territories, taking their SUV buggy to the 6 Hours Endurance Race in Orléans.

The Qatar’s champion took on the six-hour endurance race in Orléans.

Al Attiyah and Baumel tested the French terrain of Orleans in six continuous hours of off-road racing.

“This is a new type of race for us,” said Al Attiyah. “It’s casual, more about having fun and enjoying the experience. The goal of participating in a rally like this is to get to know the drivers and the organizers. We’re still exploring these kinds of events,” said Al Attiyah.

The challenge behind endurance races is to see how long the drivers and their mechanics can survive. Coming in first would be a bonus, and that’s exactly what the dynamic duo plan to do.

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Al Attiyah and Baumel partnered up with French rally veteran Thierry Magnaldi, and all three took part as drivers during the main event. The race wasn’t a piece of cake for the dream team who had out their last effort to stay in the lead. Yet Mechanical failures came into their way. “This will still be a very special experience for us and we will definitely come back for more,” added Baumel.

Ferrari decide not to appeal

Ferrari decided not to appeal the decision to uphold Max Verstappen as winner of Sakhir’s spectacular Austrian Grand Prix in the best interests of Formula One, said team boss Mattia Binotto.

The Italian explained that Ferrari believed the decision to confirm Red Bull’s victory, after examination of Verstappen’s wheel-hanging passing move on Charles Leclerc, was wrong, but they respected the court’s decision.

The stewards said it was ‘a racing incident’ and did not merit any further action.

The ruling brought Verstappen his and Red Bull’s first victory of the season and 11 races ending Mercedes’ record run of 18 season-opening victories.

“We said believe this is a wrong decision, that’s our own opinion,” said Binotto.

“We believe that Charles left the entire space, he had to fault; a collision has happened and he has been pushed and forced off the track. ‘We believe these are clear rules, which we may appreciate or not, and there are exactly the same rules which have been applied in past races.’

“Having said that, we officially support the decision of the stewards. They are the judge and we need to respect that and more than that I think that as a Ferrarifan, I think it’s time for Ferrari to turn the pages and to look ahead. ‘Ferrari’s decision came just a week after the French Grand Prix where their bid to overturn another decision – against a five-second penalty that deprived Sebastian Vettel of victory in Canada – had failed at stewards’ hearing.

“As we often said, we should give the drivers free ball,” he added. “So, we may not be happy at the decision, we cannot report the decision, but somehow we understand the fact that we need to move forward. But overall, I think that’s good for the sport and good for F1.”

Durant opts for Nets as NBA free agent frenzy begins

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The 32-year-old star forward made his announcement on social media moments after the start of the NBA’s free agency period saying he will sign a maximum-level deal with the Nets.

Durant commands top dollar despite suffering a ruptured Achilles tendon in game five of the 2015 NBA Finals and not playing in the 2017 and 2018 NBA crowns.

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Under NBA rules, teams cannot sign contracts with players until Saturday, but there was still plenty of action in the opening hours of the free agency period.

Multiple US media outlets reported that Boston Celtics playmaker Kyrie Irving would be joining Durant in Brooklyn on a four-year deal worth $164m.

It could give the Nets a formidable duo once Durant returns from an upcoming year of rehabilitation. Provided Durant can regain the form that he played at a high level during his time in Golden State, he could be a serious contender for an NBA title.

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Durant and Irving were both reported to be targets of the New York Knicks – who were coming off a league-worst 17-65 season and had cleaned salary cap space to sign proven talent to join their inexperienced squad.

After announcing the IHF Amir Trophy (G4) and Carl Jaques-Prescott-G2 earlier in the season, French King, owned by Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Thani stretched his unbeaten record this season to seven at those in Hamburg on Sunday.

The two-year-old chestnut colt landed his new group in the Group 2 Grosse Hansa-Preis at Royal Youmzain in his sights. He promised after the leader Oriental Eagle switched left with 300m to go. With Olivier Peslier astride, French King’s brilliant turn of foot enabled him to nail the race after effortlessly won at the Gross Preis von Berlin G1, adding that a return to Qatar during the winter could also be on the cards.

It is worth mentioning that French King’s victory in Carl Jaques-Prescott-G2 in May this year made him the first Umm Qarn-bred horse to take home a Group success for thoroughly in Europe. On Sunday, he confirmed his class by adding another similar victory in less than two months and the success of Umm Qarn’s breeding operation.

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India aim to seal semis spot with Bangladesh win

When India's players got on the bus to go to Edgbaston, the final edition 4 for their Cricket World Cup match against Bangladesh was laced with scenario in which they could no longer take onboard

That should spur India on Tuesday, two days after a 21-run loss to England at the same venue, as it seeks again to join Australia in the semis.

