**Russian doctors agree**

Russian doctors treating opposition activist Alexei Navalny for suspected poisoning backed down yesterday after initially insisting he was fit to be taken to Germany. His wife had appealed to a court on Tuesday to let him go under supervision in Russia, but the ruling was postponed until yesterday.

**Building permits**

Building permits in Qatar are to be issued in July, as Qatar’s minister of interior, Abdulrahman bin Khater Al-Attiyah, said recently that the ministry is finalising the procedures for issuing building permits. The minister said the ministry is reviewing the development strategies in Qatar, and that it is working to finalise the procedures for issuing building permits.

**Evacuation**

A Qatari government official has confirmed that Qatar has evacuated its citizens from Tripoli, the capital of Libya, due to the increasing tension in the country. The official, who is a member of the Qatari diplomatic mission in Libya, said that the evacuation was carried out in coordination with the Libyan authorities. The official also stressed that the evacuation was carried out in line with international law.

**6th minute penalty**

Aston Villa lost to Manchester United in the FA Cup quarter-final, with the away side scoring a 9th minute goal thanks to a goal from Bruno Fernandes. The referee, Anthony Taylor, had already awarded a penalty to Aston Villa, but he then awarded a second penalty to Manchester United, which resulted in a 2-0 win for the away side.

**Support hotline announced for blended learning**

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**Schools to inform parents through SMS about in-school days of attendance**

**Blended learning support hotline 150**

**Six sessions/day for distance learning**

**Students to attend school 1-3 times a week**

**Libya’s UN-backed govt. rivals announce ceasefire**

Libya’s UN-backed government has announced a ceasefire agreement with the rival Libyan National Army (LNA) of Gen. Khalifa Haftar.

**WHO hopes end to pandemic in ‘less than two years’**

The World Health Organization (WHO) said yesterday that the plan is to have a COVID-19 vaccine available by the end of 2020. The WHO is working with member states to ensure that the vaccine is manufactured and distributed to countries around the world.

**AI Reyano Stadium comes to life**

In its growing league and facility-enhanced venues, AI Reyano Stadium is slowly coming up. The stadium is being developed by the Qatar Government to host international matches. The stadium will be ready by the end of the year.
**Digital transformation accelerating in Qatar, says expert**

By Joey Aguilar

The shift to a completely digital system across several government transactions in the region, particularly in Qatar, is accelerating due to the need to become more efficient and accessible amid the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

“We are seeing that (digital) transformation is moving at a faster rate within specific sectors in the region,” said Al Asfour Business, international business professional and author, Ahmad Al Asfour. “This is due to the current situation and the need for digitisation to streamline processes and make them more efficient.”

A programme under Qatar’s Ministry of Transport and Communications (MoTC), the Digital Transformation of Road and Transport, is part of the government’s efforts to accelerate digitalisation in the country, Al Asfour said. The programme details the digitisation of the entire recruitment process. CITing Qatar as an example, Al Asfour noted that a number of initiatives on digital transformation in both public and private sectors achieved 70% completion by the end of last month, enabling the government itself (conventionally) to undertake more complex processes in the digital world.

“For example, when the government wants to digitise its processes, ‘we have to embrace it’, he said, adding that this year recruiting will be carried out until August, in the Bu Hamour area. ‘Openings will be carried out until then and those interested in applying will be able to do so,’ he said, adding that the ministry will witness openings of several projects by the end of this month.

Once completed, the corridor will be fully open to the public by early next year, which includes the connection of Al Rawdha 3rd Street and crosses over Halul Island, with the former having the longest bi-directional tunnel, said Al Asfour.

Al Asfour added that the network is expected to be completed in two years, with the project scheduled to be finished by the end of this month, a milestone that marks the completion of 70% of the project.

MoPH reports 113,216 total Covid recoveries

**QNA**

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) reported yesterday 25 new recoveries from the virus, bringing the total number of people who have recovered to 113,216.

The latest data is based on a daily monitoring and surveying procedure by the Technical Control Department, which is in charge of receiving and processing the required documents, along with medical certificates from new recoveries to ensure their complete recovery and based on the criteria and guidelines set by the Ministry of Public Health.

The MoPH said that the total number of recoveries has reached 113,216 recoveries, while the number of new cases in the community is one. Qatar has one of the lowest numbers of recoveries in the world.

**Housing sector campaigns in Al Khor**

Al Khor and Al Thakira Municipality, represented by the Technical Control Department at Technical and Quality Inspections and campaigns, announced the opening of the campaign ‘Housing sector in Al Khor’.

The campaign is in order to raise awareness about the campaign ‘Provision of workers’ rights and protection of both the employer and employee’. The campaign is initiated in order to ensure that the campaign is conducted in Al Khor and Al Thakira, in addition to carrying out visits and inspections of these campaigns to ensure the implementation of the campaign mechanism, including the building construction.

