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**Shura Council term extended for two years**  
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THE Amir HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani has issued Amiri Decision No 27 of 2019 extending the Shura Council term for two years, beginning on July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2021. The decision is effective from July 1, 2019 and is to be published in the Official Gazette. The Amir also issued Amiri Decree No 34 of 2019 dismissing the 47th regular session of the Shura Council as of Tuesday, June 9. The decree is effective as of the date of issue and is to be published in the Official Gazette.



**Mass protests for 'civilian rule' rock Sudan (PG 7)**

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## Call to expose 'politicisation' of Hajj by Saudi

**NHRC chief seeks inclusion of Saudi violations in the US State Department's annual religious freedom report**

QNA WASHINGTON

NATIONAL Human Rights Committee (NHRC) Chairman HE Dr Ali bin Smaikh al Marri has called for the inclusion of violations by Saudi Arabia of the right to practice religious rituals, and the deliberate politicisation of Hajj and Umrah, in the annual report issued by the US State Department on religious freedom.

Dr Marri also called on US Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom Sam Brownback to visit Qatar to find out these violations and obstacles that have been preventing citizens and residents of Qatar from performing their religious rituals for the third consecutive year, since the beginning of the blockade of Qatar.

During a meeting with Brownback, Dr Marri warned of the growing rhetoric of incitement and hatred by Saudi Arabia and the other blocking countries. The coercive measures by them include incitement to target Qatari citizens, journalists and media institutions.

The NHRC chief said the siege states are also punishing their citizens for expressing solidarity with their brothers in Qatar.

In response to a question from Brownback on the preparations for the Hajj season in Qatar, Marri said, "Unfortunately, we are approaching the third consecutive year, with Saudi Arabia depriving Qatar's citizens and



NHRC Chairman HE Dr Ali bin Smaikh al Marri in Washington.

residents from exercising their right to perform Hajj, with the Saudi authorities continuing to impose obstacles to those who wish to practice their religious rituals.

"Before each Hajj season, the Saudi authorities deliberately mislead the world opinion saying they are welcoming Qatari pilgrims to perform their religious rituals at the holy sites. However, these authorities do not take any serious step or initiative to ease the obstacles they've put since the beginning of the blockade, in particular allowing citizens and residents to travel to the holy sites through direct flights via Qatar Airways, instead of stopovers, and guaranteeing the safety of the worshippers in the light of continued incitement against citizens and residents of Qatar."

## PM MEETS SPANISH AMBASSADOR



Prime Minister and Minister of Interior HE Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa al Thani met Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain to Qatar HE Belen Alfaro in Doha on Sunday. During the meeting, they reviewed the bilateral relations and the means to bolster them in different fields. (QNA)

## 'Special court for investment a huge boost for judicial system'

QNA DOHA

THE establishment of a specialised court for investment and trade is an important step in the development of the judicial system in the state, Supreme Judiciary Council (SJC) President HE Dr Hassan bin Ladhani al Mohanadi has said.

Mohanadi lauded the approval by the Council of Ministers for the establishment of the specialised

court, which comes within the framework of the vision of the Qatari leadership to develop judicial system.

He said the new court also comes within the framework of creating an attractive environment for investment in Qatar. The establishment of this court is a reassuring message to investors and employers wishing to work in Qatar, he noted.

The SJC is working hard to develop the judicial system in line

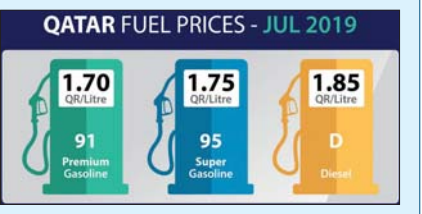
with the developments in the State of Qatar in various fields to realise the Qatar National Vision 2030.

The council is in the process of preparing for the launch of the Court of Investment and Trade, which is the first phase on the way to establishing a specialised judiciary in the state that aims to accelerate the pace of conflict settlement and achieving justice.

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## PETROL, DIESEL TO COST LESS IN JULY

IN a welcome news for motorists, Qatar Petroleum (QP) has reduced the prices of premium and super grade petrol and diesel from July. The company set the price for one litre of diesel at QR1.85 as compared to QR2 in June, a decrease of 7.5 percent. The price of one litre of super gasoline (95) has been set at QR1.75 as compared to QR2 in June, a decrease of 12.5 percent. Premium grade petrol will cost QR1.70 per litre in July as against QR1.95 in June, a decrease of 12.8 percent. When the first list was announced in June 2016, the premium petrol was selling at QR1.20 per



litre, super at QR1.30 per litre and diesel at QR1.40 per litre. (TNN)

## MME launches drive to remove abandoned cars

THE Ministry of Municipality and Environment (MME) on Sunday launched a campaign to remove abandoned cars in various areas. Saleh Hassan al Kuwari, Vice-Chairman of the abandoned cars committee, said they have removed abandoned vehicles that distort the appearance of the areas, especially in places of car repair workshops. These vehicles have now been put in the designated parking lot in Mashaf. (TNN)



## Ezdan malls in deal with major firms to achieve 100% occupancy

**SATYENDRA PATHAK**  
 DOHA

MALLS owned by Ezdan Holding Group in Al Wakrah, Al Gharafa and Al Wukair have entered into deals with a number of big international brands to achieve 100 percent occupancy in the near future. Ezdan Mall Lease Manager Yehia Zakaria has said. In an exclusive interview with Qatar Tribune, Zakaria said that Ezdan Mall in Al Gharafa has more than 80

percent occupancy at present. "We'll soon have a new tenant from Turkey at the Al Gharafa Ezdan Mall. It's a very big and famous brand. It will occupy big area to open its shop in the next month. We are also in talks with other clients," Zakaria said. "In Gharafa, more than 200 shops are currently occupied. Once these deals are finalised, the number of fully occupied shops will reach up to 275," he said. Ezdan Mall in Al Wakrah,



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which is currently 71 percent occupied, is also expecting some international brands to open shops. "We have entered into talks with very big groups from Europe for opening their outlet in Al Wakrah. Once these deals are finalised, we'll achieve 100 percent occupancy," he said. "Currently, we have 98 shops occupied at Ezdan Mall in Al Wakrah," he said, adding that once these deals are finalised, 130 shops will be

occupied. Zakaria revealed that some very good plans are in place to increase occupancy at the Ezdan Mall in Al Wukair. "We are working on very good plans for Ezdan Mall in Al Wukair. In the next two-three months, something good for everyone will happen in this mall," he said. Zakaria said the footfall at all Ezdan malls have also increased over the years.

"Footfall at Ezdan Mall in Al Wukair is more than 8,000 per day and in Gharafa it's more than 7,000. These figures show we are receiving very good response from customers," he said. Despite the ongoing blockade imposed on Qatar by some neighbouring countries, he said, the outlook for mall business in Qatar remains quite optimistic. "Most of the shops in our malls are doing good business," he said.

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### Quick read

#### El Salvador president meets Qatari envoy

PRESIDENT OF El Salvador Nayib Bukele met with Acting Charge d'Affaires at the Qatari Embassy in San Salvador HE Tariq Othman al Othman, in San Salvador on Sunday. They reviewed the bilateral relations between the two countries and other topics of mutual interest. (QNA)

#### Kuwaiti First Deputy PM meets Qatar's ambassador

KUWAIT'S First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence Sheikh Nasser Sabah al Ahmad al Sabah met with Qatar's Ambassador to Kuwait HE Bandar bin Mohammed al Attiyah in Kuwait on Sunday. The meeting reviewed bilateral cooperation and other topics of mutual interest. (QNA)

#### Qatar slams Kandahar attack

QATAR has strongly condemned the attack that targeted a voter registration center in South Afghanistan's Kandahar and left a number of election commission officials killed. In a statement on Sunday, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reiterated Qatar's firm position rejecting violence and terrorism regardless of motives and reasons. The statement expressed the condolences of Qatar to the families of the victims and to the government and the people of Afghanistan. (QNA)

## Qatar stresses role of women in intergenerational cohesion

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QATAR has underlined the vital and important role of women in general and older women in particular in society and the family, through promotion of inter-generational cohesion and solidarity, preservation of social values and heritage, and contribution to development and economic progress.

This came in Qatar's speech delivered by Second Secretary at Qatar's Permanent Mission to the UN Office in Geneva Muneera Mohammed al Rumaihi during the Annual Full-Day Discussion on the Human Rights of Women - Panel 2 titled "The rights of older women and their economic empowerment". This was held in the framework of the 41st session of the Human Rights Council.

Rumaihi stressed the importance of promoting and preserving rights of women, mainly older women, and the need to provide them with all kinds of support in order to enable them to carry out their roles effectively.

By adopting a package of legislative and institutional

measures, Qatar has ensured that older persons, especially women, have access to social services, taking into account their particular needs, Rumaihi noted.

She added that the Qatari Constitution guaranteed the protection of the elderly.

The article 21 of the Constitution calls for the protection and care of the elderly for the protection of the family and the society.

Rumaihi added that Qatar has been keen on empowering women by paying attention to their issues within the framework of the national development programmes, building their capacities and providing them with full opportunity to contribute effectively to the comprehensive renaissance of the country.

She noted that the State adopted in this regard specific initiatives aimed at enhancing women's participation in the labour market, political participation and decision-making positions, which positively reflected on the strengthening of women's role as an active and essential partner in development.

# Doha meet a turning point in IPU's history, says Mahmoud

## Shura Council Speaker lauds members for contributing to international peace and security

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SPEAKER of the Shura Council HE Ahmed bin Abdullah bin Zaid al Mahmoud has described the 140th General Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), which was held in Qatar in April this year, as a turning point in the history of the union, as the largest number of delegations and heads of parliaments participated in it and contributed to its success. This has had a positive impact on the union's future course of action.

Mahmoud said the meaningful speech delivered by the Amir HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani during the opening session was the highlight of the event, where HH the Amir reiterated support to democracy, human rights



Speaker of the Shura Council HE Ahmed bin Abdullah bin Zaid al Mahmoud and other council members at a meeting in Geneva on Sunday.

and efforts aimed at achieving security and peace around the world, in addition to developing Qatar, making its people happy, assisting in fighting and combating poverty, deprivations and terrorism worldwide.

Mahmoud lauded the ser-

ous and constructive cooperation between the council, IPU and all members of parliament to contribute to international peace and security.

He added that Sunday's meeting offered a chance to share ideas on the develop-

ment of the union and to work towards strengthening democracy and protecting rights of people.

He also thanked IPU President Gabriela Cuevas Barron, IPU Secretary General Martin Chungong for their efforts in

developing the work of the union.

Meanwhile, Mahmoud met separately on the sidelines of the 140th IPU anniversary in Geneva President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Gabriela Cuevas Barron, Secretary-General Martin Chungong and Chairman of the Federation Council of the Russian Federation Valentina Matviyenko.

During the meetings they reviewed the bilateral relations between the Shura Council and IPU and the ways to boost and develop them. They also discussed a number of issues of common concern.

The meetings were attended by a number of Shura Council members and the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the UN in Geneva Ambassador HE Ali Khalifa al Mansour.

## 'Organ donation campaigns paying off'

### More people register as donors in Qatar

CATHERINE W GICHUKI

DOHA

THE number of potential organ donors in Qatar is increasing day by day, thanks to the awareness campaigns being carried out, said Hamad Medical Corporation's (HMC) Organ Donation Campaign Director Dr Asma al Abdulghani.

Speaking to media persons recently, Dr Abdulghani said, "As a result of the ongoing national level awareness campaigns, the Organ Donor Registry receives between 400 and 500 people registering as potential donors on a daily basis."

The organ donor registry of the HMC registers about 300 to 500 potential organs donors on a daily basis, especially during the campaign which begins during the Holy Month of Ramadan. The Qatar Organ Donor Registry was launched in 2012.



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According to her, the campaigns encouraged members of the public to consider giving the gift of life and register as an organ donor.

The HMC's annual organ donation campaign was launched during the Holy Month at shopping malls and other prominent locations across the country. The campaign will run until December, 2019.

She added that since the

beginning of the campaign and until last week 25,000 new people have registered as donors. "The number of registered donors has increased from 345,000 to 370,000. It has been five years since we started the Ramadan campaign. In the beginning it was difficult but now everyone is aware of organ donation because we ran high number of awareness activities through different channels and ap-

proached people as well."

She added that initially the campaign was for 40 days from Ramadan to Eid but since last year, because the number of registered donors has been increasing gradually, they decided to run it in the remaining part of the year. "So we started the campaign during Ramadan and would continue until December, 2019," she added.

She explained that the donor registry is a national confidential list of people who are willing to become organ donors after their death. It can be quickly accessed in the event of a death to see whether an individual has registered their willingness to be an organ donor. This list literally saves the lives of people waiting for a viable organ.

An organ transplant can be a life-saving procedure and can significantly improve the quality of life for someone with chronic organ failure. These life-saving organs come from deceased donors

who have pledged during their lifetime to give their organs to someone in need. A deceased organ donor can save up to eight lives.

Currently, the awareness campaign is being held at 14 locations across Qatar. As part of the annual campaign, information booths staffed by Qatar Organ Donation Center (Hiba) representatives are providing members of the public with information about becoming a registered organ donor, including the process involved and the benefits. The annual campaign also allows the public to ask questions about organ donation and transplantation. Individuals who are interested in becoming a donor are able to register at the booths and receive their donor card on the spot.

"We are also visiting communities, schools and ministries. So we are covering a huge area and we have seen big success with registering high number of people as donors," said Abdulghani.

## 2,000 children enrol for Police Academy camp

HISHAM ALJUNDI

DOHA

THE Police College of the Ministry of Interior on Sunday launched its second summer camp under the theme "Tomorrow's Officers".

Around 2,000 children in the age group of nine to 11 have enrolled for the summer camp that seeks to develop discipline and a new approach towards life in them.

The six-week programme will feature an array of activities, including sport training designed to keep the children physically and mentally fit during the summer holidays.

Major Fahad al Subey, head of Training Department at Police College, said they are always looking for platforms for younger groups to prepare them physically and mentally for them to be useful to the country in the future.

"We have divided the students into six groups. Each group will undergo a two weeks train-



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ing course at two different timings to suit parents' situations," Major Subey told Qatar Tribune.

According to Subey, one day is dedicated to sports activities while the other is to military training. Participants are told to wear special outfit and military uniform during the camp.

Sports and physical exercises help them get self-confidence

while special training and learning sessions help students acquire behavioural and leadership qualities and educational skills.

Besides, participants are provided with training in acquiring policing and military skills.

Furthermore, Aeed al Qahtani from Police College said that the programme also includes training courses in swimming,

martial arts and preliminary military classes that include marksmanship, horseriding and educational classes in cooperation with Qiyam centre.

At the end of the programme, 50 outstanding students from the camp will be selected for field demonstrations during the graduation ceremony of the Police College.

## PHCC opens sensory-friendly clinics for ASD patients at 10 health centres

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THE Primary Health Care Corporation (PHCC) has made sensory-friendly clinics available for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at 10 of its health centres to ensure all client sensitivities are addressed and that an enabling physical environment is provided to enhance patient experience at those health centres.

The modifications consist of the replacement of existing recessed fluorescent light fixtures with adjustable LED light fixtures with dimmers, controls and applicable flexible connections.

Likewise, the sound of Q-matic machines have been reduced to minimise the

extent and volume of noise to which clients with ASD are exposed.

New health centres have adopted the latest international standards and embraced objective design principles.

The objective is to provide universal access, be of outstanding architectural merit and clinical centres of excellence, supporting patients, their families and staff.

"In alignment with national efforts and as the first point of care, explains Dr Marwan Abdulmalik, the managing director of PHCC, we aim to provide services that are client-centred, evidence-based and integrated, ensuring early detection, appropriate referral to specialised care and support to individuals with ASD and their families by a trained workforce within a sensory-friendly environment."

Executive Director of Operations at PHCC Dr Samya al Abdulla added, "Clients with ASD have various sensory and communication needs."

"To address these needs, we at PHCC strive to make the health centre environment more autism-friendly, to provide a fast-tracked flow and train our clinicians and staff in autism sensitivity and awareness."

# HMC introduces groundbreaking ventilation method for surgeries

HMC is the first healthcare organisation in the region and seventh in the world to introduce this technique

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TEAMS from Hamad Medical Corporation's (HMC) Departments of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine and the Surgical Intensive Care Unit (SICU), in collaboration with specialists from seven international centres, have introduced a revolutionary mechanical ventilation technique for patients undergoing surgery at HMC.

The new technique, known as Evone, provides surgeons and anaesthesiologists with a new and safer option for operating on patients with challenging airways. HMC is the first healthcare organisation in the region and the seventh in the world to introduce this technique.

Led by Dr Nabli al Hamid Shalikh, senior consultant and an expert in difficult airway management, and Dr Marcus

Lance, senior consultant and a leading researcher and expert in thoracic anaesthesia, 20 patients at HMC have undergone surgery using the revolutionary technique since it was introduced.

"Mechanical ventilators help patients breathe when they undergo surgery. Airway management and ventilation can be challenging in some patients, for example in patients who are in respiratory distress or who have a compromised airway. The Evone ventilator is a new device capable of lung ventilation through a narrow-bore cannula. The introduction of the Evone technique at HMC is significant because this system features an ultrathin tube with an outer diameter of only 4.4mm, compared to the more conventional tubes which are 10mm," said Dr Shalikh.

