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Qatar envoy meets International Organisation of La Francophonie secretary-general

Qatar's ambassador to France and Qatar's representative to the International Organisation of La Francophonie Sheikh Ali bin Jassim al-Thani met with the Secretary-General of the International Organisation of La Francophonie Louise Mushikiwabo, who is also Qatar's envoy in Paris. The meeting, which coincides with the celebration of the organisation's 50th anniversary, highlighted the active role of Qatar within the organisation's framework, and discussed the bilateral relations between Qatar and the International Organisation of La Francophonie. The meeting focused on the principles of democracy, human rights and effective policy. It follows the use and teaching of the French language in Qatar and its role of Qatar within the organisation's framework.

Chairman of Afghanistan High Council for National Reconciliation meets Qatar ambassador

Chairman of the High Council for National Reconciliation Mubarak Abdullah met with Qatar's ambassador to Afghanistan at a meeting in the capital. The meeting discussed ways to further improve the bilateral relations between the two countries.

QFFD's efforts to support vulnerable communities hailed

The Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) has been praised for its efforts to support vulnerable communities, particularly in Mexico. The fund's role in supporting sustainable development projects and its efforts to achieve peace and prosperity have been highlighted. The fund has distributed funds across 87 countries around the world, and has invested in projects that promote health, infrastructure and humanitarian projects.

Four new health centres planned

The Primary Health Care Corporation (PHCC) in Qatar has revealed a plan to set up four more primary health centres (PHCs) across the country, providing a further fillip to Qatar’s healthcare sector, local Arabic daily Al Jornal reported recently.

A source at the corporation told the daily that the new centres will come up in Al Khor, Al Thumama, Umm Salal and Al Khabayri and will be opened by 2024. They are in addition to the health centres that are expected to be handover to the Public Works Authority (Ashghal) at the end of this year.

The project plan is to focus on creating new PHCs with a system that is different from the ones found in the old centres. This will be done by expanding the new PHCs with the aim of providing better medical services, by increasing the number of specialised clinics for children, doctors, dentists and skin disease treatment along with physiotherapy and the like.

Besides, well-serie services that include health services reaching the stage of those of the PHCSI will also be introduced. Meanwhile, the building of the new health centres in Al Khor, Al Wakra, Al Wakra, Al Khor, and Al Thumama is expected to be completed by 2024.

Ashghal has completed the main works of the South Al Wakra Health Centre. These have been carried out by the Building Projects Department of Ashghal, and the building and the other health centres are now in the planning stages.

The South Al Wakra health centre will have 14 clinics and consulting rooms with a pharmacy, radiology room and laboratory.

The health centres in Al Khor will have 14 clinics and consulting rooms, dental clinic, laboratory and out-patient clinic with a capacity of 600 consultations per day. At Al Khor, the 14 clinics will serve 41 out-patient rooms, dental clinics, 25 consulting rooms, four radiology and 10 consulting rooms.

In the South Al Wakra centres, there will be a total of 160 consultations per day, 10 consulting rooms, one dental clinic, five radiology and 15 consulting rooms.

The centres in Al Khor and Al Wakra have a total of 200 consultations per day, 12 consulting rooms and eight dental clinics. The PHCSI will be opened by 2024.

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Ooredoo in new promo for Nojoom members

Ooredoo has announced a new promo for its Nojoom members, offering bonus Nojoom points when they purchase a Dyson product from partner retailer FNAC.

Nojoom members purchasing a Dyson product from FNAC will get double Nojoom points on their purchase, from February 21 until March 22, 2021.

Dyson offers a wide range of products including cordless vacuum cleaners, and devices to promote air flow, humidity, and filter the air. Products are available at FNAC branches at Lagoona Mall and Bahrain Mall.

The organisation chose Ali for his distinguished performance and great popularity in Qatar, the Gulf, and Asia. The 2020 AFC Asian Cup top scorer in the region, he is one of the most popular football players in the Middle East to destinations in Africa, Europe, North America and the Middle East.

