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Vaccination data

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Ooredoo Qatar has been recognized for its commitment to customer service and innovation, and the new outlets are expected to further enhance the company’s offerings. The company has been winning awards and accolades for its efforts to provide excellent service and innovation in the market.

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Head of the Government of National Unity Meets Navid Afkhami, UK ambassador to Qatar

Gulf Times, January 4, 2022

Navid Afkhami, UK ambassador to Qatar, held a meeting with the Governor of Istanbul in Turkey, Ali Yerlikaya, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Tuesday, January 4. The meeting was attended by William Schriver, US Ambassador to Qatar, on behalf of the US government and the British ambassador.

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Six people were killed and some wounded in a gunfight on Tuesday in a gritty attack by suspected Al Shabab fighters in a coastal area bordering Somalia, police and government officials said yesterday.

One man was beheaded and two others were shot dead near the border town of Mpeketoni, Lamu County Commissioner Irungu Macharia said.

“The group also burnt three vehicles and caused the loss of two others that were carrying humanitarian supplies,” he said. “This is the fourth attack in the region bordering Somalia.”

A senior police officer in the Lamu County office said the attack — and surrounding villages — had been under Al Shebab’s control for some time.

Police said the assailants had been发动 the local elder and seized his home, and shot dead another man whose body was found on a roadside.

The corpus of four other men burned beyond recognition were found in another location, according to a police officer who spoke on condition of anonymity.

“Also several houses were burned within the locality and property of valuable items was looted,” the report said, adding that fodder crops were severely damaged.

A vehicular attack by four armed Al Shebab fighters followed, police officers in the area, who live about 400 kilometres southeast of Nairobi, said. Four of those killed were not iden-

ified, but police said they had been involved in land disputes, without elaborating.

Lamu County governor Fahim Twaha condemned those responsible for the “atrocious crime committed against innocent people”.

“A total of 12 members perished while another three members were burnt,” the report said, adding that the criminals would be apprehended.

The Lamu region, which includes the popular tourist beach destination of Lamu Island, lies close to the Somali front line and the road often carries at risk.

In mid-2014, close to 100 people were killed in a series of armed attacks in the town of Mpeketoni — in the same region as yesterday’s at-

tack — and surrounding villages.

Al Shabab fighters have staged numerous attacks inside Kenya in retaliation for Nairobi sending troops to Somalia in 2011 as part of an African Union force to root out militants.

In January 2013, the militants claimed a 12-man military base in Lamu, destroying several aircraft and killing three Americans.

A year earlier, Al Shabab gunmen killed 21 people at an air base in Lamu, while opening fire on three government sites where previous attacks saw 11 people killed.

The militants are seeking to overthrow the internationally recognized transition government in Mogadishu, the capital, by taking back control of the region.

They regularly launch attacks in the capital and elsewhere.

Somalia is also in the grip of a political crisis with President Hassan Sheik Mohamud expected to face a showdown in the regional assembly that regularly calls for his removal from power.

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Floods in Malacca

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Indonesia miners hit by coal export ban

Indonesia is world's biggest exporter of thermal coal

Coal mining shares slide after export ban

Indonesian coal miners are seeking a quick resolution to the ban that has caused gridlock in ports and could disrupt supplies of some of the world's biggest economies. The world's leading exporter of thermal coal on Saturday halted the shipments because of concerns it could not meet its own power demand. But the risk is a knock-on impact on economic growth in India, Japan, and South Korea, which together received 75% of Indonesian coal exports in 2021, shipping data from plant show. Major trading houses and power utilities in Asia said they were facing serious supply disruptions. The ban is expected to last at least two months, according to Indonesia's Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Surya Paloh. But Paloh had previously said 15% of Indonesia's exports could be affected for a period of up to six months, while another 10% could be hit for a shorter period. The government's decision to halt exports is part of a broader strategy to increase domestic power generation and reduce dependence on coal from other countries, including Australia, to curb power shortages and coal import costs. "The main impact will be on power generation. For the very short term, Indonesia's coal is just over 15%," a market analyst said. "But if that increases to 30%, it will be a third of annual domestic demand. If the government mandates that the country's South Korea is pushing for an "end of war declaration" and the United States has pushed for a "denuclearization"..."
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Agencies