The book covers different industries, organisations, ownership structures and degrees of diversification and cases of used in the programmes of business development.

The book comprises high-profile case studies on industry challenges, including the challenges and opportunities of Qatar Diar Vinci Construction (QDVC), which is in charge of carrying out highly complex construction projects in the country. The book balances internat-...
**After blast, Lebanese start virus lockdown**

**Beirut**

Still reeling from a deadly port explosion that ignited their historic port and businesses, Lebanon has entered a new coronavirus lockdown after the Beirut port was devastated.

The airport is to operate normally and ministry will be staffed at full capacity.

Compliance with the new measures is expected to be strict and will go into effect in the first day, the National News Agency said, but this capital's strictures largely emptied crowded places.

“Economically closing the country is not good, as people are still not vaccinated. It doesn’t bring a solution for getting back and having to be catered on internet,” said the official.

There’s no more space in the hospitals. If people suddenly start banging up, where will they get a space, she added.

Authorities for Lebanon’s health minister told reporters they can’t cope with a further spike in Covid-19 cases, especially among hospitals near the port.

A new temporary lockdown in early August was scrapped in the wake of the explosion.

The pandemic arrived on the heels of the country’s worst economic crisis in decades, which has since the destruction of Beirut’s port.

The government, which has seen a string of much-lauded reforms, has brought the number of Covid-19 cases to its highest levels. This came after a month in which the virus surged out of control in areas of the capital ravaged by the blast.

“Let’s hope and pray that we will not be left with a bigger disaster than what we had,” the official said.

**Israel bombs Gaza as rocket fire intensifies**

The retooling of Germany’s armed forces has been under way for more than a year.

Israel has launched its fifth military mission against the Gaza Strip in as many months.

This has marked the start of the new year for the Israeli military, which has been conducting a series of strikes aimed at stopping the rocket fire.

**Fuel shortage in Sanaa**

Iran looks to UN to block US ‘snapback’ sanctions bid

The United Nations (UN) has called on the United States (US) to lift its sanctions against Iran.

The UN has threatened to take the US to the International Court of Justice, the body that settles disputes between states.

**Kuwait reports 502 new Covid-19 cases**

Kuwait’s Ministry of Health announced yesterday that 502 new confirmed COVID-19 cases have been recorded in the country.

The total number of confirmed cases in Kuwait has reached 111 with the addition of 502 new cases.

The Health Ministry’s general director, Dr. Abdullah Alothman, said that 241 new patients have been discharged from hospitals.

**Tunisia re-imposes curfew in hotspot**

Tunisia’s health authorities announced on Saturday a curfew in the town of Beja to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The curfew will be in place from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. and is expected to remain in place until the start of October.

**Regional updates**

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A quite official told AFP that the government is “very worried” and “feels highly concerned” about the incident. “It is important they act promptly,” the official said.

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The WHO said that the outbreak is “of urgent concern” and that it will be closely monitored.

“The situation has already caused a lot of concern among the public, as we know from our previous experiences with the outbreak in the DRC,” the WHO official said.

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Teachers declared essential workers during pandemic

Washington

This department of huma- 
kind's history is characterized by the sacrifices of those who cannot easily be 
seen. Teachers are essential workers in times of crisis, whether it be a pandemic or an economic downturn. The teachers of the Golden State are no exception.

On March 16, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a stay-at-home order for all residents of California, except those who were essential workers. Teachers were among those deemed essential.

Many teachers across the state were forced to adapt to remote learning, which presented its own set of challenges. Some struggled to connect with students who lacked access to technology or internet.

Despite these difficulties, teachers continued to provide education to their students. They adapted to online platforms, created virtual classrooms, and provided support to students who were struggling.

During the pandemic, teachers also had to deal with the emotional impact of the situation. Many teachers reported feeling overworked, stressed, and isolated.

The pandemic also highlighted the disparities in education. Many students, especially those from low-income families, faced challenges in accessing the necessary tools for remote learning.

Despite these challenges, teachers in California remained committed to their students. They continued to provide quality education, even under the most difficult circumstances.

As the state begins to lift restrictions and return to normalcy, the teachers of California will continue to play a crucial role in shaping the future of their students.
Government lockdowns scaled back in Australia as infections ease

Australia is slowly easing its lockdowns, including the closure of many state borders. This is despite a recent rise in cases in Western Australia.
Number of migrants crossing Channel in boats passes 5,000

Reprieve for renters as eviction ban extended until 2022

Crossrail delayed again until 2023

Irish politicians quit after golf dinner virus breach

Policemen’s killers’ jail terms to be reviewed

Britannia
Spain sees most number of new infections since May

**Europe**

Spain reports 4,586 new infections over past 24 hours • Italy reports 3,974 new virus cases, highest daily count since early April