Football star Almoez Ali named ambassador for Unesco initiative

The Ministry of Education and Higher Education (Unesco) has selected the athlete for the programme. "We place great importance on ensuring our customers know they are valued, and that their custom is very much appreciated, and we look forward to welcoming them to our travel bubble programme. Regular promotions such as this one will help ensure we can offer our customers more rewards for their loyalty, and make sure they get the most from the programme," the ministry said in a statement.

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Milipol Qatar to be held with Covid-19 restrictions in place

The 10th edition of Milipol Qatar will be held from March 15 to 17 at Doha Exhibition and Convention Centre in adherence to all the preventive steps in line with the Qatar recommendations of the Ministry of Health, "he explained.

The exhibition, one of the leading international exhibitions in internal security and crime prevention sectors, will be held from March 15 to 17 at Doha Exhibition and Convention Centre in adherence to all the preventive steps of the pandemic.

The Ministry of Public Health confirmed yesterday 456 new confirmed cases of Covid-19 during the last 24 hours, of which 415 are Qatar residents who had returned from abroad, and 41 were under prevention and protection systems and equipment to fight against Covid-19.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) has announced the extension of the 2021-2022 academic year, which has been extended until March 5, 2022, the Russian embassy announced yesterday.

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On March 4, the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) has reported 459 new Covid cases, the Ministry has announced.

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Qatar slams attack on Libyan minister

Qatar has strongly condemned yesterday an attack on the minister of interior of the Libyan Government of National Accord Fathi Brega in Tripoli. One of the Emerson's guards was killed in the attack. In a statement yesterday, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed Qatar’s firm position on rejecting violence, terrorism and carnage, regardless of the motives and results.
World Day of Social Justice: Qatar Charity utilizes technology to bridge digital divide

On the sidelines of this event, a remotely teaching, training and empowering platform, called the ‘noon platform’, was launched by World Day of Social Justice 2021, to provide electronic training and empowerment opportunities for the students and the youth to improve their skills, especially those affected by the war and disruption and their capabilities so that they can take advantage of the Internet in marketing projects and discovering opportunities.

Qatar Charity contributed to the launch of the ‘Noon platform’ in cooperation with its founding partners, to offer the best digital solutions to provide quality education for refugees and internally displaced people around the world and give internationally recognized certificates to students. The platform was developed to provide solutions to the crisis of interruption of education for 20 million children in conflict-affected areas.

Qatar Charity ((QC) has launched ‘Tamkeen’ an integrated training program offered remotely via its social media accounts, as a branch of the ‘Noon platform’, to enhance the economic, social and psychological skills of the participants. The program included six different types of training workshops. Some 45 persons took part in these workshops.

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Unprecedented Changes

Nawaf Abdulla A H AlHammadi, the CEO of Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) and Qatar Charity (QC), stated the urgent need for the launch of the first report on internal displacement in the MENA region in cooperation with the Monitoring Centre (IDMC), which has been witnessing unprecedented changes for ten years.

He also said that such a report is essential because it provides solid evidence on the scale and the risks of the issue and serves as the cornerstone for discussion on possible solutions.

Despite the existence of IDP laws and policies on a global level, there is no agreement on the rights of the displaced, as their number has more than tripled since 2011.

Mr. Misfer Hamad Al-Shahwani, Deputy Director-General for Development Projects, Qatar Centre for Development Co-operation (QFFD), expressed appreciation for the efforts in launching the report, and the discussions to reach sustainable solutions for the displaced, as their number has more than tripled since 2011.

He also shed light on the scale of the humanitarian tragedy faced by the region, the increasing number of IDPS, and the reasons for internal displacement, indicating that the number of IDPs has worsened in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.
**Difi workshop on the role of money within marriage**

To help couples, the Doha International Family Institute (Difi) has organised a workshop to boost responsibilities within marriage.

The workshop, the third event held as part of a series created by the DIFI, a member of Qatar Foundation (QF), to broaden conversation on crucial conditions that affect marital formation and stability.