"The Evone technique pro-



vides surgeons and anaesthesiologists with extra working space in and around the airway and improved vision of the patient's respiratory passageway. It also allows for the patients' lungs to be better protected against damage. Preliminary studies indicate the Evone technique may lead to a considerable reduction in the number of lung complications related to conventional artificial ventilation," added Dr Shalikh.

Dr Shalikh said while Evone has been exclusively used at HMC on patients undergoing Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT), chest, and upper airway surgeries, as well as in intensive care units, the technique has the potential to be used in various fields of surgery. Dr Lance echoed the

sentiment, adding that he hoped to see the technique used on patients undergoing thoracic surgery.

Dr Mashaal al Khelafi, HMC's lead for paediatric anaesthesia, said she hopes to see the technique used in paediatric patients, noting that internationally published case reports indicate there are substantial benefits to using the Evone technique on patients under the age of 18 years.

Professor Marco Marcus, HMC's chairman of Anaesthesiology, Intensive Care Unit, and Perioperative Medicine, said: "Teaching innovative techniques to residents, fellows, and HMC faculty, as well as healthcare professionals from within the Middle East region is the role of an academic healthcare system like HMC. By using techniques like this, our training programs will be the best in the Middle East."

# Nine new doctors join HMC's Bone and Joint Center

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NINE new physicians have joined Hamad Medical Corporation's (HMC) Bone and Joint Center after successfully completing their residency and fellowship training programs.

The physicians, who completed programmes in orthopaedic, foot and ankle, and spine surgery, were recognised during a ceremony held recently.

Dr Yousuf al Maslamani, medical director of Hamad

General Hospital, who was among the attendees at the ceremony, said it was an honour to recognise the residents and fellows who have demonstrated the knowledge, clinical, and surgical skills required to practice at the highest possible level of competence.

He said HMC's orthopaedic residency and fellowship programmes are internationally recognised and equip doctors with the skills needed to become leaders in orthopedics and rehabilitation research, education, and patient care.

Dr Mohamed al Ateeq, di-

rector of the Bone and Joint Center, delivered a keynote speech during the ceremony on behalf of Dr Mohammad Alaa Kawas, vice-president of the Orthopaedic Department.

Dr Ghalib Ahmed Alhaneedi, director of HMC's Orthopaedic Residency Training Programme, said the programme has been training physicians in orthopaedic surgery since 1993. He said the programme is approximately five years in duration and has graduated around 50 physicians.

Dr Osama Aldahmash, an orthopaedic resident, spoke

on behalf of the graduating physicians and thanked both HMC and the Orthopaedic Department for their commitment to medical education and specifically the development of a residency programme that provides new doctors with supervised practice in an environment conducive to learning highly specialised skills.

As part of the ceremony, a number of the graduating physicians were recognised for their performance in the residency and fellowship programmes.

Dr Issam Ali Elmehregh,

Dr Ghalib Ahmed Alhaneedi, Dr Abdulaziz Ahmed and Dr Ayman Fuad received the Best Trainee Physician Award, the Best Coach Award, the Best Research Physician and the Best Physician awards respectively.

Residency and fellowship course directors and mentors were also recognised during the ceremony with Dr Nabeel Mohamed Shaath, Dr Khalid al Khelafi, Dr Talal Ibrahim and Dr Kariyal Parthasarthy representing Al Wakra Hospital, Aspetar, Sidra Medicine and Al Khor Hospital respectively.

# Aspire Zone, CMU-Q sign partnership agreement

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ASPIRE Zone Foundation (AZF) and Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar (CMU-Q) have signed an agreement to pave the way for strategic collaboration in multidisciplinary areas, including research and strategic studies, and organising joint conferences, seminars and workshops.

Director-General of Aspire Logistics Abdulla Nasser al Naimi and Dean of CMU-Q Michael Trick signed the new memorandum of understanding at Aspetar on Sunday in the presence of Chief Administrative Officer at Aspetar Khalid al Mawlawi and Assistant Dean, Government and Corporate Affairs at CMU-Q Fadhil Annan.

The new partnership provides CMU-Q students with access to numerous educational benefits, including training by Aspetar's experienced scientists in pathology, biomedical informatics, translational medicine, experimental genetics and genomics.

Students will also have access to training, development, scholarship, internship and employment opportunities at Aspetar and other AZF member organisations.

Commenting on the agreement Naimi said, "By formalising

our collaboration with one of the top-ranked global universities in Qatar, we are continuing our commitment to develop the next generation, who will become the backbone of our professional future. "The doors of Aspetar and Aspire Zone Foundation will always remain open to educational organisations, which have a wonderful opportunity to benefit from Aspetar's vast experience in sports medicine, Aspire Logistics' experience sports event management and Aspire Academy's talent development experience."

Trick said, "We are very pleased to sign this agreement with the Aspire Zone Foundation. At Carnegie Mellon University, we emphasise real-world problem solving in all of our academic programmes. By working with organisations like the foundation, our students gain the insight, experience and understanding of questions that are important on a local, national and global scale."

The agreement will provide many avenues of collaboration between CMU-Q and Aspire Zone Foundation, particularly in the areas of CMU-Q's undergraduate programme offerings - biological sciences, business administration, computational biology, computer science and information systems.



Director-General of Aspire Logistics Abdulla Nasser al Naimi (right) and Dean of CMU-Q Michael Trick during the signing ceremony in Doha on Sunday.

# WCM-Q achieves certification to use powerful new research tool

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WEILL Cornell Medicine-Qatar (WCM-Q) has joined an elite group of research centres around the world that are certified to use a powerful new research tool for investigating the complex roles of proteins in human disease.

The technology, provided by Swedish bioscience company Olink, allows researchers to analyse vast numbers of different proteins in one go as they hunt for so-called 'biomarkers' of disease - particular proteins or combinations of proteins found in samples of blood, saliva or other tissue that indicate health issues.

Identifying these 'biomarker' proteins improves the researcher's understanding of how a range of diseases function, develop new diagnostic tools to catch diseases earlier, create personalised treatment plans, improve the accuracy of prognosis, and - crucially - facilitate the design of new drugs that target the



proteins that cause disease. The study of all identifiable proteins as a whole - also known as proteomics - is regarded as one of the most promising fields of biomedical research for the development of new treatments for an almost limitless range of diseases, including diabetes, cardiovascular disease and various forms of cancer. Including the new proteomics platform now established at WCM-Q, there are just 12 certified Olink service providers in the world - three in the US and eight in Europe.

Dr Frank Schmidt, director of the Proteomics Core at WCM-Q, said: "This technology is extremely powerful and gives

us wonderful new capabilities for analysing proteins that cause disease. Qatar is the first country outside of the US and Europe to gain certification as an Olink service provider."

The Olink platform gives researchers the ability to conduct 'multiplexed' protein analyses, meaning they can simultaneously observe multiple proteins involved in complex relationships with one another, giving greater insight into how these interactions give rise to disease. This technology is described as 'high-throughput' capable, meaning researchers can perform a very large number of tests in a short timeframe.

The Olink technology

augments core facilities at WCM-Q that provide technical and instrumental support in several areas, including genomics, bio-statistics, bioinformatics, metabolomics, and cellular imaging.

WCM-Q Instrumentation Supervisor Dr Rudolf Engelke said, "The new platform expands our analytical portfolio and gives us the ability to understand how proteins are connected to different diseases like diabetes, which is a key concern in the Gulf region."

Dr Karsten Sulre, director of the Bioinformatics Core and Professor of Physiology and Biophysics at WCM-Q, said: "With the Olink platform, we add yet another cornerstone to our already broad analytical capabilities to investigate complex diseases on a molecular level."

Dr Khalad Machacha, WCM-Q associate dean for research and professor of physiology and biophysics, said: "We are excited about the expansion of our core capabilities with the addition of the Olink platforms."

# DFI to screen 3 Indian films of critical acclaim

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THE Doha Film Institute (DFI), in partnership with Qatar Museums and the Jio MAMI Mumbai Film Festival, will mark the Qatar-India 2019 Year of Culture by screening a selection of three contemporary films by some of India's exciting filmmakers, every weekend from July 4 to 20, at the Museum of Islamic Art auditorium.

The DFI Indian Cinema-Summer Hits showcase will screen three award-winning films by emerging and established filmmaking talents that bridge the divide between commercial and independent cinema and paint a different cinematic canvas employing alternative storytelling techniques that is universal in global aesthetics but rooted in local content.

DFI's Chief Executive Officer Fatma Hassan al Remaihi said, "We are delighted to present this special programme of genre-bending films that showcase the best in contemporary Indian cinema to audiences in Qatar. The Indian film industry has been a powerhouse for many years now, producing the largest number of feature films in the world.

The special showcase will kick off on July 4 at 7pm with Village Rockstars (2017), by writer, director and producer Rima Das. The coming-of-age film is set in a small village in Northeast India. Its main character, 10-year-old Dhruv, is spirited, imaginative and determined.

Village Rockstars won Best Film at India's prestigious National Film Awards. The film also screens at 4pm and 7pm on July 5 and 6.

Vasan Bala's Mard Ko Dard Nahii Hota (2018) will be screened at 7pm on July 11 with repeat screenings at 4pm and 7pm on July 12 and 13.

The film premiered at the 2018 Toronto International Film Festival, where it won the People's Choice Award, Midnight Madness.

Sriram Raghavan's Andhadhun (2018) adapted from the French short film L'Accordeur will screen at 7pm on July 18.

Starring Ayushman Khurana, Tabu and Radhika Apte in lead roles, the film received widespread critical acclaim and commercial success globally and is the third highest grossing Indian film ever at the Chinese box office.

The film will also be screened at 7pm and 7pm on July 19 and 20. Tickets are priced QR35.

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SULAITI MEETS KENYAN COUNTERPART

Minister of Transport and Communications HE Jassim bin Safi al Sulaiti held talks with Kenyan Minister of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development James Macharia, in Doha on Sunday. The two ministers discussed aspects of cooperation between Qatar and Kenya in the fields of transport services, ports and aviation, and the means to further enhance them. They also discussed potential investment opportunities in these fields, in addition to a number of topics of common interest between the two friendly countries. Qatar Airways Group CEO Akbar al Baker and Kenya's Ambassador to Qatar HE Paddy C Ahenda attended the meeting. (QNA)



CRA takes part in ICANN meet on Internet community's issues

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THE Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA) participated in the 65th meeting of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN65 Policy Forum), which was held on June 24-27, in Marrakech, Morocco, with the participation of Internet experts from around the world.



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domain and to adopt the best practices in this field. This contributes to the growth of the Internet, ensures that consumers in Qatar have the best services in the field of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), enhances the digital skills and digital literacy across all segments of society and enables them to contribute to the economy and culture through the effective and secure use of ICT", said Eng Abdullah Jassmi, Technical Affairs Department manager, CRA.

Business mission to the Philippines seeks to woo more Qatari investors

The eight-day programme also hopes to attract more investments from the M-E region

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MSC Arab Business Delegation to Philippines, an eight-day business mission to the Philippines, hopes to attract more investors from the Middle East region including from Qatar.

The mission is organised by Management Solutions Consultancy (MSC), a Qatar-based firm, in cooperation with the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA), the Chamber of Furniture Industries of the Philippines (CFIP), Megaworld International and the local government units of Iloilo City and the provinces of Iloilo, Antique, Guimaras and Bataan. It is slated to be held from July 9 to 16.

At the signing of a Letter of Intent (LoI) between MSC and the Association of Chief of Police of the Philippines Inc. (ACPPPI) through its Global Police Community Relations (GPCRC) programme under the Philippine National Police (PNP) held in Doha recently, the organisers said that the business mission will cover eight days of intensive trade and tourism tours to five prosperous regions, nine pro-



MSC Managing Partner Abdulrahman Hassan and ACPPPI National President and GPCR Program Director PNP General Rhodel Sermonia at the Letter of Intent (LoI) signing ceremony.

gressive provinces and 10 cosmopolitan cities across the Philippines. Delegates so far include businessmen from Qatar, Jordan, Pakistan and India while some will be accompanied by their Filipino business partners. "MSC is truly honoured to be the organisers of this business delegation as a result of more than two years of planning and solicitation of investment interest towards the Philippines from the region's business community," said MSC Managing Director Adel Sa'adeh.

The signing of the document for the business mission was held between MSC Managing Partner Abdulrahman Hassan and ACPPPI National President and GPCR programme Director PNP General Rhodel Sermonia. It was witnessed by Col. Renante Panuela of the PNP and Joseph Timothy Rivera of the PEZA Investment Promotions Partner for the Middle East. Rivera said the signed document will facilitate collaboration between MSC and ACPPPI to jointly promote the Philippines as a premier investment and tourist destination by co-hosting

promotional and business missions. MSC shall also adhere to all ACPPPI and GPCR standards, rules and regulations and will diligently support the ACPPPI through the GPCR programme with its resources in boosting the capacity of the PNP to address transnational crimes, he added.

He further stated that a salient feature of the endeavour includes providing investor security confidence briefings and assistance in securing the necessary police protection for MSC's visiting investors to the Philippines particularly during the upcoming MSC Arab Business Delegation to the Philippines and to MSC's subsequent business missions in the future.

Commenting on the occasion, General Sermonia also expressed delight and optimism over the partnership and the signing of an MOU between the PNP and MSC in Camp Crame in the Philippines during the opening days of the upcoming business mission.

Those interested to join the delegation, may inquire through info@msc-consultancy.com or call +9747776990.

QA adopts new LinkedIn Talent Solutions Enterprise Programme

QATAR Airways (QA) Group has announced that it is the first organisation in Qatar and the only airline in the region to adopt the new LinkedIn Talent Solutions Enterprise Programme (TSEP).

The TSEP programme aims to facilitate effective engagement with candidates and provides users with economic insights and machine-learning algorithms, enabling them to make informed hiring and business decisions.

The new TSEP will also give QA Group a competitive advantage over other employers as the only regional airline to have this new product, the only company in Qatar and one of only a handful within the MENA region. Additionally, the programme will enable QA to compete more effectively for top talent, positioning the airline as an employer of choice globally.

QA Group Chief Executive Akbar al Baker said: "Behind our five-star service is our hard-working and unique team of talented individuals. As we always seek to be the first and best

in what we do, we are delighted to be working with a globally-recognised platform like LinkedIn, the world's largest online professional network, to help us achieve our goals. We are also delighted to be not only the first in Qatar and our industry, but to be one of the handful within the MENA region itself to adopt this innovative programme."

Head of LinkedIn MENA and EMEA Emerging Markets Ali Matar said: "We are proud to be working with one of the leading airlines in the region and to continue to be a partner of choice for the industry. Our collaboration with Qatar Airways Group will enable the airline to use our Talent Solutions products to make even smarter decisions about talent and business. We are confident both parties will draw immense value and inspiration from this collaboration."

LinkedIn has more than 630 million users in more than 200 countries and territories worldwide. (TNN)

Free bonus roaming data with Ooredoo Qatarna Packs

OOREDOO, Qatar's leading telecommunications operator, on Sunday reminded customers of the many benefits of its Qatarna post-paid packs that offer roaming data in each plan with extra free bonus data until August 15.

The generous amount of roaming data means customers can stay connected while they spend summer vacation abroad, with full bill protection.

Qatarna packs are available at QR350, QR500, QR600 and QR850 per month. All packs offer unlimited local minutes and SMS, special number discounts of up to QR6,000 and free subscription to the discount app UrbanPoint.

Data allowances depend on the chosen plan: Qatarna 350 offers 30 GB data, 30 GB roaming data and an

extra 30 GB roaming data free until August 15. Qatarna 500 offers 120 GB data, 45 GB roaming data and an extra 45 GB roaming data free until August 15. Qatarna 600 offers 150 GB data, 50 GB roaming data and an extra 50 GB roaming data free until August 15. Qatarna 850 offers unlimited data and 100 GB roaming data, with an extra 100 GB roaming data free until August 15.

Speaking about the popular Qatarna plans, Manar Khalifa al Muraikhi, director PR and Corporate Communications at Ooredoo, said: "We're always looking for ways to offer our customers the best deal with their postpaid packs."

Customers can sign up for Qatarna packs online, at any Ooredoo shops around town or via the Ooredoo app. (TNN)

MoCI recalls Ford Edge 2019 model

THE Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI), in cooperation with Almana Motors Company, dealer of Ford in Qatar, has announced the recall of Ford Edge model of 2019 over a headlamp control module (HCM) which is not configured with proper software. (TNN)

Mercedes-Benz GLC class models recalled

THE Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI), in cooperation with Nasser Bin Khaled Automobiles, dealer of Mercedes-Benz in Qatar, has announced the recall of GLC class models of 2017 and 2018 because the software of the audio 20 control unit does not conform to manufacturer specifications. (TNN)

Vodafone Qatar inaugurates new modern call centre in Al Sadd



Khames Mohammed al Naimi, chief human resources officer of Vodafone Qatar, inaugurates the company's new call centre in Al Sadd.

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VODAFONE Qatar on Sunday inaugurated its new state-of-the-art call centre in Al Sadd, providing 24x7 end-to-end support for customers over all its contact channels.

