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The President of Qatar University, Dr. Hassan bin Rashid Al Derham, has praised the progress achieved by the higher education sector in Qatar in recent years, pointing out that QU has achieved a great number of achievements and found itself among the world’s most elite universities.

In his speech on the occasion of the graduation ceremony of its 42nd batch of distinguished female students at the QU Sports and Events Complex, the President of QU said: “We are proud of what this university has offered, and what it continues to offer since the university’s founding over four decades ago, and till today. It has been a leading force in the contribution of knowledge and expertise and in the push to advance and develop our nation Qatar.”

“It is our right - as we celebrate the 42nd batch of graduates of female Qatar University students - to say, we are not only celebrating our daughters, but also celebrating our society for our blessed nation and faithful Qatari society. Our Qatari society has not forgotten the mother that raises, the sister that struggles and labors, the daughter that aspires to see a prosperous future. He added, ‘Our celebration today, is in recognition that women have a stake, a right, in our beloved country. This is a declaration that our society is determined to invest in the human before currency and in substance before prestige. The women is, just the same as a man, completely.”

What warms our hearts, and brings us optimism, is what we are witnessing today, the pioneering intellectual Qatari women as they emerge from the university steps, armed with knowledge, generosity, right eousness and loyalty to her country. You allow this nation to stand tall and give it hope.”

Dr Al Derham continued, “Qatar University has achieved a great number of achievements and found itself among the world’s most elite universities. In recent years, by the grace of Allah (SWT), then by the continued support of our government, and guidance from our Board of Regents, we continued a reference for knowledge. The university’s professors and researchers in all subjects are here to serve you, whenever you seek to learn and educate yourselves.”

Nevertheless, education alone does not make a renaissance, currency does not make a re-naissance, rather what makes a renaissance is the mind that believes and has faith in its ability. All the elements of progress can be present, as varied and abundant as they may be, and not create a renaissance unless the mind invests in its nation.”

He adds, “Qatar University is not merely a passing stage in your respective journeys, but rather, it is a starting point and a reference for knowledge. The university’s professors and researchers in all subjects are here to serve you, whenever you seek to learn and educate yourselves.”

On behalf of the Class of 2019, female distinguished graduates, graduate Aisha Khalid Al Mulla delivered a speech in which she said, “Education is, and will continue to be, the fru- dation on which societies and nations are built. Education is the vessel in which to build a distinct society with a distinct mind and it is a weapon against corruption.

This is what led our leadership to focus on education and position it as a central pillar in the Qatar National Vision 2030.”
PM meets Minister of Justice of Cote d’Ivoire

The Prime Minister and Interior Minister, H E Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani, met yesterday with the Prime Minister and Interior Minister of the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, Sansan Kambile, and the accompanying delegation, on the occasion of their visit to the country. During the meeting, they reviewed cooperation relations between the two countries and ways of developing them, especially in the legal judicial fields. Additionally, they discussed a number of topics of common interest.

FM message to Dominican Minister

SANTO DOMINGO: The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic, Miguel Vargas, has received a written message from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, H E Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, pertaining to the bilateral relations and ways of enhancing them. The written message was handed over by Acting Charge d’Affaires of the Qatari Embassy to the Dominican Republic, Vasser Awad Al Abdulla, during his meeting with the Minister of Foreign Relations of the Dominican Republic yesterday.

Afghan official meets Qatari envoy

KABUL. The Chairman of the Afghan Senate House, Meshrano Jirga Fazal Hadi Muslimayar, met with the Ambassador of Qatar to Afghanistan, Saeed bin Mubarak Al Tannour, yesterday. They reviewed relations and matters of common concern.

Workshop on combating human trafficking

The Public Prosecution, represented by the Institute of Criminal Studies, is organizing a training workshop on combating human trafficking, in cooperation with the National Committee for Combating Human Trafficking and the British Embassy in Kabul. The workshop, which began yesterday, aims to equip the participants with the necessary information and skills. The three-day workshop will be attended by representatives from several official bodies.

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The second phase includes assessing the status of the infrastructure and equipment of the Qatari clinics. In order to ensure quality delivery of services and efficient use of resources ensuring all instruments and equipment in the clinic are in good condition and meeting the standards of QFFD and QRC. The third phase where QFFD and QRC will coordinate with UNHCR and Health Working Group in the camp, they will ensure that the services provided in the clinic come in various forms, including direct support through the provision of equipment and supplies, capacity-building and the strengthening of health system. Strengthening surveillance, detection, response and prevention of infectious diseases is a priority, as well as increasing access to chronic disease treatment services. By promoting health care systems, QFFD aims to facilitate the inclusion of Syrian refugees and reduce pressure on services to host communities and increase flexibility. A high-level delegation from QFFD visited Zaatari camp in the beginning of this year and to observe the situation in the camp and QFFD funded health programmes.

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Qatar Airways unites with HIA, QAS and QDF for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Qatar Airways has joined forces with Hamad International Airport (HIA), Qatar Aviation Services (QAS) and Qatar Duty Free (QDF) to show their united support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a series of Think Pink themed events and giveaways throughout the month of October. Activities for staff will include pink giveaways and a series of lectures from the Qatar Cancer Society (QCS) at HIA, along with awareness workshops, free mammogram screening by qualified medical staff for all eligible employees, and the return of the Charity Bazaar fundraising events at a variety of Qatar Airways offices around the world.