Difi executive director Dr. Sharifa Mansoori, who is the board deputy chairman of the Qatar Association of Certified Public Accountants, and the Difi executive director of the Qatar Career Development Centre, also a member of the QF, said: “Marriage is a vital social-economic system that requires wise management and guidance.”

One of the most important elements in marriage is the availability of an organized financial approach that achieves balance between expenditure and savings.

“The workshop provides insight on how couples can communicate about monetary matters and align their expectations and synchronize their financial goals,” she said. “Discussing various family issues and proposing solutions is a part of our approach at the DIFI.”

T he workshop was attended by 28 employees, comprising new employees and customs security staff from various customs outlets.

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Digital wallets could also tap into a market of 800,000 unbanked or under-banked low-income workers in Qatar, of whom 44% make payments for maintenance services without having to open a bank account.

On Islamic fintech, the report said that venture capital (VC) investments could be deployed through QF’s programme in partnership with Islamic investment banks.

Islamic fintechs, allowing investors to set up Islamic VC funds or equity crowdfunding platforms, would also drive Islamic VC investments in Qatar in the future, the report said.

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Al-Mansoori said: “Marriage is a social and economic system that requires wise management and guidance. These tools or skills can be learned and acquired, and a person does not necessarily need to have them before marriage.”

Therefore, such workshops enable participants to learn the basics of these skills and master them according to the success of this system.”

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The event was attended by many representatives of UN organisations and those concerned with internal displacement. A symposium on the sidelines discussed the findings of the report and explored sustainable solutions to internally displaced persons (IDPs)’ vulnerability.

IDMC director Alexandra Bilak, who moderated the event, spoke about the internal displacement in the Mena region, and its impact on the social, economic and political fabric of countries and regions. She also emphasised the importance of the internally displaced in the region, Egypt, Yemen and Sub-Saharan Africa, pointing out that humanitarian responders are struggling to deliver basic food, medical, health and education aid.

Bilak praised the QC’s efforts in supporting IDPs in the Middle East and North Africa, adding that the QC and the QFFD have co-launched the report and co-organised the event.

Nawaf Abdulla Al Hammadi, QC’s chief executive, welcomed the launch of the report on internal displacement to the region, which has seen unprecedented changes in 10 years.

He said that such a report is essential because it provides solid evidence on the scale and the link of the issues and moves on the consequences of displacement.

Despite the existence of IDPs laws and policies on a global level, Al Hammadi stated, we lack the little data where they are most needed.

He noted that many conflict-affected regions face internal displacement issues on a national level.

Moter Hammal Al-Shahen, deputy director-general for Development Projects at the QFFD, expressed appreciation for the QC’s initiative in the report launch and efforts taken in launching the report, and the support of the IDMC in promoting the search for sustainable solutions for the displacement, which has increased more than tripled since 2011.

He said that the scale of the humanitarian tragedy faced by the region, the increasing number of IDPs and the measures for internal displacement are major challenges.

The report cited Turkey as the world’s largest host country of IDPs for more than two decades, and it is estimated that there are 12.4mn IDPs in the Mena region, including 6.3mn internally displaced females.

The IDMC’s Alexandra Bilak and the QC’s Nawaf Al Hammadi during the virtual event.

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Qatar’s hospitality outlook promising: expert

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Qatar-based research significant in global development of Gulf Studies

The findings show that GU-Q and QNL – as well as other institutions – were key players in the development of the field, including the establishment of the Journal of Arabian Studies, an electronic platform for Gulf Studies, and the Gulf Times, which is dedicated to Gulf Studies.

Other research centres in Qatar were subsequently established, including the Qatar National Library (QNL), which was established in 2004 and has played a major role in the development of the field. The QNL has been involved in a number of significant initiatives, including the launch of the Arabian Studies journal in 1994, where it was published until 2004. "When James and I moved to the University of Oxford in 1974, we were able to place the journal at Exeter University, which is more focused on the region, Qatar in particular," Dirrheimer explained. "We changed the way scholars and students research the Gulf. It is making the past more accessible than ever, leading to a sharp increase in the number of publications on the Gulf region in the last decade."