The new call centre is staffed with highly trained agents who have received the highest levels of customer service training. They will manage the inquiries and requests of the company's consumer and enterprise customer segments. Another distinctive feature will be tele-sales service to ensure customers are offered the best deals to enjoy Vodafone Qatar's products and services.

Inaugurating the new centre, Khames Mohammed al Naimi, chief human resources officer, said, "We are delighted to open our new modern call centre in Qatar. Vodafone Qatar has been always dedicated and committed to

delivering a high quality customer service on a daily basis. This call centre is designed using best practices to ensure that."

The call centre features an open environment offering excellent working facilities for all customer care staff with state of the art soundproof work stations. The office set up is completely wireless and agents are provided

with the latest high tech headsets with noise cancellation and sound optimisation.

The centre also houses a dedicated training facility, a cafeteria and prayer facilities for all customer-facing staff. This world-class facility also offers online and classroom training with an innovation area designed to bring new ideas into Vodafone Qatar's business.

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# ISL Qatar celebrates graduation of 45 students of Class of 2019

The school's principal Donk Monk said he hoped the students achieve all they wish for and their dreams come true



Graduating students of International School of London Qatar at their graduation ceremony in Doha recently. Some of the students will be studying in the UK, USA, Canada, Qatar and Europe.

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THE International School of London Qatar recently hosted its Grade 12 graduation to celebrate the success of 45 graduates. The graduation is the school's seventh since its opening in 2008, which has marked 10 years this year.

The ceremony was memorable for the graduates as it highlighted their achievements and completion of the IB Diploma. Students, parents and teachers enjoyed an

unforgettable afternoon with memories from the year, the institution noted in a press release.

David Monk, Head of School, gave an inspiring speech to the graduates. "We are extremely proud of each one of you as you have worked very hard for this accomplishment. I hope that you achieve all that you wish to and that your dreams come true. Congratulations Class of 2019!"

ISL Qatar has an outstanding reputation for high academic standards, pres-

tigious International Baccalaureate (IB) programmes and an impressive record of admission to the world's best universities.

The Class of 2019 graduates have been accepted into some of the world's most prestigious universities in the UK, USA, Canada, The Netherlands, Spain, Germany, Australia and Qatar.

Some of the Graduation ceremony highlights, recognising the achievements of the students, were: Lara Exton and Habeeb

Buraimoh were honoured with Valedictorian awards in recognition of attaining the highest academic standards, making outstanding contributions to the school and for being exemplary representatives of the Class of 2019.

Ra'na Mughal was honoured with the Creativity Activity Service Award as the student who demonstrated excellence in all three strands of the CAS programme.

Ana Laura Rubinstein and Abdulla al Dahneem received the coveted Learner Award as

the student who had shown outstanding educational growth, improvement, commitment and intellectual development in their academic studies in Grades 11 and 12 respectively.

Samuel Nyakiamo received the Nadim Makarem Award as the student who personifies the values of the International School of London Qatar, and who is an outstanding representative of the school with a positive attitude towards the life and culture of others.

# BPS holds plantation drive to mark World Environment Day

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BIRLASHPERE, the ecological club of Birla Public School (BPS), held a special plantation programme on the school premises to mark the World Environment Day.

The programme aimed at demonstrating the importance of plantation in human life, and to emphasise the need to save the earth. The theme of this year's World Environment Day is 'Preventing air pollution', and is dedicated to preventing pollution of all sorts – air, water and land.

BPS Principal A P Sharma applauded the 'eco-warriors' and gave them tips on ways to help save the planet earth. The children were apprised about the consequences of air pollution, global warming, and the need for planting of saplings etc. They were also told that as responsible students, they must plant trees in Qatar

and shun the use of plastic bags.

Vice Principal Rajesh Pillai and the school's eco club area coordinator Rakesh Verma were also present on the occasion.



Meanwhile, the Scouts & Guides participated in a drawing and painting competition. The class bulletin boards were decorated with posters related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



# DPS-MIS holds Rendezvous 2019 fest

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THE DPS-Modern Indian School (DPS-MIS) recently held the Rendezvous Inter-House Activity Festival for middle school students.

The event underpins the vision and mission of the school, which is to provide a richly varied pattern of activities for the all-round growth of students. It featured a variety of activities i.e. cooking without fire, group song, just a minute, story writing, debate, junk art, group dance, T-shirt painting, greeting card making, poster making and hand writing for the



DPS-Modern Indian School students participate in an activity during their annual inter-house activity event for middle school students.

students of four houses namely Lily, Rose, Lotus and Tulip.

DPS-MIS Principal Asna Nafees highlighted the impor-



tance of discipline and advised students to abide by the rules

and regulations and use social media ethically.

# QNL's July events to focus on the world of animals

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VISITORS to Qatar National Library (QNL) in July will learn more about the animal world and the future of all living species on our planet.

The library will present an engaging programme that will offer a better understanding of animals, whether they are our beloved pets or the majestic Arabian horses that are an important part of Qatari life.

The occasion of World Population Day this month is also an opportunity to reflect on the importance of living together in harmony to protect the planet's delicate ecosystem.

Historical photos of Qatar will be at the centre of a special art class titled 'Draw a Photo from Qatar's History' on July 6. Librarian Marwan al Mutawa will introduce the Qatar Photographic Collection at the Heritage Library, including many photos featuring the native animals that feature in life and pastimes in Qatar such as falcons.

Under the instruction and guidance of Qatari artist Fahad Almasaheed, participants will be able to show off their artistic skills by drawing one of these photos. The event is suitable for adults with basic drawing skills.

A lecture titled 'The History of Horses in Qatar' on July 24 will take the audience on an



informative journey that will reveal the history and types of Arabian horses, a breed that has had a vibrant role in Qatari life for countless generations.

The talk will discuss how the Arabian horses are taken care of and will be followed by a trip into Al Shaqab for an up-close look at the magnificence of these proud animals.

With summer holidays beginning in July, the library has a full programme of fun activities to keep the community's young minds occupied.

On July 3, the Children's Library will present the adventurous voyage and mission of one of the earliest prophets of Allah in 'Prophecy of God: Yunis and the Whale'.

dren and their parents can sing along and unleash their creativity by inventing entertaining games. The event will also include a discussion on early literacy and the importance of reading in the development of children's brains.

"As families and children start their long summer holidays, we encourage them to visit the library and take part in the host of fun, creative events taking place throughout the month. The events offer an opportunity for curious minds to learn something new about our fascinating world, network with other members of the community, and of course, escape the summer heat," said Maha al Naimi, Information Services Librarian at the library.

"People of all ages and interests are very welcome at any of the library's events and we have tried to meet as diverse and broad range of interests as possible, with a focus on animals, art and history and, through our informative lectures, to stimulate awareness on a range of interesting top-



ics," Naimi added.

Children aged nine to 11 can learn different canvas painting techniques, such as dot painting and making silhouette shapes from nature as they create art featuring their favourite animals, birds or bugs in 'Animal Canvas Painting' on July 17.

Every Monday starting from July 8 'Story time at the Children's Library' with engaging storytelling about popular and well-known animal friends. Readings are in Arabic and suitable for children ages six to 11.

The library will also present a variety of other activities and themed events for members of the community to engage in throughout the month.

A useful orientation session on Bookshare, an online database for people with print disabilities, will be presented every Saturday in July. The session will guide participants on how to register to use Bookshare's resources, which include audio-

books, read-along books, DAISY talking books and Braille and large-font books.

Readers can customise their experience with e-books in formats that work according to their individual needs. The event will help readers find resources on Bookshare and register for membership.

A training session on July 6, 'How to Edit Wikipedia', will present the main rules and principles of Wikipedia and show aspiring editors how they can create high-quality pages on the multilingual online encyclopedia.

The library will mark World Population Day on July 11, established by the United Nations as an international day to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues.

The library will collaborate with Qatar's Permanent Population Committee to host this event, which will address issues related to population, such as healthcare, education and human rights.

# QU and other renowned institutions receive QR2mn FinTech grant to develop Qatar's capacity

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THE Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF) has awarded a team of international researchers drawn from Qatar University, the University of Hong Kong, the University of New South Wales and Curtin University with over QR2 million over three years to help develop Qatar's FinTech capacity.

The project will support efforts to diversify the Qatari economy and build a future-ready financial sector that will elevate Qatar to the position of a regional FinTech and RegTech hub.

The award was made as part of the 11th cycle of the QNRF's flagship grant scheme, the National Priorities Research Program (NPRP).

The project is titled 'FinTech and RegTech: Building a resilient, inclusive and competitive legal and regulatory framework for 21st century finance in Qatar'.

The research team includes some of the most prominent and well-respected international scholars and researchers in the FinTech and RegTech space.

The international team comprises Professor Douglas W. Arner (Kerry Holdings Professor in Law, the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong); Professor

Ross Buckley (King & Wood Mallesons Professor of Disruptive Innovation, Scientia Professor, University of New South Wales, Australia); Dr. Andrew Dahdal (Section Head, Law and Policy (Economic Diversification) Centre for Law and Development, College of Law, Qatar University, Qatar); Dr. Jon Truby (Director, Centre for Law and Development, College of Law, Qatar University, Qatar); Professor Gordon Walker (Adjunct Professor, Curtin University, Australia).

Lead Principal Investigator (LPI) for the project, Dr. Andrew Dahdal said, "It is a great benefit to Qatar to have such a renowned group of eminent experts focusing their efforts on the Qatari financial sector. In recent years, Qatari policy makers have committed to achieving the goals outlined in Qatar Vision 2030 including building human capital and knowledge based diversified economy. This project will help realise those commitments."

The grant is also supported by the Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Authority (QFCRA), a key stakeholder in building Qatar's future as an important regional FinTech player.

The project is to run from 1 June, 2019 to 1 June, 2022.

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# ICC's updated website with job portal, online membership facility launched

**I**NDIAN Ambassador to Qatar HE P Kumaran, who is also the Patron of the Indian Cultural Centre (ICC) in Qatar, officially launched the new website of the ICC.

A job portal and ICC online membership are the key features of the website, which is set to benefit both jobseekers and business and educational establishments looking for qualified and experienced professionals.

Jobseekers can upload their resumes on the portal and potential employers can visit the website and access the database from the available prospects.

The website also has useful links from India and Qatar on tourism, business etc., which may be of interest to the community.

The online membership of ICC, which has been added to the website, is the other attraction.

Indian community members looking for ICC membership can now get it done through the website.

The website has added a host of new features which will benefit ICC members and the Indian community.

The recent meeting of the ICC was attended by Coordinating Of-



Indian Ambassador to Qatar HE P Kumaran officially launches the new website of the Indian Cultural Centre.

ficer of ICC Rajesh Kamble, who is the Counsellor (Consular & Community Affairs) at the Indian Embassy in Doha.

The Indian ambassador was updated on the forthcoming programmes of the ICC, which include major events like Indian community festival 'Passage to India', and

cultural competition for schools and tournaments for chess, karate etc. ICC President AP Manikantan also briefed the Indian ambassador on the managing committee's efforts to provide a number of facilities to ICC members which include a group insurance plan as well as benefits at various outlets

and vendors. The ICC is supporting the India-Qatar Year of Culture by holding weekly cultural programmes at Ashoka Hall in ICC premises. The others who attended the launch cere-

mony included ICC Vice President Vinod V Nair, General Secretary Seenu Pillai, Joint Secretary Anjan Ganguly, Head of Finance and Sponsorship Rajesh Singh, Head of Human Resources, Premises and Sports Jaffar Khan, Head of Cultural Activities and Education Nayana Wagh, Cultural Coordinator Nirmala Shanmugapandian, Head of In-house activities Ramachandra Shetty, Head of Counselor Services and External Events Bhumeswar Padala, and

Head of Associate Organisations and Membership Parambathkandi Mohsin. The ICC is the official body of the Indian expatriate community functioning under the patronage of the Embassy of India. It aims at promoting sports, social and cultural activities of the Indian community in Qatar.

The ICC also serves the interest of Indians residing in Qatar. It promotes the rich Indian culture among Qatari nationals and expatriates of various nationalities living in Qatar.

The ICC is committed to functioning as a body of the Indian Embassy to strengthen the deep-rooted India-Qatar friendship and cultural ties.

A screenshot of the ICC's new website.



## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Members of Marthoma College Alumni Association perform at the 28th anniversary of the forum in Doha, recently. President of Indian Cultural Centre AP Manikantan inaugurated the event.

## Indian forum celebrates 10th anniversary

**K**ERALA expatriate forum Thiruvananthapuram District Residents Association Qatar (TRAQ), affiliated to the Indian Cultural Centre (ICC), celebrated its 10th anniversary with a music programme in Doha, recently.

The programme featured evergreen hits from Bollywood and Malayalam movies, qawwali, ghazal and classical and semi-classical dance. The participants of the programme included Nanditha Devan, Suhani Sabu, Santhosh Kurup, Dileep Kumar, Pooja Santhosh, Sheha Santhosh, Shilpa, Shreya, Sivasankaran Nair, Devika Rajeev, Dinesh Kumar, MG Gopakumar,



Afreen Sham, Fathima Firoz, Syam Mohan, Ambili, Latha Chandra Sekhar and ICC Vice President Vinod Nair.

The programme came as part of the initiative of the ICC and ICC associate organisations, Indian schools and

Indian cultural institutions in Qatar, to organise cultural shows every Wednesday evening at the Ashoka Hall in the ICC premises.

ICC Chairman of Advisory Council KM Varghese and General Secretary of ICC Seenu

Pillai felicitated the artists.

Joint Secretary of ICC Anjan Ganguly conducted the programme while Nayana Wagh, head of Cultural and Educational activities for ICC, introduced the artists to the audience.

## Picture Perfect



Photograph:  
Firoos Syed



The picture shows an area being developed for agriculture at Al Ghaf near the Al Shamal area. With the support of the government, a large number of young farmers have developed these areas into agriculture plots.

## Indian group organises ghazal concert at Qatar National Theatre

**D**OHA Darbar, a passionate music fraternity in Qatar, organised a ghazal concert at Qatar National Theatre in Doha, recently.

Noted vocalist and composer Pooja Gaitonde, famous composer-singer from the Indian film industry Veetrag and music director Ragesh left the audience spellbound with the ghazal performance.

The concert titled 'Bekhudi Live' also featured sufi music by a team of musicians that included Veetrag and young composer-singer Ragesh.

The concert, organised in association with Qbiz Events, also featured melodious songs from different Indian languages.

Speaking to Qatar Tribune, official of 'Doha Darbar' Sherif Cherandathur said, "The event reflected the tradition of Indian and Persian music genre at a highly equipped venue like Qatar National Theatre. The event was a success at it was attended by a large number of music lovers." Gifted vocalist and composer Pooja Gaitonde was trained under Ustad Munawar Masoom, Ustad Rajkumar Rizvi, SCR Bhatt, Pandit Tulsidas Borkar and other eminent Hindustani musicians in India.

The concert was accompanied by Roy George on keyboard, Nikhil Ram on flute, Tanuj on drums, Sunil Kumar on tabla, Paulson on sitar and Raju George on bass guitar.



US PRESIDENT MEETS NORTH KOREAN LEADER

# Trump steps into North Korea in historic first

**AFP**  
PANMUNJOM, SOUTH KOREA

DONALD Trump stepped onto North Korean soil in a historic first Sunday as he met Pyongyang's leader Kim Jong Un in a moment of high diplomatic drama on the world's last Cold War frontier.

Moments after becoming the only sitting US president to set foot inside North Korea, Trump brought Kim back over the dividing line for a meeting where they

agreed to start working-level talks on Pyongyang's nuclear weapons.

Trump also said he had invited the young leader to the White House "anytime he wants to do it".

"It was an honour that you asked me to step over that line, and I was proud to step over the line," he told Kim. As they sat down for discussions, Kim said their "handshake of peace" in a location that was "the symbol of the division of north and south" showed that "we are

willing to put the past behind us." The impromptu meeting in the DMZ — after Trump issued an invitation on Twitter on Saturday — came with negotiations between Pyongyang and Washington at a deadlock.

Their first summit took place in a blaze of publicity in Singapore last year but produced only a vaguely worded pledge about denuclearisation. A second meeting in Vietnam in February intended to put flesh on those bones broke up without agreement.



US President Donald Trump steps into the northern side of the Military Demarcation Line as North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un looks on, in the Joint Security Area (JSA) of Panmunjom DMZ, on Sunday. (AFP)

Contact between the two sides has since been minimal — with Pyongyang issuing frequent criticisms of the US position — but the two leaders exchanged a series of letters before Trump issued his offer to meet at the DMZ.

Trump's entry onto North Korean soil — which he said was uncertain until the last moment — is an extraordinary sequel to the scene at Kim's first summit with Moon Jae-in last year, when the young leader invited the South Korean president to walk over

the Military Demarcation Line, as the border is officially known. A Kim trip to Washington would be even more spectacular, although Trump said the visit would happen "at the right time."

Moon seized on last year's Winter Olympics to broker the process between Pyongyang and Washington, after tensions soared in 2017 as the North carried out multiple missile launches and its biggest nuclear test to date, while Trump and Kim traded mutual insults and threats of war.