Britain battles Covid-19 surge

Britain’s Prime Minister Boris Johnson yesterday said that the UK’s state-run hospitals will have “considerable pressure” in the coming days due to the sharp rise in virus cases. Speaking during a visit to a vaccine centre, Johnson said, “the pressure on our NHS hospitals is going to be considerable in the course of the next couple of weeks and months more” as “لاس العرضات continues to surge through the country.”

Johnson has said the number of cases in the last days of 2021 through till the New Year are “considerable” for the whole country this year. The country is one of Europe’s worst affected with a death toll of nearly 40,000. The prime minister said that he was aware of high levels of hospital staff shortage “we’re looking at what we can do to fix those as ar-sha that are particularly badly af-fected.”

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BRITAIN/INDIA

India launches drive to vaccinate children

India has launched a drive to vaccinate children aged 15-18 against the coronavirus in a bid to protect the country’s hospitals from being overwhelmed by rising cases. The programme, which will cover around 25% of India’s population, aims to vaccinate children and adolescents to prevent them from becoming infected and putting pressure on the healthcare system.

India’s health minister Harsh Vardhan announced the launch of the drive on Saturday, saying it was part of a national effort to control the spread of the virus. “We are in the process of vaccinating children and adolescents and we will continue to do so with the same vigour and zeal,” he said.

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India has launched a drive to vaccinate children aged 15-18 against the coronavirus in a bid to protect the country’s hospitals from being overwhelmed by rising cases. The programme, which will cover around 25% of India’s population, aims to vaccinate children and adolescents to prevent them from becoming infected and putting pressure on the healthcare system.

India’s health minister Harsh Vardhan announced the launch of the drive on Saturday, saying it was part of a national effort to control the spread of the virus. “We are in the process of vaccinating children and adolescents and we will continue to do so with the same vigour and zeal,” he said.

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The number of migrants lost at sea bound for Spain in 2021 was at least 4,400, according to a report by the NGO Madres al Lloro (Mothers of the Lost), which focuses on the issue of sea crossings.

The NGO has recorded 4,400 deaths and 2,400 missing migrants in the Mediterranean Sea and other waters off the coasts of Spain and Morocco.

The report, which was released on Tuesday, said that the figure represents an increase from the 3,700 people who were believed to have died or gone missing in the Mediterranean in 2020.

The NGO said that the number of deaths and disappearances in 2021 was higher than in any other year since it began tracking the issue in 2014.

Portugal's Impresa media outlets hit by illegal attacks

The website of one of Portugal's largest media companies, Impresa, was the target of a cyberattack on Friday, the company said, adding that it was the third time in less than a week.

The attack, which took place on Friday, followed two other incidents earlier this week.

The company's website was taken offline and its social media accounts were hacked.

Impresa said it was not yet clear who was responsible for the attacks.

The company said it was working with authorities to investigate the matter.

The attacks come amid a growing trend of cyberattacks on media outlets.

World powers make rare pledge to reduce nuclear weapons spread

AP

The world's most powerful nations made a rare pledge to reduce the spread of nuclear weapons, saying they would work to strengthen non-proliferation regimes.

"We believe the spread of nuclear weapons poses a threat to all of us," a joint statement said, a day before the start of a major nuclear security conference.

The statement was issued at the outset of the conference on Nuclear Non-Proliferation (NNP), which closed on April 14.

"We all must act to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and to strengthen the international nuclear non-proliferation regime," the statement said.

The NNP is one of the key international treaties that aims to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

Reuters

France finds bird flu at farm in western France, industry group says

The French industry group for poultry said on Wednesday that bird flu has been detected on a farm in the western part of the country.