The University of Cambridge in 2004 founded the History of the Journal of Arabian Studies, a new initiative through the Qatar (QFL) (QL). Since its establishment in 2019, the QL has been the primary source of information on Arabian Studies and the Arabian Studies community, including the Arabian Studies Community of Practice, which has become "the leading social science hub in the study of the modern Gulf."

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Bangladesh embassy marks Shaheed Dibash, International Mother Language Day

Lynne Prochnau, journalist, in her article, comments on the challenges faced by Bangladesh in turmoil and conflict, leading to the independence of the country from Pakistan in 1971.

Food safety campaign by Al Daayen Municipality

The Public Gardens Department of the Ministry of Municipality has taken part in a tree-planting event at the Qatar Secondary Technical School.

Green initiative

A Green Initiative is an initiative that promotes sustainable practices and raises awareness about environmental issues. It encourages companies and individuals to adopt eco-friendly practices, reduce waste, and promote sustainability.

The Bangladesh ambassador pays homage to the martyrs and salutes Bangladesh's independence struggle.
Perseverance is what it takes to explore Mars life potential

**Maybe by mid-end of the 2030s we can start pushing out of the Earth-Moon system and land astronauts on Mars**

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ear 15 years ago, I was employed in a oil and gas company called Maersk Oil. The internship was the Director of Drilling Department, Hans Hikshagen. The position was a Drilling Engineer role where our qualification and work experience were in the Automotive Engineering domain, as I was holding a Bachelors Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Hans was my mentor and land

While the surface of Mars today doesn’t seem like the sort of place astronauts would ever want to set foot on, there has been a steady stream of proposals for sending humans to the Red Planet. The first manned mission to Mars isn’t expected to happen until after 2030, and it will likely be preceded by a series of robotic landings and missions to test the feasibility of human exploration. NASA, for example, has proposed sending a crew to Mars in the 2030s as part of its Mars 2030 project. The agency has also been working on developing technologies that could make a manned mission to Mars possible, including advanced propulsion systems and life support technologies.

One of the biggest challenges facing human missions to Mars is the long duration of the journey. The one-way trip to Mars takes about seven months, and the round-trip journey can take up to a year. This long duration means that astronauts would need to be highly trained and prepared for the rigors of space travel.

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Myanmar junta lashes out at ‘interference’ after UN censure

A 3-day protest in Yangon yesterday involving an estimated 20,000 people was one of the biggest to date but security forces said they had not been “undeterred by the violence” of Saturday and would respond to any “violent activity.” It is the fifth weekend in a row that the army has blocked demonstrations, using live ammunition and rubber bullets against peaceful protestors. Police claimed 20 people were injured and one killed in Yangon yesterday and that 11 were wounded in Mandalay. The UN General Assembly is scheduled to convene on Tuesday for a formal talk about the admission of Myanmar’s authority without recognition of military rule.

EXTRACTIONS

The T7FUS-USG has also announced a new phased plan to deliver coronavirus vaccines to the world in 2021, with up to 40m doses available in the first quarter of the year and up to 450m doses in the second quarter. The T7FUS-USG is also the world’s largest vaccine manufacturer, producing 400m doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine in 2021.

A small group of Australian soldiers have been deployed to the region to assist with the evacuation of Australians from Afghanistan. The soldiers are part of a larger international task force that includes US, UK, and NATO forces.

The French government yesterday accused the Green movement of “devastating damage” and said it would not lift the sanctions by this Sunday, as Zarif insisted the JCPOA itself, “Zarif insisted, which would improve new nuclear-related restrictions on Iran, is a secret agreement about a second wave and other illegal demands. Iran, with a population of 80 million, has a secret deal with Russia and a secret agreement with the US, which is an illegal deal. Zarif reiterated that Russia continues to enforce international law. The UN Security Council has imposed sanctions against Russia since 2014.