# Mass protests for 'civilian rule' rock Sudan streets

**AFP**  
KHARTOUM

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Tens of thousands of people march on the streets demanding the ruling military hand over power to civilians, in Khartoum on Sunday. (REUTERS)

TENS of thousands of protesters rallied across Sudan on Sunday against the ruling generals as organisers called for a march on the presidential palace in Khartoum, in the biggest mass demonstration since a deadly crackdown on demonstrators.

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Dozens of demonstrators were killed and hundreds wounded when armed men in military fatigues stormed the sit-in outside army headquarters, shooting and beating protesters who had camped there since April 6.

On Sunday, police fired tear gas in the northern Khartoum district of Bahri and in Mamura and Arkweit, in the capital's east, as thousands of protesters

chanted "Civilian rule! Civilian rule!", witnesses said.

Security forces also used tear gas against demonstrators in the capital's twin city of Omdurman and the eastern town of Gadaref, witnesses said. The latest demonstrations came at a time when Ethiopia and the African Union (AU) are jointly

mediating between the protesters and generals. The European Union, several Western nations and rights groups have called on the generals to avoid any violence. Men and women flashing victory signs and carrying Sudanese flags flooded the streets of Al-Sahafa neighbourhood of Khartoum, a correspondent reported.

"We are here for the martyrs of the (June 3) sit-in. We want a civilian state that guarantees our freedom. We want to get rid of military dictatorship," said Zeinab, 23, an onlooker cheered and motorists honked horns.

"No one gave a mandate to the military council, all the

people are against the council," said another protester who shouted out: "I'm the next martyr." Others chanting "Blood for blood, we don't want compensation" took to the streets of the Jabra district, witnesses said, while rallies were also under way in other neighbourhoods of the capital.

# Turkey warns of retaliation after Haftar threat

**DPA**  
BENGHAZI

TURKISH Defence Minister Hulusi Akar has threatened to retaliate against potential attacks after forces of the military strongman controlling eastern Libya threatened to target Turkish interests in the country.



Turkish Defence Minister Hulusi Akar.

The self-styled Libyan National Army (LNA), commanded by Khalifa Haftar, this week announced a ban on flights between Libya and Turkey and said that "Turkish ships and aircraft are 'legitimate targets' for its forces."

**Turkey says six Turks held by Haftar in Libya, demands release**

Several Turkish restaurants shut down and the names were removed from Turkish store signs in eastern Libyan cities in response to the LNA's threats, local officials and witnesses said on Sunday.

"A hostile stance or attacks" against Turkish entities would be met with measures "of the most effective and strongest kind," Akar said, according to the Turkish state news agency Anadolu.

The crisis comes after the LNA accused Turkey of assisting militias linked to a rival government backed by the United Nations and based in the capital Tripoli.

ANKARA: Turkey said on Sunday that six of its citizens were being held by eastern Libyan forces loyal to Khalifa Haftar, and that the militia would become a "legitimate target" if they were not released immediately.

"The detention of six of our citizens by illegal militia forces linked to Haftar is an action that amounts to banditry and piracy. We expect the immediate release of our citizens," Turkey's Foreign Ministry said in a statement. (REUTERS)

Libya is torn between two competing governments: one in Tripoli and the other based in the eastern city of Tobruk, which is allied with Haftar.

# Iran's ambassador to UN calls on US to end threats

**DPA**  
WASHINGTON

IRAN'S ambassador to the United Nations on Sunday called for an end to US threats against his country and a return to the negotiating table.

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"As long as the threats are there, as long as intimidation and coercion are there I think we do not consider any dialogue, any offer of a dialogue as a genuine and constructive one," he said, while urging a return to negotiations.

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# Israel frees Palestinian minister after quizzing

**AFP**  
JERUSALEM



Fadi al-Hadami.

ISRAELI police on Sunday released from custody the Palestinian minister for Jerusalem affairs after questioning him over claims he organised activities in the city in violation of Israeli rules, his lawyer said.

Palestinian minister for Jerusalem affairs Fadi al-Hadami had been arrested in his east Jerusalem home early Sunday and taken for questioning, with a police spokesman saying he had been involved in unspecified "activities in Jerusalem". His lawyer Mo-

hannad Jbara said the arrest was due to recent activities that have included accompanying Chile's president during a visit to Jerusalem's flashpoint Al-Aqsa mosque complex.

Jbara said Hadami was released Sunday afternoon.

On Tuesday, Hadami was seen alongside Chilean President Sebastian Pineru on a tour of the holy site.

This infuriated Israel, which said the tour constituted a violation of regulations and a breach of understandings reached with Santiago for the head of state's visit.

# Hundreds rally on Yemeni island against UAE-backed forces

**DPA**  
SANA'A

HUNDREDS of protesters on Sunday rallied on Yemen's Indian Ocean island of Socotra against local militias allegedly supported by the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

# Saudi intercepts two drones

RIVADH: Two Yemeni rebel drones targeting southern Saudi Arabia were intercepted on Saturday, a Riyadh-led military coalition said, the latest in a series of assaults on the kingdom.

The first drone targeted the province of Jizan and the second was aimed at a residential area in Asir province, the coalition said in a statement released by the official Saudi Press Agency. The coalition did not report any damage or casualties.

The rebels earlier claimed drone attacks on the airports in Jizan and Abha, the capital of Asir, according to the group's Al-Masirah TV. (AFP)

The UAE is a major partner in a Saudi-led military campaign that is supporting Yemen's internationally recognized government against Iran-allied Houthi rebels, who are in control of the capital Sana'a.

But ties between the Yemeni government and the UAE have soured recently, as the UAE has been accused of also supporting separatists

in Yemen. On Sunday, the protesters marched across Hadibu, the capital city of Socotra, expressing solidarity with local authorities linked to the government, witnesses told DPA. The demonstrators, waving the Yemeni flag, chanted slogans against the presence of armed militias on the island, in a reference to so-called Security Belt units that are believed trained and supported by the UAE.

# Confrontations after rally to support Hong Kong police

**AFP**  
HONG KONG



A supporter holds a flag as he attends a rally to show support for the police amid criticisms for its alleged mishandling of an anti-extradition protest, in Hong Kong, on Sunday. (REUTERS)

US and Iran are rooted in the unilateral decision by the US to withdraw from the 2015 nuclear deal, he said.

"That decision has to be reversed," he added.

US President Donald Trump has imposed sanctions on Iran, including a new round announced on Monday, as part of a "maximum pressure" campaign to bring Iran to negotiations.

Trump has threatened to continue to increase pressure on Tehran, adding that the US has shown restraint in a row between

the two countries, including Iran's downing of a US military spy drone.

Takht-Ravanchi also urged Iran's European partners to act quickly to come up with a way to compensate Iran for losses due to the US sanctions.

"They have to hurry up because we are running out of time," Takht-Ravanchi said.

Ravanchi earlier called a US sanctions against Iran "economic war and terrorism against the Iranian people." He told CNN on Tuesday the sanctions are hurting the Iranian people and "definitely that is a war crime."

ANGRY confrontations broke out around Hong Kong's parliament on Sunday as protesters supporting the city's police taunted anti-government demonstrators on the eve of the anniversary of the semi-autonomous territory's 1997 handover from Britain to China.

Crowds of police supporters chanted "Chinese traitors" and profanities at their largely young opponents — highlighting the ideological fissures running through the finance hub as it experiences its worst political unrest in a

generation. Hong Kong saw two record-breaking rallies earlier this month by anti-government protesters opposed to a now-postponed plan to approve extradition to mainland China.

But it has also been rocked by unprecedented clashes. On 12 June police used tear gas and rubber bullets to clear large young anti-extradition protesters from around parliament.

The police classified the demonstration as a riot and defended their tactics, but opponents have accused officers of using excessive force and called for an independent inquiry. Twice in the last two weeks the city's police headquarters has been blockaded by angry crowds.

On Sunday it was the turn of pro-government supporters, who rallied in their tens of thousands, many waving Chinese flags.

"I can't put up with people's behaviour towards police," 70-year-old demonstrator Frances Yu said.

A 54-year-old office worker, who gave his surname as Wong, said officers were trying to "maintain order" and that anti-extradition demonstrators had gone crazy. "It's like they went too far, those who charged, lambasted police... I find it so senseless," he said.

# QT Opinion

## Drop In Heart Disease Deaths? Better Brace For The Gripper

**Obesity and Type 2 diabetes both contribute to America's 'silent killer' — high blood pressure**

If you're one of the evidently healthy people who has decided that 50 is the new 40, here's a dose of sobering news. The big decline in deaths due to heart disease that the US has enjoyed over much of the past century has slowed to a crawl. And for one age group — middle-aged Americans — deaths due to cardiovascular disease are actually on the rise.

The death rate in the US due to cardiovascular disease, including heart disease and strokes, had dropped more than 70 percent over six decades — until 2011. Since then, however, deaths due to cardiovascular disease have dropped by a mere 4 percent, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Heart disease has been the nation's top killer, but public health experts had expected it to be supplanted by cancer by 2020. Yet with these latest numbers, expect heart disease to remain Public Enemy No. 1 for a while.

Why are heart attacks and strokes holding strong? America doesn't smoke as much anymore; the days of cigarette butt-filled ashtrays on work desks and restaurants clouded in an ashen haze are long gone. We tell ourselves we're eating better — gluten is a dirty word for many people, and the meat-free Impossible Burger now appears prominently on menus at Burger King, Red Robin and White Castle. We're living healthier, right? Cardiologists instead point to two enduring culprits, *The Wall Street Journal* reports: obesity and the rise in Type 2 diabetes. Both contribute to high blood pressure, America's "silent killer" that ramps up the risk of strokes and heart problems. According to the *Journal*, nearly 40 percent

of American adults over 20 are obese, and 9.4 percent of US adults 18 and older suffer from diabetes. Those percentages should startle and humble all Americans.

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Chuck the old image of a heart attack waiting to happen — an older man, usually a smoker, with cholesterol levels out the roof. Increasingly, middle-aged Americans are younger, more obese, often women, and less likely to smoke.

Heart disease kills 859,000 Americans every year, the CDC says, roughly one-third of all deaths. Treating heart disease represents a \$109 billion annual hit on the country's healthcare system, and \$131 billion in lost productivity due to premature deaths. But take heart (sorry, we couldn't resist): The World Health Organization says 80 percent of premature heart attacks and strokes are preventable.

Easy fixes won't suffice. At best the supplements route has its limits, and many of those pills do nothing but shrink your bank account. We hate to sound like a broken record, but simply stopping smoking isn't enough anymore. Sensible diet? Check. More exercise? Check. Regular doctor visits? Check. Taking the statins or other meds the doc prescribed for you? Check.

You don't need to hop on the bandwagon of every new health fad that gets a headline. All you need is a bit of common sense — and the willpower to act on it.



(Tribune News Service)

## The Trump-Putin Show At G20 Undermines Liberal Democracy

**The US president supports his Russian counterpart who presents himself as the guru of a new 'illiberal' governing model that allows elections but curtails or dismantles democratic institutions**

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US President Donald Trump got trolled by Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Group of 20 world leaders summit in Osaka. He was having so much fun joking with Vladimir, he seemed blissfully unaware.

Just prior to the summit, Putin gave an interview to the *Financial Times* in which he laid out his belief that the Western order is crumbling.

"The liberal idea has become obsolete (and) has outlived its purpose," he said bluntly. He has made no secret of his desire to expedite the downfall of the Western order by probing its weak points, and encouraging its divisions.

Judging by Trump's performance in Osaka, the US president seems determined to help him along.

"Don't meddle in the election," a smiling Trump told a smiling Putin, in front of reporters, wagging a finger at the Russian leader. (Of course, the Mueller Report found that Russia made "multiple systemic efforts" to interfere in the 2016 election).

No bother to Trump. Rather than have firmly and correctly with the Russian leader, Trump sussed: "It's a great honour to meet with Putin. A lot of very positive things are going to come out of the relationship." Contrast this with Theresa May's meeting with Putin in Osaka. Unsmiling, she told him Russian efforts to poison former spy Sergei Skripal on British soil "can never be repeated." Of course, Putin denied any Russian role in the poisoning. But, unlike Trump, May stood firm in the face of his lies.

The issue is much bigger than Russian meddling or assassinations, which are part of a larger pattern.

"Putin lacks necessarily about the end of the old US-led unipolar order that didn't give Russia a role," says Angela Stent, author of *Russia's World: Russia Against the West and with the Rest*. "He talks about moving into the post-Western order." The Russian leader presents himself as the guru of a new "illiberal" governing model that allows elections but curtails or dismantles democratic institutions.

Nationalist populist leaders in Hungary, Italy, France and elsewhere are looking to Putin — Hungary's Viktor Orban calls openly for "illiberal democracy" — while Russian propaganda encourages European voters to move in a populist direction. "He is playing the populist card and has been rather successful," says Stent. "He is trolling (others), maybe more will jump on the bandwagon." But Putin has no need to encourage the populist nation-



alist Trump.

Trump still endorses Putin's denials of election meddling over the findings of his own intelligence agencies, which undercuts their efforts to block future Russian meddling. This is a gift to the Kremlin that keeps on giving.

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Another gift is Trump's repeated verbal attacks on the media when he meets with autocrats. "Fake news is a great term, isn't it," Trump commiserated with Putin, in front of reporters. "You don't have that problem in Russia." Of course, the Kremlin controls nearly all TV stations and major media, and pesky Russian reporters are murdered or jailed.

In his *Financial Times* interview, Putin, returns the favour. He cynically promotes the mantra of populists from Trump to Brexiters to Orban. He cites the "gap between the interests of the elites and the overwhelming majority of the people" in Europe and America. (Never mind that any Russian opposition to the Kremlin elite is eliminated or crushed.) And, in Trump-esque tones, Putin links the "liberal idea" to unchecked immigration, and migrants who "can kill, plunder, and rape with impunity." He claims the "liberal idea presupposes that nothing needs to be done." So the liberal idea has become obsolete. It has come into conflict with the interests of the over-

whelming majority of the population." Then Putin goes on to extol "traditional values," using language similar to one-time Trump strategist Steve Bannon. The Russian leader insists that "traditional values" such as religion "are more stable and more important for millions of people than this liberal idea, which, in my opinion, is really ceasing to exist." Never mind that Putin presides over a regime rife with corruption, willing to murder opponents, and disdainful of moral values.

Stent says that Putin's talk of immigration has to do with "reinforcing people questioning their own system. He is certainly speaking to those parts of European Union who are pro-Russian, saying we Russians are going in the right direction." But Putin is also playing the American card. Now that the Mueller Report is passe, he may feel more free to engage with Trump on themes that appeal to Trump's thinking and draw the US president even closer.

What Putin never mentions, of course, is his mishapen description of "the liberal order" is that it stands for democratic values of tolerance, individual liberty, free courts, free press, and rule of law.

Instead Putin seeks to promote an illiberal alternative where fake democratic trappings disguise a lack of such values. And Trump, at the G20, gravitated toward this autocrat who curbs courts, voters, and press in a way that the president may wish he could or aspires to do by different methods, such as Supreme Court decisions. All Putin had to do was grin.

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## Is Huawei's Offer One India Cannot Refuse?

**The Chinese tech giant is willing to sign 'no-backdoor' agreements with a host of countries looking to rolling out its 5G services**

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HUAWEI has offered the Indian government a "no-backdoor" agreement in light of the accusations of spying levied against the company by the US government. Huawei's India head has also urged other original equipment manufacturers like Ericsson and Nokia to take the same route. Huawei's overtures coincide with two significant events. First is the arrival of US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in India; Pompeo has criticised Huawei and, by extension, Chinese investments. The other important event was Huawei's founder and chairman Ren Zhengfei saying that the company is willing to sign "no-backdoor" agreements with a host of countries looking to rolling out Huawei's 5G.

Huawei's position aims to put to rest suspicions raised by the US government over the last decade, which have intensified under the Trump administration. Before offering the agreement mentioned above to India, Huawei has provided various arrangements to other governments.

For example, the UK has established some oversight mechanisms and the German government is planning the same. But a similar offer was turned down by Australia, which decided to not include Huawei in their 5G plans.

Huawei certainly anticipates a positive response from the Indian government. A signed "no-backdoor" agreement may tamp down arguments against the inclusion of Huawei in India's 5G plans.

The "no-backdoor" agreement on paper seems like a lucrative option and an attempt to convince the government of one of the biggest markets in the world to allow Huawei in. Of course, no government should take such "no-backdoor" agreements at face value. Such agreements won't necessarily change the allegations levelled against Huawei, which are rooted in China's 2018 amended National Intelligence Law. That law compels organisations to cooperate with the Chinese state, particularly intelligence agencies.

Related to the issue of intelligence is the growing grip of the Chinese Communist Party on businesses as it pushes to set up



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Party cells in privately owned enterprises, foreign firms, and even joint ventures. Such CCP cells serve to co-opt so-called private enterprises in China, blurring the line be-

tween private business and the Party. Under such conditions, can a "no-backdoor" agreement hold much weight? Huawei could push for an oversight body, in lieu of the "no-backdoor" agreement, an arrangement which it has already with the British government. Since 2014 the Huawei Cyber Security Evaluation Center (HCSEC) Oversight Board has come out with reports indicating various issues with Huawei UK and its parent company. Some experts have recommended that in India's case, the National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Center take up a similar role. However, an oversight body just gives recommendations and would involve a senior executive from Huawei, as is the case with HCSEC. Both options for India are available, but the problems remain the same.