The farm, located in the western part of France, is one of the largest poultry producers in the country.

The group said that the detection of bird flu is not unusual and that it is part of the routine monitoring of poultry farms.

The French agriculture minister, Didier Guillaume, said that the detection of bird flu is not a cause for concern, but that measures will be taken to prevent the spread of the virus.

"We have identified the virus at this farm," Guillaume said. "We will take all necessary measures to prevent the spread of the virus, including the culling of birds and the vaccination of remaining poultry."
Making sense of European Central Bank's savvy

Last month, the world’s major central banks shifted gears and announced plans to tighten monetary policy. But there was one notable exception: the European Central Bank, which says it does not intend to raise interest rates in 2022, even though it is well aware of today’s inflation risks.

For Europe, a region that has long been defined by its dependence on financial and economic support from the rest of the world, tightening monetary policy is not an option. It would be as reckless politically as it would be economically. And to make matters worse, the eurozone is backed by a single fiscal authority, the ECB operates with 19 independent fiscal authorities.

This makes the ECB’s stance hopelessly outdated in the Europe of 2022. Bild reports that Lagarde understands that in a region that is always politically savvy, Lagarde understands that in a region that is always politically savvy, she should not sit uncomfortably on the ECB’s balance sheet, the full well aware of the risks. “Fragmentation of the currency area is a chronic issue for the economy, because, unlike the US and the US dollar, which both are backed by a single fiscal authority, the ECB operates with 19 independent fiscal authorities.”

Its stimulus policies have had a potent effect on the economy, which in turn has become dependent on them.

Europe is a region that thrives on confidence and is used to being in the driver’s seat, when it comes to the eurozone.

Lagarde understands that in Germany, where the government has never been afraid to bear the cost of its stimulus policies, the markets are unlikely to react favorably to any hint of tightening. But in the eurozone, the ECB’s independence is at stake.

In a way, Lindner is right. Lagarde and her colleagues have been praised for keeping the currency union intact as the stimulus is scaled down. But the ECB’s independence is not just a matter of preserving the eurozone’s integrity. It is also about preserving the ECB’s independence.

For Lagarde, the challenge is to convince the markets that the ECB will continue to act independently, even as the stimulus is scaled down. And this, she realizes, will require a delicate balancing act. To do this, she will have to convince investors that the ECB is not just another fiscal authority, but a central bank that is independent of political influence.

The ECB’s independence is at stake because the eurozone is vulnerable to the same kind of political pressure that has led to the failure of the eurozone’s fiscal policies in the past. And this, Lagarde understands, is why she must act decisively to protect the eurozone’s independence.

Like a responsible medical professional, she does not want to rush into withdrawing stimulus too slowly. But she also knows that withdrawing stimulus too quickly could tear apart the currency union by pushing up borrowing costs for heavily indebted member states like Italy.

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The best way to achieve this is to increase the rate of vaccinations and to ensure that the uptake of boosters, which are considered to be a source of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) infections in nursing homes, is as high as possible. Rates in the US state of Massachusetts are encouraging, including universal vaccination of nursing home staff and the country’s highest rates for boosters.

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Massachusetts nursing homes were fortunate to be included in a pilot Covid-19 testing program run by the Broad Institute, as early as April 2020. This led to a greater understanding of asymptomatic spread and improved infection control across the state. By August 2020, universal testing policies for the homes were in place, supported financially and logistically by the state’s Department of Public Health.

Not surprisingly, that statement was a tactical ploy, a move to gainsay two of Italy’s largest trade unions, the Italian Metalworkers Union and the General Confederation of Italian Workers Union (CGIL), following their call for a general strike just days earlier against Italy’s president, who is under fire for failing to resign. The wide, former ECB president—turned-politician knows that something close to this is necessary to quell the uncontrolled growth of coronavirus variants. The state’s nursing homes are also supplied with, and encouraged to use, rapid antigen tests. And, in addition to universal vaccination, making recommendations protect staff and residents. As much as possible, these actions have helped to eliminate staff absences.