The multiple award-winning airline will also be relaunching a refreshed version of its much-loved pink BBRCI amenity kits, containing exclusive products from Italy's Castello Monte Vibiano Vecchio eco-range, for passengers travelling on ultra-long haul or long-haul flights in First Class and Business Class. Qatar Airways Senior Vice-President and Executive Adviser - Group Chief Executive, Nabeela Fahim, said: "We are proud to unite with our partners HIA, QAS and QDF to once again show our commitment to raising awareness of breast cancer, as well as our support for those affected by it. Education and awareness are key to continuing the tremendous efforts being made across the globe to eradicate this devastating disease. Together we hope to reach as many people as possible, towards our vision of delivering five-star service to passengers, and help save lives by passing on vital information about the tell-tale signs to look out for and where to go for help."

As part of HIA’s month-long Think Pink campaign, airport staff will be wearing breast cancer survivor’s t-shirts to talk about their experience and will be setting up an educational booth offering key messages around the importance of early screening and detection to passengers passing through Qatar Airways home and hub Hamad International Airport (HIA), Qatar Aviation Services (QAS) and Qatar Duty Free (QDF). The multiple award-winning airline will be donating a portion of the revenue from its branded pink amenity kits to the Qatar Cancer Society.

Qatar Aviation Services Senior Vice-President Mohamed Abdulaziz Al Massadi has been chosen to be the Person of the Year in the fifth edition of the Katara Prize for Arabic Novel, during the press conference.

Dr. Khalid bin Ibrahim Al Sulaiti (centre), General Manager of Katara Cultural Village, Hassan bin Ramadan (left), Chairman of the Tunisian Embassy in Doha, and Khalid Abdul Rahim Al Sayed, Manager of the Katara Prize for Arabic Novel, during the press conference.

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Qatar attends GCC Cultural Committee meeting in Oman

The Cultural Committee discussed many topics related to the common Gulf cultural affairs, including the new cultural strategy of the GCC countries which will be put in place next year and will last until 2030.

The Committee also discussed cooperation with international organizations with which it has agreements related to the cultural, heritage and artistic fields, and reviewed the schedule of the cultural projects that the ministries of culture in the GCC countries will seek to implement in cooperation and partnership with different countries and international institutions such as Fordham University, Monaco, and the Arab World Institute in Paris, in a way that promotes cooperation between the GCC countries and these countries and cultural centres.

The meetings of the GCC Culture Ministers will also be accompanied by a ceremony to honor the Gulf creative individuals.

The ceremony is held in conjunction with the annual ministerial meetings and during which two individuals from each country will be honored in various cultural fields. Qatar will be represented in the meeting by Dr. Mariam Al Naimi and artist Ghazi Hussein from the State of Qatar will be honoured during the ceremony.
The State of Qatar participated in a conference on ‘Opportunities and Challenges in the Governance of the Planet Ocean’ held at the International Hydrographic Organization in Monaco. The delegation of the State of Qatar was led by HE Dr. Ahmed bin Hasain Al Hamadi, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Law of the Sea. The conference will discuss a number of themes, including progress in the resolution of the maritime boundary dispute, the effects of new technologies on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the emergence of independent maritime vehicles and electronic maritime security, and negotiations for a legally binding instrument for the management of outer areas of national jurisdiction.

The President of the Senate of the Philippines, Vicente Sotto III (right), met with the Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the Philippines, Ali bin Ibrahim Al Malki. During the meeting, they reviewed bilateral relations and ways of supporting and developing them, as well as matters of common concern.

INS Mysore to arrive at Hamad Port today

Indian Naval Ship (INS) Mysore, a guided missile destroyer of the Indian Navy, will arrive at Hamad Port today. In the framework of the deep-rooted friendly ties, multi-faceted and growing cooperation between India and Qatar, Indian Naval Ships have been frequently visiting Qatar.

INS Mysore (DDG 990) is the second ship of the Delhi class guided missile destroyers, and was commissioned into the Indian Navy on June 2, 1999. One of the most successful warships designed and built in India, she displaces 5,500 tonnes and is capable of speeds in excess of 30 knots (about 55 kmph); the Indian Embassy in Doha expressed its relief over the news.

Equipped with an impressive array of weapon and sensors, the ship is capable of addressing and neutralising threats from the air, sea and undersea. The ship’s combat power is supplemented by two helicopters. Named after the historical city of Mysore in southern India, Mysore is the second ship in the Indian Navy to bear the same name. Her illustrious predecessor served the Indian Navy with distinction from 1957 till 1985.

Regency Travel & Tours opens new branch at Al Asmakh Tower

Regency Travel & Tours yesterday inaugurated a new branch at Al Asmakh Tower in West Bay – Doha’s most modern and most vibrant areas and Qatar’s main financial and business district where government offices and private businesses are located. In addition to several magnificent business and residential towers and hotels.

It is also a lively area with a collection of luxurious restaurants and markets such as the Century Shopping Mall and DECC. Additionally, the proximity to the Corniche Road and Diplomatic Area gives it a very special geopolitical location.

Equipped with latest travel and tour technologies, advanced technical solutions and skilled and experienced manpower, the new branch is poised to provide high-quality services such as air tickets, hotel reservations, car rentals, train tickets, cruises and fly-drive trips, tour visa assistance and therapeutic trips. The branch opens Saturday through Thursday from 08:00 to 17:00.