The T7FUS-USG has announced that it will support the World Health Organization’s (WHO) effort to ensure the equitable distribution of vaccines worldwide. The WHO has called for the fair and transparent allocation of vaccines, and the T7FUS-USG has committed to support this initiative.

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By Tawfik Lamari

Dr Salem Al-Naemi has left an indelible mark on all the positions he has held and the different roles he has played, and how to be the first at the finish line, he recounted. “I am always on time, I respect people who respect time, one has to work hard and accept the result, even if you don’t do so well, that’s a learning lesson, as you can do better next time.”

Dr Al-Naemi at his farm.

Mandarin Oriental, Doha achieves 5-Star rating for the second year

Mandarin Oriental, Doha announced yesterday the hotel has been awarded the distinction of a 5-star rating at the annual Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star Awards, for the second year. “We are delighted to have received this prestigious honor at the 51st edition of this annual award, and to maintain the only hotel in Qatar with this distinguished achievement,” the hotel said in a press statement.

Located in Doha’s West Bay and the heart of the city, Mandarin Oriental, Doha boasts of 117 suites, 46 suites, and 87 serviced apartments.

Mandarin Oriental, Doha borders on the body of water, the desert or to make tea and enjoy the scenery,” he enthused. “So, I cherished another dream – to give advice to farmers, to farm and I achieved it. I am a producer of vegetables, which played a very major role during the lockdown.”

Dr Al-Naemi said that even though he does not come from a farming background, “I also learned and studied those skills and today, I am a very active farmer and I look in the direction of the agricultural sector.”

If you wonder about how he manages to run one of the major colleges in the country and at the same time take care of such a big farming project, “I do in so with the help of my family, with my farming business and the Chinese farmers who taught him in the ninth grade. I have learned how math, that’s why I majored in computer science and math. “I played a major role in my work, I gave up my life to my father, who was a very important figure in my life. Even hard-working people when they taught him farming lessons without going to school or university, and it is important for us to learn not only from them but from people in society and communities, and even from people younger than you who understand and enjoy farming. “As a computer science specialist, I am a systems guy, so you develop a system and it works by itself,” he added.

Dr Al-Naemi has a very busy schedule, he said. “I manage to go to the farm not every day, it’s every other day, and I am in touch with both worlds—thanks to the technology which led me to keep almost all the academic activities and follow up my business loudly, without missing my sports activities.”

With insights into the future, Dr Al-Naemi believes that “Qatar has changed very fast since the 1960s. There are many high-rise buildings everywhere, and it has brought many changes which made our lives much easier, but it brought challenges with it.”

He pointed out the seriousness provided online by ministries as a major help to the economy, as well as the satisfaction of their users. “They take a look back to our culture and heritage, and at the same time introduced them to people who introduced their culture to others by music and sport and art,” he said, adding that he is very pleased with the cultural diversity.

As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has spilled into its second year, Dr Al-Naemi underscored the advantages that this pandemic has brought, such as spending more time with family, eating out fewer and doing more with people in a community-based society, and about your health, eating and keeping proper and planning for the future.

Although this pandemic took us six days ago, many people – like us – have been unable in dealing with this,” he added. With his usual smile, he spoke about his family, “I have a small family with a lovely wife and three lovely kids, who are all different, an engineer and a business boy, a daughter who specialised in business, and a son who is pursuing his studies in medicine. “It is important to present different points of views and to guide young people, which might help them with their choices in life.”

In a related tweet yesterday, Mr. Al-Naemi stated: “The world’s only hotel to be awarded the Forbes Five-Star and US News World Report’s 5-star hotel of the year for the second time, the Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star rating is the highest award a hotel can receive. It’s our continuous commitment to excellence that has brought us to where we are today.”

In related news, the Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star awards are based on up to 8,000 evaluations annually from hotel inspectors who conduct at least 220 hotel visits and more than 6,000 restaurant visits. The Five-Star rating is the highest award a hotel can receive. It is considered the gold standard for luxury hospitality.”