The World Health Organization (WHO) has called on countries to monitor the situation as cases start to rise again in parts of the continent. The WHO European region said in a statement that the number of new cases had been increasing in several countries, including Spain, since the beginning of July. **The coronavirus causes the illness Covid-19.**

The rise in cases has coincided with the easing of lockdowns and restrictions on gatherings and travel. The WHO said that while many countries had reduced their restrictions, others had been too quick to lift them. The agency said that while the number of new cases had been increasing, the death toll had remained low, with only 129 deaths reported in the last 24 hours. **The damage to the health system will be proportionate to the number of infections.**

Spain, which was one of the countries hardest hit by the pandemic, is now seeing a resurgence of cases. The country reported 4,586 new infections over the past 24 hours, the highest daily count since early April. **The virus spread is fuelling worries across Europe and Australia.**

Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez yesterday announced new restrictions in the regions of Madrid and Catalonia, which account for more than half of the country's cases. He said that gatherings of more than six people would be banned and that masks would be required in some public spaces. **The government has blamed the local authorities for not acting quickly enough.**

The rise in cases is particularly concerning in Madrid, where authorities said that the number of patients in hospital had increased. **This is an early stage of the second wave.**

Spain is one of the countries that has been hit hardest by the pandemic. **The country has recorded over 250,000 cases and more than 35,000 deaths.**

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**WHO**

A new wave of cases is emerging across Europe, particularly in countries that had previously contained the virus. The WHO said that while the number of cases was still low compared to the peak in March, it was a cause for concern. **The virus is spreading more rapidly and is more difficult to contain.**

The agency also warned that the virus could spread to vulnerable populations, such as out-of-work individuals and elderly care facilities. **The rapid spread of the virus among these groups poses a challenge both for health systems and for the general population.**

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Nine people die in fire at Telangana power station

T elangana State Power Generation Corporation Limited (TSPGCL) has reported that about 25 people have died due to a fire that broke out in a coal-based thermal power station in Telangana’s Karimnagar district on Thursday.

The fire broke out at the Srisailam power station, located on the banks of the Krishna River, after the workers set it on fire to retrieve the bodies of the victims.

The state government has ordered an inquiry into the incident, and the police have registered a case under Section 304 of the Indian Penal Code, which deals with negligence causing death.

The fire broke out at the Srisailam power station, which is one of the largest power stations in the country, located on the banks of the Krishna River. The state government has ordered an inquiry into the incident, and the police have registered a case under Section 304 of the Indian Penal Code, which deals with negligence causing death.

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More innovative testing strategies for virus vaccine

If Covid-19 testing is to play a major game-changing role in controlling the pandemic, its development must not be left to chance. Only ensuring that a sufficient number of laboratories across the globe are equipped to do the work will prevent a surge in infections and enable the world to reopen.

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**Pakistan**

**Supreme Court gives the Siddi government two months to take action against the illegal tenants**

The Supreme Court of Pakistan has ordered the Siddi government to take action against the illegal tenants within two months. The court said that the government has failed to take action against the illegal tenants despite several orders and rulings. The court has given the government a two-month deadline to evict the illegal tenants from their allotted lands.

**Fresh warrants issued for Sharif**

Former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his daughter Maryam Nawaz have been arrested by the accountability court (LHC) in Lahore. The court has issued warrants for their arrest in the Al-Azizia Reference Case. The court has directed the police to arrest the former PM and his daughter in the next two days.

**Pushing forward**

The Pakistan government has moved forward with its plans to introduce the use of polythene bags. The government has issued new regulations that will make the use of polythene bags illegal. The regulations will come into effect on September 12, 2023.

**Pakistan committed to fight against terror**

Pakistan has committed to fight against terrorism. The government has announced that it will work with all stakeholders to eliminate terrorism from the country. The statement was made by the Prime Minister of Pakistan during a meeting with the heads of security agencies.
IT IS NOW well known that, in public health emergencies of any nature, the protection of the public should be the priority. This is why Qatar Red Crescent Society’s (QRCS) health education activities have benefitted 6,059 persons, including inmates of the recently closed Mekaines quarantine facility, workers, community leaders, and the public.

The QRCS health educators conducted 14 activities, which included an overview of the vaccination process, risks, and events. They aimed to reach various groups, including workers in healthcare facilities, workers in the entertainment industry, workers in schools and universities, and the public in general.

These activities are part of QRCS’s health education activities, which focus on preventing the spread of COVID-19. QRCS has been working hard to ensure that the community is aware of the importance of staying safe and healthy during the pandemic.

As part of the collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, QRCS organized these online training workshops on the topic of COVID-19 Preventive Behaviors in the new lifestyle. These workshops covered topics such as sports clubs and youth centers, as well as the processes and tools to follow in the event of an emergency.

Moreover, the QRCS health education programs have been well-received by the community, and the organization is committed to continuing its efforts to protect the health and safety of all Qataris.