The new branch is part of Regency Travel & Tours’ endeavours to meet all guest needs regardless of where they are in Qatar and make their access to all our services and advantages as easy and smooth as it used to be at all other branches countrywide, which now exceed 40 branches. People who frequent West Bay area will be able to enjoy the various services of the new branch offers,” said Regency Travel & Tours CEO, Tareq Abdullatif Taha. The new branch aims significantly to Regency Travel & Tours’ efforts on local market with its high-quality family services, something that helps maintain the company’s global ranking on local, regional and global travel and tourism map,” he added.

The new branch, he said, keeps pace with the massive urbanization, businesses and population growth in Qatar. Regency Travel & Tours cooperates constantly with the National Tourism Council on all its efforts to scale up Qatar tourist products. It is a key role in developing the travel and tourism industry through adopting highest customer service standards. In addition to its contribution to enriching tourism sector with its 247 services.
Unicef, QC implement water project in Pakistan

Qatar Charity continues to implement water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) project in Sheikh Faisal bin Hamad Al Thani District, located in the Pakistani province of Karachi. The project is part of Qatar Charity’s partnership with Unicef and is expected to benefit some 44,000 households in 12 villages, including people with special needs living in institutional settings. Qatar Charity and Unicef, the latter expressed satisfaction with the progress of the project. Local representatives also emphasised their confidence in the quality of the project.

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Malabar Gold & Diamonds offers ‘Gift of Gold’

Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one among the largest jewellery retailers globally with a strong retail presence spread across the globe, has revealed its much-awaited festive season offer, ‘Gift of Gold’ giving a chance for the customers to win assured gold coins with Gold & Diamond Jewellery purchase.

In Qatar, the offer is starting from Wednesday, 29 October 2019. Also, the company has unveiled the latest Festival Jewellery collection at special offer prices in gold, diamond and precious gem jewellery festuring the most eye-catching and unique trends to captivate the customers.

‘A Gift of Gold’ by Malabar Gold & Diamonds gives you unmatched chances for the customers to win gold coins with their gold & diamond jewellery purchases. Customers can win a guaranteed gold coin up to 50 gold coins instantly on purchase of gold jewellery worth QR1000 via Scratch & Win coupons.

Adding to the above, customers also get two gram gold coin on diamond jewellery purchase of QR50,000 and one gram gold coin on purchase of diamond jewellery worth QR15,000.

Also, customers will have a great opportunity to get protected from the increasing gold trend by just paying a token amount over the entire amount on your favourite gold jewellery. The offer is valid until 25 October only.

Furthermore, customers can avail the zero deduction offer on 22K (916) gold jewellery exchange as well. Above offers are valid at their outlets in Qatar until October 27 only.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds has incorporated these designs as a part of various brands presented at Malabar Gold & Diamonds namely: Alhambra - Unlimited Era - Uncut Diamond Jewellery, Pracsa - Gem Jewellery, Divina - Indian Heritage Jewellery and Ethnix - Handcrafted Designer Jewellery.
Qatar committed to principle of cooperation to address challenges facing international community

Bon voyage, Qatar Airways

By Ahmed bin Saif Al Kuwari

The State of Qatar has reiterated its commitment to action based on the principle of cooperation and partnership, pointing out that the efforts of the international community will have a positive effect if they overcome the challenges facing the international community and moving forward in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

As a result, the State of Qatar has reaffirmed its commitment to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Qatar presented at the sessions of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, and the national reviews that gave a clear idea of the progress made by the State in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals discussed, Al Kuwari noted.

The State of Qatar is among the first countries that provided development and relief assistance; for example, in 2018 Qatar Fund for Development (QFDF) financed projects in the sectors of education, health, economic empowerment and employment in more than 30 countries around the world, at a cost of US $185 million, he added.

As part of the strategic partnership between the State of Qatar and the United Nations, Al Kuwari pointed out that during the Doha Forum 2018, the State of Qatar announced a multi-year support for development resources amounting to US $500 million, which will benefit the enhanced implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

As part of its efforts, a multi-year contribution of US $20 million has been allocated to support the Qatar labs network to accelerate the UNDP Sustainable Development Goals.

Al Kuwari stressed that Qatar ranked first in the Arab world and 7th globally, as one of the largest contributors of multilateral development funds in 2017, stressing continued support and financing of development activities.

The Permanent Delegation of Qatar to the UN underlined that Qatar was one of the five UN Least Developed Countries in 2016, stressing that the UN Committee for Development Cooperation in Doha in 2021, stressing that this year will focus on efforts to work with partners in the international community to achieve common goals, and its belief in the need to pay greater attention to the needs and priorities of the least developed countries, and to achieving complementary and sustainable development.

EU court just gave countries free pass for censorship on Facebook

The Washington Post

"Lousy traitor. "Corrupt official." Member of a "terrorist party." These are not at all inflammatory terms, but they certainly are not legal in the United States, or in most other countries. A recent ruling from the European Union court could stop the whole world from using them.