While the "no-backdoor" agreement would give some assurances on paper, the new intelligence law in China, along with the tightening grip on private enterprises, makes the proposition of the agreement difficult to believe. On the other hand, an oversight body might take time to set up, which in a way would mean delaying the

rollout of 5G services. But with the plans for auctions and trials already in place, it seems improbable to delay the launch of 5G in India.

It is still unclear whether India will accept Huawei as one of the vendors for 5G. The answer may also depend on the outcome of the bilateral meeting between US President Donald Trump and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the G-20 Summit in Osaka, Japan. There are myriad other bilateral issues, which Pompeo will tackle with his Indian counterparts, like trade and the S-400 matter in addition to telecommunications. The decision to take on Huawei as a vendor or not has to be unilateral, as India's nonalignment policy mandates that it not just bow down to US requests. At the same time, accepting the Chinese tech giant comes with huge security risks, which India has to assess carefully.

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UK LEADERSHIP RACE

# PM hopefuls Johnson and Hunt vow to splash cash

• Both pledge to cut taxes, spend on services • Hunt escalates rhetoric over no-deal Brexit



Boris Johnson is greeted by supporters as he arrives to take part in a Conservative Party hustings event in Manchester on Saturday. (AFP)

REUTERS  
LONDON

BORIS Johnson and Jeremy Hunt vowed to spend billions of pounds on public services, infrastructure and tax cuts on Sunday as the two men battling to become prime minister pitched themselves as the best candidate to take on the opposition Labour Party.

The rivals to succeed Theresa May as leader of the ruling Conservative Party set out plans to win broader political backing by investing in education, transport and defence, even if that means higher government borrowing. The race should be over by July 23.

Johnson, the favourite, vowed to increase spending on education, adding to earlier pledges to invest in transport,

## Lead Brexit negotiator Robbins to leave role

LONDON: Britain's lead Brexit negotiator Oly Robbins will leave his role in government shortly after briefing the new prime minister, *The Sunday Times* reported.

Robbins had been criticised by Brexiters for helping negotiate Prime Minister Theresa May's Brexit deal, which has been rejected by lawmakers. Robbins is overdue a move and is prepared to stay and do a smooth handover, a source told Reuters.

Boris Johnson, the frontrunner, has a transition team which is preparing to invite EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and the bloc's Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier to London to reopen talks, according to the *Mail* on Sunday. (REUTERS)

superfast broadband, more police and tax cuts.

Foreign Secretary Hunt pledged to slash corporate tax, even in the event of a disorderly no-deal Brexit, to drive economic growth and generate the funds to invest more in social care, defence and education.

"Believe me there is cash now available," Johnson told Sky News. "(And) I'm pre-

pared to borrow to finance certain great objectives but overall we will keep fiscal responsibility."

With Britain now due to leave the EU on Oct 31, much of the debate has revolved around how the two candidates would steer the world's fifth-largest economy out of the world's biggest trading bloc without crippling growth.

With the winner decided by Conservative Party members, who overwhelmingly back Brexit, Hunt has toughened his language, saying he would take a decision at the beginning of October to go for a disorderly no-deal exit if there was no prospect of getting an agreement through parliament.

The self-proclaimed entre-

preneur said a cut to the corporate tax rate to 12.5 percent, matching the level in Ireland and one of the lowest in any major economy, would become even more important in the event of a no-deal because it would support companies through the upheaval. The rate is currently 19 percent.

"If we had a no-deal Brexit then some of these spending commitments would have to wait because you would have to divert money to support businesses up and down the country," Hunt told BBC TV. "I wouldn't drop them but they would take longer. (But) of those commitments, the one I would not drop is the one to reduce corporation tax. It would fire up the economy in a way that would be helpful in a no-deal context," Hunt said.

News in brief

### Thousands protest in support of justice minister

RIO DE JANEIRO: Thousands protested in Brazil on Sunday in support of Justice Minister Sergio Moro, who is battling claims he conspired with prosecutors on his anti-corruption drive to keep former leader Luis Inacio Lula da Silva from another presidential run. Moro, who was a powerful judge before joining President Jair Bolsonaro's cabinet in January, has faced calls for his resignation over leaked chats purportedly showing he worked with prosecutors in the so-called Car Wash probe to keep Lula, a popular leftist, out of the 2018 presidential race.

No one has been untouchable in the Car Wash probe, which began in 2014 and upended Brazilian politics by uncovering large-scale looting of state oil company Petrobras. Demonstrators took to the streets in Brazil's main cities, including the capital Brasilia, Rio de Janeiro and Belo Horizonte, to show their support for Moro, who is considered a hero by many Brazilians fed up with corrupt leaders. (AFP)

### Second man arrested in pregnant woman's fatal stabbing in London

LONDON: British police arrested on Sunday a second man on suspicion of stabbing to death a 26-year-old pregnant woman in south London a day earlier. The woman, who was identified by the police as Kelly Mary Favrelle, was around eight months pregnant. Her baby, delivered at the scene and taken to hospital, remains in a critical condition.

Police said they made the second arrest, of a 29-year-old man, in the case on Saturday and have kept him in custody. They had initially arrested a 37-year-old man on suspicion of murder but he has since been released under investigation pending further enquiries. The motive behind the killing has not yet been established, police said. (REUTERS)

### Taliban militants kill 19, including election workers

KANDAHAR: Taliban bombers targeting a district centre in southern Afghanistan have killed at least 19 people, including eight election workers, officials said on Sunday.

The militants rammed four armoured vehicles packed with explosives into a government compound in Marul district late on Saturday, a police spokesman in southern Kandahar province said. "Unfortunately 11 policemen were martyred and 27 more injured."

Eight election workers who were stationed at the centre to register voters were also killed in the attack, said Zabiullah Sadaat, a spokesman for Afghanistan's Independent Election Commission. (AFP)

### Air India Express flight skids on Mangaluru runway

MANGALORE: An Air India Express flight with 183 passengers on board veered off the taxiway after landing at the Mangalore Airport on Sunday. All passengers and crew members on board the Dubai-Mangalore flight are safe, the airlines said in a statement.

The incident happened at around 5:40 pm after the aircraft landed at Mangalore International Airport and was proceeding on the taxiway towards the terminal. The operations at the airport are normal and the aircraft will be towed soon. A statement by the airport authorities said that the flight veered off the taxiway after landing and got stuck in the grass. (AGENCIES)

## Sri Lanka faces legal challenges in govt's bid to resume hangings

AFP  
COLOMBO

SRI Lanka's president is facing fresh legal challenges in his attempt to end a 43-year moratorium on capital punishment and start executing drug convicts, officials said on Sunday.

Two petitions were filed in the Court of Appeal Friday seeking an order quashing any move by Maithripala Sirisena to resume executions, which have not been carried out since the last hanging in June 1976.

"The Court of Appeal will have a preliminary hearing next week. In the meantime, the prisons commissioner has given an assurance to court that there will be no hangings," a court official told AFP.



A Sri Lankan woman during a protest in front of the Welikada Prison in Colombo, Sri Lanka, recently. (REUTERS)

On Wednesday, Sirisena said he has completed formalities to resume hangings by signing the death warrants of four condemned drug convicts. He did not say when the executions would be carried out.

Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, who has been at loggerheads with Sirisena on multiple issues, weighed in on the matter, signalling his party's opposition to capital punishment.

"The death penalty is against the policies of our party," Wickremesinghe said at a public rally on Sunday.

"As a civilised country, we can't bring back the death penalty," Wickremesinghe said. "Parliament will discuss this matter with the president."

Former president and opposition leader Mahinda Rajapakse has also spoken out against Sirisena's move, which has been greeted with a mounting chorus of international criticism.

## Europe's heatwave continues, but eases from record highs

AFP  
PARIS

A WELCOME temperature drop came to western parts of Europe on Sunday, bringing relief to areas that have sweltered through a widespread, deadly heatwave for almost a week.

But the reprieve was not universal, with Germany measuring a record high temperature for June and Spanish firefighters battling three major blazes with the help of more than 700 soldiers and water bombing planes.

In Rome, Pope Francis told pilgrims on Saint Peter's Square: "I pray for those who have suffered the most from the heat in recent days; the



People through the beach at the open air lido Strandbad Wannsee in Berlin, Germany, on Sunday. (EPA-EFE)

sick, the elderly, those who work outside, on construction sites ... let no one be abandoned or exploited."

In northern and western France on Sunday, hot-weather warnings were lifted days

Kreuznach in Rhineland-Palatinate state, according to data from the national weather service, wiping out the previous high of 38.6 C recorded Wednesday in two other towns.

In Frankfurt, the blazing heat took its toll on US athlete Sarah True, who had been leading the Ironman Europe triathlon championships but lost the race as she collapsed a kilometre before the finish line.

The firefighter service in Hamburg reported that "many runners collapsed during a half-marathon which took place under a heat that reached 33 degrees. Twenty-four runners had to be brought to clinics for treatment."

## Step up water conservation efforts: Indian PM

REUTERS  
NEW DELHI

INDIAN Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday pushed for greater grassroots water conservation efforts amid concerns weak monsoon rains would push millions of drought-hit people to the edge and hammer agricultural production in Asia's third-biggest economy.

The monsoon season is responsible for around 70 percent of India's annual rainfall, and is particularly important for the farm sector since more than half of the country's arable land is rain-fed.

"Only 8 percent of all the rain water in India is conserved," Modi said in his first

monthly radio broadcast after winning re-election last month.

"It's now time to solve this problem." India received 24 percent less rainfall than the 50-year average in the week ended on June 26, data from the India Meteorological Department showed, with scant rains over central and western regions of the country.

The spectre of a crisis this year comes after drought in some parts of India in 2018 destroyed crops, ravaged livestock, exhausted reservoirs, leaving some cities and industries with little water.

"There is no one formula to deal with the water crisis across the country," Modi



A woman fills a bucket with water from a tap at a residential complex as water crisis hits Chennai. (AFP)

said, adding that he had written to scores of village chiefs across the country about the need to conserve water earlier this month.

The prime minister said there was a need to create public awareness about water conservation and explore traditional water management methods, in the much the same way the 'Clean India' mission to end open defecation, started in 2014, had.

However, Modi did not outline any specific measures his government would take to deal with the ongoing situation, which has already affected the sowing of summer crops and forced many communities to buy water from expensive private tankers.

## Britain's William and Kate to visit Pakistan this year

ISLAMABAD: Prince William and his wife Kate will visit Pakistan later this year on the first royal trip to the country in more than a decade, Kensington Palace announced on Sunday. The royal couple's visit, requested by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, shows London's renewed interest in the country.

"Further details (of the visit) will be advised in due course," Kensington Palace tweeted.

Many Western countries continue to have travel warnings in place, warning their citizens about kidnappings and bomb attacks - particularly near the restive Afghan border. Pakistan welcomed the royal visit.

"Government and the people of Pakistan warmly welcome the announcement of the Royal visit," tweeted Pakistan's envoy to Britain, Nafees Zakaria. He wrote: "People of Pakistan cherish & fondly recall visits of Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth II to Pakistan during 1961 and 1997. Upcoming Royal visit reflects the importance UK attaches to Pakistan. Both countries enjoy historical links and wish to strengthen them further."

The visit comes 13 years after Charles and Camilla - the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall - toured the country in 2006. (AFP)



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## DEAL TO BOOST INVESTMENT IN QATAR



Issam Abu Sleiman (left), Regional Director for the GCC at the World Bank Group and Saud al Attiyah, Deputy Undersecretary for Economic Affairs at the Ministry of Finance, shake hands after signing an agreement in Doha on Saturday, to conduct an investment climate assessment and an Evaluation on the Business Regulation Environment in Qatar, aimed towards promoting and expanding growth driven by the private sector. (Below) Representatives of the Ministerial Group for Stimulating and Cooperating with the Private Sector in the Economic Development Projects, the Ministry of Finance and the World Bank Group at the signing ceremony. (TNN)



# OPEC to extend oil supply cuts if Iran endorses pact

Iraq joins Russia, Saudi Arabia in supporting extension

### REUTERS

VIENNA

OPEC and its allies look set to extend oil supply cuts next week at least until the end of 2019 as Iraq joined top producers Saudi Arabia and Russia on Sunday in endorsing a policy aimed at propping up the price of crude amid a weakening global economy.

Iraq is the only major OPEC nation yet to have spoken publicly about a need to extend production cuts. Tehran has in the past objected to policies put forward by arch-rival Saudi Arabia, saying Riyadh was too close to Washington.

The United States is not a member of OPEC, nor is it participating in the supply pact, Washington has demanded Riyadh pump more oil to compensate for lower exports from Iran after slapping fresh sanc-

tions on Tehran over its nuclear programme.

OPEC and its allies led by Russia have been reducing oil output since 2017 to prevent prices from sliding amid soaring production from the United States, which has become the world's top producer this year ahead of Russia and Saudi Arabia.

Fears about weaker global demand as a result of a US-China trade spat have added to the challenges faced by the 14-nation Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries in recent months.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Saturday he had agreed with Saudi Arabia to extend existing output cuts of 1.2 million barrels per day, or 1.2 percent of global demand, by six to nine months - until December 2019 or March 2020.

Saudi Energy Minister Khalid al Falih said the deal would most likely be extended by nine months and no deeper reductions were needed.

Warren Patterson, head of commodities strategy at Dutch

bank ING, said OPEC had more to lose by not extending the deal.

"It comes down largely to fiscal breakeven oil prices - the Saudis have a breakeven price of around \$85 per barrel, and so they will be concerned about potentially a widening gap between this level and where the market trades," he said.

Benchmark Brent crude has climbed more than 25 percent since the start of 2019 to \$65 per barrel. But prices could stall as a slowing global economy squeezes demand and US oil floods the market, a Reuters poll of analysts found.

The output-cutting pact expires on Sunday. OPEC meets in Vienna on Monday following talks with Russia and other allies, a grouping known as OPEC+, on Tuesday.

Iraqi Oil Minister Thamer Ghadhban said on Sunday he expected the deal to be extended by six to nine months.

"Iraq's position is positive, deals with the reality of the challenges of the oil market and supports all (efforts) related to

balancing oil supply and demand," Ghadhban said.

Iraq has overtaken Iran as OPEC's second-largest oil producer and its exports have been rising due to investments by Western majors.

Iran's exports, in contrast, have plummeted to 0.3 million barrels per day in June from as much as 2.5 million bpd in April 2018 due to Washington's fresh sanctions. The sanctions are putting Iran under unprecedented pressure. Even in 2012, when the European Union joined US sanctions on Tehran, the country's exports stood at around 1 million bpd. Oil represents the lion's share of Iran's budget revenues.

Washington has said it wants to change what it calls a "corrupt" regime in Tehran. Iran has denounced the sanctions as illegal and says the White House is run by "mentally retarded" people.

Iranian Oil Minister Bijan Zanganeh has not spoken in recent days about the OPEC meeting. He is due in Vienna on Monday.

# ICC Qatar prepares final version of demand guarantee letter

### TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK DOHA

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Qatar discussed the final version of the demand guarantee letter in preparation for submission to Qatar Central Bank (QCB) for adoption.

This came during the Banking Commission meeting held with trade finance and legal experts from most of the

national banks operating in Qatar in Doha recently.

ICC Qatar said the final wording of the demand guarantee letter was based on the rules of the International Chamber of Commerce for Security Letters (URDG 758), considering international laws and practices in this regard.

The meeting was chaired by Ghassan Azar, Vice Chairman of the ICC Qatar Banking Commission. He stressed the

commission is always keen to adopt best practices related to the banking industry.

He said the meeting aimed at finalising the draft letters of credit and bank guarantees before submitting them to the QCB.

Azar hailed Qatar Chamber Chairman Sheikh Khalifa bin Jassim bin Mohammed al Thani for his continuous support to the Banking Commission. He also thanked Sheikhha

Tamader al Thani, Director of International Relations and Chamber Affairs of ICC Qatar, for her efforts in developing the work of the commission.

QCB is scheduled to hold a meeting with representatives of national banks operating in Qatar to discuss the Demand guarantee letter, with the participation of International Chamber of Commerce Qatar (ICC Qatar) and representatives of Qatari companies.



Trade finance and legal experts from most of the national banks operating in Qatar took part in the ICC Qatar's Banking Commission meeting in Doha recently.

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# Establishment of special court for investment, trade will help achieve speedy justice, says SJC president

### QNA DOHA

THE establishment of a specialised court for investment and trade is an important step in the development of the judicial system in Qatar. President of the Supreme Judiciary Council (SJC) and Court of Cassations Hassan bin Lahdan al Mohanadi, has said.

In a press statement on Sunday, Hassan lauded the Council of Ministers' approval for the establishment of the specialised court to achieve speedy justice, develop judicial systems and encourage creative initiatives that contribute to the advancement of the economic and investment sectors in the country.

He said the new court also comes within the framework of creating an attractive environment for investment in Qatar, which has become the focus of many investors.

He noted the establishment of the court keeps pace with the demand for the investment sector in the country and thus is a reassuring message to investors and employers wishing to work in Qatar.



