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Amir concedes with Philippine president

He stressed that the Government of the state is implementing measures to ban World Health Organization restrictions on travel, as well as social distancing practices, continue to be enforced in Georgia. In the re- gion, it is of crucial importance for Georgia to preserve the country as a safe tourism destination.

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A record 96% of the necessary preparations for hosting the expected FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 has been accomplished and the country is set to produce an event that will exceed the spirit of the previous World Cups, said Assistant Undersecretary for Media at the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy, Sheikh Khalid Mohamed Al-Suwaidi, Government Media Affairs Director and Secretary General at the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy.

He talked about Qatar’s efficient preparations for the football matches. He said: “Our task is to ensure the safety of all the participants and the fans. We have taken this seriously to ensure that all the matches are played with the full participation of the fans.”

He added that the World Cup Qatar 2022 would be the last major sporting event after the coronavirus pandemic. (Con-...)

By Amman Adly

Preparations for hosting World Cup Qatar 2022 nearly complete

Khalid Mohammed Al-Suwaidi (Director General Media Affairs) said that Qatar has successfully and swiftly organized several major championships during the pandemic and is set to host the finals of the 2022 FIFA Arab Cup in a safe manner.

As a follow-up, he pointed out that Qatar organized the 2nd Qatar Olympic Games (SCOQ) and the 2020 FIFA Arab Cup for the participating teams and all who accompanied them and in contact with them. “Since their first ar-...”

Qatar has exceeded 100% of the eligible population in receiving the first and second doses. While 92.6% have received the vaccination, 76% of the eligible population have received the second dose, while 92.6% have received both doses. In the past 24 hours, bringing the total number of cases recovered...
First Indian university in Qatar to operate from September

The Indian Navy announced plans to establish the first Indian university in Qatar. The Indian Navy plans to set up this university in Qatar to provide high-quality education to students from India and the region. The university will be established in partnership with the Qatar Foundation, a leading educational institution in Qatar.

The Indian Navy has been working on setting up the university for several years. The decision to establish the university in Qatar is part of the Indian Navy’s efforts to strengthen ties with the Gulf region and promote economic and cultural cooperation. The university will be established on a 75-acre campus near the Indian Navy’s West Bay Base in Doha.

The Indian Navy has already signed a memorandum of understanding with the Qatar Foundation to set up the university. The university will offer undergraduate and postgraduate programs in a wide range of fields, including marine engineering, naval architecture, and business management. The university will also provide opportunities for research and collaboration with other institutions in the region.

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Iceland foreign minister meets Qatar's ambassador

QRC volunteers who contributed to QNCC vaccination campaign honoured

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Abiy boasts of military might despite rebel gains

Suspended as South African police launch new orders on Zuma’s possible arrest

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Biden urges Americans to end pandemic

Using a method called “conversational coding,” researchers analyzed 1,478 audio files from 202,000 people, including military families and veterans who participated in a COVID-19 vaccine study, to see how people are handling the pandemic.

“The majority of people we spoke with want to end the pandemic and are taking steps to do so, such as getting vaccinated, wearing masks, and social distancing,” said Dr. Colleen Ullmann, a co-author of the study. “However, there are concerns about vaccine efficacy and side effects, and some people are reluctant to return to normalcy.”

Despite these concerns, the researchers found that most people feel hopeful about the future and are looking forward to returning to normal activities.

Tropical Storm Elsa nears landfall in Cuba

Elsa is expected to make landfall in Cuba later today, bringing strong winds and heavy rainfall to the island nation. The storm is already causing power outages and road closures in some areas.

President Joe Biden said in a statement, “We stand with the people of Cuba and the entire Caribbean community as they face this storm. Our thoughts are with those affected and our prayers are for their safety and well-being.”

Venezuela to give Covax facility an ultimatum to ship Covid vaccines

Venezuela’s government gave the Covax facility an ultimatum to ship vaccines to the country within 45 days. The ultimatum follows weeks of delays in delivering vaccines to the South American nation.

“Venezuela has received vaccines from Covax, but we need the rest of the doses that were promised,” said President Nicolas Maduro. “We expect the vaccines to be delivered within the next 45 days.”

Tribal leaders in the US call for an end to the pandemic

Native American tribes have called for an end to the pandemic and for the federal government to fulfill its promise to provide vaccines to tribes.

“Enough is enough,” said National Congress of American Indians President Kevin F. Williams Jr. “We are tired of waiting for vaccines and we demand action now.”

The tribes have been waiting for vaccines since the beginning of the pandemic, but have struggled to access vaccines due to a lack of funding and logistical challenges.