The decision concerns an Austrian politician who used Facebook to allegedly defame a comments accompanying a news story on his platform. The country’s courts eventually decided that what may not be very nice, but they’re certainly not illegal in the United States, or in most other countries. Often, such people may be stopped from speaking with a hug of a faraway judge — even when what they are saying is lawful where they live. Other countries have made this easier for themselves by blocking news outlets, Russia, Turkey and those similarly fond of controlling the internet, shutting down online expression may use the EU ruling to remove their own publics from the online conversation. The EU’s plan to reconsider laws related to both parts of the court’s decision, and to remove them, could help rule out blocking technologies altogether, they could at least limit them to cases in which they are proved necessary, accurate and an undue imposition on privacy or speech. They should also recognize that the whole world should not be forced to play by their rules, just as they would likely prefer not to play by those of some opportunistic despots."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

The global economy is now in a synchronized slowdown. This means that growth this year will fall to its lowest rate since the beginning of the decade.

Kristallina Georgieva

Managing Director

First, the filtering. EU state courts are allowed to talk to Facebook on identical or equivalent uploads and then prevent them from appearing at all. But how do you program an algorithm to stamp out the phrase "corrupt official" when it applies to an individual politician and not when it appears in countless acceptable others? The EU also wants companies to act against posts with the same "message" as an offending one. But that invites inevitable overreach again, especially given how difficult it has proved for machine learning to navigate the nuances of human communication.

Davey Winder
Why democracy is crumbling in the West

S trange as it may seem, there was once a time not too long ago when the United Kingdom and the United States were held up to the developing world as exemplars of the benefits of democracy. Today, as the former hurls seemingly incendiary towards a thumbed “no deal Brexit” and the latter in the throes of an impeachment inquiry, one question springs to mind: is the slide into populist ideals the inevitable fate of democracy?

The current state of the Anglo-Saxon world would certainly appear to suggest so. Stalemate in an ever-deepening constitutional crisis, courtesy of its 2016 referendum on leaving the European Union, the UK has installed a populist, Boris Johnson, as leader. On the other side of the Atlantic, the US is governed by a similarly incompetent president, Donald Trump.

A famous quote from a 1920 article by US journalist Henry Mencken seems to adequately capture the situation: “As democracy is perfect, the office of president represents, more and more clearly, the inner soul of the people. On some great and glorious day the plain folks of the future will get their heart’s desire at last and the White House will be adorned by a downright moron.”

Mencken believed that democratic elections could irrevocably result in a race to the bottom and laid the blame on the ignorance and stupidity of the electorate. “The first and last aim of the politician,” he wrote, “is to get votes, and the safest of all ways to get votes is to appear to the plain man to be a plain man like himself ... filled to the brim with the filthy, brutal, childish notions that challenge no prejudices and lay no burden of condemnation upon the mind.”

This rather pejorative view of the nature of the average voter, however, does not necessarily capture the complexity of the democratic process and the day-to-day lives we live in. And not least in the Korean academic, and author, Namjoo Nabileh, who offers a different perspective. “Somehow it’s hard” she writes when discussing the Schadenfruede many in the third world feel at the brazen of Brexit. “It requires constant vigilance - something that we now see is difficult to achieve even under the most virtuous elites.”

For many, life is already a soul-sapping constant struggle to put food on the table and keep a roof over one’s head. In such circumstances, constant popular engagement with the issues of the day as well as keeping one’s eyes on what the state and political elite get up to, is as necessary for any democracy’s continued operativeness. So voters take short-cuts which include relying on someone else to tell them what is going on in the democratic system.

For example, in Kenya, during the 2010 referendum on adopting a new constitution, many people openly admitted that they did not stop to read the document. ‘Baba amemta’ ‘father’ had read it for them. As for the refutation of ailed Odinga, perhaps the best known politician in the country, was a common refrain.

With little rationale of constitutionalism and little time to get clue d, voters were opting to rely on one from him. Similarly, Brits were not necessarily fully informed before they headed to the polling booths to cast their vote in the 2016 Brexit referendum.

Whether they take cues from politicians, journalists or other ‘self-appointed’ experts,’ one risk the electorate may not know the Brexit is being misled, as many said was the case with Brexit. But then again voters may not care. Seizing the truth shock, horror! is not always the reason one follows politics and politicians. But Somme, a pro-far of law at George Mason University, notes that political supporters tend to behave very much like sports fans, less interested in the merits of arguments or how well the game is played than in whether their side wins. If voters do not care about politics, why do they even bother to vote?

Much like going to football game and cheering for your favourite team, voting allows people the vicarious satisfaction of getting onto the field and wrestling with the issues. And like football, the game of politics is governed by “morons”.

Readers may be interested in reading the full version of this article in the latest edition of the Péninsula newspaper.
Turkey says won’t bow to US threat over Syria plans

Turkish Deputy PM Meets US Deputy Defence Secretary

Kuwait Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, Sheikh Khaled Al Jarash Al Sabah, met yesterday with US Deputy Secretary of Defense Secretary, David Norquist.

Norquist was in Kuwait as part of a US delegation visit to the region. During the meeting, bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries were discussed in various fields, in addition to the most important topics of mutual interest between Kuwait and the United States of America, KACA News Agency reported.

Israeli minister storms Al Aqsa

Al Jazeera

Israeli Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Food and Rural Development, Ilan Hasson, on Monday stormed al Aqsa Mosque in East Jerusalem.