A recent survey of 400 hospitals in the state’s Department of Public Health.

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Most nursing home staff have gone to great lengths to protect themselves, their families, and the people they care for. But no one can be provided with properly functioning masks. Nursing home workers are also a low priority for receiving regular Covid-19 tests.

Even as these resource deficits have been addressed and wages have been increased from $8 per hour to $15 per hour, the number of nursing home staff are considered to be a source of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) infections in nursing homes.

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Understanding the clash of cultures

From Covid-19 to geopolitics, every issue is now subject to a culture war. The veil of decency has been ripped away

By Harold James

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In his influential book The Great Depression: A World Crisis in Institutional Terms (1976), the historian John H. Dunning posited that the Great Depression was a failure of the institutional architecture of capitalism in the early 1930s. This failure, he argued, led to a profound crisis of confidence in the stability of the financial system and the economic order more broadly.

But the crisis of confidence in capitalist institutions was not limited to the financial sector. The collapse of confidence in the global economy also fueled a broader crisis of confidence in the values and norms that underpinned the post-war order. This crisis of confidence was reflected in a growing sense of political polarization and a decline in trust in traditional political institutions.

One of the most striking examples of this crisis of confidence was the rise of populism in the United States and Europe. Populists argued that the institutions of modern capitalism had failed to deliver for the working class and that the traditional political parties had abandoned their constituents.

The rise of populism was fueled by a sense of political polarization and a growing sense of political alienation. Many people felt that the institutions of modern capitalism had failed to deliver for them, and that the traditional political parties had abandoned their constituents.

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Health officials promote booster vaccine, urge caution

T he elderly should hurry to take the booster dose of the coronavirus (Covid-19) vaccine, six months from the second dose because their acquired immunity drops considerably, making them more vulnerable to contract the disease, urged Dr. Al-Mannai, director of the Meteorological Department at the Civil Defense.

Speaking to Qatar TV yesterday, he explained that for the booster shot, the elderly can either contact the home care centres, walk in to the dedicated track at Hamad Hospital or go to the dedicated tracks of the Health Care Corporation through calling the dedicated number.

He added that the vaccination rate in Qatar is more than 85%, “If an elderly person of 65-89 has not been vaccinated, it could be serious for them, and they could need special care and hospitalization.

He stressed that the vaccine has been proven to be safe for all age categories, and that no case in Qatar has been reported regarding some side effects or a need for hospitalization.

Also speaking to Qatar TV yesterday, Dr. Jamila al-Ajmi, executive director of the Infection Control Department at Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) called the hotline 44390111 to get the booster.

The number to call for health centres appointments is 3271717.

The walk-in at Hamad Hospital is open from 8am-10pm for the elderly and the phone number is 1122350. If Al-Mannai confirmed the elderly cases, he added, in such cases, it could be serious for them, and they could need special care and hospitalization.

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Also speaking to Qatar TV yesterday, Dr. Jamila al-Ajmi, executive director of the Infection Control Department at the HMC, observed that though the Omicron variant is rapidly spreading, it is classified as medium and mild strain.

“I expect that the symptoms of those infected with the Omicron variant will remain moderate and mild due to the fact that the vaccination rate in Qatar is more than 85%,” she said. “If an elderly person of 65-89 has not been in contact with an infected person, it is necessary to go to a health centre for examination and consultation.”

“The nature of viruses is to constantly mutate, and the mutations depend on the procedures followed in countries and the rate of vaccination,” she added.

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Al-Mannai advised the public to follow the updates issued by the Meteorological Department on social media, and to check the weather and warnings before undertaking any outdoor or marine activity.

Qatar Tourism’s National Day music video gets 2.2mn views

Q uatar Tourism launches a National Day song, it showcases the diversity of the country’s offerings, and featured custom attires by Qatari designer, Dee Designs.

The video follows four girls, supported by a cast of 24 young Qatari girls, as they embark on a tour of Doha, while singing “This is Qatar!”

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