President of the Supreme Judiciary Council (SJC) and Court of Cassations Hassan bin Lahdan al Mohanadi

Hassan added the SJC is working hard to develop the judicial system in line with the developments in Qatar.

He pointed out that the council is in the process of preparing for the launch of the Court of

Investment and Trade, aimed to accelerate the pace of conflict settlement and achieving justice.

The Judicial Strategy, which is currently being prepared by the SJC, stipulates the importance of developing the judicial

## Economy boost

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system and guaranteeing justice in all fields, ensuring that all litigants have their rights as quickly as possible.

The establishment of the Investment and Trade Court comes after a study prepared by a joint working group comprising representatives of the SJC and the Ministries of Finance, Justice, Trade and Industry in addition to the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers, Qatar Central Bank, Qatar Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Qatar University.



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## BIS calls on central banks to 'conserve fuel'

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ZURICH

THE Bank of International Settlements on Sunday called on countries to lighten pressure on the world's central banks and to conserve fuel in case of more serious economic downturns ahead.

Presenting the annual report of the Basel-based BIS, considered the central bank for central banks, chief Augustin Carstens warned that a number of factors were weighing on global growth and that "the slowdown appears to be worsening and spreading".

The recovery after the 2007-2008 global financial crisis has relied heavily on central banks using extraordinary monetary policies to restore and fuel growth.

But Carstens warned that "we have seen a slowdown in the pace of expansion since last year." "While the near-term outlook is still good, there are many vulnerabilities further out," he said, stressing the importance of "conserving some fuel to cope with possible headwinds."

The BIS pointed to a number of challenges currently facing the global economy, including swelling debt levels and the ongoing trade tensions, largely attributed to US President Donald Trump's aggressive tariff policies.

That's probably the main factor that is reducing global economic growth, Carstens told AFP in an interview.

"Even though in a narrow sense they are concentrated in issues between a couple of countries - China, the US - they have an indirect effect in pretty much all the world economy," he said.

"Trade wars have no winners, only losers," he stressed in his presentation.

Carstens insisted that to ensure smooth sailing going forward, countries could not rely solely on the monetary policies put in place by central banks.

"A better mix is required between monetary policy, fiscal policy, macroprudential measures and structural reforms," he said.

The BIS has repeatedly urged governments to put in place true structural reforms, and has long warned that after a decade of extraordinary monetary policies, central banks have limited space to manoeuvre to boost economies.

"Monetary policy cannot be used on a permanent basis to get higher sustainable growth," Carstens said, in what could possibly be seen as a rebuke of the US president.

Trump has bitterly attacked the US Federal Reserve since last year, accusing it of tightening monetary policy too quickly and preventing what he says could be skyrocketing economic growth.

And last week he accused the Fed of acting like "a stubborn child" for not immediately cutting rates.

Amid robust growth last year, the major central banks began gradually tightening their policies. But as trade weakened, many have put their course towards "normalisation" on hold.

The US Federal Reserve has signalled it could ease rates soon if the economic outlook deteriorates.

The European Central Bank has also decided to put off expected rate hikes and has indicated lower rates could be on the horizon.

Carstens cautioned on Sunday that central banks face a difficult "balancing act" between "the risk of slowing to stall speed" and "the risk of burning fuel too fast."

# China's factory activity shrinks as US tariffs hit orders in June

● Weak PMI readings spark concerns about stalling economy ● Export, import orders both weaken



Workers make Christmas cards in a factory in Hun Yeh, China, recently. (AFP)

REUTERS  
BEIJING

CHINA'S factory activity shrank more than expected in June, an official manufacturing survey showed, highlighting the need for more economic stimulus as US tariffs and weaker domestic demand ramped up pressure on new orders for goods.

The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) stood at 49.4 in June, China's National Bureau of Statistics said on Sunday, unchanged from the previous month and below the 50-point mark that separates growth from contraction on a monthly basis. Analysts polled by Reuters predicted a reading of 49.5.

The weak manufacturing readings are likely to cast a shadow over the apparent progress US and Chinese leaders made at the G20 summit in Japan over the weekend in

restarting their troubled talks over tariffs amid a costly trade war.

They will also spark concerns about stalling growth in China and the risk of a global recession, despite slightly better-than-expected export and industrial profits data in May.

Many economists still expect the economy to face strong headwinds in coming months as domestic demand falters and external risks rise.

"Although the outcome of the G20 summit (in Osaka) might boost confidence for some entities, organic growth in the economy is still insufficient, and counter-cyclical stimulus policies need to be maintained," researchers at Hualat Securities wrote in a research note on Sunday.

"The PMI index continued to fall across the board this month, and only the raw material inventory sub-index was up due to weak demand," the research note read.

In June, China's factory output growth slowed, with the subindex falling to 51.3 from 51.7 in May while the contraction in total new orders accelerated to 49.6 from 49.8.

Export orders extended their decline with the sub-index falling to 46.3 from May's 46.5, suggesting a further weakening in global demand.

Import orders also worsened, reflecting softening demand at home despite a flurry of growth-supporting measures rolled out earlier this year.

Southwest Securities said weak new export orders reflected a fading of the front-loading effect, which had temporarily boosted exports as Chinese companies rushed to place orders before more tariffs took effect.

Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping held ice-breaking talks at the G20 summit on Saturday. However, Chinese state media warned on Sunday Beijing and Washington will likely face a long road before the two countries could reach a deal.

Analysts at Nomura expect any gains achieved on a temporary trade deal between China and the United States would prove fleeting with a renewed escalation likely further down the road.

Trump has already imposed tariffs on \$250 billion of Chinese goods and is threatening to extend those to another \$300 billion, which would effectively cover all of China's exports to the United States. China has retaliated with tariffs on US imports.

To deal with the economic challenges, policymakers have

released a range of measures and are expected to launch more. Premier Li Keqiang last week pledged to cut real interest rates on financing for small and micro firms.

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## Deutsche Bank to hire 300 new relationship, investment managers

REUTERS  
LONDON

DEUTSCHE Bank plans to hire 300 more relationship and investment managers for its wealth management business by 2021, as part of a plan to bulk up in areas the German lender hopes will bring steadier revenue streams.

Deutsche Bank is in the middle of a major restructuring as it tries to shrink its investing bank that has struggled to generate sustainable profits since the 2008 financial

crisis. The shake up is expected to lead to thousands of job cuts in areas like equities trading.

Chief executive Christian Sewing wants instead to allocate more resources to businesses that have more stable revenue streams, with wealth management one of them.

"This drive to grow our business is now materialising with a big investment push," Fabrizio Campelli, global head of Deutsche Bank Wealth Management told Reuters in an interview.

Under Campelli's plan the number of relationship and investment managers will grow by 300 - around a third of the current numbers - globally. They will be spread across its America, Europe and Emerging Markets regions.

"We need to increase significantly our client footprint, which means the net increase of client facing individuals needs to be material," he said.

Wealth management is attractive to banks as it requires less capital and its earnings tend to be less cyclical.

Deutsche's wealth business had 213 billion euros (\$242.35 billion) in assets under management (AUM) in the first quarter of the year, up by 14 billion euros from the end of 2018

But it is also highly competitive. Swiss banks UBS and Credit Suisse are already big players, with the wealth management at the heart of their business models, while upstart fintech companies are also trying to make inroads.

"The space is very crowded and the market is one that many banks have sought to make a mark on," said Campelli, who has run the business at Deutsche since October 2015.

"We looked at trends we believe Deutsche Bank wealth management can be particularly relevant in and within those areas we are making some very targeted investments".

Campelli said trends they are particularly focused on include the growth in entrepreneurial - as opposed to family - wealth, the increasing number of family offices, and the rise of millennial high net worth individuals, who tend to manage their wealth differently from previous generations.

He declined to say how big the overall investment would be to fund this growth, beyond "several hundred million" euros.

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(\$242.35 billion) in assets under management (AUM) in the first quarter of the year, up by 14 billion euros from the end of 2018.

It currently trails its major Swiss and US rivals in private banking league tables, tending to sit outside the top ten.

Campelli, an Italian who has been at Deutsche since 2004, would not disclose the bank's long term AUM target but said "we can't improve from just outside of the top 10 position, I will be very disappointed."

### MORE TROUBLE

## Google appears to have leveraged Android dominance: India's CCI

The Indian case is similar to one Google faced in Europe, where regulators imposed a \$5 bn fine

REUTERS  
NEW DELHI

GOOGLE appears to have misused its dominant position in India and reduced the ability of device manufacturers to opt for alternate versions of its Android mobile operating system, Indian officials found before ordering a wider probe in an antitrust case.

A 14-page order from the Competition Commission of India (CCI), reviewed by Reuters this week, found Google's restrictions on manufacturers seemed to amount to imposition of "unfair conditions" under India's competition law.

Reuters reported last month that the CCI had launched a probe in April against Google for its alleged

abuse of Android's dominant position to block rivals, but the contents of the directive detailing the initial assessment upon which that investigation was ordered have not been previously revealed.

The Indian case is similar to one Google faced in Europe, where regulators imposed a \$5 billion fine on the company for forcing manufacturers to pre-install its apps on Android devices. Google has appealed against the verdict.

By making pre-installation of Google's proprietary apps conditional, Google "reduced the ability and incentive of device manufacturers to develop and sell devices operated on alternate versions of Android," the CCI said in the order. "It amounts to prima facie leveraging of



Google's dominance".

Asked for comment, Google referred Reuters to its statement last month, in which it said Android had enabled millions of Indians to connect to the internet by making mobile devices more affordable. Google looked forward to working with the CCI "to demonstrate how Android has led to more competition and innovation, not less", the company

said at the time. The CCI did not respond to a request for comment.

While the order, dated April 16, called for a wider probe against Google, the watchdog's investigations unit could still clear Google of any wrongdoing.

The amount of any fine that could be imposed on Google if the CCI rules against it was not clear.

Android, used by device makers for free, features on about 88 percent of the world's smartphones. In India, about 99 percent of the smartphones sold this year used the platform, Counterpoint Research estimates.

In the EU case, regulators said Google forced manufacturers to pre-install Google Search and its Chrome browser, together with its Google Play app store, on Android devices, giving it an unfair advantage.

In the Indian case, Google argued that Android was an open source platform and pre-installation obligations were "limited in scope", the CCI order said.

The CCI said that complainants in the Indian case - which according to sources involve more than one person - have alleged that Google engaged in abusive behaviour similar to the kind outlined in the European case. They said Google was engaged in anti-competitive practices "with

the aim of cementing Google's dominant position".

Google's "impugned conduct may help perpetuate its dominance in online search markets while resulting in denial of market access for competing search apps", the CCI said in its order.

The investigations arm of the CCI should complete the wider probe in the case within 150 days, the order said, though such cases at the watchdog typically drag on for years.

The CCI also said the role of any Google executive in alleged abuse of the Android platform should also be examined.

The investigation is not the only antitrust headache for the Mountain View, California-based company in one of its key growth markets. Last year, the CCI imposed a fine of 1.36 billion rupees (\$20 million) on Google for "search bias" and abuse of its dominant position.

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**Cup Talk**

**India's Orange-Blue gear stumps Sunny!**

**AJAY NAIDU**  
 BIRMINGHAM

WHILE there was a lot of song and dance about Team India wearing the Orange-Blue coloured clothing for the World Cup game against England, nobody actually knows where the use of the colour Orange was forced upon the team management.

And nobody even knows who took the call to have a second jersey, apart from the customary Blue, whether it was the COA or top BCCI officials? Then again, while almost everyone seems to have an opinion about the team colours, former India captain turned commentator Sunil Gavaskar has an altogether different take on the subject.

"I would like to know, whether it was the ICC that asked the Indian team to wear a different colour because England too wear Blue or whether the BCCI ordered for a change in colours on its own," he said.

"Nobody seemed to have a problem when Bangladesh played South Africa or when Pakistan played South Africa because all these teams wear predominantly Green (dark and light shades). If those teams are allowed to wear the colour of their choice, then why should only the Indians be asked to change colours," he reasoned.

Another thing that left the Indian Test legend stumped on the morning of the match was the scrapping of a function, that too without notice, for which he was especially invited by the BCCI.

"I was not supposed to be here in Birmingham for this game. But I came here because the BCCI had asked me to present here for a small function before the game wherein I was to present the new team jersey to the Indian captain Virat Kohli. But then, when and why that was cancelled at the last minute, I have no idea," said Gavaskar.

Probably all the hue and cry back home over the new Orange coloured clothing gave the BCCI a cold feet forcing it to cancel the programme. That, however, left Gavaskar stumped.

**England end India's unbeaten run to revive semi-final hopes**

**REUTERS**  
 BIRMINGHAM

A spirited England ended India's unbeaten run in the Cricket World Cup with a 31-run victory in a high-scoring group match to boost their semi-final prospects on Sunday.

Jonny Bairstow smashed a belligerent 111, Jason Roy returned from a hamstring injury to make 66 and Ben Stokes (79) provided the late burst in England's commanding 337-7 after electing to bat on an Edgbaston featherbed.

Rohit Sharma smashed his third hundred of the tournament and Virat Kohli his fifth successive half-century but India did not get another significant partnership and finished on 306-5.

England leapfrog Pakistan to fourth place with 10 points from eight games, while India remain second on 11 from seven matches.

"It's been frustrating a little bit for the guys, we know how well we can play," Bairstow said after collecting his man-of-the-match award.

"But today we were pretty good with bat, ball and in the field."

"It was the closest to a complete performance we've had in the competition but we also know we've got three must-win games in this World Cup up next." The hosts missed opener Roy particularly in their back-to-back defeats by Sri Lanka and Australia which had jeopardised their semi-final prospects.

The 28-year-old made an instant impact on his return, forging the tournament's highest opening stand with Bairstow and both survived some torrid moments before tearing into the Indian attack during their 160-run stand.

Bairstow neatly deflected a couple of inside edges on to the stump and Roy got a caught-behind reprieve on 21 when he gloved Hardik Pandya.

The umpire, however, declared it wide and the Indians deliberated for a while before deciding against reviewing the decision in front of an anxious crowd of predominantly Indian fans.

England reached the 150 mark in the 21st over and it took a stunning catch by sub-



England's Eoin Morgan celebrates with Jonny Bairstow and teammates after they beat India in the crucial World Cup group stage match at Edgbaston on Sunday. (REUTERS)

stitute fielder Ravindra Jadeja in the deep to send back Roy.

Bairstow brought up his eighth ODI century off 90 balls, celebrating by dropping his helmet, stretching out his arms and soaking in the applause.

Mohammed Shami (5-69) returned to end Bairstow's 109-ball blitz which included six sixes and 10 boundaries. India managed to stem the boundary flow in the 30-40 over period, when they conceded only 43 runs while claiming two wickets.

Stokes clobbered three sixes and six boundaries in his blistering knock before Jasprit Bumrah dismissed him in the final over.

India, clad in their away orange-and-blue jerseys, wobbled early in their chase.

Chris Woakes began with

**SCOREBOARD**

ENGLAND		INDIA	
J. Roy c sub (Jadeja) b Yadav	66	R. Rahul c sub b Woakes	0
J. Bairstow c Pant b Shami	111	R. Sharma c Buttler b Woakes	102
J. Root c Pandey b Shami	44	V. Kohli c sub (Vinay) b Plunkett	66
E. Morgan c Jadhav b Shami	1	R. Pant c Wood b Plunkett	32
B. Stokes c sub (Jadeja) b Bumrah	79	H. Pandya c sub (Vinay) b Plunkett	45
J. Butler c sub b Shami	20	MS Dhoni not out	42
C. Woakes c Sharma b Shami	7	K. Jadhav not out	7
L. Plunkett not out	1	E. Ashes (D/L, w/l)	12
I. Archer not out	0	TOTAL: For 5 wickets, 50 overs	337
Extras (D/L, w/l)	0	Did not bat: K. Jadeja, Yadav, Mohammed Shami, Yuvendra Chahal, Jasprit Bumrah.	
TOTAL: For 7 wickets, 50 overs	306	Fall of wickets: 1-8 (Rahul), 2-146 (Kohli), 3-198 (Sharma), 4-226 (Pant), 5-267 (Pandya)	
Did not bat: Adil Rashid, Mark Wood		Bowling: Woakes 10-3-58-2, Archer 10-0-45-0, Plunkett 10-0-55-3 (4w), Wood 10-0-73-0 (1w), Rashid 6-0-40-0 (1w), Stokes 4-0-34-0.	
Result: England won by 31 runs		Result: England won by 31 runs	
Toss: England.		Toss: England.	

three maiden overs, catching the scoreless KL Rahul off his own bowling in his second.

India could have been in a deeper crisis but Root, who made 44 with the bat, slip off Kohli, then on four, at slip off

half-century but once again fell short of a hundred, slicing Liam Plunkett (3-55) to backward point.

Kohli could not be denied his 25th ODI century but he fell to Woakes after making 102 which included 15 boundaries.

Rishabh Pant made 32 in his World Cup debut and Hardik Pandya chipped in with a 45-run cameo but Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who made 42 not out, failed to do justice to his reputation as a 'finisher'.

"Every team has lost a game or two here and there. No-one likes to lose but we have to take it in our stride," Kohli said.