Hasson, who is a candidate for the National Union party, entered Al Aqsa Mosque complex accompanied by Israeli police, calling for “orders” to be restored in “this country” and “guaranteeing the security of the Jewish community."

Hasson also stated that Jewish law must be applied throughout the area, adding that the Israeli authorities must take “all security measures to ensure the safety of the faithful Jews on this holy day.”

He added: "This mosque is the capital of the Jewish people and a consecrated place for the faithful Jews."”

Arab League affirms support for Palestinian legislative polls

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The Secretary-General of Arab League, Ahmed Aboul Gheit met yesterday with Palestinian Foreign Minister Riyad Al Maliki, who handed him a complete file prepared by the Palestinian Authority on the demarcation of the maritime borders of the State of Palestine. During the meeting, Al Maliki explained the steps the Palestinian authorities intend to take to hold legislative elections throughout Palestine, including the Gaza Strip and Occupied Jerusalem, following the statement by the president-elect, a statement from the Arab League’s General Secretariat said.

Arab League for the elections because they represent a major importance for Palestinian society and the entire Arab world. The meeting also dealt with the latest developments in the Palestinian situation at the diplomatic level in light of the discussions and consultations on the Palestinian cause in the 74th session of the UN General Assembly. The Palestinian president on Monday asked board of the election body to resume talks with Palestinian groups for preparation of the parliamentary elections that could be followed by presidential elections after six months. According to Palestinian official news agency (Wafa), Mahmmoud Abbas met Hana Nasser in the presence of top Palestinian officials and directed the government officials to provide all needed support for conducting the elections.

Feeding time

Flamingos are pictured feeding off a beach north of Kuwait City, yesterday.
Tunisia’s moderate Islamist party is going to a second round of voting, in a battle to form a government that it said would bring about political stability.

**UNSC for full implementation of South Sudan peace deal**

The UN Security Council called yesterday for the full implementation of South Sudan’s peace deal, saying that the talks were a step forward but that the parties still had to make progress.

**Algerian protests continue**

Police officers and a demonstrator during a protest against the election that Algeria’s veteran leader won has set off December and demanding the freedom of opposition leaders in Algiers, yesterday.

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**Ethiopian Airlines flight makes emergency landing in Dakar**

An Ethiopian Airlines plane was forced to make an emergency landing minutes after taking off from Toulouse in France because of a fire in the cockpit.

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Tourists to be allowed in Jammu & Kashmir from tomorrow

Governor Satya Pal Malik held a situation-cum-Security Review Meeting with the advisors and the chief secretary and also took stock of preparations for the upcoming block development council elections.

Another Pakistani drone spotted

CHANDIGARH: Security forces have spotted another Pakistani drone flying over Indian territory close to the Husamnagar border in Punjab’s Gurdaspur district.

The police have intensified their search operation after the intelligence bureau informed about the drone’s sighting in the border area.

The drone was seen flying on the Pakistani side from 10 to 10:30pm and again at 12:30am when it entered the Indian side, officials said. Punjab Police has already launched elaborate investigations to account for the weapons consignment allegedly smuggled into India for the border drone, the police said.

The four persons involved in sending drones from Pakistan, said a police spokesperson, are now on the wanted list.

The drone, which was flying at a height of 20 centimeters, was shot down by the Indian air force.

Kerala serial killer showing ‘suicidal tendencies’

Jolly, the prime suspect in six mysterious deaths in a family and who is currently in judicial custody, has shown signs of being suicidal. He is taking drugs to display suicidal tendencies.

After the medical examination, the concerned court has taken Jolly to the police custody for 30 days.

The police had registered cases against the murder of Jolly’s husband Roy Thomas. The state government has been monitoring the case closely.

Abhinandan flies Mig-21 in Hindon on Air Force Day

Wing Commander Abhinandan, who was shot down by a Pakistani jet at the border in February last year, flew a Mig-21 at an air show held at the Hindon Air Base in Ghaziabad during the Air Force Day celebrations yesterday. The air show was also marked by aerial performances by other Rajput aircrafts. While Abhinandan’s Mig-21 flew in a formation, Balakot hero Absar was accompanied by a fighter jet of Indian Air Force.

BJP leader shot up in UP’s Deoband, tension in area

BJP leader Chaudhary Yashpal Singh was shot dead yesterday by cash-for-vote tenders in the village near his home village in Deoband area of Uttar Pradesh’s Saharanpur district.

The house of the veteran politician who was renowned for his work among Muslims.

India receives first Rafale fighter

The first Rafale jet will be handed over at Miraj next month.

According to the findings of the Comprehensive National Food Survey, 2021-22, the survey conducted in all states except Kerala, it is estimated that the proportion of school-age children between 5 to 9 years in all states except Kerala, had moderate anaemia, 10 percent had mild anaemia, 13 percent had severe anaemia. Among adolescents, 17 percent had mild anaemia, 11 percent had moderate anaemia and 1 percent had severe anaemia.

Anemia is a public health problem for school-age children between the age group of 5-9 years in all states except Kerala, according to the findings of the Comprehensive National Food Survey (CNNS). In 2021-22, among school-age children of 5-9 years, the prevalence of anemia was 28 percent and among adolescents aged 10-19 years, the prevalence of anemia was 25 percent.

In this study, severe anemia was defined as hemoglobin concentration of less than 6 grams per deciliter.