Amidst calls for economic relief, tribes call for an end to the pandemic.

“Economic relief is important, but we cannot ignore the ongoing pandemic,” said National Congress of American Indians Vice President Brian Cladoosby. “We need vaccines now, and we need them delivered to our communities.”

The tribes have faced significant challenges in accessing vaccines, with many tribes located in remote areas with limited access to healthcare facilities.

In a statement, the White House said, “We are working closely with tribal leaders to ensure that vaccines are delivered to tribal communities as quickly as possible.”

The tribes continue to call for an end to the pandemic and for the federal government to fulfill its promise to provide vaccines to tribes.
Myanmar junta ‘blocks’ telecom executives from leaving country

The travel ban comes after intensified pressures from military officials to finish the implementation of the surveillance equipment

Senior foreign ministers of 10 Asean nations yesterday agreed to boost its healthcare budget and ramped up for hospitals and immunizations immediately, but a government document has prompted calls from Thai health workers and people who used to call the hotline.

S Korea ‘in talks to make 1bn mRNA vaccines

Korea's health minister has confirmed that it has a big capacity reserve, largely to produce mRNA vaccines developed by Moderna and Oxford University, News agencies reported yesterday.

Indonesia government beefs up health funds

President Joko Widodo yesterday announced on TV that his administration would allocate IDR 2.3trn (US$167m) to the country’s COVID-19 vaccine fund.

Leaked memo casts doubts on Sinovac jab

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People wearing protective masks queue to refill oxygen tanks as oxygen shortages have also been reported, which authorities attributed to distribution hurdles and logistic issues.

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A helicopter dumps water onto the site of an explosion and fire at a plastics factory on the outskirts of Bangkok yesterday. Thousands of people were evacuated as the factory burned. The factory had been warned repeatedly by authorities in a landslide-hit Japan town.

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As of yesterday, at least 64 people are still unaccounted for, the city’s disaster-management spokesperson Yuta Iida said after the city released their names in a bid to speed up identifications at the site.

Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga said the search was still on finding survivors, with hundreds of rescue workers using their feet to rescue as many people as possible, as soon as possible.

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Another chance gone for Belgium’s ‘golden generation’

There is still next year’s World Cup in Qatar to come, but Belgium’s ‘golden generation’ will know that their humiliation at the hands of the Italians on Friday is unlikely to be reversed, as far as we could, ‘rued Martinez.

‘Vertonghen?’ The coach was unlikely to stay on for a last tilt at glory next year. Belgium have been humiliated in a major tournament since reaching the last four of the 2018 World Cup in Russia, but are again left empty-handed, despite a run of 13 successive wins in Euros qualifying and tournament matches before Friday’s defeat. Their exit is another hammer blow for a team bursting with star talent but who had key components not at full fitness for the tournament – which played their downfall.

Kevin De Bruyne came into the tournament with a broken facial fracture and ended it playing with a ligament tear, although he still presented the biggest danger to the Italians on Friday.

Captain Eden Hazard set out the game, as he has done much of Belgium’s matches over the last two years, and was also sorely missed. ‘We had a hammering strain. And then Romelu Lukaku, who is Belgium’s leading scorer and one of the players of the tournament, squandered a seemingly unmissable opportunity at the far post in the second half when he hit the ball tamely against Leonardo Spinazzola.

‘It was two very good teams in this knockout stage, and there will be a clear favourite – Belgium or Italy, depending on who you think is still in their favour. But we were better. Yes, there will be opportunity gone. But this happy outcome will not materialise by itself. Without the right incentives, the fall of excess savings might continue to drain the economic rebound this year regardless of the world at the hands of high-income households while they are more evenly distributed – and thus more easily spent – in the US. As a result, European households will likely channel only about one-third of their pandemic savings into consumption. This will give the recovery a more moderate boost.

By Ludovic Subran

The Covid-19 pandemic is a crisis like no other. In 2021, it has plunged the world into its deepest recession since World War II. But, after a year in the doldrums, Europe’s private firms and households are now ahead with cash. How households in particular use their accumulated savings will be crucial in shaping the continent’s post-pandemic recovery.

European households certainly will use some of these savings for consumption, as the upsizing of economies that are already in a strong position may continue. However, households who were less fortunate during the pandemic and who have a relatively low propensity to consumer, especially those with debt, household savings will be rather small and even restricted to low interest-bearing accounts. The wealth effect on spending at the aggregate level being rather low as households remain prudent post-pandemic recovery.