"We have to accept it. We are still playing good cricket. The mood is the same in the changing room. We will learn

**STANDINGS**

TEAM	P	W	L	NRR	PTS
AUSTRALIA	8	7	1	+1,000	14
INDIA	7	5	1	+0,854	11
NEW ZEALAND	8	5	2	+0,572	11
ENGLAND	8	5	3	+1,000	10
PAKISTAN	8	4	3	-0,792	9
BANGLADESH	7	3	3	-0,133	7
SRI LANKA	7	2	3	-1,186	6
SOUTH AFRICA	8	1	5	-0,080	3
WEST INDIES	7	1	5	-0,320	3
AFGHANISTAN	8	0	8	-1,418	0

Note: Top four teams qualify for semi-finals.

from it and move forward." Asked about their slow finish with Dhoni and Kedar Jadhav in the middle, Kohli said, "It was just not coming off. England were bowling good areas. It was not easy get to boundaries. We will have to sit down and assess."

**WIMBLEDON: THE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Teenager Cori Gauff set for 'dream' debut against idol Venus Williams**

**REUTERS**  
 LONDON

OF all the matches spread across the All England Club when Wimbledon begins on Monday none is more intriguing than the one scheduled for late afternoon on Court One between five-times champion Venus Williams and Cori Gauff.

Williams, at 39, is the oldest woman in the singles while fellow American Gauff, at 15, is the youngest ever to come through the qualifying tournament.

Gauff describes the draw as "a dream" and she might well wake up on Monday morning pinching herself, as this time last week she had no

idea she would receive a wildcard into the qualifying tournament and was preoccupied with schoolwork.

After winning her third qualifying match to book her place in the draw, she revealed that her first memory of watching tennis on television was of Serena and Venus Williams who had won 10 Grand Slam titles before she was born.

Now 'Coco' as she is known will play against her idol in front of a packed show-crowd in a clash of the generations.

The level-headed teenager was taking it all in her stride though and if there were nerves as she practised at the weekend, she was hiding them well. "I kind of fell like I was



Cori Gauff of the US gestures as she arrives for a practice session at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in London. (REUTERS)

going to play one of them," Gauff said.

"Many people have been like 'do you like your draw?'"

**Old & New**

Venus Williams, at 39, is the oldest woman in the singles while fellow American Cori Gauff, at 15, is the youngest ever to come through the qualifying tournament.

"I love my draw. Playing one of the greatest players of all time is a dream - I'm excited to see how I do." Even 23-time Grand Slam champion Serena, who usually gets too nervous watching sister Venus, is intrigued.

"She's so cool. She's a great girl. I love her dad. They're just really cool people," Williams said on Saturday.

"It's a great moment for her and for Venus. She's playing against a player that actually reminds me of Venus. I think I might, might watch. I always get nervous watching Venus."

Swiss great Roger Federer, whose management company Team 8 also looks after Gauff, is excited.

"I'm super happy for her. I saw the last couple of games when she qualified. Obviously everybody was waiting to see what the draw was going to be like. I think that's fascinating, that she plays Venus now," he said.

"It's a great story. Coco is

a nice girl, works really hard. I think she's got a wonderful future ahead of her." Gauff, who won the French Open junior title aged 14, is coached by her father Corey who once played college basketball for Georgia State. Her mother Candi was a college gymnast.

"I feel blessed because my parents never put limitations on my goals," Gauff said at Roehampton this week.

"My parents always told me to shoot as high as I wanted to." Venus could be excused for feeling her age a little as she walks out to face a player 24 years her junior but Gauff does not regard her as old.

"I don't think of Venus as old - she's still killing the game right now," she said.

# Football fans flock to Qatar 2022 exhibition in Sao Paulo

SC.QA  
DOHA

THOUSANDS of people visited the Qatar @roadto2022 Exhibition in Sao Paulo to find out more about the next FIFA World Cup host nation. The installation, at JK Iguatemi Mall, was organised by the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy (SC) and Qatar Football Association (QFA) – and coincided with Qatar's participation in the Copa America for the first time. Almost 10,000 people visited the exhibition, which featured FIFA World Cup™ memorabilia, crowdsourced photographs, models of the eight Qatar 2022 stadiums and details about Qatar's Asian Cup victory. In addition, the SC announced Brazilian legend Cafu as its latest ambassador during the exhibition run. Twice a FIFA World Cup winner, Cafu



Fans at the Qatar @roadto2022 Exhibition at the JK Iguatemi Mall in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

joins Xavi Hernandez, Samuel Eto'o and Mohamed Sadeon al-Kuwari as an SC ambassador. The SC also launched Spanish social media accounts on Facebook (Road to 2022 Espanol) and Instagram (@roadto2022es) during the exhibition. The accounts are proving

very popular and have attracted more than 125,000 followers in just two weeks. Nasser al Khater, FIFA World Cup Qatar LLC Chief Executive Officer, said: "Qatar's participation in the Copa America provided the perfect opportunity for us to engage with

people who will be interested in traveling to our country for the World Cup in 2022. "It was a delight to meet so many passionate football fans and give them a glimpse of what our tournament will be like in just over three years' time. We hope many of them will travel



to Qatar and enjoy our famous hospitality when we host the first World Cup in our region." Mansoor al Ansari, QFA General Secretary, said: "We were delighted to collaborate with the eight volunteers who share details of the next FIFA World Cup host nation with

a new set of fans. We are sure many of them will feel inspired to visit our country when we proudly host the biggest football event in the world in 2022." The exhibition was supported by eight volunteers who live in Sao Paulo. All the volunteers had signed up to support

the SC's Volunteer Programme, which attracted more than 250,000 expressions of interest last year, including 148 people based in Brazil. One of the volunteers, Bas-san Hamoudi Assani, said he was delighted to support the delivery of the exhibition, which ran from 14-24 June. "It's been very interesting to learn about the World Cup, along with the story and history of Qatar," said Assani. "I'm sure they will host a fantastic tournament in 2022." Al Khater thanked the volunteers for their hard work during the exhibition. "The volunteers did an outstanding job. They were all hard working and enthusiastic – and it was a joy for our team to work alongside them. We're very proud that our worldwide callout for volunteers last year helped the delivery of this event."

# Verstappen lays down marker as young guns lead the way



Austrian GP

Dutch Formula One driver Max Verstappen of Aston Martin Red Bull Racing lifts the trophy after winning the 2019 Austrian Formula One GP at the Red Bull Ring circuit in Spielberg, Austria on Sunday. (EPA-EFE)

AFP  
SPIELBERG, AUSTRIA  
MAX Verstappen laid down a marker for the future on Sunday and sparked a new controversy when he pushed Charles Leclerc aside to win 'the battle of the young guns' at the Austrian Grand Prix. The two 21-year-olds had started from the front of the grid, Verstappen for Red Bull and Leclerc for Ferrari, forming the youngest front row in Formula One history. Monegasque driver Leclerc converted his pole position into a comfortable lead, but his tyre degradation in the closing laps of the race left him vulnerable to a late attack from his Dutch rival. It climaxed on lap 69 when Verstappen swooped to pass on the inside of Leclerc at Turn Three and forced him wide and off the track as the stewards called immediately as the stewards launched an investigation. The hearing to decide the outcome of the investigation and the result of the race did not begin until 6:00pm local time, around 90 minutes after the race finished. Verstappen, who had de-

lighted a vast and raucous 'Orange Army' of Dutch fans, said the incident was merely "hard racing" and that if he were penalised there would be "no point in F1 – and we should all go and stay at home." The Dutchman was lent support from Ferrari's four-time champion Sebastian Vettel, who finished fourth. Leclerc said he would let the stewards decide, but he felt it was "pretty clear". "I was on the outside, just like the lap before, when he left the space for a car width on the exit of the corner, but he didn't on the other lap. "So, we touched and I had to go wide. Obviously, I didn't have any chance to pass back. So, it's a shame." Ferrari team chief Mattia Binotto, whose team lost out after a stewards' investigation into an incident at the Canadian Grand Prix where Vettel was penalised for re-joining the race in a dangerous fashion, said he was confident the stewards would rule for the Italian team. That would give Leclerc his maiden Grand Prix victory, but in the most frustrating of circumstances. "It's been a fantastic fight on the track, but the rules are

clear, at the moment," said Binotto. "The regulation is causing a collision, or forcing a car off track. I think both situations were there and we trust the work of the stewards." Red Bull team boss Christian Horner took a different view ahead of the hearing. "Max has got the opportunity – he's fully alongside, fully up the inside and, at that point, Max can't get out of the way. "Leclerc has to concede the corner at some point. It's clean. He's right there. Obviously, he came in aggressively, but what are you supposed to do? "If they take this victory away from Max here, in my view it would be stealing from Formula One," he said. The Dutch man's win brought an end to Mercedes' record unbeaten start to the season and broke the Silver Arrows' stronghold after ten straight wins overall. It also showed that one week on from the dreary procession at the French Grand Prix, Formula One remains a sport that can produce a thrilling spectacle in the right conditions and at the right circuit.



Winner Maverick Vinales (centre), Marc Marquez (left) and Fabio Quartararo after the MotoGP Race on the Assen TT circuit on Sunday. (EPA-EFE)

# Vinales wins Dutch MotoGP

AFP  
ASSEN, NETHERLANDS  
MAVERICK Vinales cruised to his first win of the season at the Dutch MotoGP in Assen on Sunday, comfortably beating off world champion Marc Marquez who extended his lead at the top of the championship table. Yamaha's 24-year-old rider took control at the 'Cathedral of Speed' with a dozen laps to go, soon pulling clear for his sixth career MotoGP win in his 80th race. The mustachioed Vinales, who crossed the line almost five seconds clear of Marquez, told BT Sport: "This is honestly one of the tracks I like most in the calendar. I want to congratulate my team, they did a great job. I'm living my dream, it's been such a long time since my last victory!" Pakistan won the Asian Team Snooker Championship 2019, which concluded in Doha on Saturday, defeating India 3-2 in the final. Babar Maslin and Zulfiqar Qadir of Team Pakistan-2 defeated India's Team-1 comprising Pankaj Advani, Lawman Rawat and Aditya Mehta to claim the winners' trophy.

# Suarez devastated as shootout miss sees Uruguay crash out of Copa

REUTERS  
SALVADOR, BRAZIL

LUIS Suarez broke down in tears after his shootout miss saw Uruguay dumped out of the Copa America by unfancied Peru on Saturday, the 15 times champions losing 5-4 on penalties after having three goals ruled out in a scoreless draw. Suarez spurned the first penalty of the shootout, his effort bouncing off the chest of Peru goalkeeper Pedro Gallese, to complete a frustrating evening for Uruguay's all-time top scorer, who also had a goal ruled out for offside. Every other player converted their spot kicks and Edison Flores sealed Peru's place in the last four by blasting past Fernando Muslera. Suarez, who rushed back to full fitness after undergoing knee surgery in May in order to make it for the Copa, covered his face with his shirt and was consoled by team mates after the shootout defeat. "Luis was very sad, he ended up missing in a decisive moment but that's football and life," Edison Cavani told reporters. "Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. We have won the Copa before but today we



Uruguay's Luis Suarez (bottom right) whose penalty was stopped by Peru's goalkeeper Pedro Gallese reacts next to teammates Edison Cavani and Giovanni Gonzalez during the penalty shoot-out of their Copa America quarter-final match at the Fonte Nova Arena on Saturday. (AFP)

have to accept that we are out." Peru will face neighbours Chile in the last four, with tournament hosts Brazil meeting arch rivals Argentina in the other semi-final clash. "I am very proud. I am

speechless," said striker Paolo Guerrero after scoring in the shootout. "People said before Uruguay were the favourites but being favourites means nothing in football, especially in South America." Uruguay dominated the play during the game but Cavani, Georgian de Arrascaeta and then Suarez all had goals chalked off for offside which were each verified by VAR checks. They became the third team in this tournament to lose a quarter-final tie on penalties after a goalless draw after Paraguay were beaten by Brazil and Chile beat Colombia on spot-kicks. There is no extra time in Copa America quarter-finals in the event of a draw, although 30 minutes will be added on in the semi-finals and final if necessary. Uruguay defender Diego Godin lamented his side's inability to convert their chances. "We were just missing a goal, we kept looking for it but it didn't come and if we had scored it would have been a different game," he said. "We played well, but unfortunately we've been knocked out. We couldn't score and they struck their penalties better than we did." Uruguay won the Copa America a record 15th time in 2011 but they have underachieved in their last three appearances, losing to Chile in the last eight in 2015 and exiting in the group stage in 2016.

# Madagascar beat Nigeria to top group in Cup of Nations shock

REUTERS  
ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT

MADAGASCAR pulled off one of the great shocks of the Africa Cup of Nations finals when they upset Nigeria 2-0 on Sunday to finish top of Group B and advance to the knockout stages. A horrific defensive mistake and a wicked deflection from a free kick allowed the Indian Ocean islanders, making their tournament debut, to finish unbeaten ahead of both Nigeria and Guinea in the standings. Lalaina Nomenjanahary took advantage of sloppy defending by Leon Balogun to open the scoring in the 13th minute and Carolus Andriamahitsinozo netted the again eight minutes into the second half. Nigeria, one of the five African teams at last year's World Cup, had won their opening two matches but looked flat and proved unable to respond after going behind in their third and face extensive soul searching after an embarrassing setback. Nomenjanahary reacted quickly to intercept a pass backwards from John Ogi to Balogun, who inexplicably backed away from the ball on the edge of the Nigeria penalty box, almost inviting the Malagasy striker to steal it away. The early goal injected some



Madagascar's players rejoice after winning their 2019 Africa Cup of Nations Group B match against Nigeria at the Alexandria Stadium on Sunday. (AFP)

confidence into the Malagasy, a motley collection of players from the lower leagues in France as well as clubs in Belgium, Bulgaria and the United States, but they rode their luck towards the end of the first half as Nigeria sought an equaliser. Ahmed Musa had the best chance for the Super Eagles, unmarked for a first-time finish at the back post in the 31st minute, but he took a touch, giving Madagascar goalkeeper Melvin Adrien the opportunity to storm down on him and put him off his shot. Adrien might have conceded a penalty with his challenge but Nigeria's protests were waved away by referee Bakary Gassama. Nigeria brought on Wilfred Ndidi to try to inspire a second-half comeback but he was culpable for the second goal. First he gave away a free-kick on the edge of the area and then, as he jumped in the wall, deflected the 53rd-minute effort from Andriamahitsinozo. The ball took a wicked loop off Ndidi's body before falling into the net. Madagascar, ranked 108th in world football, finished on seven points to six for second-placed Nigeria. Guinea's four points in third place should be enough to see them also advance to the last 16 but Burundi, in last place without any points, are eliminated.

## ABDELRASOUL, MAHMOUD SUFFER LOSS



Qatar's second team of Tamer Abdelrasoul and Assam Mahmoud lost their second Pool E match at the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships to Brazilians in straight sets on Sunday. In Hamburg, Germany, debutants Abdelrasoul and Mahmoud played the first set better but were outclassed in the second during their 16-21, 8-21 defeat in 33 minutes. With this loss, they are at the bottom of the pool, which is led by Cerutti and Fihó with two wins. Fifth seeds Ilya Leshukov and Konstantin Semenov from Russia and Billy Allen and Stafford Slick from the US have one win each after the second round. While the top three will advance to the knock-out stage, while the fourth team will bow out after the group play.

## Qatar tennis teams to train abroad

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THE players of Qatar national juniors and grassroots tennis teams left here on Sunday for Belgium and France to begin their preparations for the new season under the summer training programme prepared by the Qatar Tennis, Squash and Badminton Federation.

During their training camp, the Qatari players will play some friendly matches against players from other nationalities, improve their fitness and skill levels.

The Qatari under-10 boys team, under-12 and under-16 girls' teams will hold their training camp in Kim Clijsters Academy in Bree, Belgium for two weeks.

The Qatari delegation to Belgium includes Safiya al Thani, Tamim Fakhro, Nawaf al Mohannadi, Amna Houmoud and Ghanim al Ghanim and will be accompanied by the coaches Al Mazri bin Has-



A Qatari tennis player in action in Doha.

san and Ahmed Saeed in addition to the administrator Salwa al Hajri.

The Qatari under-12 and under-14 boys team will undergo their training camp in Mouratoglou Tennis Academy

in Nice, France from June 30 to July 26.

The Qatari players will also participate in some international tournaments in France to bring together players from different tennis schools.

The Qatari delegation to France is headed by Ahmed Bati and includes Abdulaziz al Mufthah, Faisal al Khelaifi, Ghanim al Sulaiti, Hassan Wali, Nasser al Khelaifi, Nasser al Yafei, Jassim al Thani and coach Lotfi al Marraoui.

Khalid al Khelaifi, Board Member of the federation and chairman of national teams' committee, said that the training camps aim at preparing the Qatari players for the upcoming sport season and international tournaments.

"When preparing for any training camp, the federation takes the needs of each age group into consideration," said Khelaifi, while stressing that Mouratoglou and Kim Clijsters Tennis Academies are classified among the best in the world. He also reaffirmed that the federation is keen to provide the Qatari players with all possible means of support to reach their goals.

## Djokovic, Federer &amp; Nadal all ready to rule again

AFP  
LONDON

NOVAK Djokovic, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal are set to tighten their private stranglehold on Wimbledon as rivals struggle to keep afloat while bidding to dethrone the sport's A-list stars.