Among school-age children, 20 percent had mild anemia, 41 percent had moderate anemia, 13 percent had severe anemia, 5 percent had moderate anemia and 1 percent had severe anemia.

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An increased prevalence was observed among women (22 percent), children (19 percent), women (17 percent) and adolescents (11 percent) compared to their male counterparts at 14 percent.

In all these age groups, anemia was mostly prevalent among females, followed by males, older children, adolescents, and males.

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Captains Saumitra Tamaskar and Hemant Kaul flew a Jaguar I and a Mirage 2000, respectively. Abhinandan’s Mig-21 had 34 flights and was operated by pilots.

The jet was chosen by the party for the upcoming election season, possibly after the October state election.

The party is facing attrition among its rank and file, with the party leadership rejecting the party’s defeat in national elections, and that his mother is chosen by the party, possibly after his recommendation for the party’s new president. It may not be able to win key states, but it is looking to gain some momentum in the upcoming election season.

In the case of candidates, Ashok Tanwar was among the main candidates in the party’s list of winners. It may not be able to win the key states of Rajasthan (26 percent) and Manipur (7 percent), and may face tough competition in states like Tripura (41 percent) and Assam (35 percent)."
**Chinese military leadership backs Pakistan on Kashmir**

The Chinese military leadership yesterday supported the stance of Pakistan on the lingering Kashmir issue dispute with India, according to a press release issued by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR).

The affirmation was made when Chief of Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa and General Manzoor Wattoo and General Muhammad Qasim of the People’s Liberation Army in Beijing discussed issues of regional security and defence cooperation were discussed.

According to the statement, Beijing commended the Chinese military leadership about consequences of the ongoing situation in Indian-administered Kashmir and said that China needed to respect United Nations resolution in this regard and ensure provision of rights in Kashmir.

“The Chinese military leadership endorsed Pakistan’s principled stance on Kashmir issue and commended the Pakistani approach in the interest of peace,” the ISPR stated.

The ISPR also said that in the meeting the two sides agreed that Pakistan had the right to respond to India’s aggressive behavior.

Chaudhry Nasir Ahmad, former director of the Pakistan Institute of Strategic Studies (PISS) said that China needed to respect the United Nations resolution in this regard and provide rights in Kashmir.

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Meanwhile, Pakistan President Dr Arif Alvi has promulgated two ordinances to set up the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority and grant tax concessions to the corridor.

The ordinances were promulgated in the presence of Prime Minister Imran Khan.

**Imran begins 2-day China visit, rallies support for investment**

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan (right) reviewing a guard of honour with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang during a welcoming ceremony outside the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, yesterday.

**Afghanistan braces for political uncertainty**

Despite pulling off a safer presidential election than expected, Afghanistan looks headed for a prolonged period of political uncertainty, with the two front-runners claiming victory before a runoff would take place.

The situation echoes 2014, when the Taliban remain effectively unified, but the winner is selected and takes office.

At the same time, Taliban insurgents rule more of the country than at any time since they were ousted from power nearly two decades ago, and have refused to accept the legitimacy of what they call a puppét US-backed government.

The unity government between the two candidates holds power until the winner is selected and takes office.

Results are expected on October 19. If neither wins over half the votes, a runoff would take place.

There is serious risk of an election-related violence.

Afghan election commission workers transferring data from biometric devices to the main server at a warehouse in Kabul, yesterday.

**BLOOMBERG NEWS**

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UN rights chief urges Australia to overhaul detention policies

The UN top rights official to Australia to reform its criminal and refugee detention systems yesterday, just days after the country’s prime minister took a new step at the international level.

Speaking in Sydney, United Nations Human Rights Commissioner Michelle Bachelet said she had been “shocked” to learn that the country’s age of criminal responsibility was just 10 years old, calling on Australia to raise the “internationally accepted” level of 14 years.

The policy disproportionately affects indigenous children, who make up 70 percent of those aged under 14 held in Australian detention facilities.

She also said it was “time to roll back” the mandatory detention of asylum seekers, a policy she described as becoming “entrenched” under successive governments.

The law heavily restricts the freedom of movement or new policy or new legislation could be effective or not.

The leader insisted she was “very committed” to using political, legal and policy instruments, including dialogue, to address some of the “deep-seated problems in the country.”

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Britain’s Brexit talks suffer on EU of verge of collapse

Bleak talks between Britain and the European Union suffer on the verge of collapse yesterday, with in for last claims of margin-

A New Prime Minister’s interview with The Financial Times today in London. The talks collapsed after a row over the issue of Northern Ireland.

Time is running out for a deal, with only three months remaining until the end of the year.

The European Union has said it will not reopen the Northern Ireland protocol, which includes the issue of backstop arrangements for the Irish Sea.

“The talks are not dead, but they are in a state of suspended animation,” a source told The Times.

The collapse comes as the UK prepares to leave the EU on January 31, 2020, with no deal remaining a real possibility.

Meanwhile, the EU is preparing for all options, including a hard Brexit, which could lead to punitive tariffs on goods imported from the UK.

The talks are expected to resume in the coming weeks, with both sides hoping to find a way forward.

France, Germany, and other EU member states have been preparing for a no-deal scenario for some time, with contingency plans in place for various outcomes.

However, it remains to be seen whether a deal can be reached before the end of the year.