Whereas companies have built up their cash buffers on piles of unused debt, households have reduced spending, mostly on services. All those unutilised investment tools, holiday trips, and concerts are missed European household savings by €290 billion (3% of GDP) in 2020 alone. And improved for those in the first and second income quintiles, which together have almost €420 billion to the total in 2021. Thus, Europe will experience as economic rebound this year regressivity to what happens to the savings’ sources. But how households deploy them will help to determine whether the recovery merely marks a return to the pre-crisis growth path, with all its social and environmental drawbacks, or instead subverts in a new era of technology and sustainable prosperity.

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Compulsory jabs: Pressure grows on anti-vaxxers

A growing number of countries and territories around the world are forcing people, often in defiance of local laws, to get vaccinated. In New Zealand, a new anti-vaxxed vaccine programme has been launched. In the United States, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for children aged 5-11. The move comes as cases of COVID-19 continue to rise, with concerns over the omicron variant. In France, the government has announced plans to introduce mandatory testing for all public and private sector workers. In Spain, a new law has been passed requiring all workers to get vaccinated or face disciplinary action.

In the Vatican, the world’s smallest state, the Pope has expressed concern over the rise in anti-vaxxer sentiment. "We are creating a false dichotomy between the freedom to choose and the obligation to respect," he said. "We cannot accept that people refuse to be vaccinated just because it is a matter of personal choice."

In Mexico, the government has announced plans to require all health workers to get vaccinated. "It is not a matter of personal freedom," said the Health Minister. "We are dealing with a pandemic, and we need everyone to do their part to protect themselves and others."

In Lebanon, the government has announced plans to introduce mandatory vaccinations for all public sector employees. "We cannot continue to have a situation where people refuse to get vaccinated," said the Prime Minister. "We need everyone to do their part to protect themselves and others."
**Minister honours man, grandson for saving tree**

**Art exhibitions on human rights open at airport**

The National Human Rights Committee (NHRC), has organised a Arabic calligraphy exhibition on Human Rights in the Islamic World for artist Sabah al-Arbi, at the International Airport, in co-operation with the QICCA, the Qatar National Commission for Education, Culture and Sports, and the strategic partners in the Qatar government and partner bodies.

The exhibition shows the world that Islam had adopted the principles of human rights 1400 years ago, under the ways and means that certain parties are trying to build barriers between religions, cultures and civilizations, and the search for heritage and common human values, and the way to preserving them for future generations.

The Secretary-General of the NHRC, Maryam Abdullah al-Attiyah said the exhibition “is one of the most distinguished activities implemented by the committee at the local, regional, and international levels.

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QICCA general counsel Dr Minas Khatchadourian, who authored a call for protecting Qatar’s cultural heritage, commented the “extremely admirable” and “laudable and meritorious efforts” of Qatar Museums' Chairman HE Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani in organizing “an extremely important initiative” by creating new museums and awareness about Qatar’s cultural heritage.

‘Heritage walks are examples of sustainable tourism that promotes cultural heritage, with the aim to draw attention to the importance of preserving it and extending it in all its forms, and spreading its messages to all parts of the world, and highlights the importance of human beings and their cultural influence in the society.

The Ministry values such efforts that aim to preserve and protect the environment by any and all citizens and residents of Qatar,' it stressed.

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**QICCA exec lauds QM for promoting cultural heritage**

**By Peter Alhope**

As official of the Qatar International Centre for Conciliation and Arbitration (QICCA) has lauded the efforts of Qatar Museums (QM) in promoting the cultural heritage of the country through the staging of events and initiatives.

QICCA general counsel Dr Minas Khatchadourian, who authored a call for protecting Qatar’s cultural heritage, commented the “extremely admirable” and “laudable and meritorious efforts” of Qatar Museums’ Chairman HE Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani in organizing “an extremely important initiative” by creating new museums and awareness about Qatar’s cultural heritage.

The cultural heritage of every country is a valuable part of the cultural heritage of the whole world, and Qatar’s heritage, like that of any other country, is a heritage that Qataris to recall and remind them about the rich culture and history. It also enables young talents in this field, and hosting exhibitions, lectures and courses that promote Arabic calligraphy.

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At the international level, a number of organisations are involved in the protection and management of the world’s cultural heritage, including the International Council of Museums, the International Council on Monuments and Sites, and the International Council for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property.

To increase awareness of the country’s cultural heritage, he suggested the conduct of heritage walks, such as strolling along the alleys of Souq Waqif, and building heritage festivals like Art Doha, and horse breeding among others.

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