World number one Djokovic is the defending champion and chasing a fifth title at the All England Club.

Federer, promoted to second seed, can win a ninth crown while two-time champion Nadal is seeking to complete a rare back-to-back Roland Garros-Wimbledon double.

Twelve months ago, Djokovic arrived at Wimbledon with his career threatening to spiral into decline.

Unable to shake off the effects of right elbow surgery, the Serb was ranked at 21, his lowest position for over a decade.

But two weeks later, Djokovic had captured the 2018 title to add to his 2011, 2014 and 2015 wins, becoming the lowest-seeded player to take the Wimbledon trophy since Andre Agassi in 1992.

Since then, he has been rejuvenated, going on to claim a third US Open and seventh Australian Open title.

The only blip was a rain-hit semi-final exit to Dominic Thiem at Roland Garros, a loss which ended his attempt to become just the second man to hold all four Slams at the same time twice.

"Coming off from the sur-



Novak Djokovic (left), Roger Federer (center) and Tomas Berdych during a training session at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, on Sunday. (EPA-EFE)

gery, being unable to have consistency with results, this was a huge springboard for me, the win at Wimbledon last year," said Djokovic, who will take a 10-2 career record over Philipp Kohlschreiber into their first-round clash on Monday.

Federer, chasing a 21st major, first played Wimbledon in 1999.

Pushing 38, he would be the oldest ever Grand Slam champion if he were to lift a ninth title.

**Close to landmark**  
The Swiss star is also just five wins from becoming the first man to register 100 victories at the same Slam.

But Federer is quick to praise the influence of Djokovic and Nadal – between them, the trio have won 53 of the last 64 Slams.

## WIMBLEDON BEGINS TODAY

Federer starts on Tuesday against South Africa's Lloyd Harris, who is making his Wimbledon debut.

Nadal, meanwhile, arrives in London on the back of a 12th Roland Garros title.

His 18th career major also meant he moved within two Slams of Federer's all-time mark for the first time.

The Spaniard, ranked two but – much to his irritation – seeded three was champion in 2008 and 2010.

He is now trying to join Bjorn Borg by achieving the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double for the third time.

"I won here in 2010 after a very, very tough first couple of rounds. Sometimes that helps, especially in this event, that

you arrive here without playing much on this surface," said Nadal, who starts his campaign against Japan's world number 258 Yuichi Sugita.

After that looms a possible titanic clash with Nick Kyrgios, who shocked him in 2014, in the second round.

It's been 17 years since anybody not named Djokovic, Federer, Nadal or Andy Murray captured the Wimbledon title. That long-distant honour went to Lleyton Hewitt in 2002.

The problem for the chasing pack in 2019 is their record at the tournament as well as various frailties in body and spirit.

Thiem, Alexander Zverev and Stefanos Tsitsipas, who occupy the next three spots in

the world rankings, have yet to get past the last 16 on Wimbledon's grass.

Kei Nishikori, the world number seven, was a quarter-finalist in 2018 while eighth-ranked Kevin Anderson, seeded fourth this year, was runner-up 12 months ago.

Anderson saved a match point to beat Federer in the quarter-finals.

His challenge to Djokovic in the final, however, was compromised by playing a six-hour 36-minute semi-final to beat John Isner.

It was the second longest match in the history of Wimbledon and decided by a 26-24 final set.

There will be no repeat of such lung-busting epics this year as Wimbledon has introduced a final set tiebreaker – at 12-12 – for the first time.

## Holder Kerber wary of Serena threat

AFP  
LONDON

THERE are seven Grand Slam winners in defending champion Angelique Kerber's quarter of the draw at Wimbledon this year but the German admits she is only conscious of one particular minifielder – Serena Williams.

Kerber won her third career major at the All England Club last year to add to her triumphs at the 2016 Australian and US Opens.

Williams was her victim in the 2018 final as she avenged her loss to the 23-year-old major winning American in the final two years earlier.

"I don't know everyone who is in my draw, I just know Serena is there. Heard it all the time already," said the 31-year-old German on Sunday.

"Serena is one of the best players in the world. She's a champion. To see how she is still competing and trying to come back, trying to play her best tennis, she's one of the toughest opponents to beat still."

"Also with her experience, how she tries to play always her best tennis. Of course, young players are coming, but for me she is one of the best ones."

Fifth-ranked Kerber will have plenty of challenges before she even contemplates facing seven-time champion Williams who she can't meet before the last 16.

Amongst potential third round opponents are five-time major winner Maria Sharapova, the 2004 Wimbledon champion, and 2011 US Open winner Samantha Stosur.

Also in her section are new world number one and Roland



Defending champion Angelique Kerber of Germany.

Garros winner Ashleigh Barty, 2017 Wimbledon champion Garbine Muguruzza as well as 2004 US Open and 2009 winner Svetlana Kuznetsova.

It's enough to put even an experienced player such as Kerber under pressure, especially when it comes after a roller-coaster career at the Slams which has often seen her flatter to receive when defending a title.

Her defence of her Australian Open in 2017 ended in the fourth round while her attempt to defend the US Open crown later that year was over in a flash, Naomi Osaka applying the knockout blow in the first round.

At Roland Garros this year, her hopes of completing the career Grand Slam were also dashed at the first hurdle when Federer fell to Russian teenager Anastasia Potapova.

Happily for Kerber, she has not lost in the first round at Wimbledon since 2011. "Wimbledon is more like mentally, also you have the experience of playing a lot of matches on grass, which is completely different to the other surfaces," said Kerber, who made the final in Eastbourne on Saturday, losing to Karolina Pliskova.

## Lanka to meet WI today, hang on to slim semis hopes

AFP  
DURHAM (UNITED KINGDOM)

SRI Lanka captain Dimuth Karunaratne is refusing to give up on his team's World Cup hopes ahead of Monday's must-win clash against the West Indies.

Karunaratne's side no longer have control of their World Cup fate after losing to already-eliminated South Africa on Friday.

A victory in Durham against the West Indies, who are also about to head home, could keep 1996 champions Sri Lanka in with a slender chance of making the semi-finals of the 10-team tournament going into their last match against India.

They will need help from other results, but Karunaratne is confident his team's batsmen are ready to power them to a strong finish in their last two group games.

"We can control the other games, you know. Sometimes they were playing really well,

sometimes they couldn't," Karunaratne told reporters on Sunday.

"I think we had a good chance. Still we have a chance, I think, but we have to win these two games and wait to see what will happen in the other games."

"Only we can control the matches we are going to play, the two matches, so we are trying to give our best and try to win these two matches and, hopefully, if we have a chance, we definitely can be in the top four teams."

Sri Lanka's World Cup campaign has been undermined by poor batting, with their surprise win over hosts England largely achieved due to fine bowling.

Karunaratne and Kusal Perera have both made half-centuries, but no Sri Lankan has reached three figures yet.

"I think the batting is the main collapse, you know. We couldn't get a hundred," Karunaratne said.

"We played like six, five



South Africa's Hashim Amlia shakes hands with Sri Lankan players after winning the Cricket World Cup match at Chester-Le-Street, England, on Friday. (REUTERS)

matches, so we couldn't get a hundred, only a couple of 50s in our team, so that is the only major thing.

"If you want to compete

with the good sides, you definitely got to have a good batting line-up and you have to put runs on the board."

Karunaratne has resisted

the temptation to bring in an extra batsman after Nuwan Pradeep suffered chickenpox, calling up bowler Kasun Rajitha instead.

## Looking to the future

West Indies, after having been knocked out of contention for a semi-final spot, are already looking ahead to the future with a young core coming to the fore, head coach Floyd Reifer said on Sunday.

West Indies have not won a single game at the tournament since beating Pakistan in their opening match and were ruled out of making the top four after a 126-run loss to India last week left them ninth in the standings.

The Caribbean side suffered narrow defeats to Australia and New Zealand in the group stage and Reifer said the squad had frank discussions on their performances so far, with an eye on finishing strongly with two more games to go.

"Yes, we're out of the World Cup but there is still a lot of cricket to play after the World Cup," Reifer told reporters ahead of Monday's match against Sri Lanka.

"It's important for us to...

find the winning ways and find the winning formula going forward; it's important for us to play this game as hard as possible. We want to create that winning culture, it has to start from somewhere."

Despite a disappointing campaign in England and Wales, Reifer said West Indies cricket had a bright future after a number of youngsters staked their claim at the tournament to be permanent fixtures in the one-day international squad.

"The future of our cricket is good," Reifer added. "We have a lot of young guys here. (Shai) Hope, (Nicholas) Pooran, (Shimron) Hetmyer, (Oshane Thomas) Sheldon Cottrell had a very good World Cup."

"We have young John Campbell, he was injured from early. So our future is good. I'm confident in these youngsters that going forward we can bring West Indies cricket back to where it belongs at the top."

**QATARI ARMED FORCES CONCLUDE PARTICIPATION IN KHAAN QUEST 2019 EXERCISE**



The Qatari Armed Forces concluded participation in the Khaan Quest 2019 military exercise, which lasted for 15 days in Mongolia. The exercise, which saw the presence of 47 countries, was one of the important military drills aimed at qualifying officers and personnel for peacekeeping operations. Minister of Defence of Mongolia Nyamaagiin Enkhbold, Military Police Commander Brigadier General HE Mohammed Meshi al Ahbabi, Chairman of the cooperation committee Brigadier General HE Mohammed Hassan al Thawadi, and a number of senior officers and guests from brotherly and friendly countries attended the closing ceremony. On the sidelines of the closing ceremony, Ahbabi met with Enkhbold and Chief of the General Staff of the Mongolian Armed Forces Major General Ayush Ganbat. They discussed the cooperation between the armed forces of the two countries. (QNA)

# HBKU Press-translated book wins international awards

## Qatar Museums' Artist in Residence expo from July 16

'The Light of Hope' bags the IBA 2019 and honourable mention at the Purple Dragonfly Book Awards 2019

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HAMAD Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) Press's newly-released children's book 'The Light of Hope' was named winner in the 2019 International Book Awards (IBA) in the category of Children's Mind/Body/Spirit.

The book, originally published in Arabic by HBKU Press under the title 'Kandil Almain' in late 2018, was written by celebrated children's author Basma El Khatib.

In addition to the 2019 IBA win, The Light of Hope received an Honorable Mention in the 2019 Purple Dragonfly Book Awards in the category of Spiritual/Religious as well.

"The translation of this book is important in emphasising cross-cultural communication in children's literature and helps to promote the book's message to a larger audience," said Rima Ismail, Outreach

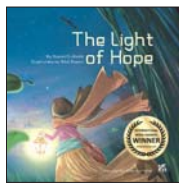
and Special Project Manager at HBKU Press.

"We are also excited about the book's recent win in the 2019 International Book Awards which will ensure an increased readership internationally. The Light of Hope is a book that offers an important message of hope to children and is thus deserving of all the attention it has and will receive," Ismail said.

The Light of Hope follows the story of Alma, a young girl on her way home in a dark forest. Alma faces many obstacles on the way, symbolising life's difficulties, but overcomes them through strength, perseverance and the help of friends.

"The author emphasised the importance of the book's message to all children, but especially young girls.

"I wrote this book as a message to my daughters and to young girls around the world," El Khatib said, "to let them know they will go through many



difficulties in life, but that they can and must overcome them.

"I wanted to bring back the idea of a journey in children's literature. I wanted to show children the necessity and possibility of overcoming obstacles through a journey that both teaches and inspires."

International recognition, such as the 2019 IBA win of The Light of Hope, exemplifies how HBKU Press's translated works bridge gaps and provide bilateral understanding and unity through literature.

El Khatib, who has also published two books in the My Smart Family series and has two additional books in the works with HBKU Press, recognises the publishing house's unique ability to bring to life an author's vision from conceptualisation to the final production process.

El Khatib said, "HBKU Press was very instrumental in helping this book come to life. I contemplated producing the story's concept in many different ways. Working closely with their team of professionals helped me materialise it into a beautifully illustrated children's book.

"I was especially thrilled when HBKU Press decided to translate the book into English. This allowed my book to reach more readers and a wider global audience. I am grateful to HBKU Press in helping elevate my voice and my project through the translation of my book."

Bilal Bassal, Lebanese-

French artist behind the book's concept art, was instrumental in depicting the powerful text through evocative illustrations.

He said, "I wanted a special artistic direction for this project to give it a cinematic feel in order to kindle the illustration's strong emotions and allow readers to live vicariously through the story and its main character, Alma.

"The Light of Hope was my first cooperation with HBKU Press and I'm delighted to help create meaningful books for children, in Arabic and English. It is so important for any artist to be surrounded by people who trust him and believe in his artistic experience and advice, which was my experience with the HBKU Press team."

The Light of Hope is perfect for children aged four to nine and can be found on Amazon Kindle and in bookstores across Qatar in both English and Arabic.



THE Fire Station will open the latest edition of its Artist in Residence exhibition titled 'Infinite Dimensions' to the public from July 16 to September 1.

The exhibition marks the end of a highly successful season of the Artist in Residence Programme – an annual initiative that nurtures creative talent from across the country.

Curated by Dr Bahaa Abudaya and Saida al Khulaifi, this year's exhibition will study and explore the question of conceptualism in artistic practices.

The artists during their nine-month residency were invited to experiment and explore new ideas and media to understand more about the meaning of conceptual artworks, focusing on ideas and meanings more than aesthetics.

Being presented in three main sections - Tangible Spectrums, The Edge of Thoughts and Visual Sphere - the exhibition will give visitors the opportunity to discover and explore more about local contemporary and conceptual art through the display of wide range of unusual artworks, art practices and mediums.

The Fire Station Artist in Residence programme began in September 2015. During the residency, resident artists take their passion to the next level. They move into one of the studios, collaborate with fellow creatives and develop their own technique. They meet curators, benefit from weekly mentoring sessions and meet arts professionals from all over the world, representing Qatar in the international cultural community.

The talented artists that are showcasing their works as part of the 2018-2019 Artist in Residence programme are: Abdullah al Kuperwari (Qatar), Alaa Bata (Jordan), Eman Makkli (Egypt), Faisal Alhajiri (Qatar), Federica Visani (Italy), Guillaume Rousere (France), Hassan Manasrah (Jordan), Jesse Payne (United States), Lolwa al Solaiti (Qatar), Maryam Alameri (Qatar), Mohammed Faraj al Suwaidi (Qatar), Michael Perrone (United States), Nayla al Mulla (Qatar), Nourbano al Hejazi (Saudi Arabia), Rouda A al Khori (Qatar), Sara al Fadaaq (Qatar), Sarah al Ansari (Qatar), Shaikha al Hardan (Qatar) and Sidra Zubairi (Pakistan). (TNN)



# Summer in Qatar announces winners of 1st raffle draw

THE first of the three raffle draws of Summer in Qatar (SIQ) was held at Lagoona Mall recently, with nine winners taking away QR400,000 in cash prizes.

The amount won and voucher numbers: QR20,000 (010196, 007260), 009420, 008196, 106652), QR50,000 (138330, 059922), QR100,000 (074288, 000049).

As part of the SIQ programme, for every QR200 spent at a participating mall, shoppers can enter raffle draws for a chance to win prizes, including cash and cars worth QR2 million, with a McLaren as the Grand Prize.

The malls participating

in this year's summer fun include Doha Festival City, Mall of Qatar, Lagoona Mall, Landmark Mall, Gulf Mall, Tawar Mall, Al Khor Mall, Hyatt Plaza, The Mall and Al Mirqab Mall.

The second raffle draw will be held at Doha Festival City Mall on July 26, while the final draw will take place at the Mall of Qatar on August 16.

Shoppers can enter the raffle draws in four easy steps: keep the receipts after shopping at stores in the participating malls, go to the SIQ info kiosk in the mall and show the receipts to register electronically in the system, receive one voucher for

every QR200 spent and drop the voucher(s) in the Summer in Qatar raffle box.

Shoppers need to register only once, after that, they just have to show receipts of QR200 or more at any of the 10 partner malls until August 16 to receive raffle vouchers.

Running between June 4 and August 16, SIQ is introducing a range of exciting experiences, along with entertainment programmes featuring local, regional and international artists, as well as edutainment, summer and sports camps. This is in addition to the special promotions on inbound travel, hospitality and shopping. (TNN)



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# MoFA's DI celebrates graduation of 24 Qatari diplomats



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THE Diplomatic Institute (DI) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) on Sunday celebrated the graduation

of 24 diplomats. Addressing the new graduates, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs HE Dr Ahmed bin Hassan al Hammadi stressed the importance

of Qatari diplomats, highlighting the character of their homeland and the need for maintaining its identity, indicating that this batch of graduates will form the third diplomatic

generation, which will take the responsibility of Qatari diplomacy in the future.

Hammadi underscored the importance of social diplomacy through mastery of the art of communication in

contemporary world, adding that good communication and active diplomacy have led to significant gains for Qatar at the Arab and international levels.

Director of the Dip-

lomatic Institute Dr Abdulaziz bin Mohammed al Horr said that DI's management and training body considers each trainee as a future ambassador project, explaining that DI has two

important programmes - the first is a founding programme and provides an overview of the diplomatic work, while the second accompanies the diplomat at all stages of his work.