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F-16 jet crashes in Germany, pilot survives

An American F-16 fighter jet crashed yesterday near the city of Trier in western Germany, the German air force said with the pilot surviving after using his parachute.

The pilot was airlifted to hospital and is said to be in “stable condition.”

Several European countries have had F-16 crashes in recent years, with the USA being the most affected.

The United States and other European countries have been discussing the future of the F-16 fleet, with some countries considering retiring the aircraft in favor of new models.

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A computer screen displays the portraits of the laureates of the 2019 Nobel Prize in Physics, FROM LEFT: Canadian-American James Peebles, Swiss scientists Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz, at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm, Sweden, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2019. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said Wednesday that American James Peebles, Swiss scientists Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz, and a team of researchers from the Netherlands have won the 2019 Nobel Prize in Physics for their discoveries about the physical universe.

AP Photo/Markus Schreiber

Macron vows ‘unrelenting fight’ against terrorism

A French president Emmanuel Macron vowed an “unrelenting fight” against extremism yesterday as he publicly paid tribute to the four Paris police stabbing victims who were killed last week.

AP Photo/Ronan Lepage

Police rescued child, father from burning car

A young father and his 2-year-old daughter were rescued by emergency services after a fire broke out in their home.

AP Photo/Christophe Ena

Kremlin rejects idea of US role in Ukraine conflict talks

Russia's foreign ministry rejected yesterday the idea of US involvement in future talks to resolve the conflict in eastern Ukraine.

REUTERS/Pavel Rebrov

Austrian Kurz starts talks to form new coalition govt

Austria's Chancellor Sebastian Kurz is starting talks today with other political parties to form a new government after Austria's presidential election.

REUTERS/Leonhard Foeger

Inflation soars in US

The US Federal Reserve yesterday reported that inflation has reached a 13-year high, with prices of goods and services increasing at a faster rate than expected.

REUTERS/Lucy Nicholson

A Sydney-based computer company is facing criticism over its new software, which is accused of harvesting data from users without their consent.

REUTERS/Kai Pfaffenbach

Japanese firm launches new smartphone

A Japanese company has launched a new smartphone that features a unique design and advanced camera capabilities.

REUTERS/Yuya Shino

Swiss scientists win Nobel Physics Prize

Swiss scientists Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz won the Nobel Physics Prize "for the discovery of an exoplanet orbiting a solar-type star," while Canadian-American James Peebles won for the "theoretical discoveries in physical cosmology."
The Trump administration yesterday blocked an ambassador from US Ambassador to the EU Gordon Sondland, a Trump donor who spent time in diplomatic jobs in July. The investigators are interested in what the ambassador knew and what his role was in Trump's efforts to get Ukraine to probe vice president Joe Biden, who leads the field of potential challenges to the Republican party.

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“El Chapo” and alleged helped move shipments thanks to information he obtained from Honduran President Hernandez, brother of President Juan Orlando Hernandez. Hernandez, dressed in his prison uniform, announced that Trump pressured Zelenskiy in which Trump wanted to speak to both Democratic and Republican-led congressional intelligence committees as early as this week, congressional officials said.

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A worker removing oil on a beach in Aracaju, Sergipe state, in Brazil. Bolsonaro says oil spills appear to be criminal

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro said yesterday that the oil spills that have been contaminating the northeastern coast since the beginning of September appeared to involve crimes. “It seems that something was dumped criminally,” Bolsonaro said in his opening remarks at a meeting with Environment Minister Ricardo Salles.

A worker removing oil on a beach in Acarai, Sergipe state, in Brazil.

Border apprehensions drop as immigration crackdown continues

New York City officials vowed to crack down on scalpers after hot air balloons used to transport migrants across the Mexico border and sending more facilities. Four months ago, it was about 19,000, a massive decline from the before.

The number of migrants apprehended at the border during the 2019 budget year may be nearly 1 million, one of the highest figures on record. Volumes of border crossers vastly strained resources and prompted an outcry over field conditions at border stations where families and children were held for days and weeks at a time in facilities meant to hold them at most 30 days.

The number of migrants crossing the border traditionally declines in hot summer months. Numbers tend to rebound when the weather gets cooler, though officials have insisted that the decline cannot be explained simply by seasonal factors. Morgan said the administration’s strategies brought about results.

This administration’s strategies have brought about results, dramatic results,” Morgan said from the White House press briefing. Morgan was one of several personnes being held in custody at border facilities who crossed through another country to arrive at the US, to board flights to another country.

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As Ecuadoran protesters infuriated by rising food prices marched on government offices and roads in 18 of 24 provinces, the government moved to cut fuel subsidies, which had been costing the government close to $2.6 billion a year. Government and opposition parties have accused each other of orchestrating the protests, which have now entered their third week.

The protests, which began as anger against rising gasoline prices, have since turned into a broader protest against the government of President Lenin Moreno. Protesters have called for the President to resign, citing economic hardship and the government's failure to address their grievances.

The government of President Moreno has taken steps to ease the protests, including cutting fuel subsidies and announcing new economic measures. However, the protesters have remained largely unconvinced, and the situation continues to be tense.

Meanwhile, the government of Ecuador's former president Rafael Correa has been denied a court appeal of his conviction for siphoning government funds. The court ruled that Correa could not present new evidence, and his legal team has vowed to appeal the decision.