India was criticized for its slow run-rate on Sunday with MS Dhoni appearing unburdened until he was clean bowled.

It sparked claims that India was already thinking about the semifinals by concentrating towards the end of his side's match against Australia, where he got a vital fifty for them.

The key players for India remains Kohli. The master of the white ball, with 45 ODIs centuries, has hit 382 runs in the tournament against South Africa. His breaks the 500 runs mark in ODIs.

Bangladesh has beaten India five times in 34 matches - and so the match against Australia - I'm surprised that this question continues to come up.

The West Indies found themselves in a bit too much.
Brazil, Argentina set for blockbuster semi

AP  
SAO PAULO

After producing some unim-  
sparing soccer in the group stage and  
quarterfinals, the Copa America reaches the last four  
with a blockbuster matchup up  
between host Brazil and Lionel  
Messi’s Argentina.

It will be the “Superclásico de las Américas,”  
heading one of the finalists,  
and the “Clásico del Pacífico” the other as two-time  
defending champion Chile takes on an emerging Peru, which on  
saturday ousted continental power-  
eworthy Uruguay from the decisive stage of the South  
American competition.

Peru has thrived in Uruguay  
in a lackluster quarter-final round  
where three of the four matches  
edded in penalty shootouts without scores draws,  
with the exception being Argen- 
tina 2-0 win over  
Venezuela.

The quality of soccer in the  
group stage also disappointed,  
with performances soured even more  
even by the favorites Brazil struggled and was boosed  
by its home crowd in a couple  
of matches, while Argentina  
needed to save early elimination.

Uruguay and Colombia were  
among the teams that impressed  
the most, but both failed to  
advance past the last eight.

Brazil: Jesus (second right) and Willian (right) take part in a training session at Cidade do Forte in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, ahead of today’s Copa America semi-final match against Argentina.

Bad field conditions at  
several of the stadiums in  
the tournament also coupled with  
several other players and coaches  
leaving the tournament.

“The ball looks like a rabbit,”  
Messe said.

With expensive tickets and  
uninteresting match-ups early on,  
many games had extremely  
low attendances. The smallest  
crowd came to the match between  
Ecuador and guest team  
Japan at the 62,000-capacity  
Ministério Stadium when only  
about 2,000 fans paid for tickets.

The final attendance was 76,213  
because of gravity emergencies.

That wasn’t due to lack of  
tickets, but today’s much anticipated game  
between Brazil and Argentina,  
the longtime South American rivals who will arrive in Belo  
Horizonte under heavy pressure  
to succeed Playing at home,  
the title will be last hit,  
and ease the pressure on coach  
Tite, who likes to win.

“Nobody will forget what happened then. That match  
against Germany was horrible for us,” Silva said.

Brazil’s last match at the  
Ministério was against Messi  
and Argentina in qualifying for the  
2014 World Cup, and that time  
the hosts easily won 0-3 with  
one of the goals scored by  
Neymar, who missed this year’s  
Copa America because of an  
ankle injury.

Brazil seeking its first South  
American title since 2007, is  
undeniably against Argentina  
of official matches at home.

Messi has Brazil have yet to  
concede a goal in four matches  
against the Copa while Argentina  
have improved defensively  
and kept clean sheets in their last two  
matches.

Argentina’s early World  
Cup semifinals in 2014.  
Russia was stunned 7-1 by Germany  
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Big guns crash on day of upsets

If his victory was routing, there was nothing pre-
decisive about Djokovic’s decision to bring Tsitsipas into his inner sanctum over the weekend. Fourth seed Kevin Anderson, runner-up to Djokovic in 2018, eased into the second round beating Pierre-Hugues Herbert of France 6-2, 6-2. Anderson will now play Serbia’s Novak Djokovic in action during his quarter-final match against Germany’s Philipp Kohlschreiber on day one of the French Open.

There are answers to questions that haven’t been asked yet.

While Zverev, 22, lost 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (4-8), 6-2 defeat to 39th-ranked Yulia Putintseva out of Wimbledon on a black Monday for Naomi Osaka, Venus Williams, Alexander Zverev, 2001.

The 15-year-old qualifier Cori Gauff who was not even born when Williams claimed two of her five Wimbledon titles to become the youngest woman since 1991 to seal a first-round win in the tournament.

Alexandre Zverev lost to Czech qualifier Jiri Vesely, the world number 124 before Stefanos Tsitsipas suffered a less agonizing world number 89 Thomas Fabianno of Italy.

US Open and Australian Open winner Osaka became the first top-two seed to lose in the first round since Martina Hingis in 2001.

Top Qatari beach volleyball duo, Cherif and Ahmed Samba celebrate after scoring a point during their first round match against against Venus Williams.