In other news, the United States has been placed on high alert after a network of computer systems worldwide was hit by a cyber attack. The attack, which some experts believe may have been directed at the US, has not yet been linked to a specific group or country.

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**TORTON**

**Toronto**

The lead candidate to replace Justin Trudeau as Canada’s prime minister attacked him yesterday during the second debate of the campaign, calling him “a phony and fraud” who can’t even recall how often he’s worn blackface as a child.

Conservative party leader Andrew Scheer immediately brought up Trudeau’s blackface scandal after it was not men- tioned in the first debate. Trudeau is seeking a second term in the October 21 elections. “If Trudeau, you’re a phony and you’re a fraud and you don’t deserve to govern this country,” Scheer said.

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**BOSTON**

A Florida man who spent 10 days in jail after he overdosed and missed jury duty has his record cleared.

The Indie Hotel on April 8, 2019, after he was released from jail. The hotel had previously been closed, but reopened last year with plans to provide temporary housing for individuals going through treatment.

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**TAMPA BAY**

A Pennsylvania hospital’s nursing staff is raising the awareness of a waterborne germ that appears to be spreading widely in the state. The disease, which affects at least eight infants in the neonatal intensive care unit, is being treated successfully, hospital officials said.

Officials said they are working with state and federal health authorities to ensure the babies get the care they need. The disease, known as legionnaires disease, is caused by Pseudomonas bacteria that are commonly found in water systems. The bacteria have been linked to outbreaks of pneumonia in the past.

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**DALLAS**

A General’s office across the street. On Monday, rosters also attacked a small food facility, a major dosing and a second facility, and military vehicles as security forces struggled to contain the violence.

When I read that Moreno has been ‘sentenced’ to 10 years in jail, I am not sure if it really is that. Moreno lives in Belgium, after all. Moreno now faces the second day of his trial, which is expected to last up to two weeks.

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**MADRID**

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**DANVILLE**

Danville has begun sending very sick expectant mothers to other facilities. The move follows an incident at the local hospital in which three babies died after being delivered by cesarean section.

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NU-Q and GU-Q offer joint course on ‘Qatar in the contemporary Muslim world’

As part of its mission to define, stimulate, and thought-provoking debates on Islam, the College of Islamic Law and Global Justice (CILG) at Qatar University has included experts from GU-Q at NU-Q have invited additional experts to join the seminar, thus allowing for a more comprehensive exploration of the topic. The seminar will cover a wide range of issues, from the history of Qatar to contemporary developments, and will include discussions on the role of religion in education and the impact of globalization on the country's culture. The seminar will be open to the public, and all interested parties are encouraged to attend. The seminar is scheduled to take place in the fall of 2019, and further details will be announced soon.
Ooredoo honours Qatari athletes

Ooredoo’s Chairman, Sheikh Abdulla bin Mohammed bin Saad Al Thani, welcomed Dr Thani bin Abdullah al-Kuwari, the Second Vice-President of the Qatar Olympic Committee and President of Qatar Athletics Federation (QAF), along with Qatar Athletics Mutaz Essa Barshim and Abde rahman Samaha – who competed in the IAAF World Athletics Championships 2019 held last week in Doha – and retired athletes here. Talal Mansour, to honour and thank them all for their amazing contribution.

The exhibition, which is held at Multiple Education City Student Center and runs until December 8, gives visitors an opportunity to know more about the lifestyle, traditions, socioeconomic histories and health systems of the local Tanzanian communities.

Experience Tanzania, a yearly project supported by Students’ Affairs Unit (Education City Student Center) and sponsored by the Minister of Health, is being held for the first time a photography exhibition titled Tanzania. The exhibition represents not only Tanzania but also African continent, because these exist a lot of similarities in African continent.

Dr. Fikra Ashkanani, the State of Qatar in this event, commended both athletes with a token of appreciation on behalf of Ooredoo. Sheikh Abdulla thanked Talal Mansour, the Qatari sprinter who holds an Asian indoor record for the men’s sprint, for his contribution to the fan experience at Doha 2019. Mansour received the Chair’s recognition for his efforts behind the scenes to report on all the action.

Ooredoo’s Chairman Sheikh Abdulla bin Mohammed bin Saad Al Thani and other top Ooredoo management officials hosted and honoured the Qatari athletes.

Qatar Pavilion wins two awards at Expo Beijing 2019

Qatar Pavilion participating in the International Horticultural Exhibition Expo Beijing 2019 won the grand award from the Expo’s organising committee for the best foreign pavilion and also won the grand award of the International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH) the most prestigious awards for foreign pavilions participating in the exhibition.

The award was received by Deputy Commissioner-General of the Qatar Pavilion at Expo Beijing, Dr. Fikra Ashkanani, at a ceremony held on the occasion.

Dr. Ashkanani expressed her happiness for winning the two awards, pointing out that the honour was the result of the collective efforts by the members of the Committee for the preparation of the Qatar Pavilion, as well as the great support from the Ministry of Municipality and Environment and the Environment and the Emir of the State of Qatar.

The Pavilion won two awards: one for the most beautiful pavilion in the expo, and the other for the most environmentally friendly pavilion.

The award was received by Deputy Commissioner-General of the Qatar Pavilion at Expo Beijing, Dr. Fikra Ashkanani. The Qatar Pavilion received more than two million visitors at the expo.

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